

AND NOW THEY ARE COOKING TOBACCO TO MAKE IT BETTER

For a good many years The American Tobacco Company have been conducting a series of experiments having as their object the improvement of smoking tobaccos.

And it is interesting to know that one of the greatest of their discoveries was one of the simplest, and that was, that cooking or toasting tobacco improved it in every way, just as cooking most foods improves them.

They took a real Burley tobacco, grown in this country; toasted it as you would toast bread; moistened it to replace the natural moisture driven off by toasting; made it into cigarettes, called them "LUCKY STRIKE, the toasted cigarette," and offered them to the public.

The result has been the greatest demand ever created for any tobacco product in a similar length of time.

The change produced by toasting is not only most wholesome, but the flavor is greatly improved, just as cooking improves meat, for example.—Adv.

Not Where Age Is Concerned.

The little twins, John and Jennie, were questioning as to which was the older.

John straightened himself up and said, "Jennie, I am the oldest."

"No, John," said Jennie, calmly; "I am first."

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Becomes a General Nuisance.

"De man dat's always bossin' around," said Uncle Eben, "is liable to git folks so interested dat dey neglects deir work to listen to him talk."

To keep clean and healthy take Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They regulate liver, bowels and stomach.—Adv.

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TO ALL WOMEN WHO ARE ILL

This Woman Recommends Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—Her Personal Experience.

McLean, Neb.—"I want to recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to all women who suffer from any functional disturbance, as it has done me more good than all the doctor's medicine. Since taking it I have a fine healthy baby girl and have gained in health and strength. My husband and I both praise your medicine to all suffering women."—Mrs. JOHN KOPPELMANN, R. No. 1, McLean, Nebraska.

This famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, has been restoring women of America to health for more than forty years and it will well pay any woman who suffers from displacements, inflammation, ulceration, irregularities, backache, headaches, nervousness or "the blues" to give this successful remedy a trial.

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Do You Want to Buy Cattle? Pure-Breds or Grades. We have many customers in Wisconsin County desiring to sell their surplus stock at reasonable prices. Tell us what breed, age, and the number of head you want, and we will get them for you. High Grade Holstein Heifers Calves \$35.00. Send your check for two or three and if you are pleased we can ship you more.

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ROAD BUILDING

NATION-WIDE BOOST IS SEEN

All States of Union Have Availed Themselves of Opportunity Offered by Government.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

That the better roads movement is receiving a nation-wide boost is shown by the fact that all the states of the Union have availed themselves of the opportunity of participating in the benefits of the federal aid-road act, which appropriated \$75,000,000 for the construction of post roads and \$10,000,000 for forest roads, according to the report of the director of the office of public roads and rural engineering, United States department of agriculture. That the passage of the act has stimulated road building is shown by the fact that in 1916, there were approximately \$41,000,000 of state funds expended for all highway purposes, and it is estimated that in the calendar year 1917, the aggregate expenditures of state funds for this purpose will be at least \$60,000,000. A number of the states have made specific appropriations to meet federal aid dollar for dollar. Among these are New York, Illinois, Michigan, Rhode Island, Nevada, Iowa, Florida and Vermont.

BUILD ROAD CULVERTS RIGHT

Waste of Time and Money Unless Work Is Done on Approved Plan Under Competent Direction.

No culvert that is improperly built is safe or economical. On the contrary, it is a waste of money to spend it on such work unless the work is well done on an approved plan under competent direction. There must be



Low Water Concrete Bridge.

calculation as to the volume of water the culverts are to carry off in rainy season and flood time, not in dry weather, and as to the durability of the material used in their construction. There can be no skipping on culverts or bridges or drainage without waste. It is better to have these three things permanent and adequate than to have an expensive form of road surfacing if a choice must be made. The man who built his house on shifting sand instead of solid rock has been regarded for centuries as the prince of fools.

AUTOMOBILE IS BIG FACTOR

Present War Has Found in Roads and Motor Cars Means of Moving Great Numbers of Men.

Two conditions of civic life emphasize the necessity for good roads. One is war. The Roman roads were built because Rome had vast armies to move. The present European war has kept thousands upon thousands of men busy in eastern Prussia and western Poland building roads in territories where before there were only swampy trails. Many of the roads in Belgium and northern France were built during previous wars, when vast armies must be moved quickly, so that the present war has found in roads and motorcars the means of moving great armies as never before. Good highways have made possible a rapid transportation of troops which is astonishing the entire world.

IMPORTANCE OF ROAD DRAGS

More to the Work Than Standing on Implement Holding Reins Over Team of Horses.

Perhaps the ease of dragging the road and the simplicity of the King road drag has been overemphasized. At any rate, there is more to road dragging than standing on a drag and holding the reins over a team of horses. And there is more to drag building than merely planning together of the two slabs of a split log. On the other hand, almost any sort of driving down the road with the roughest possible pair of slabs, slapped together in any old way, will change the ordinary road for the better.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 24.

