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COOKING BY GUESS

"Oh, I never measure; I just guess," is the proudest plume in the crest of many a proud cook. This cook is of two classes, the experienced ones and the accurate observers. It is this fact which makes cooking by guess a limitless fund for the jokesmith, the doctor and the garbage man.

If you add some warm buttermilk to the waffle batter, the waffles will be light, says the experienced waffle maker. So the new cook adds "some" with the comic supplement result.

If you walk across the floor when the angel food is baking, it will fall, says the cake-maker. Mrs. Newlywed wears her nerves threadbare keeping the delivery-boys, janitors and maids from her kitchen—and the cake falls.

Cooking was a steady occupation for housewives of an older generation, and their sense of measure and proportion was exercised daily. Far less is cooked now, and the whole process of housekeeping is become a hurlyburly of doing, going and being.

Some housewives choose the cook-book way and concoct multitudinous dishes without ever knowing the reason for their mixing or their serving. Opposite these who stand with one finger on the recipe are the housewives who redeem the name of housekeeping as a business—those who try to learn the why's and wherefore's of each process.

The guessers in cooking are still unaware of the laws of proportions, of the kinds and methods of bread mixtures and leavens, of the values of baking powder and soda, and the why's of eggs and shortening. They are unaware, not because the information is not to be had readily, but because they have not exerted themselves to obtain the scores of pamphlets and books which state and national institutions are preparing for them.

OUR FIRE BOYS

Where, in a town the size of Columbia, can be found as efficient and industrious a group of fire fighters as that headed by Chief Earl Kurtz of the local department. Figuratively and literally speaking, they certainly throw cold water on the old joke about the small town fire department.

Chief Kurtz has brought his department from one of scorn to one demanding the highest respect. A few years ago fires were so numerous in Columbia that students made dates with girls to attend them. The department was a joke, and when the firemen were chided by townspeople and students, the firemen quit fighting the fire and turned the water on the crowd. Under the old system the first thing a fireman did was to break out all the window lights in a burning building and seemingly do all other damage possible, water doing more damage than fire in a majority of the cases.

How different is the new system, where study and training has resulted in the saving of thousands of dollars in property to the town. Chemical equipment has largely replaced the use of water in fighting fires in Columbia. The efficiency of the department is heard of from every hand. Fire prevention has largely replaced fire fighting in Columbia.

At the fire station the men have made themselves a fairly comfortable home. An unsightly lot back of the city hall has been turned into a recreation grounds. Spare moments are spent in weaving life nets and repairing the equipment of the department. Industry seems to be the key note of the everyday life of a Columbia fireman.

The town should not forget the service of Chief Kurtz and his men.

THE OPEN COLUMN

A public forum for the discussion of things worth-while. Articles should be short and signed by the writer, as proof to the editor of good faith. Signatures will not necessarily be published.

Talking in Church.

Editor the Missouriian: Why is it that in civilized communities—even in a cultured place as Columbia—that persons insist on talking during church services? Certainly by this time anyone could know that a church is not the place for a whispered conversation which annoys those who are trying to hear the sermon.

This habit has become extremely annoying during the last few months. For a few to disturb a whole congregation with their rudeness is too disgusting to be tolerated. Children with neglectful parents can be excused for such a breach but there is no excuse for grown-ups who are supposed to know better, even if they do not show it.

If no other remedy can be found for this accustomary disturbing element in several of the local churches it seems that the antique custom of having a church marshal should be resumed. The man with the rod who went around to wake church goers who insisted on snoring, should come back with a modern rod to check those whose mouths insist on audibly moving. C. S.

MANY KNOW LEADING ROLES

San Carlo Company Well Fortified Against Postponement by Illness.

Should one of the stars of the San Carlo Opera Company fall ill, the operas scheduled in Columbia for February 3 would go smoothly on for the San Carlo Company has twenty famous stars playing the leading roles. There are three separate casts. On no occasion thus far has the management been compelled to change its scheduled list of performances because of the illness of one of the stars.

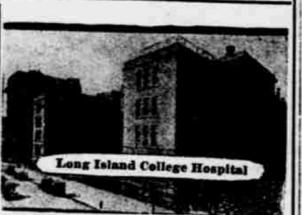
In the list of principals which follows is that of Angelo Antola, famous for his rendition of "Tonio" in "I Pagliacci." Antola played the role in Barcelona, Spain, and the enthusiastic Spaniards hailed him admiringly on the streets as "Tonio."

SOPRANI: Mmes. Edvige Vaccari, coloratura; Mary Kaestner, dramatic; Liusa Darcles, lyric; Alice Homer, dramatic.

MEZZO SOPRANI: Mmes. Stella DeMette, Maddalena Carreno, Anna Haasé, Frances Walsingham, Ada Paggi.

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"It seems a soft thing not to have final exams, but down at the bottom of it all," said C. F. Dienst, principal of the school, "every day is an examination, and at the end there is no chance to cram up on a lot of facts that will stick just through the examination hour."

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