### WONDERFUL OLD FOLKS MENTIONED LAST YEAR

Thirty-five Hundred Persons in the United States Who Passed the Hundred Year Limit in 1907-Average Expectancy of Life Increasing Everywhere.

near or past the century mark promise never to marry another." figured in the history of last year. We often hear that this is the young man's age, and this is largely also an age of old people. Much as old fellows go to the rear and take a comfortable seat on Easy street, the Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. fact remains that at no time in the history of man has the influence and the activity of the veterans been more dent of Princeton College from 1823 potent in the affairs of the world.

There are about 3500 persons over 100 years of age in the United States, of during the year was Mrs. John The average expectancy of life is in- Rockwell, of Chicago, a member of creasing all over the world. It is es- the family of Eugene S. Pike. She timated that the prolongation of life will reach the century mark if she lives has gained twenty-five per cent, in the last fifty years. The list of centenarians is growing longer with each succeeding year. It is a curious fact, too, that for every man who has reached tablished-1803, the age of 109 there are two women. Statistics of most countries confirm

It used to be said that forty was "the erkes, in a recent London interview, aid that a man was not really ripe for

ew exceptions merely an apprentice fore that age. Henry Clews lately d he knew many men who had y were sixty. Everybody knows at Michael Angelo, Titian, Voltaire, ranklin, Newton, Lord Broughem. Palmerston, Kent. Goethe, Gladstone, marck and others performed great

igs even after they were eighty .v.rs old. In fact, there are theorists to day who assert that the man who diesat 100 dies a century too young.

WOULD PROLONG LIFE.

How to extend the span of life indenitely is the problem to which many seem to set themselves nowadays. Seientists and doctors promise almost unlimited age to coming generations, Professor Jacques Loob and others are working on experiments which have for their objects the production of life. without a father-pathenogenesis-and the arrest of death in germs. Pasteur Institute experimenters are trying to prolong human existence indefinitely by checking the advance of death on the threshhold, in the cells themselves, thus arresting senile decrepitude by the use of a specific scrum for the blood, instead of attempting to combat external disease.

But let us turn to some of the interesting old people of last year. The oldest practicing physician in the United States, and probably the oldest in the world, is Dr. J. P. Wood, of Coffeyville, Kan., who celebrated his 100th birthday early in 1902. He was born in Dublia on January 4, 1802, and began practicing at the age of twenty-

"But," he always adds, in telling about it, "I have done mighty little practicing on myself."

He served as a surgeon in General Dr. Wood attributes his long life and always lived plainly and temperately, indulging in no excesses and shunning liquor and tobacco as he would a deadly poison. As a student in Transylvania Medical College he joined a coterie of classimites who had pledged almost to the end. themselves to this manner of living, All but one of the parties to this compact lived to be over seventy-five, five nonagenarian, while Dr. Wood, the sole survivor, is now in his 101st year.

A REMARKABLE MAN.

John Barlow, a remarkable old man of Montgomery County, New York, who passed his 107th birthday last spring, tells us that he has drank whisky and chewed and smoked tobacco nearly all his life. The was still hale and hearty at last accounts, and, moreover, was said to be courting a well-known widow aged ninety-seven, with good prespects of making her hi fifth wife. This wonderfully preserved old man has gover required the services of a physician, a dentist or an oculist. He has lived much in the open air as a farmer, and has always preferred walking to riding in his local

Keeping the temperance question in view, however, as a sine qua non to long life, Francis M. Anthony, a centenarian living near Bloomington, Ill., who celebrated the 102d anniversary of his birth last May, counters upon Mr. Barlow in fine style. At this celebration Mr. Anthony told his friends, with no little pride, that in all the years which had been adotted to him he had never tasted alcohol or tobacco. He put stress on this as an indispensable condition to health, happiness and a serene old age. He is a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, and came to this corpory in 1820, settling with his parents in upper New York. In 1873 he removed with his family to Illinois.

MANY OLD WOMEN.

'At various times during the year attention was drawn to remarkable old ladies, the more notable of whom form exceptionally interesting links with the past. In 1794 Mrs. Pannie Epstein was born in the Russian city of Kovno. This aged woman, who has celebrated their marriage January 29, 1902. They her 108th birthday, is still living in Chicago, making her home with a daughter eighty-eight years old. Her mother, born at the close of the seventeenth lows, aged ninety-four and ninety century, fixed to the age of 103.