JESUS TEACHES BY PARABLES—THE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 4:21-34.
GOLDEN TEXT—The earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea.—Isa. 11:9.
DEVOTIONAL READING—Isa. 11:1-10.
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR TEACHERS—Matt. 13:24-50 (vv. 31, 33); Isa. 2:3-4; Ezek. 47:1-12; Rev. 21:1-8; 22:27; Chap. 21:4-8; Rev. 21:4-8.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus telling a story about sowing.

MEMORY VERSE—Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.—Luke 2:52.

INTERMEDIATE TOPIC—The importance of small beginnings.

Jesus is now revealing to his disciples the kingdom in secret which they were later to reveal in public. Nothing which he now reveals should be hid, and he is also teaching that, if we do not use what is committed to us, we lose it.

1. Hearing (vv. 21-25). It is an obligation resting upon each of us who has the light of truth that it can be seen that men may be enlightened, cheered and served by it (Matt. 5:14-16; Phil. 1:15-16). The secret things of our lives will be brought to light some day. Ears are given with which we are to hear, and possession of hearing involves the responsibility as to what we hear. "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1:16), but believing comes through "hearing" (Rom. 10:17). In this there is a missionary suggestion for our teachers, but there is also a caution as to what and how we hear. "Take heed what we hear." Many today are being swept into all kinds of damning heresies because they do not follow this warning (2 Tim. 3:1-13). Not only are we to be good listeners, but we must be doers as well (Jas. 1:22). This parable of the lamp follows closely upon the parable of the sower in our last lesson. "God, who first created light, and Christ, in whom was life, and the life was the light of men," both together are ones whom we are equally obliged to see, and hear and obey. To impress the duty of this seeing, hearing and using of light upon his disciples, Jesus reminds them of some familiar things. A candle is not placed under a bushel nor under a bed, but on a candle stick, where it may be seen of all. If our virtues go not forth from us, it will be as though we had hidden them from the world. "To him that heareth right shall more be given," (v. 24) but for him that hath not and seeth not, from him shall be taken. He that hath not is he who neglects his opportunities, and "from him shall be taken even that which he hath." In this we see a spiritual multiplication, and also a spiritual subtraction, deterioration.

2. Growing. (1) Secrecy (vv. 26-29). This is a parable of faith and hope, found only in Mark. Again the good seed is referred to, but in this case unseen growth receives the emphasis, for the seed will spring and grow up, though we know not how. It is comforting to think that, if we sow the true seed, it grows while we sleep (v. 27). The best selected seed (the holy word) is essential for results. All of our seed must have this silent period for growth. It is the earth that brings forth the fruit of herself through the energies and powers with which God endows it. These powers are wonderful. We do not understand them, but there is order and symmetry in growth. First the blade, then the ear, and after that the full corn in the ear. Then is the harvest, the purpose of the seed having been accomplished. Mark alone gives us this parable, and it is given in close relation to the parable of the sower and of the wheat and tares. Jesus is the great harvester (v. 29), and knows the right time to reap the grain, the moment when it is "ripe" (v. 29 R. V.). Then he putteth in the sickle.

(2) There is also a marvelous outward growth of the kingdom (vv. 30-32). There is the closest relation between the parable of the mustard seed and the two parables that precede. In Matthew the parable of the mustard seed is used in relation to the kingdom of heaven, which is the sphere of the Christian profession. Here it is used of the kingdom of God, which is spiritual. Why is it used of both? The explanation, according to Doctor Scofield, lies in the fact that the kingdom of God in this age and the kingdom of heaven have this in common, that from an insignificant beginning they had a rapid growth.

THE KITCHEN CABINET

From the maple a voice from the willow a sign,
From the marshes soft odors that bring
To the eyes that can see, to the ears that can hear
The news of the coming of spring.

WAYS WITH MEAT.

A dish which will take the place of meat and is most nourishing is Philadelphia scrapple. Take a cleaned pig's head and boil until the flesh slips easily from the bones. Remove all the bones and chop the meat. Set aside the liquor in which the head was cooked until cold, then take off the fat. Return the liquor to the heat and add cornmeal to make a mush and cook until well done, then stir in the chopped meat and any seasonings desired. Some like a little sage with the pepper and salt. Pour the mush into a mold which will form nice-shaped slices and set away to become firm. Slice and fry for any meal. This makes a very popular Southern breakfast dish. One may use any bits of chopped meat, or pork scraps left from trying out pork rather than the pig's head if preferred.

Chopped Steak.—Put two pounds of round steak twice through the meat chopper, season with pepper and onion juice, form into a flat cake and place in a greased baking pan over a hot fire. Brown and then salt well the browned side and quickly brown the other. Set in a hot oven to finish cooking and serve with a brown sauce made from the liquor in the pan.

