

hoarseness

Do you get hoarseness that comes and goes? Or do you get hoarseness in a while, whenever you get a cold?...

Couldn't Help It. The girl had just been dressed in clothes, and went out to play. Short time she came back covered with dirt...

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Lady Who can Now Walk Four Miles a Day Without Feeling Tired.

Dr. J. C. Cardui, Va.—Mrs. Fannie Boyd, of town, says: "I am sure I would have been in my grave, had it not been for Cardui, the woman's tonic, I certainly cannot praise it enough, for it is worth its weight in gold..."

Talked Enough in Life.

An agent called on Mr. Hoolihan morning and asked for a photograph of the lately departed Mrs. Hoolihan. You just let me have that photograph about two weeks," said the agent, "and I'll send you a life-size portrait of Mrs. Hoolihan that'll be a talking likeness..."

Untouched Subject.

L'Esprit des Français is an instance of the sharp, biting wit for which Alexis Piron, the French epigrammatist, was famous. A young author whose ability was no means equal to his conceit was courting at length upon the merits of his work...

LIFE'S ROAD Smoothed by Change of Food.

Worry is a big load to carry and an unnecessary one. When accompanied by indigestion it certainly is cause for blues. But the whole trouble may be easily rowed off and life's road be made easy and comfortable by proper eating and the cultivation of good cheer...

NEW TUBER CROP

Uncle Sam Introduces Vegetable Good for Winter Use.

Blanched Dasheen Shoots Are Something Like Asparagus, With Delicate Flavor Which is Suggestive of Mushrooms.

Washington.—The newly introduced vegetable, the dasheen, which resembles the potato and is a peculiarly suitable crop for our southern states, has been experimented with by scientists of the department of agriculture, who now give the details of a special way in which it may be forced. By forcing and blanching the shoots of this tuber crop (which, originally is grown like the potato), the scientists have obtained a new tender delicacy for the table, which may be used much like asparagus, while its flavor is suggestive of mushrooms.

Several ways of forcing and blanching the shoots of this vegetable have been tried, and satisfactory shoots have been grown in all these ways. In one of the experiments blanching was accomplished by keeping the shoots covered with sand. In other experiments by the department, a frame covered with several thicknesses of burlap was used. The boxes in which these experiments were carried on were placed in a greenhouse on a bench that was supplied with bottom heat.

Where the production of shoots on a large scale is desired, other methods are more suitable. These are described in a circular just issued by the office of foreign seed and plant introduction, entitled: "The Forcing and Blanching of Dasheen Shoots." The office will supply the bulletin to anyone that requests it. Requests should be addressed to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

The new circular gives a number of illustrations, one of which shows a bed of dasheens in a greenhouse at Battle Creek, Mich. There is a board covering shown in the course of construction which is for the purpose of blanching the shoots. This is practically light-proof, and should have sides from 18 to 24 inches high. The temperature inside this should be about 70 degrees F. The soil (or sand) should be a little warmer, say 80 degrees. To obtain this temperature it is best to partially inclose the space beneath the bed.

To obtain the shoots, corms of the dasheen, weighing two to three pounds or more, are planted in a fairly warm place in very moist sand or sandy soil. "Corm" is the term used to describe the bulb-like root of the plant, as "tuber" is used to describe that of the potato. A half-and-half mixture of sand and ordinary potting soil has given good results. The corms are just covered, the terminal bud being at the surface. Provision must be made for keeping the shoots in total darkness from the time they begin to grow. Water should be supplied often enough to keep the sand or soil continuously moist.

The first crop of shoots is usually ready for cutting in 35 to 40 days after planting. From six to ten cuttings can be made at intervals of 10 to 14 days, depending upon temperature and the size of the corms used. The shoots are cut close to the corm, and as far as practicable, before the leaves begin to expand. They will then usually be 8 to 16 inches long. After the corms become exhausted, which is indicated by the weak growth of the shoots, they are discarded.

Out of doors in a warm region, as in Florida, the corms may be planted in rows in sandy soil and the shoots blanched by ridging the soil as growth progresses. Instead of ridging the soil, boards may be used, as in blanching celery, but the shoots must not at any stage of their growth be exposed to light for any considerable length of time.