& Miss Margaret Carpenter, 108 years old, was still living in Philadelphia in February. She was cheerful and spry, notwitistanding a sad love romance which east a shadow over her life.

"Yes, I have lived a long while," she said, when asked for her reminiscences "I suppose it is because I have always worked hard and eaten good, plain food. My home here is as good as any I could have on this earth, but I want

T is noteworthy how many persons I many years ago, after receiving my

Mrs. Jane M. Boyd, of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, celebrated her 100th birthday recently. Two of her true in the business world, but it is grandchildren are missionaries in Egypt. Her great-grandparents were the youngsters would like to have the Scotch-trish, who came to America in the seventeenth century and settled in John Carnahan was her father, and her uncle, James Carnahan, was Presito 1858.

Among the wenderful old ladies told until next April. This woman was in her 30s when Chleago was yet in its swaddling clockes, having been born in the year that Fort Dearborn was es-

NEVER TOLD A LIE.

At the town of Leyden, N. Y., livesor did live in the spring of 1902 a gemarkable centenarian of the name of old age of youth" and that fifty was James Stewart, who address evidence the youth of old age." Charles T. to show that he has passed the 101th milestone on life's journey. A peculiar distinction attaches to Stewart dusiness until he was fifty, being with despite his extreme age. Tie avows that in all his long life he has never told a lie, notwithstanding the dictum of writers and philosophers that all nieved their greatest success after men are liars. From his earliest youth until he was ainety be was a free user of alcoholic beverages, and the tebacco habit had him tightly in its grip. At ninety, however, he "swore off," Since then his motto has been: "Shun liquor and tobacco as you would the devil "

It is well known that many negroes reach an extreme old age, but in most cases convincing proof to verify their claims is lacking, "Uncle Elijah" Biedsee is either a liar or a miracle, for he put forth claims last year that he was bern in 1771, thus being 131 years old. He is a Southern "darky," who still en-Joys life, and while he may not be the oldest man in this country, as he asserts, no one doubts that he is a centenarian.

John Carey, a colored man who died in Washington, D. C., some years ago, had written evidence to show that he was 114 years of age. He had papers to show that he was an officer's servant with Braddock's army when it was repulsed near Physburg, twenty years before the Revolution, "Uncle Ben" Brown, of Richview, III., at the age of 106 is growing an entirely new crop of wool on the top of his head after being as bald as a billiard ball for forty years. Last July, Ferry Chesney, a colored man in Tennessee, died at the alleged age of 126. As a slave he had belonged to Jonathan Jackson, at Clarksville, Va., on the Roznoke River, and when twelve years old he saw George Washington, "Grandmother" Stewart, an inmate of the Home for Aged Colored People, in Chicago, died at the alleged age of 128.

HAD LIVET 117 YEARS.

Unquestionably one of the mest reaway during the last year was Senora sustained vigor to the fact that he has | Catalina Flores, who died at Pasadena, Cal., at the age of 117. This wonderful woman had lived in parts of three centuries-most of the time under the shadow of San Cabried Mission-and was in possession of all her faculties On a lonely island, opposite La

Crosse, in the Mississippi River, Nuc-Se-Ga, mother of Chief Red Snake, the lived to be over eighty, one became a ramous Winnelergo warrior, died at the age of 128. She was said to be the oldest Indian in Wisconsin. Daniel Smith, the oldest man in Michigan, died at Orrville, Saginaw County, aged-111. He never touched liquor, neither did he smoke, but he chewed toineco. Hiram Cronk, a nensioner of the War of 1812, died at Dunbrook, Oneida County, N. Y., aged 103. He was the mations for a stake, to be won by some last of the soldiers of that war on the pension rolls.

