

SCHOOL DAYS



THE WOODS

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

THE SPORT.

MY BOY, it's the end of the season— Your campstake you've got in your clo'es;

It isn't much use fer to reason With you, I suppose. I know how the dollars are burnin' A hole in your pocket right now; You'll blow 'em—what use to be learnin' A lumberjack how?

They're waitin' down there fer you, brother:

The barkeep is loadin' the gin; Each guy has some game or another Fer takin' you in, The dames that are plastered an' painted

Are puttin' on powder fer fair— The ladies whose kisses are tainted Are waitin' you there.

I've been through the mill, an' I know it—

I know jest the fool that you are; Oh, you'd be a sport, an' you'll throw it.

In gobs on the bar.

It's "Drinks fer the house!" you'll be yellin';

The bums will be there to partake. They'll laugh at the stories you're tellin';

An' gobble your stake.

While you have been pullin' a briar, With beans an' sow-belly to chew, The grafters have set by the fire

A-waitin' fer you— The streak up their backs it is yellah, An' life without work is the rule;

They'll say you're a prince of a fellah An' think you're a fool.

So work like a dog in the winter, An' act like an ass in the spring;

Some guy with a jack-knife an' splinter Will say you're a king.

It's blood, an' it's bone, an' it's muscle, You're throwin' up there on the bar;

Next week fer a job you kin rustle, The fool that you are.

Oh, yes, they all think he's the candy.

A sport, a good fellow, who spends; I hope, when they say you're a dandy.

You're proud of your friends, When you know jest how little there's in it,

Will you hand out your good money still?

When you know they're but friends fer a minute?

You probably will. (Copyright.)

Mother's Cook Book

No price is set on the lavish summer. June may be had by the poorest corner. —Lowell.

EVERYDAY LUNCHEONS.

A GOOD all-round substantial dish which will do for a main dish is

Potato Soup.

Cook one-half dozen good sized potatoes, one-half dozen onions together in boiling salted water until tender. Then press them through a puree sieve, add butter, milk, salt and pepper, and serve piping hot.

Luncheon Eggs.

Cut in cubes three or four hard-cooked eggs. Prepare a rich white sauce, using two tablespoonfuls each of flour and butter, and when well blended add one cupful of rich milk; cook until smooth and thick, season with salt and pepper and stir in the eggs. Prepare small pieces of buttered bread, pour over the sauce and bake until hot in a moderate oven.

Potato Salad.

Cut in cubes three cold cooked potatoes, add three hard-cooked eggs, cut in bits, one-half cupful of walnuts and a dozen olives cut in small pieces. Pour over a French dressing made by using one tablespoonful of vinegar to three of oil, salt, cayenne pepper and a dash of catsup and onion juice.

Custard Pie.

Prepare a pastry-lined pie plate and fill with the following: One pint of milk mixed with four tablespoonfuls of sugar, creamed with a teaspoonful of butter; add three beaten eggs, a half teaspoonful of grated nutmeg and bake in a hot oven at first to brown the crust, then lower the heat until the custard seems firm to the center.

THE ROMANCE OF WORDS

"BUMPER."

USED in the sense of a "bumper" of wine—and therefore belonging to the malt, vinous and dead languages—this word harks back to the days of the Restoration when the drinking was deep and the shouting long and when, as penance for any slip of the tongue or forgetfulness of manners, the culprit was sentenced to drink a "bumper" without spilling a drop.

As this feat did not depend so much upon the liquid capacity of the drinker as upon the steadiness of his nerves, it was no light task—particularly well along toward morning. A large goblet or a small bowl was filled to the brim with wine and then a few additional drops were carefully added, so that the liquid would not overflow but would actually rise a fraction of an inch over the top of the containing vessel. The surface, being convex, was said to be "bumped up" and it was then accepted as a true "bumper." It is in this sense of "more than full" that we still refer to a "bumper crop" or a "bumper audience." (Copyright.)

New Even to Teacher.

James had been out of school several days and his teacher wrote his mother a note asking what was wrong with him. Back came this answer: "Miss Teacher—James is very sick and I had to have the doctor for him. He says to keep James home for several weeks, for he has information on the stomach and bowels."

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

The waiter that I had today was fierce; An idiot is all too mild a name; But at the end he fixed me with his eye And I, poor weahling, tipped him just the same. (Copyright.)



OLD FOX'S REVENGE

WHEN all the nuts were fixed to suit Grandpa Fox he put them away and brought out some very fine, big radishes, which he carefully scooped out after cutting them in half.

These he also filled with red pepper and glued together, touching the cut place with a bit of paint to cover the mark.

When he had a good pile of them finished he looked at his work with a broad smile on his face and carried them in a pan to the pantry window, where it was nice and cool, so they would not wither.

The next morning he was up long before the sun peeped through the

the window with a stick in his hand and waited.

He did not have to wait long for the Squirrel brothers were always up bright and early and called for Tommie Rabbit to come out and find some fun.

They came running along the path that led past the house where Grandpa Fox lived, when Billy Squirrel, who was quicker than the others, ran into Grandpa's yard.

He spied the nuts and back he went as quick as a flash and told the news to the others.

Tommie Rabbit did not care very much for the nuts, but he ran with Billy and his brother, and he spied the basket of radishes.

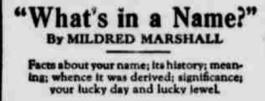
Looking around all three of them made sure that Grandpa was not in sight, and then they took all the nuts and radishes they could carry, and from his window Grandpa pounded the sill with the big stick and shouted: "Drop those, you little rascals; drop them."

Grandpa Fox knew that was all that was needed to make them carry off the nuts and radishes, so he pounded and called until they were out of sight.

