

FOR THE CORONATION OF JAPAN'S EMPEROR



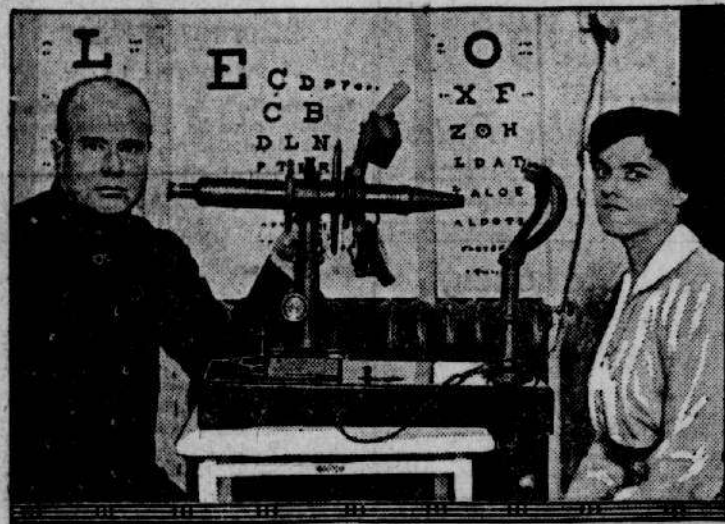
The coronation of the emperor of Japan required elaborate preparation for the ancient rites and ceremonies with which it was celebrated. In the upper of these photographs are seen Japanese maidens, specially dressed, stripping from the stalks the ears of rice for the emperor to present to his gods and ancestors. Below are shown the men gathering up the rice straw that was used for making mats and thatches for the shrines where the rites were celebrated.

AUSTRIAN SHARPSHOOTERS IN THE ALPS



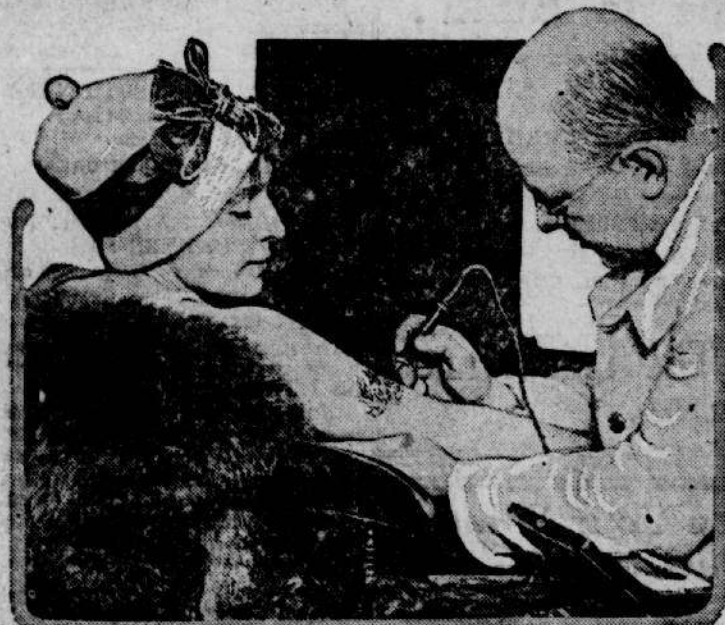
According to official statements from Vienna, the Austrians are successfully combating all efforts of the Italians to break through the Alps. The little post of Austrian sharpshooters here photographed was nearly 8,000 feet up in the mountains.

UNCLE SAM TESTING EYES FREE



All the employees of the United States treasury are having their eyes tested by the officials of the United States public health service to determine the effect of their vocation on the sight and to aid in the extensive "studies in vocational diseases," being conducted by Assistant Surgeon General Kerr. This picture shows Dr. George L. Collins of the public health service examining the eyes of one of the pretty treasury employees. He has a room fitted up as an oculist's office, and as the eyes are examined he gives advice as to their care.

LATEST WAR FAD IN ENGLAND



Many English girls whose sweethearts are battling in the trenches of Flanders have the regimental badge of their lovers tattooed on their arms.

PENSIONS FOR BRITISHERS.

Pensions of disabled Canadians vary from \$75 to \$265 a year. A British private can get as much as \$325 a year pension for his wounds, according to their nature.

CHICK BURIED ALIVE IN PITCH.

