DOMESTIC NEWS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 .- The next national Democratic convention will be held at Kansas City, Mo., Wednesday, July 4. This was the decision of the Democratic national committee which met at the Hotel Raleigh Thursday to fix the time and place of holding the convention. Milwaukee was the only other city which competed for the honor of entertaining the convention and the poor showing she made when the vote was taken (the result being Kan-ans City, 40; Milwankee, 9;) caused general surprise. The claims of the rival cities as to hotel accommodations, railroad and telegraphic facilities were presented in open session by representatives of each city and subsequently in executive session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The executive committee of the league of Democratic national clubs today decided upon Indianapolis for the annual convention. The date will be fixed later.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 -There sailed on the steamer St. Louis today Ferdi nand W. Peck, commissioner-general of the United States to the Paris exposition, accompanied by Mrs. Peck, his daughter, Miss Aline Peck, and his son Spaulding Peck. A number of others connected with the United States commission were on the St. Louis. Bafore sailing Commissioner Peck said:

"Our first duty on arriving at Paris is to look after the placing of the exhibits. We have 7,000 exhibitors, and the task will occupy us from the time we get there until the 14th of April, when the exposition opens. Next to France, the United States has the largest number of exhibits, and the most space at the exposition. All of the Government exhibits are now on the other side, and nearly all of the other exhibits have left for Paris."

"There is no little enemy." Little impurities in the blood are sources of great danger and should be expelled by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

FOREIGN NEWS.

MANILA, Feb. 21 .- The military commission meets at Calamba today to try a Filipino member of the guerilla band which attacked a squad of Americans, February 2, killing a corporal. The charges are murder and assault with intent to kill. The case is important, foreshadowing a policy of treating the guerillas as bandits. It is supposed one reason which has hitherto deterred the American authorities from adopting this policy is that the insurgents have fifty American prisoners and may retaliate although but few of them were captured while fighting.

LORENZO MARQUES, Feb. 21 .- Mr. Hollis, the American consul, has notified the merchants that he has ordered an investigation of the British seizures of American goods and asks for facts pertaining to the subject.

RANGOON, British Burmah, Feb. 23

A British official attached to the boundary commission, named Hertz, while touring the Burmah-Chinese frontier with an escort, has engaged and routed two considerable forces of hostile Chinese from Mien Kawug Pa, killing the leader and seventy Chinese.

ROME, Feb. 23 -An impressive scene occurred in St. Peter's to-day when the Pope gave his blessing to 15,000 Italian pilgrims, who filled the vast Basilica. The appearance of Pope Leo, borne on the sedia gestatoria, evoked tremendous outbursts of enthusiasm. The air resounded with "vivas." After praying at the high altar, the Pope carried in St. Peter's air, listened to the singing of anthems, in which the congregation joined. The Pontiff was then borne through the midst of the crowd and pronounced the benediction.

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 23 .- A confagration broke out here early this moraing which threatens the entire city, unless assistance arrives. The City Hall, Canadian Pacific station and main telegraph office were burned to the ground. The court house is on fire and rapidly being consumed. The Canadian Pacific railway has ordered its engines all along the line in the division of the city to be picking up fire apparatus. The northwestern graph office was destroyed shortly after ten o'clock.



"I am the mother of four children," writes Mrs. Euphemia Falconer, of Trent, Muskegon Co., Mich. "My first two babies were still-born, and I suffered every thing but death. My friends all thought I could never recover. I was reduced to 109 pounds. When I was three months along for my third child I was taken with hemorrhage or flooding and came near having a miscarriage from female weakness. For two months I was under the care of our doctor, but I was under the care of our doctor, but was getting weaker all the time until one day I happened to come across one of your little books and I read it through, one day I mappened to come across one of your little books and I read it through, and the next day I sent and got three bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and one bottle of 'Pellets.' I improved so fast I continued to take your medicine until baby was born, and he is healthy and all right. My health has been good ever since. I now weigh 165 pounds."

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Richard Strauss has completed a new

set of songs, a setting of Herder's poems, entitled "Voices of the Na-

Another attempt to establish a per-

manent German theater in London is

to be made this senson by August Jun-

Two new musical compositions by

Jack Cline bear the comprehensive

titles of "Never Turn a Poor Soul from

the Door" and "Your Razor Ain't Half

Robert Edeson and his wife, Ellen

Burg, have temporarily gone into vau-

teville. They made their debut at the

Union Square, New York, in a one-act

Vienna is about to lose one of its

Prof. Leschetitzky, the teacher of

Paderewski and a host of other planists.