The shoots have been found to keep well for several days, if in a cool, dry place. As they are very succulent, however, it is better that the period of storage be very limited—not over two to four days when avoidable. A little ventilation is necessary, but as the shoots soon wilt if evaporation is too rapid, a paraffined paper should be used in wrapping and a slight opening left.

Sometimes, when the shoots are to be kept for only a day or two before using, it may be advisable to wrap first in wet paper and then with paraffined paper, especially if the place where they are to be kept is not quite cool enough.

A special method of cooking is required for blanched dasheen shoots, in order to destroy a slight bitterness of taste. They should never be tasted raw.

The following recipes, although prepared with a good deal of care, are not considered as final, and it is hoped that housewives and others will try modifications of them:

1. Cut the shoots into two-inch lengths, pour on an abundance of boiling water, add salt, and boil for 12 minutes. Drain, pour on enough cold milk so that the shoots will be completely covered when it boils; season with salt, and boil for five minutes; drain, season with butter, and serve on toast, or plain. Cream sauce may be used in serving, if desired.

2. Instead of boiling in milk after draining off the first water, add a little piece of bacon or other fat meat, and then cover the shoots with cold water, season with salt, and boil for five minutes. Drain and serve.

As to Love. "Is love nice?" one little girl questioned another. "It depends," was the answer, given by a member of a large family of older brothers and sisters. "It's nice when you love your mother, but when you love other young men and women it's hard on the rest of the family."

Hint From Hubby. Mrs. Blowitt (with newspaper) — "John, what does 'wanderlust' mean?" Her husband—"It's an ailment my dollars are afflicted with."

GOOD ROADS AND RURAL SCHOOLS.

The rural population is more willing to support better schools today than at any previous time. It is being realized that all educational activities or agencies must be more or less correlated and, more than all else, that they must be made accessible to the children. In many counties where bad roads prevail, most of the schools are of the antiquated one-room variety. They are usually located along bad roads which, during the winter, when the schools are usually in session, become so nearly impassable as to make it difficult for the children to reach them. This condition causes irregular attendance and restricts the educational opportunities of the child. Not only this, but it often impedes the economic consolidation of these smaller schools into larger, stronger graded schools, with high school courses, directed by a competent principal and corps of teachers, according to the office of public roads, U. S. department of agriculture.

On the other hand, in counties which have improved their roads, the schools are easily reached, the average attendance greater, the efficiency largely increased and economic consolidation made possible. Regular attendance at school means consistent and regular growth of both school and pupil, and consolidation of schools means a maximum of efficiency at a minimum of cost. It is also noteworthy that there is a marked tendency for the consolidated school to become the social and intellectual center of the community. Most modern rural schools are so constructed as to serve the community as gathering places for various kinds of public meetings, and where vans are used to convey the children to school during the day they are frequently pressed into service to haul the farmers and their wives to institute work, lectures or entertainments at the schoolhouse. The consolidated school becomes a sort of community center to which all educational and social activities converge, and in order that it may properly perform that function all of the highways leading to it should be so improved as to render it readily accessible throughout the year.

LIGHT FOR UNCLE SAM.

Early beginning of construction upon the mammoth heat, light and power plant to supply the government department buildings in this city was assured when Byron R. Newton, assistant secretary of the treasury, designated L. B. Stillwell, consulting engineer of New York city, as an expert to cooperate with the engineering force of the supervising architect's office in the treasury department.

This is the first step by the government to bring about complete control of the heat, light and power service for the local departments, and the treasury department expressed a desire to rush the project forward as rapidly as possible.

The central works is to be located on the river front facing Potomac park, at Water street, between Thirteenth and Thirteen-and-a-half streets southwest. The sundry civil bill in congress appropriated \$1,494,104 for plant. The land upon which it will be built is owned by the government. The plant will not occupy all of the land for buildings, but will allow enough space to provide a site for a municipal works for the district.

The government now spends a large sum each year for electric current, and it is said that the new central station will prove a good investment in addition to providing better service.