"Stolen sweets are always the sweetest," he said. "That may be true in some cases, but I'll wager my pipe those youngsters will find out that is not a true saying always."

And they did, for Billy Squirrel did not bother Grandpa Fox any more. Such sneezing was never heard in the woods before, even the chicken with the whooping cough did not sneeze any harder, though they all found their heads and tails were safe when it was over.

Their mouths and throats were burned, too, and so for many days they suffered for their badness and now old Grandpa Fox can sit all day in the sun and no one bothers him. (Copyright.)



ALBERTA

ALBERTA, meaning nobly bright, has its origin in the Teutonic language. It is one of the names coming from the nobility of which Aethel is the root.

Aethelbryht was its first form, though it was a masculine name and was given to the first Christian king of England. The famous bishop of Prague, who was martyred near Dantzic while preaching to the heathen Prussians in 997, was called Adelbrecht and his fame spread the use of the name throughout a great part of Europe.

Italy received it and straightway changed it to Alberto. It is from this latter that the feminine forms, Alberta and Albertine, were formed. The husband of the late Queen Victoria, who bore the name of Albert, brought both the masculine and feminine into great vogue in England. Indeed, it has since been accepted as a national name.

But, like all names which have a masculine and feminine equivalent, Alberta has no really individual existence. After all, she is merely a masculine name with a feminine termination. But unlike many of her contemporaries, such as Edwina and Roberta, she is almost frivolously feminine and is not regarded as a substitute name for the hoped-for son and heir who was to have been called Albert.

Jade is Alberta's talismanic stone. It has the power to assure its wearer great prosperity, and freedom from danger and disease. But it should never be removed from the finger, arm, or throat on which it is worn. Monday is Alberta's lucky day and 1 her lucky number. (Copyright.)

How It Started

"NEWS"

IN THE earlier journals, before they were called "newspapers," it was the custom to print at the head the figure of a compass, symbolizing that the journal covered events in all directions. An enterprising publisher hit on the idea of printing the cardinal points, N-E-W-S, and in a short time every journal adopted the idea. (Copyright.)

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THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME

By MARY MARSHALL DUFFEE

WHEN YOU DINE

"Practice yourself, for heaven's sake, in little things and thence proceed to greater."—Epictetus.

NEVER take your seat until the lady of the house is seated. Never lounge on the table with your elbows, nor tip backwards in your chair.

Never play with your knives, forks, or glasses, but cultivate repose at the table. It is an aid to digestion.

Never make diagrams on the tablecloth with your fork or spoon to illustrate what you are talking about.

Never leave the table to get something that you want to show some one else at the table—to find a book to verify a quotation you have made or to settle a disputed point. These things can be attended to after the meal.

Never light cigar or cigarette unless you are asked to by your hostess or unless others are doing so. Never, under any circumstances, smoke between courses, but wait until after dessert when coffee is served.

Never tuck your napkin into your vest, yoke or collar. It is unfolded once and laid across the knees without a flourish. After the meal, at a restaurant or formal dinner, lay it unfolded at your place. If you are a time guest in the household and will remain another meal, you may fold the napkin in its original creases.

Never put the end of a spoon into your mouth, sip everything from the side of the spoon, and do this noiselessly. Never use a spoon when a fork will serve. Forks are now often used for eating ice cream, and salad is folded or cut with the side of a fork, never with the knife. Even small vegetables like peas are eaten with a fork.

Never hold your knife and fork up in the air when your host is serving you afresh. Lay them on one side of the plate when you send it to the host by servant or your neighbor at table.

Never leave your spoon in coffee or tea cup. Lay it on the saucer. Never cool food by blowing upon it. Wait until it becomes cool enough to eat.

Never take a second helping at a large and formal dinner. You will find yourself eating alone.

Never make yourself conspicuous in any way by aiding the host or hostess in serving, unless especially asked to do so, or in passing dishes when servants are provided for that purpose.

Never push back your plate and finger crumbs at the conclusion of the meal. It indicates undue haste. (Copyright.)

Telephone Improvement.

A wartime invention promising permanent usefulness is the throat microphone transmitter. Placed against the side of the throat when a person is talking, it transmits speech clearly, and without being affected by outside sounds. In a late type of the instrument, an ebonite handle presses the microphone against the throat and an ordinary small receiver against the ear, but for long conversations the throat microphone is mounted as an attachment of the head-gear receiver.



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6,000,000 CHINESE FED BY HELP OF AMERICANS

But 3,000,000 More Are Without Any Assistance and Death Rate Is Growing.

American contributions to the China famine fund have enabled the committee in Peking to aid about 6,000,000 persons, according to a cable message from Charles R. Crane, United States minister to China. At least 3,000,000 more are without any assistance.

"With the American and other contributions already received," said the message, "and with the help given by the Chinese relief organizations, all agencies are now feeding scantily 6,000,000 people. Three million more are destitute and the mortality will rapidly increase.

"To feed 9,000,000 till harvest time will cost, above our present funds, \$8,000,000 Mexican. (The Mexican or Chinese dollar is worth about half an American dollar). This makes no provision for future assistance to many millions now existing on meager funds from sale of lands, cattle and farm implements."

Appeals to the nation to help the Chinese have been made by President Harding and ex-Presidents Wilson and Taft, and are being quoted in the campaign. President Harding said in part:

"At this, the earliest practicable moment in my administration, I desire to add my own to the many appeals which have been issued heretofore in behalf of the starving people of a large section of China.

"The picture of China's distress is so tragic that I am moved, therefore, to renew the appeal heretofore made, and to express the hope that the American people will continue to contribute to this humanitarian cause as generously as they possibly can."

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