He will take up his quarters at Wies-

Viennese journals record the death of

Frof. Puschmann, who years ago scan-

calized the Wagnerian world by declar-

ing that the Baircuth composer was a

madman and should be shut up. Weber

but what matters? The "mills of God"

in London, has always been unsatisfac-

Naturalness in the "bifant prodigy"

IN FOREIGN LANDS.

Japanese mills prefer American cot-

ton, because it has a longer staple than

It is lawful in China for anyone dis-

covering a person plundering a grave

Hamburg is the richest city in Ger-

many. Of its 625,600 inhabitants, 186,-

872 pay income tax, though all are ex-

empt whose income is under 900 marks.

erland, Holland and Belgium amount to

\$175,000,000 a year, her imports from the

The most curious palace in the world

is the Alhambra, in Spain. It was orig-

inally a fortress, so great in extent as

to be capable of holding 40,000 men. It

was begun in 1248 and finished in 1314.

It contains numerous halis and courts,

all decorated in the highest style of

The Turkish woman is marriageable

at the age of nine years, and by Turk-

ish law, at that age, if married, she is

competent to manage her property and

dispose of one-third of her fortune-

The law allows her to abandon her hus-

band's house for just cause, and will

protect her in so doing. She cannot be

In 1880 there wa a law passed in Ger

many that every Jerman with an in-

come of \$750 and over must insure his

life against sickn as and old age. In

1898 there were 11,200,000 persons in

Germany thus insured, and so many of

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live stock annually in Russia.

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to kill him on the spot.

Moorish art.

her husband.

first ever erected in England.

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as Sharp as Mine."

play entitled "Palmistry."

times at the Savoy theater in London.

FILIPINO BURIAL CUSTOMS.

They Have a Resemblance to Ancient Jewish Rites-Unique Customs.

Among the burial customs are found many which resemble our own and those of the Jews.

As soon as a sick man died, if he was "dato," or chief, his relatives and friends, together with a number of hired mourners, gathered together around the body with great weeping.

They did not, however, weep in a natural manner, but in a sort of song or funeral dirge, mingled with feigned groans and howls, in which they praised the dead; and while so singing they watched, perfumed and embalmed the body with some aromatic ungents, similar to the Hebrew custom.

In the Islands of Jolo and Mindanao, the Moros, or Mohammedan natives, placed the deceased in a chair with a hole in the seat, and, placing a tube in the mouth, forced down a solution of camphor gum, which was so efficacious that all impurities and uncleanliness are thrown off through the ordinary channels, and the intestines are cleaned and purified, and the body thus preserved for a long time without decay.

The body is then interred in a sitting position, while around it are placed a ar of water and food, those natives believing in the transmigration of souls. Returning to the Tagalos:

The bodies of their dead chieftains. decorated with gold and jewels, were placed in a coffin hollowed out of the trunk of a hardwood tree, many varieties of which were considered proof ngainst decay, and after carefully sealing the lid the coffin was placed, either on the highest part of the house or under it, in which case it was slightly raised from the ground and surrounded by a fine bamboo fence to keep away an-

The poorer classes were placed in the fields or in the public square.

The Visayans place the coffins in mountain caves or on the top of steep rocks near the sea, and to this day these | will probably appear on one of the vaucoffins can be seen on rocks so precipitous and high that no small wonder is excited as to how they were gotten up.

A priest recounts that near the coast of Catbalogan there was a high rock, the top of which was covered with bones and decaying coffins.

The Indians passed this place in reverential fear, and at night especially feared to land there.

The priest, henring of this, ascended the rock, threw the bones and coffins to the beach below and then burned them to ashes, which he scattered in the

The horrified Indians predicted that he would soon suffer a sort of penalty called "balin," such as being turned into stone, struck by lightning or something similar; but, as he quaintly adds: "I laughed at them and increased the flames (thank God) without any karm coming upon me, the Lord so permitting that they might be relieved from their superstitions."-Manila (P. I.) Freedom.

EPIGRAMS OF A. J. WHITEMAN.

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When you see that trouble is inevitable, meet it half way and you have it half beaten.-Chicago Times-Herald.

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NURSERY COOKERY. DIET IN DISEASE.

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By Christine Terhune Herrick. (Continued from last week.)

