

A CEREAL LUNCH.

THE DOMESTIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Have a Feast, at Which Banquo's Ghost Appears and is Mistaken for the Rambler, Though Postum Cereal Was the Only Potation.

Club's Bright Prospects.

(Communicated.)

The Domestic Science Department of the Woman's Club gave a Cereal Lunch in their club room Wednesday. Much curiosity was manifested on the expectant faces of the invited guests, offers of medical attention having been made by the UNINVITED should indigestion or any serious results follow participation in the feast. The most doubtful were convinced that a lunch could be prepared out of cereals alone, that was appetizing and nutritious after partaking of the following menu:

- Barley Soup.
- Rye, and Whole Wheat Bread.
- Sandwiches.
- Rice, a la Fromage.
- Hominy Croquettes and Beaten Biscuit.
- Apple Cream Sauce on Shredded Wheat Biscuit.
- Egg Salad on Shredded Wheat Biscuit.
- Rice Rock Cream.
- Oat Meal with Dates.
- Postum Cereal Coffee.

We could but wonder at the number of courses and the delicacy of these preparations, when we were informed that the members of the Department had made with their own hands each dish served, proving the ladies have not only studied the value of cereals, but had learned to cook them. In the midst of the interesting conversation on the possibilities of the Club, the surety of the establishment of a free Kindergarten, because our citizens whenever aroused are generous and public spirited; the good work the Chautauqua circle was doing, the interchanging of receipts of the various dishes, and last, but not least, who is the Rambler? (could his identity become established he would have been the guest of honor,) a knock was heard at the door: fourteen voices responded "Come in." He came, took in the situation, made remarks which we will not repeat, departed, refusing to accept the cordial invitation to lunch, though we could see a look of real hunger on his face as he gazed on the elaborately spread table, made beautiful with snowy linen and hot house flowers, as only woman's hands could make it. Was the Rambler rambling around, trying to overhear the conversation of unsuspecting Club women—whose only fault is that they want to make men's surroundings more beautiful and help him answer in the affirmative the momentous question, "Is life worth living," that was sprung upon the world by some poor man whose only thought, aim and object in life was self? We hope he was the Rambler, if so, he will forever hereafter be the friend and champion of the Woman's Club and begin to hear things with his other ear, for was it not a man who wrote:

"We may live without poetry, music and art,
 We may live without conscience,
 And live without heart,
 We may live without friends,
 We may live without books,
 But civilized man cannot live without cooks.
 He may live without books—
 What is knowledge but grieving?
 He may live without hope—
 What is hope but deceiving?
 He may live without love—
 What is passion but pining?
 But where is the man that can live without dining?"

—H.

A BEAUTIFUL POEM.

Charlotte Observer.

The poem by Mr. John R. Morris, in to-day's Observer, "Lady Fair", is worthy of a place in The Century Magazine, The picture of the rare old lady, growing ever younger in spite of the flight into the past of life's annual mile posts, is vivid. Some of us have known just such sweet and lovely characters. If it was the author's intention to intensify in the reader's mind the concept of the high bred quality of "Lady Fair" by putting lilies in her hands, after her death, to droop and sleep "on rare old lace," he has admirably succeeded. The poem is a gem and Mr. Morris has written nothing finer.

LADY FAIR

"Laugh 'way these years! Let's laugh my soul!"
 Years, fifty—more!—seemed not to change.

My Lady Fair, nor disarrange
 The splendid beauty of the hair,
 Splendid o'er head of Lady Fair,
 Save that last years, in gentle flight,
 Threw back some snow whose pretty white

Fell on the hair
 Of Lady Fair.

Yet, while 'twas falling on the hair,
 Splendid o'er head of Lady Fair,
 She laughed out, sweet; she ne'er shed
 tears:

On wings of laughter sped her years;
 "Laugh 'way these years! Let's laugh
 my soul!"

You're growing young; I'm growing
 old."

Said Lady Fair
 With snow on hair.

While laughing sweet, one rosy day,
 She laughed her last old year away;
 And, caught 'tween hands, white, folded,
 there,
 Some lilies laughed, sweet o'er the air,
 Until they drooped and slept, at rest,
 On rare old lace o'er sleeping breast,
 Of Lady Fair

With snow on hair.

JOHN R. MORRIS.

MORTGAGE OF \$5,000,000.

It Required \$2,500 in War Stamps to File It.

Raleigh Post

Possibly the largest mortgage ever given in North Carolina was recorded with the register of deeds of Wake county yesterday.

It was the trust deed authorized by the stockholders of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad Wednesday last in favor of the Continental Trust Company of Baltimore, to secure an issue of \$5,000,000 first consolidated mortgage bonds. It required \$2,500 in war stamps to legally put the mortgage on record. Fifty \$50 stamps and two 10 cent stamps were used. The amount paid to the county for recording the mortgage was only \$27, a mere bagatelle when compared with the tariff paid the government. The railroad paid the county \$23.50 for registration of the document and \$3.50 for proba-tion and seal certificates.

The mortgage is printed neatly and bound in book form with paper backs. It comprises sixty-two pages, printed only on one side. The instrument is in the nature of a deed of trust to secure an issue of \$5,000,000 first consolidated mortgage and collateral trust fifty-year five per cent gold bonds, dated January 1, 1900, due January 1, 1950.

The instrument is signed on the part of the Continental Trust Company by S. Davies Warfield, president, and by F. C. Dreyer, treasurer, and for the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad by President John Skelton Williams, J. H. Sharp and Director W. S. Blakford. The witnesses to the big mortgage are ex-Judge E. D. Cross of Baltimore and Capt. W. H. Day, of Raleigh. Mr. Cameron MacRae made affidavit to the signatures.

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PLAN NOW IN SHAPE.

Tobacco Growers Formally Accept Jordan's Proposition They are in For Business.

Raleigh Post.

Pursuant to adjournment the Tobacco Growers' Association of North Carolina met again yesterday morning at 9 o'clock.

President J. Bryan Grimes called the meeting to order, and Mr. T. B. Parker, the secretary was at his post.

About sixty delegates were in their seats, the others leaving for their homes on early trains. The association took up first the plan of Mr. J. F. Jordan as reported favorably upon by the committee. The report of the committee, which embodied Mr. Jordan's proposition, was unanimously accepted.

Mr. Jordan's plan, briefly stated, is this:

This perfects an organization of the tobacco raisers of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, East Tennessee, with president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and twenty-five directors a majority of whom shall be farmers. The capital stock shall be divided in shares of the value of \$10 each, eighty per cent to be taken by capitalists and twenty per cent by the farmers, also that the latter who had not the cash to take shares, could pay for their interest with tobacco.

The stockholders must enter an ironclad agreement not to sell their tobacco to anyone but this company, the latter agreeing to pay not less than 15 per cent more than the average prices paid for five years past. The stockholders also agree that in the event of a desire to sell their stock, it must first be offered to the association before being placed on the market.

The plan further stipulates: The tobacco of every grower shall be averaged and graded on the warehouse floors by two leaf dealers selected by my people and two growers selected by this organization. These shall form a committee to grade the tobacco and price it, and the same price shall be paid to each seller.

Do this for a year and then store the tobacco, after curing and the usual method, away.

We may have to keep it a year, or two years, or three years. The trust has enough tobacco to last them a year, but the stock will run out, and we will have all the tobacco. They will be bound to buy it of us, at our price, or else go out of business.

By this method it is proposed that the farmers shall not only obtain reasonable prices for their tobacco, but also share in the profits of the association, which proposes, it necessary, to equip and run factories.

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