Cake Baking.

When cakes are made without yeast or eggs, soda and powder being the substitutes, they require quick baking in a moderately hot oven, and should be drawn directly they are done or they get dry and tasteless. For a plain cake made with one pound of flour, etc., the time to be allowed in baking would be from forty to fifty minutes, at the outside not more than one hour. Yeast cakes take longer, say from ten to fifteen minutes, and will bear being left in the oven rather over the time without much injury. Very rich cakes, in which butter and eggs predominate, take, of course, very much longer time to cook, a pound cake taking from an hour and a half or two hours, and a bride cake three and a half. On no account should an oven be too hot when the cake is put in —that is, hot enough to brown at once; if so, in five minutes the whole outside will be burned and the interior will stand little chance of being cooked. The old plan of feeling the handle of the oven door to test the heat is not always successful; if at the end of that time it is of a rich light brown the cake may be put in, but if burned the heat must first be lessened.

A Michigan Liar.

"Let's see, they raise some wheat in Minnesota, don't they?" asked a Schoharie granger of a Michigander.

"Raise wheat! Who raises wheat? No, sir; decidedly no, sir. It raises itself. Why, if we undertook to cultivate wheat in that State it would run us out. There wouldn't be any place to put our house."

"But I've been told that grasshoppers take a good deal of it."

"Of course they do. If they didn't I don't know what we would do. The cussed stuff would run all over the State and drive us out—choke us up. These grasshoppers are a God-send, only there ain't half enough of them."

"Is that wheat nice and plump?"

"Plump! Why, I don't know what you call plump wheat, but there are seventeen in our family, including ten servants, and when we want bread we just go out and fetch in a kernel of wheat and bake it."

"Do you ever soak it in water first?"

"Oh, no; that wouldn't do. It would swell a little and then we couldn't get it in our range oven."

GLEANINGS.

A lady at Hamburg the other day ripped open a wool-stuffed needle cushion which she had used for thirteen years, and inside found 1,016 needles.

Out in Kansas they have "cracker" saloons. A man buys a cracker, and the gentlemanly salesman throws in a drink of liquor.

Treas. Story, of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, announces that $52,660 has been subscribed toward the fund of 100,000 needed to continue the charity.

A French surgeon has mortally offended the dueling world in Paris by going to a recent meeting on the field of honor with nothing but a piece of court plaster in his vest pocket.

Sanitarian—"How can you obtain the statistics for idiocy for this country?" Oh, that's easy enough. Find out how many persons have paid 25 cents for Guiteau's autograph.

A vein of copper 8½ feet wide and very rich, has been found at the depth of 74 feet, on the Russell farm, near Monterey Springs, Adams county, Pa. Work of developing will begin at once.

A vein of coal eight feet thick has been reached in the Dorrance shaft, Wilkesbarre, at a depth of 325 feet. It is expected the Baltimore vein will be reached at from 400 to 500 feet deeper.

A young man of 19, a carriage-maker by trade, for a wager of 1,500 francs, recently walked, without stopping, completely round Paris, in three minutes less than three hours. The distance is close upon thirty English miles.

"Pa," asked Fogg's hopeful the other evening, "what kind of combs do they use to curry chickens with?" "Coxcombs," replied Fogg, promptly. Fogg says he believes in always answering a child when you can.

When a sculptor digs out a statue that is too bad for anything else, he can, generally, by labeling it with the name of some deceased statesman, induce congress to buy it and set it up in Washington to scare horses.

Fogg can say a neat thing when he wishes. When Miss Frankincense asked him, pointing to a mirror, what he thought of her pier, he replied: "I think that in it alone can you find your peer in beauty."

The famous bell that sounded the signal for the massacre of St. Bartholomew from the steeple of Saint Germain l' Auxerrois is in possession of the Comedie Francaise, and has been employed in Alfred de Musset's "Barbarine," which was recently produced at that theatre.

"I dunno' a heap 'bout poultry," said old Uncle Pete when they were discussing the question of the day at the market, "but de sweetest chicken I'se ever eat was drawn. It was drawn fru de winder of a chicken-house in de dark of de moon."

A lawyer once said to a countryman in a smock-frock, who was undergoing his examination in the witness-box: "You in a smock-frock, how are you paid for lying?" "Less than you are, unfortunately," was the reply, "or you would be in a smock-frock, too."

The damage done by rats on the public slaughter houses of Paris represents an annual loss to the city of 50,000 franc. It is impossible to exterminate the destructive animals. All that can be done is to thin their ranks a little now and again by organizing monster battues.

Mr. Perry Pelmont, the son of August Belmont, represents a Long Island district in congress. His traits of character are mentioned as contrary to those usually looked for in a rich man's son. He is extremely modest and as studious as a bookworm. He has no liking for society, but is a good lawyer and a hard literary worker.

The last French census returns show an alarmingly small increase in the population since the previous census was taken in 1876. The total population, four departments (Algeria and the colonies) only not included is now set down at 35,497,589, among whom must be reckoned nearly a million foreigners. The increase since 1876 is only 389,073.