The diet in constipation is in some respecis more important than that in diarthoea, since the former disorder is In many cases more likely than the latter to become chronic. The habit may be regulated more beneficially by die than by drugs. It is of the strongest advantage to the child's general health to keep the bowels open, but it is a fact that many mothers who guard watchfully against a costive tendency in their mbles, relapse into great carelessness in this matter as their children grow old-

To lessen a disposition to constipation coarse meals and breads will be found excellent. Graham broad or gems, rye, corn, whole wheat or Boston brown trend, much, cracked wheat, outment and similar preparations are admirable With these a little good molasses will prove a useful corrective of the trouble. Cream should be eaten with the exceals. Gingerbread sweetened with molasses and brown sugar is often helpful.

BOSTON BROWN BREAD. Sift together one and a half cups each of corporeal and white or whole wheat flour, with a half teaspoonful of salt. Stir into them a half cup of molasses and a whole cup of sweet milk. Beat well, dissolve a scant teaspoonful of soda in a little boiling water, whip this into the batter, turn it into a well greased Boston brown bread mould, cover tighty, and boil steadily for three hours. Turn it out on a flat dish, when done, and set it in the oven for five minutes to dry efore sending to table.

QUICK WHOLE WHEAT BREAD. Sift a teaspoonful of salt and two of aking powder into a quart of whole heat flour. Into this chop a tablespoonful of butter or sweet dripping. Moisten it with enough milk to make a soft dough about three cupfuls will be requiredhandling it as little and as lightly as possible. Have the dough very soft. Form with the hands into small loaves, and bake in brick shaped tins in a brisk oven. When cold it may be cut like raised bread. If preferred, the dough may be moulded with the hands into blscuit, or rolled into a sheet and cut into

Many students of dietetics consider the quickly raised bread better than that which has been raised with yeast. The bread for which the recipe has just been musical attractions by the departure of given is easily made and is generally satisfactory. WHOLE WHEAT GEMS.

Stir two slightly beaten eggs into a pint of warmed milk, and add to them a tenspoonful of brown sugar and a tablespoonful of butter, melted. Beat in, a little at a time, a cup and a half of whole wheat flour, or enough to make a good batter, using the spoon vigorously and beating the batter well up from the botheated, and turn the batter into these. Bake in a very hot oven. Oraham gems

Albert hall, the largest concert room Make a good cornmeal mush by cooktory acoustically, in spite of the expense and care bestowed upon it. Now ing a cupful of yellow cornmeal for an hour with two cups of boiling water in an American sounding board has been a double boiler. Before it cools stir in put into the hall in the hope that these tablespoonful of butter. Add to it, enditions may be improved. It is the when cool, a cupful of milk, three wellbeaten eggs, and three tablespoonfuls of whole wheat flour, to which has been is not always observable, but there added a small teaspoonful of baking seems to be a change from this in the powder, beat all well, and bake in thercase of little Frances Kepplar, a tenoughly greased gem pans or muffin tins year-old girl from Omaha, who made Stewed fruits, like prunes or figs, and her metropolitan debut at the Chicago apple sauce are sometimes efficacious in opera house. She gives songs and imicontrolling constituation in children .tations, some of the latter quite good. and in grown persons also. Abundance of water,-never leed,-should be drunk This young westerner is going east and better, perhaps, before or after meals than while cating, and the child with this complaint should be encouraged to drink a glass of water at bedtime. Fresh green vegetables should be given, but Wolves destroy \$6,000,000 worth of

those containing much starch would better be withheld. Eggs have a tendency to constituate, as do sweet pastry and fried foods. Simple puddings mad of rice or sago may be given to the child and a plain Indian pudding, eaten with cream sweetened with maple or brown sugar, is excellent. Children suffering from constituation should avoid all dried fruits except prunes and figs, and should abstain from nearly all berries. Cheese and pickles should have no place in the young child's dietary, and more especially to be condemned for any one afflicted with a costive tendency. Nuts, cakes (except plain gingerbread), salted fish or meats also, have a disposition to increase the disorder. Chocolate, plain or in simple combinations, is a valuable correct