> The oldest member of the Polish colony in Chicago, Mrs. Eva Wilenska, died in July at the age of 102. Another remarkable contenurian was Mrs. Kate Zielenski, who died at Coldwater, Mich., in April, aged 112. At Montreal, in November, Mane, Elizabeth O'Reilly, who had lived in three centuries and under five sovereigns of Great Britain, died after reaching the 107th milestone in life's pilgrimage. Mrs. Anna Douglas died in Frankfert, Ind., after passing her 101st year. Her youngest child was seventy-five years old. Mrs. Mahala Waters, said to be the last of the twenty-five girls selected by the Mayor of Washington to assist in receiving General Lafayette, in 1825, when he was the Nation's guest, died at the Capital, in October, aged ninety. Mary Jane Edwards, the oldest resident of

ber 27, after being on earth 105 years. wife, who passed the century mark Harrington, Kan., last March, They were married seventy-seven years ago, and it was claimed that they were the oriest married couple in the United States. Their record seems to be

eclipsed by that of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Orlik, 596 Hott avenue, Chicago, both being centenarians, who celebrate ed the seventy-ninth anniversary of are undoubtedly the oldest married couple in this cognity. Mr and Mrs. John lams, of Washington County, three respectively, are able to look back on seventy-six years of wedded

Captain Jerome Osier, 101 Evergreen avenue, Chicago, who commanded the first vessel that ever entered Chicago harbor-in 1832-is still living at the ripe old age of 102. He seems to be evergreen both in spirit and longevicy -Chicago Record-Herald.

The ignorant peasants of Central to go to a better home, and doubtless Russia believe that rain is the perspitz-I will pretty soon. I want to meet my tion of the sky caused by its being so sweetheart, James, who died many, near the hot sun.

BIRDS WITH ODD WAYS.

Burrowing Owls, Ostriches and Mound

Of course all birds live in more or less close relation to the earth, but some are peculiarly associated with it, or depend upon it more especially for certain requirements. Not the least interesting of these are the barrowing owls. These, unlike their tree or tower haunting relatives, make their home underground digging their tunnels together, and laying their eggs at the farther end. Here in the darkness the little owlers are hatched, and here drey are fed on fat grasshoppers and mice until they are able to climb up and look upon the world for themselves. It is curious that these owls, which of all their family would seem to have the best practice in their youth for learning to use their eyes in the dark, are not nocturnal, but dig their burrows, eatch their food and do their courting in broad daylight.

Ostriches may be mentioned as types of birds which have found it so good for them to spend their life in running that they are without the power of flight, and are never able to rise above the ground-"winged creatures" of the earth, not the "air"

The bird which is pre-eminently of he earth earthy lives in the far antipodes-Australia and the Philippine Islands. It is the megapode, or mound builder, and has the curious habit of burying its eggs in the ground or in a mound of leaves and dirt, leaving Furniture painted white adds to specific them-reptile-like-to hatch from the ably to the cheerfulness and prottiness heat generated in the pile of decaying vegetation. It is thought that the parents never see their offspring, which are fully fea hered when they begve the egg and a'de to dimont and the atones. This unusual development at birth is made possible by the great amount of neurishing yolk in the eggs, which are very large in proportion to the size of the bird. Think of a memher of this class of birds, tande to spend its life pavely in the nir, hatching in a tightly packed, damp mound of earth six fee, below the surface! We cannot consure the parents for shirkhus the responsibilities of incubation when we think of the enormous amount of work necessary to collect such masses of rubbish, which measure sometimes 50 feet in circumference and fourteen feet in height. Of course, this is not collected in one year, but it is a arent undertaking for birds no larger than our common grouse. Thus we see man cannot take the credit of having first used an artificial incubator to batch the eggs of birds, C. William Beebe, Curator of Ornithology, New York Zuclossical Society.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

The measure of man's life is the well spending of it and not the length,-

Plutarch. It is sin when low things, however good in themselves, stand in the way an's Home Companion. of high things.-Rufus Ellis.

A people who are governed by laws made neither by themselves nor by any authority derived from them are

slaves.--James Madison. Trials teach us what we are; they alg up the soil, and let us see what we

To live in a great idea means to freat vecta. - Govillo

we can transform them. They are the elements out of which we must build the temples wherein we serve.—Brooke

The bill of rights which the Declaration of Independence promulgates is of rights that are older than human institutions, and spring from the eternal justice that is anterior to the State. -ticorge Hancroft

In all Nature's vocabulary there is no such word as stagnation. There is progression and there is reprogression, and each is a movement. She knows

Commerce is not a gambling among dency accessarily to impoverish one of the parties to it, while it enriches the other; all parties gain, all parties make profits, all parties grow rich, by the operation of just and liberal commerce. -Daniel Webster.

Music Louder Than Noise.