Pete, the prize rooster and pet belonging to John U. Longaker, was executed at sunrise. And spying was not his offense. Pete met death as a result of trying to climb on the roof with some other chickens, but not being as husky as the rest, slipped and fell into a box of soft pitch. The pitch hardened, and in the morning Mr. Longaker found his bird in agony, molded in the tar, only his head sticking out. An effort to crack off the pitch failed, so the rooster was beheaded.—Lansdale (Pa.) Dispatch to Philadelphia North American.

FOREIGNERS MOST SAVING.

The foreign-born depositors in the postal savings banks of the New York post office outnumber the native born by about three to one. There are 32,416 Russian-born depositors, who have saved \$4,506,984. Italians have saved \$3,363,670, and depositors born in America have \$1,996,964 on deposit.

RULER OF SIAM
HAS RESOLVED
NEVER TO WED

Educated in Europe His Mind Revolts at Requirement to Marry Sister.

ILLITERACY UNKNOWN THERE

Country Has Compulsory Education, Military Service and Religious Service—Women Unusually Free in Siam, But Polygamy Prevails.

Fort Worth, Tex.—The king of Siam is a sad, sad king. Not on account of the war, for the conflict has not had the slightest effect there; not on account of his finances, for he receives \$3,000,000 annually. But because he is doomed to live an unmarried life while his father before him had 300 wives.

The Siamese monarch has refused to marry of his own free will, for the inexorable law of that country says that a king must marry either a sister or a half sister; he may not have for a first wife a person lower in rank. But the king recently has announced that he prefers to remain single than to marry his sister, although he has a romance on with a celebrated and beautiful Oriental dancer of Bangkok.

Advice to this effect has been brought here by Frank Huffman, formerly of Fort Worth, but for the last sixteen years a resident of Bangkok, where he is publisher of the Daily Mail.

For many years the Siamese wondered why their ruler never married, but the foreigners knew. Now that he has told them the natives are amazed. "Not marry a sister? What a funny king!" they are saying.

Idea Revolts Him. But the king, whose name is Mana Majiravudh, spent ten years in England and graduated from Oxford, and is as polished, refined and western as

FOR ANOTHER WINTER CAMPAIGN



During the cold weather the new sleeping bags of sheepskin will be a great boon to the soldiers of the allied troops. The lower photograph shows one of the men comfortably incased. The upper photograph shows how the bags are examined and folded before shipment. Urgent calls for more and more of such bags are made in England.

yard, where he has a house for them. The richer the man is, the more wives.

When a man "goes broke" he lives with and off of his friends until he gets on his feet again.

"And yet," says Huffman, "the Siamese do not mix like we do. They do not call on each other or dine with each other, and foreigners do not call on them. Their chief outdoor sports are kicking the rattan ball and kite flying. A circle of men or boys will form and keep the ball going without touching it with hands. Expert performers will keep the ball in the air half an hour, knocking it with head, elbows, knees and feet, but never touching it with hands. In kite flying rival parties will send up a male and a female kite, so called, the male being the larger. A line is drawn on the ground. The male tries to grab the lady kite and elope with her across to his side of the line. The female flyer also tries to abduct the male to her side. Whichever is able to carry the other wins."

Marriage Customs.

Huffman says the young Siamese swain never calls on his sweetheart at her home; that would be impossible. He sees her outside and they begin a flirtation. Then they meet often, and may even elope and wed. But usually the marriages are arranged beforehand. The bridegroom gives the parents what is called "milk money" for the bride. This is to pay them for the bride. When they marry they live together in the parents' home for a year, then go to their own home, and perhaps the parents will return the "milk money" to let the young couple buy furniture and get a good start.

Huffman employs more than one hundred on the Daily Mail, all but four being Orientals. He issues both an English and a Siamese edition. The typesetters are paid from \$10 to \$40 per month—good wages in Siam. "The same motion picture plays are exhibited over there," said Huffman, "and they are attended by crowds of the natives, who enjoy the pictures with keen delight."

"It is very difficult to tell the men from the women, for all wear a sort of trousers or skirt that gives you no chance for distinguishing. The Siamese takes a roll of silk about three and a half yards long, wraps it around the body, rolls up the loose end tightly and then, bringing it between the legs, fastens it securely to the waist in the back."

Elephant Lore.

For a while Huffman had charge of timber work in a teakwood forest where elephants are employed. He has had much experience with the big beasts.