INDIAN PUDDING. Heat three cups of milk in a double boiler. Stir a half teaspoonful of salt into half a cup of yellow cornmeal, and as soon as the milk is hot put the meal into it by the handful, stirring it care fully to prevent lumping. Cook for half an hour, stirring often. At the end of this

time have ready in a bowl half a cupful of molasses and a tablespoonful of butter well beaten together, stir the milk and meal into this and add a teaspoonful of mace, einnamon and ginger, mixed, and two eggs, whipped light. Beat very hard before turning the pudding into a compelled to labor for the support of buttered baking dish. It should bake covered in a steady oven for three-quarters of an hour, and then be stirred well from the bottom and allowed to brown on

CHOCOLATE BLANC MANGE. Soak haff a package of gelatine in half a cup of cold water for an hour. Heat two cups of milk in a double boller, and these had pulmonary consumption that add to it two heaping tablespoonfuls of 37 of the insurance companies erected grated chocolate, which has been meltat their own expense a sanitarium for | ed over hot water and moistened with a | they make a nice desert.

little milk. Stir half a cup of sugar with the gelatine, and turn them into the milk. Do not remove the spoon until the gelatine is thoroughly dissolved. Strain through a fine wire sieve, and when cool season with a teaspoonful of extract of vanilla. Set to form in one large mould or several small forms, wetting them first with cold water. When firm, eat with powdered sugar and cream.

(To be continued next week.)

FOR YOUR SCRAP-BOOK. Recipes From Many Sources and of Acknowledged Worth.

VEAL POT PIE. Secure two or three pounds of yeal (a rfb plece is good), cut in pleces in a quart of water; make a quart of soda biscuit dough, take two-thirds of the dough, roll it to a fourth of an inch thick, cut in strips one inch wide by three long; pure and slice six potatoes; boll the yeal till tender, take out all but three or four pieces, put in two handfuls of the potatoes and several strips of the dough, then add more pieces of the veal and dough, seasoning with soit and popper and a little butter, and continu until all the weal is in the pot; add boll Ing water enough to cover, take the rest of the dough, roll out to the size of the pot, cut several holes to allow the steam to escape and place over the whole Cover the pot with a tight lid and bell slowly twenty or thirty minutes, but do not uncover the pot-until ready to

BREAKFAST STEW.

take up the pie.

Cut three-quarters of a pound of cold roast beef into small pieces, heat slowly with half a pint of water, one tablespoon ful of chill sauce, one tenspoonful of salt and half as much pepper. Rub together two tablespoonfuls of flour and butter. add a little of the warm gravy and then add the whole to the beef and let cool for five minutes. This stew may be varied by the addition of an onion browned In butter, and table sauce may be substituted for chill sauce. Served with bits of dry toast it will always prove an acceptable breakfast dish.

FRIED APPLES.

Select apples of about equal size and pare and core them with parer; prepare the frying pan by heating it and putting in beef drippings, lay the apples In the pan skin side down, sprinkle with a little brown sugar and when nearly done turn and brown quickly and theroughly. Apples may also be fried by cutting in slices across the core and treating them as you would paneakes, but the first mentioned way is prefer-

STEWED FISH.

Any good-sized fresh water fish will answer for this dish. Cut the fish across in slices an inch and one-half thick and sprinkle well with sait; boll two sliced onions until done, pour off the water, season with pepper, add two teacupfuls of hot water and a little parsley, and in this simmer the fish until thoroughly done. Serve hot with drawn butter and with the sauce made by the cooking of

LANCASHIRE PUDDING.

Take cold cooked beef or veal, chop and season as for hash, have ready hot mashed potatous seasoned as if for the table, and put into a shallow balding dish first a layer of meat, then a layer of potatoes, and so on until the dish is heap ig full; smooth over the top of the potatoes and make little holes in which place pieces of butter; bake until a pice brown.

BROWNED HAM.

A nice way to us up scraps and bits of bolled ham is to chop them fine, add some of the fat also chopped fine, and put in a baking pan first a layer of bread crumbs, then a layer of the mixed ham, and so on till all is used, putting a few bits of fat over the top; pour over all a little water or weak stock and set in the

PORK AND APPLE PIE. Trim a deep dish with paste as for chicken pie, put in a layer of sliced sour apples, season with sugar and spice; add a layer of fresh, rather lean, pork, sliced thin, season with salt and pepper; then place diternate layers of apples and pork until the dish is nearly full; put in a little water, cover with paste and bake slowly until thoroughly done.

MUTTON PIE AND TOMATOES. Spread the bottom of a baking dish with bread crumbs and fill with alternate layers of cold roast mutton cut in thir stices and tomatoes peeled and sliced; Beason each layer with salt and pepper and bits of butter. The last layer should be of tomatoes sprinkled with bread crumbs. Bake three-quarters of an hour and serve hot.