It is a curious fact that musical greater distance than those which are nore loud and noisy, says Tit-Bits. If we go on the outside of a town during fair crowded with roundabouts, shooting galleries, swings and all tha sort of thing, at the distance of a mile we hear the musical instruments, but the din of the multitude, which is so overpowering in the place, can searcely be heard, the noise dying on the spot.

To those who are conversant with the power of musical instruments the Macoupin County, Illinois, died Decem- following observations will be understood: The violins made at Cremona Alexander Gunn, aged 114, and his about the year 1600 are superior in tone to any of a later date, age seemfour years ago, were still living at ing to dispossess them of their noisy qualities and leaving nothing but the pure tage. If a modern violin is played by the side of one of those instruments it will appear much the louder of the two, but on receding a hundred paces when compared with the Cremena It will scarcely be heard.

Getting On. A young man, nineteen years of age, having finished his studies at the publie school, found a position in a tailoring store of a certain city. His advarcement was rapid. At the end of ee first week he was told his services were no longer needed. At the end If the third day he had become so familiar with his duties that he addressed his employer as John, and called the head cutter "Hank."

No one in the store could imagine what the second week would have brought forth, and not disposed to take iny chances, his employer discharged him. Yet we continually hear young men bewailing their fate, and saying, "There is no longer a chance for young man,"-The Goldsmith and

## Household

Effective Table Covers. Table covers made of coarse sering are worked in particularly heavy patterns to give weight and good effect. The edges in some cases are cut in large leaf design and embroidered sol-

A Silver Illni.

Idly in spaded wools or silks.

An old housekeeper declares that bleached cloth retains traces of the sulphur used to whiten it, and says that it consequently discolors silver. She advises the use of unbleached cloth for bars in which to keep the

#### A White Kitchen.

White things in a kitchen are not only aesthetic, but stand the wear and tear as well as rusty or dark objects, besides being a constant stimulus to neatness and a pleasure to both mistress and maid. A white pantry, white china closer, white refrigerator and white sink are all more sightly then their dull, neatral colored and dowdy counterparts. Two coats of common white paint covered by one of bathroom enamel will make a permanent surface that can be cleaned with a damp cloth and is shining and bard, of a kicelisti. As many women must spend some little part of each day in the liftchen, and most women spend a good deal of their than there, this is surely worth while. And there is always the unid to be considered.—New York Tribune.

Timely Suggestions.

When making preserves or jolly, put two or three sliver coins in the kertle, and it will not scorely or lawn. When putting newny stiver or sand kniver and feeks, wait till they are cold, or they will rust and tarnish. Do not wash lamp-chimneys, as it makes the glass britile, but hold over a straining teaskeate a moment, then polish with a clean, dry cloth. When canning froit, fill the can first with cold water, entity, then fill with the bolling fruit. Be careful to hold the can so that the hos fruit will strike the side of the can first, and there will be no danger of breakage. When you wish to save ment or first confied for a week or more, boil and one the surve as fruit, first removing all banes. When wanted for use, try this method: Line the sides of a bakimedish with rich bisenit-crust, heat the meat, season with butter, salt and tepper, thicken the gravy with a little flour, fill the dish two-thirds full, put the top cruss on, and bake half an hour in a hot even, Do not let it brown too much.-Wom-

Mending Small Breaks.

A small jar, filled with plaster of Paris, is one of the necessities in the storeroom of the careful housewife, Its uses can scar by be enumerated. When one of those inevitable breaks in the wall occurs, a few teaspoonfuls are neede of: they just turn up some of of plaster of Parls mixed with cold the ill weeds onto the surface.-Spur- water and applied quickly with a pulette knife will mend it beautifully. After it dries this patch may be covthe impossible as though it were postered with a bit of wall paper nearly sible. It is just the same with a strong pasted on, or by a touch of oil or watercharacter; and when an idea and char- color paint from an artist's box, mixed accer meet, things arise which all the to match exactly the flut of the wall, world with wonder for thousands of Nothing proves so encellent a mending statuary as a tablespoonful of plaster for which our work is to be done, but of Paris blended with disselved gum tragacanth. Use it when the mixture is about the thickness of cream. Have the edges of the chian clean and dry, then cover with the cement and press tightly together; wipe off the particles of paste that show, and tie. Leave for three or four days to become perfeetly hard. When mouseholes appear in the pantry or kitchen, fill them full of shavings of strong laundry soap, then till up the hole with a passe made from plaster of Paris. For mending lamps which grow shaky in their sockets, for fastening in the chain that is so no other road, and on either of these washstand, for repairing loosened files two paths all creation moves.-W. D. in the fireplace or foor, for filling tiny breaks in picture frames or moldings -indeed, for a hundred other small household purposes, plaster of Paris and lost by others. It has not the ten- is almost as indispersable as the family giue pot.-Collier's Weekly.