"Some of them are harder to ride than a bucking bronco," he said. "Some elephants will shake their heads when the rider straddles their neck. The rider will be thrown from side to side so violently that he will be sore for a week afterward, so he is careful to keep in bed. Then there are a few elephants that shrink their skin to make it uncomfortable for the rider. This is worse than ever, for it makes the rider quiver violently from head to foot and dazes him. The female is more docile than the male. We used them to carry logs to the river and then work them down stream. Sometimes when we would have a jam we would send in a strong elephant to break up the logs."

When three or four years old the elephant becomes rather mischievous. At that age it may stand five feet high and is very heavy. Often they will run down a man, give him an affectionate slap with the trunk on his back, then run away squealing in delight. But the gentle little slap usually makes a man take the count.

Once in a while, Huffman says, an elephant will kill and eat a man. He says he knew of such a case.

Monster Gray Eagle.

Elizabethtown, Ky.—Mr. J. E. Walters killed a gray eagle on his farm, four miles east of town, Sunday evening. The eagle had just previously killed a goose belonging to Mr. Walters, who took part in the affray with a shotgun. The bird measured seven feet from tip to tip of its wings.

HE KILLS THE TOWN CAT

Man Inaugurates Hunting Season by Stirring Fire Department into Activity.

Hillsborough, Cal.—Killing the town cat and rousing the fire department of this exclusive colony into activity was the manner in which Elliott Green, son of Milton J. Green, former United States referee in bankruptcy, ushered in "his" hunting season. Another result was the arrest of the young man.

Green started out hunting, but he couldn't wait until he got beyond the confines of the borough to try out his new shotgun. Near the town hall he espied a quail, raised his gun and fired. The quail went through the "pattern," but some of the shot sent the town tabby to its final hunting grounds.

Method in His Behavior.

"A lazy man," remarked Uncle Eben, "is allus good-natured. He's got to be to keep 'um bein' put to work."

AERO SHOT FROM SHIP DECK

New Navy Device for Releasing 'Planes From Moving Vessels Proves Successful.

Washington.—When a navy aeroplane was shot into the air at Pensacola from the deck of the cruiser North Carolina while the ship was in motion a new feat in aviation was accomplished and a device on which navy airmen have been at work for three years proved a success.

The device consists of a track extending along the ship's after deck, on which is a car. An aeroplane lands on the device from the air and is secured to the car. On launching the car is driven down the track until it has attained high speed. Then it is brought to a sudden stop, and the aeroplane, released from its moorings, soars into the air, shot over the cruiser's stern at a speed of 50 miles an hour.

RECORD FOR LITTLE MOTHER

Father Leaves Half of His Estate to Daughter Who Guarded His Children.

Passaic, N. J.—Miss Rosie Seltmann, eldest daughter of Julius F. Seltmann, who died recently, will receive one-half of his estate, according to the will which was probated the other day. The remaining half is divided equally among Miss Seltmann's six brothers and sisters, Walter, Frederick J., Otto, Arthur, Helen and Olga Seltmann.

"Rosie has been practically a mother to her younger sisters and brothers, especially since the death of her mother fifteen years ago," said Mr. Seltmann in his will. "I therefore consider her entitled to special consideration in the division of my estate."

The value of the estate is not given, but it is understood to be large.

RABBIT LEADS WAY TO SWAG

Dragged From Hole by Mexican, He Uncovers Large Collection of Silverware.

Pratt, Kan.—A Mexican, hunting six miles east of here, ran a rabbit into a hole. He pulled the bunny out, but the rabbit held to a sleeve of the man's jacket.

Further examination by the Mexican showed that a large swag of heavy silverware had been hidden in the hole, wrapped up in the jacket. The police are trying to decide whether the silver was hidden treasure or the proceeds of a robbery. They suspect the latter.

WILSON PORTRAIT IN OIL



The latest life-size portrait in oil of President Wilson, by Marion Swinton, formerly of the royal institute of painters, London, was specially hung at the recent celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Manhattan club in New York.

No Pink Nose or Low Necks.

South Bend, Ind.—Pink pumps, pink stockings, low neck dresses and other loud creations in dress shall not be worn hereafter by the girl pupils of South Bend high school, as a result of a ruling of the faculty.

Action was taken after dozens of the young women had introduced the pink costumes into the classrooms. The style caused general comment among the boys of the school. It was announced that the school authorities wished to have all pupils dress as plainly as possible.

"LEFT-OVER" SWEETS

EASY TO SERVE THEM IN AN ATTRACTIVE MANNER.

Many Ways That Will Appeal to the Housewife Who Prides Herself on Her Table—Making Desserts Attractive.