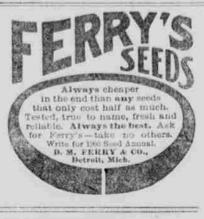
SIMPLE EGG SAUCE.

Boll four eggs ten minutes. Dip them into cold water to prevent their looking blue. Peel off the shell, chop the yolks of all and the whites of two and stir them into melted butter. This sauce so easily made may be served with beiled poultry or fish.

TO SWEETEN TAINTED MEAT. Cover the meat, after you have washed It thoroughly, with strong saleratus water and let it stand for an hour. Another way is to use sweet milk in place of the saleratus water. Either plan will be efficacious unless the meat is very

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CANNING WILD HORSES.

Phis Account Says Thousands That Once Roamed the Plains Have Been Devoured,

The question: "What has become of the wild horses that were once so numerous on our western plains?" has at last been answered, perhaps not satisfactorily to those who indulge in canned beef for luncheon, but conclusively. It appears that a number of causes are responsible for the diminution of the herds-the increased demand for irrigable lands by settlers and the purchase or lease, followed by fencing, of great areas of range lands by cattle men and sheep men. The lat-ter are swiftly fencing in the springs, creeks and ponds that form the water sources, which are vital to range industry. These facts denote a new era in the development of western sheep and cattle raising, increasing produc-tion and putting the industry on a more solid basis. It ends the indiscriminate pasturage of cattle, sheep and horses over immense areas of northwestern states. It means the confining of the cattle and sheep to lands that can be acquired, fenced and made more productive-and the general extinction of the horses. The latter are being moved off the ranges by the tens of thousands. Those left are forced to eke out a precarlous existence on the dry pasture lands left by the cattle and sheep herders, where they may die of thirst in the summer or starve to death in the winter, with no one to mourn their end.

In the last two years at least 65,000 head of horses have been removed from the ranges of eastern Washington alone. Their disposition has been approximately as follows: Shipped to Chicago and other eastern markets, 20,-000; sent to Alaska during Klondike rush, 8,000; canned into horse meat at Linton, Ore., for shipment to France, 9,000; driven to Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah, largely for pack and saddle horses, 10,000; broken for use by new settlers in Washington, 10,000; died in the last two winters, 8,000; loss from state in two years, 65,-

This loss has been double the natural increase, reducing the number of wild horses in this state from about 125,000 to 80,000 or 90,000. At this rate of decrease they would last for some years, but the fact is that the horses are being confined to a smaller area each successive year, thereby increasing their chances of destruction.

At least 5,000 horses died of starvation last winter in the districts north and south of the Snake river. Fifty to 80 per cent, of some bands vanished under the conditions of short grass and deep snow. The cattle and sheep, on the other hand, are rounded in the lower valleys during the fall and fed during the winter.

The range horses are now confined al-

most entirely to the thinly-populated counties of Douglas, Lincoln, Adams and Franklin and parts of Yakima and Klickitat, in Washington. These animals are worth three to twenty dollars, according to size and quality. A large number of them are cayuses; others are strong, large-boned horses. In June 5,000 head of Washington

horses were sold for shipment east at \$2.50, three and six doffars per head, according to size. The horse canning factory at Linton, Ore., has converted about 3,000 head into meat for shipment to France and Germany in the last two years. A still larger number will be canned in the near future, for the industrial department of the Northern Pacific railway has aided in the establishment of another horse canning factory at Medora, N. D. A home market for many thousand head has been caused by the boom in the wheat industry, owing to the good crops and good prices of the last two years. Thousands of whid horses, weighing 1,100 pounds and upward, have been broke to the plow by both old and new settlers. The indications are that this local absorption will continue in a limited way for several years in eastern Washington and Idaho.-Chicago Chronicle.

The Chicken—"How's your appetite these days, old man?" The Bulldog— "Not very good. I feel just as satisfied after a few bites as if I'd had a meal, How's yours?" The Chicken-"Poor, very poor! I just pick at things."-N. Two ordinarily nice young women

in a Massachusetts town were disciplined out of the church the other day for breaking into laughter at a solemn prayer meeting. This was certainly indecorous. But, when it is understood that a good brother had just arisen with the remark that he was "sitting on . thought when the settee struck him, their merriment was altogether pardonable.-Time and the Hour.