Jefferson Davis is said to have received $21,000 from the sale of his book about the confederacy.

Ah Sam, of St. Louis, having accumulated $2,000 in the washee-washee line, is about to return to China to marry his old sweetheart, who has been writing him letters in tea-chest characters, but who refused to marry him until he had made a fortune.

Eighteen years of incessant headache were endured by Andrew J. Miller, of Warren, Ky. Surgeons lately raised part of his skull, and thus relieved the pressure which had caused the trouble. He was warned to stay quietly indoors for a month, but he was too jubilant over his freedom from suffering to obey, and went on a spree, which caused his death.

Queen Caroline of Saxony, who is in delicate health and is going to try the climate of Mentone at the same time with Queen Victoria, is the last representative of the house of Wasa. This lady once came near being empress of France. Her hand had been asked in marriage for Napoleon III., and court intrigues alone prevented her from being advised to accept the offer.

Patti's latest musical protege is a village shoemaker, whom she found singing melodies among the mountains of Italy. She has enabled him to remove with his family to London and to pursue his studies. The great prima donna declares that his voice is so extraordinary that "even that of Mario would have seemed of small account by comparison."

A Walla Walla comedy had a feature in it that was not down on the bills. The man who sustained the principal part was a soldier, and left guard duty without permission to take his part in the play. At an interesting point in the proceedings the audience was electrified by seeing a squad of armed soldiers march upon the stage and arrest the funny man. He was immediately retired to the guard house.

Mr. Edward A. Freeman says that he has been too well treated in this country to say anything bad about it, and he adds: "There is little use in saying anything of the good. There is little difference, though, between England and America. One would see more of a change between England and Scotland. Your country here is a great one."—Speaking of the "English renaissance" and of Mr. Wilde to a reporter of *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, Mr. Freeman said: "I never heard of Oscar Wilde until I reached Boston. He may be a great swell in England, but I never heard of him there."

A piteous reminiscence of Mr. Longfellow is related by Mr. G. W. Childs, who several years ago entertained the poet at a dinner in Rome. He was walking to the dining-room with Mr. Childs, and on their way through the corridor of the hotel they passed a series of lighted wax candles placed in candelabra surrounded by flowers. Mr. Longfellow immediately shaded his face with his hand and begged his companion to hasten his footsteps. It was through the flame of a lighted candle, when in the act of melting some sealing wax, that Mrs. Longfellow was burnt to death.

Fifty years ago physicians in New Bedford, Mass., were paid a fee of 6¼ cents per visit. A few years later the price rose to 25 cents a visit, including free medicine. In 1830 an advance was made to 50 cents, which brought forth an outburst of indignation from the people, and the medical fraternity were obliged to explain that if they received pay from all of their patients they might be able to gain a livelihood, and something besides, from their old prices. By the time people became reconciled to this advance another was made to $1, and then again to $2, and in some cases more. This is the history of the profession in nearly all of the Massachusetts cities and towns, and is said to account for the favor with which patent medicines are regarded there, people preferring to doctor themselves rather than to submit to what they term ruinous charges.

A. T. Stewart's Factories.

The late A. T. Stewart acquired a great deal of factory property, says a New York letter. It was his mania to do everything himself. He began as a retailer, but soon became an importer. Then his ambition extended to the manufacturing business. He did not like to take anything at second hands, or, in other words, he could not bear the thought that any one should make anything out of him. He wanted all the profit himself. Hence, had his life been spared, he would not only have manufactured goods, but have gone to raising wool, and also silk, and, perhaps, cotton. There was, indeed, no end to his greed but death, and the latter not only broke up his rapacious plans, but left a huge burden on his successors. They found a half dozen factories, each needing management, and as they did not possess Stewart's genius, each became an elephant. After going through the lesson of loss, they stopped the factories and determined to sell them. This, however, was very difficult. Stewart had become a manufacturer during the inflation, paying high prices for the property, and his successors objected to the inevitable loss. After six years of delay, however, they have resolved to rid themselves of so annoying an incumbrance. Hence the Holyoke factories have been closed out, and others will soon follow. They are situated in different places, and when the change of ownership takes place they will be reopened and made profitable. The Stewart estate gives signs of general decay. The vast wholesale warehouse has stood empty for nearly five years at an annual loss of interest, insurance and taxes of $100,000. The retail trade, as well as the wholesale, has declined, and the prospects indicate that this is only the beginning of the disruption of an immense estate which has been of no public benefit.

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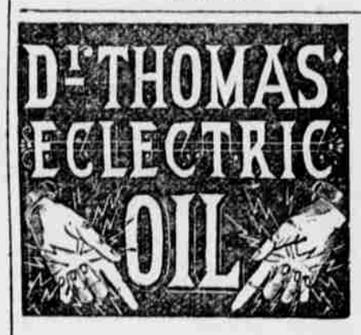

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