Now we turn to the serving of left over cold sweets, says the New York Evening Telegram. Only too often the housewife dumps last night's pudding on the table in its tin, offending the appetites of everyone present with the sight of it. The same pudding, dished in the kitchen with whipped cream added to each plate, seems quite different to the fastidious eye.

When re-serving such cold sweets as jelly or prune mold, etc., cut them up into cubes and dish them in custard cups with a little whipped cream on the top of each, if you can afford it. Do not send half of yesterday's cold prune whip, with the remains of some cream that was poured over it, to the table in such a dilapidated condition. Again, if you have half a cold tart or fruit pie place the fruit in a glass dish and cut the pastry into neat wedges and arrange them on top.

Perhaps you have some stewed prunes and a few tinned or freshly stewed apricots left from other dishes. Do not throw them into a glass dish in any which way, but pile the apricots in the center and make a border of the prunes.

When you serve fritters do not cast them flat on the dish and let remnants of the frying grease make unappetizing trails around about them. Drain them first thoroughly, pile in the center of the dish and shake powdered sugar over them. A paper doily in the center of the dish adds to the attractiveness of its appearance.

When you have an extra quarter or so to spare sometime, buy some angelica, pistachio nuts and some preserved cherries. Keep them in tins and use them sparingly and you will find that they will go a long way in making any number of desserts more attractive to look upon. For example, your husband may eye with scorn a plain tapioca pudding, but a tapioca cream, consisting of tapioca thoroughly cooked in milk with sugar and vanilla, spread in a glass bowl with just enough cream to cover it and half a cherry and four little leaves of angelica as a center ornament, will be greeted with a friendly welcome. Yet the latter will only cost you four or five cents more than the former.

Tomato Carolina.

Butter a baking dish, and in the bottom place a layer of cooked rice, then a layer of sliced and peeled tomatoes and small raw onions or large onions cut in quarters. Put in a few lumps of butter—or dripping, which is just as good and much cheaper—season highly with celery salt, paprika and ordinary dairy salt; then place another layer of rice on top, continuing with tomatoes and onions until the dish is full. Now take a cupful of fresh or canned tomato juice, whichever you prefer, and pour over the dish. Sprinkle the top with grated cheese and bake in a moderate oven for half or three-quarters of an hour. If the dish is very large it takes an hour to bake it. It can hardly be cooked too much, and is not good underdone.

Filled Peaches.

Skin and halve peaches, removing stone. Chop coarsely an equal quantity of almonds and English walnuts. Fill the halves with them and fasten each part together with tiny toothpicks. Set them in a saucpan with a little water, sprinkle four or five tablespoonfuls of sugar over them and steam ten minutes. Chill and serve cold with cream.

If preferred, marshmallows may be substituted for the chopped nuts, rolled in powdered sugar with browned almonds stuck in them and served with candied ginger or a bit of jelly.

Hot Cakes.

Scald one pint of white cornmeal, add, if desired, a tablespoonful of sugar, and add to this one-half tablespoonful of salt that has been mixed with boiling milk or water, just enough to make a batter sufficiently thick not to spread. Drop on a hot griddle in large or small cakes, as preferred, about one-half inch in thickness. Cook slowly and when well browned turn. Serve on a hot platter, adding a little butter or maple syrup.

Boiled Rice Pudding.

Wash a large cupful of rice through several waters, and mix with it half a teaspoonful of salt and half a cupful of seeded raisins. Tie in a buttered cloth, allowing plenty of room for the rice to swell; boil rapidly for two hours. Remove the cloth and turn the ball of rice out on to a hot dish. Make a depression in the top and drop a piece of butter into it. Serve with grated nutmeg, butter and sugar.

Tongue Roast.

Mince remnants of boiled tongue very fine, mix with cream or milk and simmer slowly. Add the beaten yolk of one egg and stir until egg is cooked. Have ready buttered toast and spread meat over it. If you like it, a little grated cheese can be sprinkled over it, if not the bread can be placed on the stove until the meat browns slightly. Ham toast can be made in the same way of the lean remnants of ham. It is nice for breakfast.

Egg Sauce.

Egg sauce made in this way is delicious. Beat the whites of three eggs stiff. Beat the yolks until creamy and sweeten with three tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar. Just before serving fold in the stiff whites and serve immediately.

To Clean a Carpet Sweeper.

Remove the brush and after rubbing off all the hairs and lint, rub well with kerosene. Let the brush stand in the air until all the odor has evaporated. The sweeper will do much better work after this treatment.