#### . . RECIPES . .

Apricot Pudding-Wash half a pound of apricots, add quarter pound of hominy, soak over night; in the morning cook in the double bailer four hours stirring often; at the end of the second sounds fly farther and are heard at a hour add one cupful of sugar; turn into small moulds and serve cold with cream; the apricots and hominy are to be cooked in one quart of water.

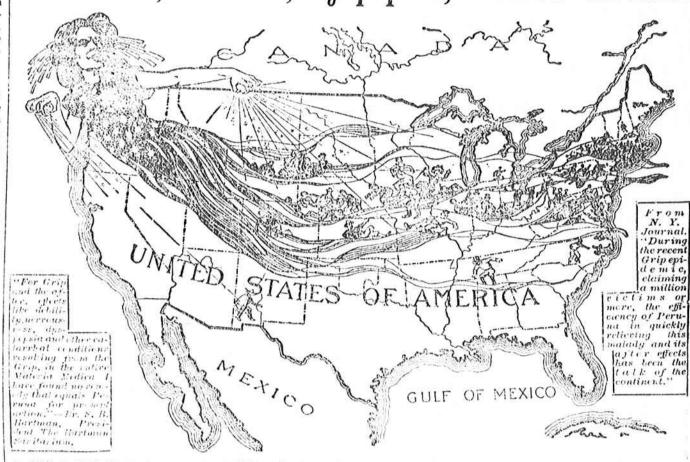
Wonders-Beat one egg; add a pinch of salt and enough fiour to make a stiff dough; roll out on a floured board until as thin as a wafer; cut with a large, round cutter; drop into smoking hot fat; when a delicate brown remove with a skimmer; drain on paper and dust with powdered sugar; serve with syrup or any delicate pudding

Salmen Sonp-Put one quart of milk over the fire; drain off the oil from a can of salmon, remove skin and bones, rub through a sieve; melt two tablespoonfals of butter, add two tablespeenfuls of flour, stir until smooth, then stir this into the scalding milk and stir until thickened; add salt and peoper to season and the salmon; serve very hot.

Hot Slaw-Cut the cabbage as for cold slaw, put it into boiling salted water and cook until tender; drain thoroughly and pour over it a sauce made with two level tablespoonfuls of butter, balf a teaspoon of salt, and a' little white and cayenne pepper and half a cup of vinegar; put the cabbage in the pan end let stand on the back of the range for ten minutes.

Breaded Lamb Chops-Have lamb chops cut half an inch thick; broil them over a clear fire five minutes; take them from the broiler, brush with melted butter, sprinkle with salt and pepper; let stand five minutes, then dip in beaten egg, then in bread crumbs; put a little butter in a frying pan; when hot, lay in the chops and brown quickly; arrange in a hot platter and serve with tomato sauce.

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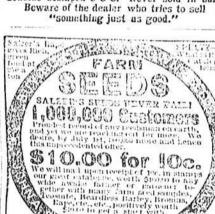
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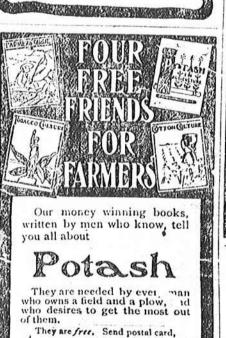
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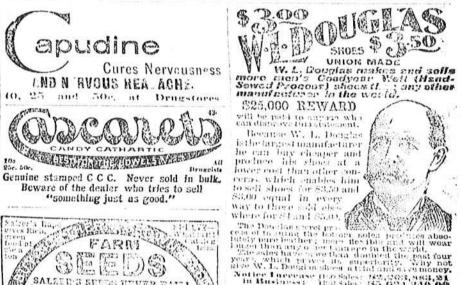
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