



1" THAT BLASTS OF JANUARY WOULD BLOW YOU THROUGH AND THROUGH"

HASTY PUDDING IS POPULAR.

Good Reason for It Being a Favorite with Lumbermen. "One of the strangest things I have noticed about the lumbermen of the Canadian woods," said the man who spent last winter in the camps, "was their wondrous appetite for hasty pudding."

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Benson's Plasters are like your other friends—they hate to see you in pain or in weakness and are dog-tired hearing you complain about it. They want to cure you and send you along to your business—whole and happy. They can do it and will do it.

BUILDING FIRE IN SNOW.

How the Trick is Done by an Old Woodsman, Who Furnishes Other Valuable Information.

When you build a fire in the snow for your noonday lunch, always, my dear tenderfoot, observe a few simple rules. In the first place get some nice dry wood. Pine is best ("easy wood," Adam called it).

VALUE OF BEANS AS FOOD.

The Mainstay of the Army, but Dish Must Be Baked Right.

"Beans are the soldiers' mainstay," says Thomas P. Dillon, a retired United States cavalry officer. "The American soldier at a pinch can equal the performance of an Arab on a handful of dried dates—he can ride and fight all day on a mere handful of beans, properly prepared. There is nothing to equal the army baked bean. Your celebrated 'Boston baked' are but a poor imitation of the succulent article turned out by a regular army cook."

SPINSTERS IN THE MINORITY.

Very Many More Men Bachelors Than Women.

A careful reckoning of the number of men in the various states of the Union who are available matrimonially has just been finished by the census office. It finds that in the aggregate there are 6,726,779 bachelors of 21 and over, and makes record of the remarkable fact that there are at present in the United States 2,500,000 more single men than single women of that age and above.

MANCHURIA A VAST LAND.

Contains Twenty Millions of People and is for the Most Part a Garden Spot.

The most populous province of Manchuria is that of Liaoning, which is penetrated by the branch railway from Harbin to Port Arthur. For a distance of 400 miles, extending from the Sungari river to New-Chwang, the railroad passes through a level, well-watered region, densely crowded with population and under the highest state of cultivation, says a London paper.

Women in War.

It was Florence Nightingale who opened the doors of military discipline to womankind. Prior to her famous expedition to Crimea the only women allowed in armies were vivandieres, sutlers' wives and occasionally the wives of officers. The wonderful work done by the immortal Englishwoman showed that woman's presence was a benefit, instead of an evil, as had heretofore been believed.

A Different Thing.

"It's queer how hunters in the Adirondacks mistake men for deer," said she. "Don't it?" assented he. "Now if I were to take you for a deer it wouldn't be strange at all."—Detroit Free Press.

A Frost Alarm.

Electric contrivances which give alarm by ringing a bell at the approach of frost have been used to some extent by California fruit growers.

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Natural Evolution. "What ever became of that prehistoric man who was dug up in Kansas about two months ago?" asked the individual who reads the papers. "He is being worked up into prehistoric novels," explains the man who keeps pace with literary progress.—Baltimore American.

The Insolence of Affluence. The affluence of the busy tycoon-four is shown in his abode of a \$10,000 devil wagon in a country road because of a passing driver. A man who will risk that money rather than take a working automobile what a fool!—The World.

Queen Fond of Mau-e. Queen Alexandra has a decided fondness for mau-e. She wears it both by day and evening and has been painted wearing it in a portrait.

Copper Imported from England. Great Britain's demand for copper in February increased 29 per cent in quantity and 45 per cent in value.

Held Off by the Pacific. Chinese officials are held to be a bit before the Sun of Heaven for floods, droughts, famines, fires, and other natural calamities.

Fantastic Offerings in India. The number of natives pined upon the Indian famine relief lists is increasing by 20,000 a week.

Cost of World's Amusements. The armies and navies of Europe absorb twelve days' earnings yearly of the entire world.

ORIGIN OF PRINTER'S "DEVIL."

First Bestowed on Newspaper Imps in the Year 1490.

When Aldus Manutius set up as a printer in Venice, about 1490, he came into possession of a little negro boy. This boy was soon known all over the city as "the little black devil." For at that time negroes were not often seen in Venice, and some of the most ignorant people believed him to be either an embodiment or an emissary of Satan, who, according to the superstition of the town, aided Aldus in the work of his profession. One day Manutius, desiring to dispel this strange and spreading opinion, displayed the young imp publicly to the poorer classes, making this short but characteristic speech: "Be it known to you and to all Venice, that I, Aldus Manutius, printer to the Holy Church and the Doge, have this day made exposure to all of the printer's devil. And if any think he is not like us, flesh and blood, they may come and pinch him, and they will find that though he is black he is human." This derivation of the expression "printer's devil" as applied to a boy who made himself useful in a printer's office, will explain to many people that there is nothing vulgar intended by the word "devil" when used in this sense.

The Solace of Solitaire.

"Solitaire as a nerve soother ranks with men just as knitting does with a woman," said T. O. Woodbury of Cincinnati.

"There is nothing in the world that calms the troubled human soul as a game of solitaire, played all by one's lonesome. It has a soothing power that the great Napoleon admitted, and in this day is conceded by that Napoleon of finance, Mr. J. P. Morgan. It is said there are eighty-two separate and distinct forms of the game, and no doubt new varieties will be added from time to time.

"One of the best-loved of solitaires is known as the game of 'seven,' and rivals 'No. 13,' otherwise styled the 'idiot's delight.' A far more intricate solitaire that has lately come in vogue is termed 'Miss Mulligan'; it is played with two decks of cards, and the man who can make it a genius. In fact, it is far too complicated to ever become popular."—Washington Post.

Eggs Are Sensitive.

"An egg in the process of hatching," says an expert, "is remarkably sensitive to vibration. Half the failures that amateurs encounter in hatching out chicks by the incubator method are due to lack of precaution in providing against the effect of vibration on the eggs. The rumble of a train or the passage of a wagon along the street will spoil a whole incubator full of eggs. If the faintest vibratory wave reaches the apparatus. Even such a little thing as the banging of a door in some other part of the house will destroy the chances of hatching out a brood where care has not been taken to place the incubator beyond the reach of such disturbances. A thunderstorm always gives breeders a scare, as thousands of eggs may be spoiled by a sudden heavy thunder clap. To sneeze or cough in the vicinity of the incubators will sometimes work a disastrous result."

Rivalry.

Manhattan—I saw two automobiles in a smash-up this morning. Broadway—How did it happen? Manhattan—They both tried to run down the same child.—Town Topics.

She Knew Him.

"Did your husband leave a will?" asked the lawyer of the weeping widow-for-the-second-time. "I don't think he could. I know he never had any as long as I've been married to him."

Out of Date.

"An American of some note has fallen from his bicycle in Austria and broken his collarbone." "Dear me; what an antiquated way to get hurt!"

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