Buildings which are to receive light, heat and power from the plant are: Department of agriculture, bureau of engraving and printing, treasury building, White House buildings and grounds, state, war and navy, winder and mills buildings, court of claims, national museum, Smithsonian institution, army medical museum, fish commission, the district building, Washington monument, and post office department. The plant also will supply the departments of state, justice, commerce and labor when these are constructed.

YOUNG PHILANTHROPISTS.

President Wilson recently received a post office money order for \$2.69 from pupils of the fifth grade in the Lincoln school, at Anaconda, Mont., who asked him to send it to the sufferers from the recent disaster in Japan.

"Dear Mr. Wilson," wrote little Miss Isis Winters: "We have all heard of the terrible disaster that has just occurred in Japan. We have all contributed a nickel or dime toward helping these poor people. We haven't much money to spare, so we gave up the movies on Saturday and some of us ran errands to earn the money. We hope it will get to Japan in time to help the poor boys and girls. We are also all interested in the Red Cross society, and would be much obliged if you would please send us a leaflet of their work."

President Wilson wrote a letter thanking the donors and turned the money order over to the American Red Cross.

So It Goes. "Romance is always getting smashed these days."

"How now?" "I see that Robin Hood's record for long distance archery has been broken by a draper's clerk."

Proof of Lack of Humor.

"You think the American people lack a sense of humor?" "Yes," replied the frank visitor from abroad; "otherwise you wouldn't find so many people weighing over 200 pounds who dance the tango."—Washington Star.

Fish Unhurt by Freezing.

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Give and Take. "A good answer," said Mr. Arthur M. Dodge, president of the National Association Opposed to Woman's Suffrage, in a suffrage argument. "As good an answer as Brown gave Mrs. Brown."

ECZEMA ON HEAD AND FACE

Reedy, W. Va.—"My baby boy when three weeks old took the eczema on the head and face. It broke out in pimples and first they looked like blisters and a yellow water would run from them. His head was perfectly raw and his hair was all gone. Everybody said he would never have any more hair. As the sores spread his hair came out. The breaking out itched so badly that we had to keep gloves on his hands to keep him from scratching his head and face. It caused disfigurement. He couldn't rest at night it burned and itched so badly."

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Lacked Tact.

"A fellow told me today," confided Mr. D'Pippe, "that I didn't know enough to pound sand. He said that I was the blameworthy idiot he ever saw. Now what do you think of that?"

GRANDMA USED SAGE TEA TO DARKEN HER GRAY HAIR

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Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get a large bottle of this famous old recipe for about 50 cents.

Don't say gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy. Adv.

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Friend—"We've come to see if we can't persuade you and Bob to make it up even at this late hour." Fdr Prospective Divorcee—"Simply impossible—why, I've got the very deucest gown for the occasion."

First Life Insurance.

None of you, I suppose, when you sign the new Chronicle insurance coupon, think of William Gibbons, though you certainly ought to. For William, who deserves to be better known, was the first man to insure his life. The policy was made in June, 1583, and was for the sum of £283 6s. 8d., for 12 months, 16 underwriters dividing the risk. And this first policy also produced the first insurance law case, for when William died, in the following May, the underwriters attempted to maintain that 12 months meant 12 periods of 28 days, and had to be taken into court before they would pay up.—London Chronicle.

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O'Rourke's Latin Seal.

Joe Vilas says that some one has put something over on Tom O'Rourke, the fight promoter. "He picked out a seal with which to stamp the tickets issued to the National Sporting Club," said Vilas. "On it is the Latin motto: 'Prae Omnia Tarus.'"

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The Tenor's Adventure.

Enrico Caruso, the tenor, said at a recent dance at the Brevoort in New York: "No man is as well known as he thinks he is. I was motoring on Long Island recently. My car broke down, and while the chauffeur was repairing it I entered a farmhouse to get warm."

"The farmer and I chatted in the kitchen before the wood stove, and when he asked my name I told him modestly that it was Caruso."

"At that name he threw up his hands. 'Caruso!' he exclaimed. 'Robinson Caruso, the great traveler! Little did I expect ever to see a man like you in this here kitchen, sir!'"

Cruel.

"I don't know whether to be a suffragist or an anti. I guess there's much to be said on both sides."

"Naturally. There are women on both sides, aren't there?"

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