Leg of Mutton Cooked in Cider.—Buy the leg of mutton several days before using it. Wipe and rub with the following mixture of spices: A half teaspoonful of cinnamon, the same of allspice and cloves, pepper, nutmeg and ginger. Rub these into the meat well, making pockets to hold them under the skin in places. Let stand two days. When wanted to roast place in a large pan with four chopped onions and a cupful of seedless raisins. Pour over it two quarts of sweet cider and cover with oiled paper or another pan. Put into a hot oven and when the meat is well browned reduce the heat, basting and cooking slowly for two hours. Add salt a teaspoonful to the pound as it goes into the pan to roast. Be sure it is well rubbed in. Serve with the sauce boiled down until thick. Strain, remove the fat and turn into a sauceboat.

AN ONION A DAY.

The good old odoriferous bulb when it is digested and enjoyed should appear often (at least twice a week in some form) on our tables. The onion contains a richness of mineral matter and acids most healthful in keeping the body in condition. Steak smothered in onions is a dish well liked by most. Slice the onions and crisp them in cold water and dry quickly in a cloth, then drop them into a frying pan with a little hot suet; put in the steak and cover it after both sides are well browned with the onions. Cover and let cook a few minutes and serve piping hot with the onions.

Onions on Toast.—Chop six onions fine, then boil them 20 minutes in a little salted water. Drain and add a tablespoonful of butter and serve on buttered toast in tiny mounds, the top of each garnished with a sprig of parsley.

Onions unpeeled, thrown into a bed of coals, covered and allowed to roast until tender, may be peeled without loss, seasoned with salt, pepper, cream or butter, and served, making a dish especially tasty.

Deviled Onions.—Mince six boiled onions and add to a thick white sauce, using a tablespoonful each of butter and flour with three-fourths of a cupful of milk; to this add the minced onion, the finely mashed yolks of two hard-cooked eggs, one tablespoonful of minced parsley and a seasoning of salt and pepper. A little lemon juice may also be added. Butter scallop shells or small ramekins, fill with the mixture, sprinkle with buttered crumbs, and brown.

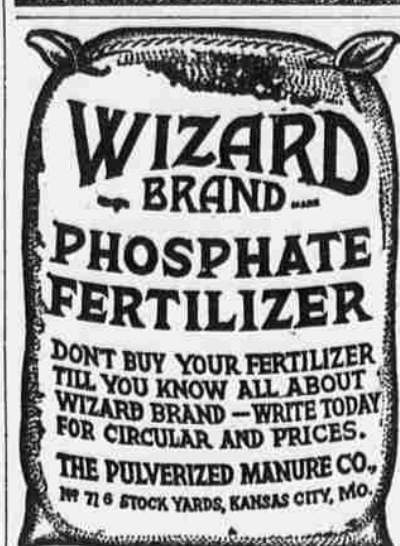
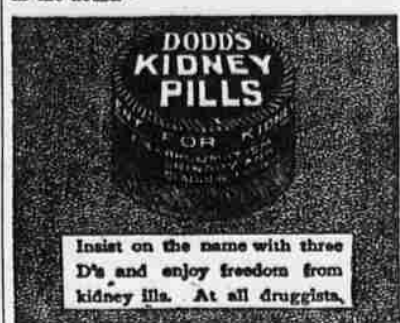
Onions With Cheese.—This is a dish which will take the place of meat, as it is highly nutritious. Place a layer of cheese, finely minced, and a layer of rich white sauce in a baking dish; repeat until the dish is full, and cover with a thick layer of buttered crumbs. Bake until thoroughly hot. A rich cheese should be used, as the heating will often make an inferior cheese stringy.

Cabbage may be served in the same way.

Nellie Maxwell

Dodd's Kidney Pills Benefit Mother and Son

This letter from Mrs. L. D. Bohrer, of Cabool, Mo., should convince all who suffer from kidney or bladder trouble that Dodd's Kidney Pills, and only Dodd's, are what they should use for immediate relief. "For nine years I suffered with heart disease and bladder inflammation. At times I was tired, nervous and irritable and became easily exhausted. "I secured no relief until I took Dodd's Kidney Pills. After taking two boxes of these Pills my health was so much improved that I bought four more boxes. I am still feeling fine and am working hard every day as we all must do on a farm. My little boy was troubled with his kidneys. He took a few of these Pills and says they have cured him, and thinks they are the stuff. I am going to send and get several boxes as I don't want to be without them in the house."



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Keep a box large enough to hold several bushels of wood ashes, and into this put the ashes from an ash pan. Then, when the box is filled, sprinkle the ashes over the garden. Potatoes, grain, and all garden vegetables do better by being fertilized by wood ashes.

RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 1/4 oz. of glycerine. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and make it soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off. Adv.

Not Good Boon Companions. I'd never accept an invitation to drink with a doctor.

"Why not?" "Because even when they treat a man they make him pay for it."

Important to Mothers

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