

YEGGMEN SERVE "SOUP."

Its Queer Recipe Is in Possession of the Secret Service.

Here is a recipe for soup served only after nightfall, preferably in the early morning hours.

"First take about ten or a dozen impwri hz xug, crumble it up fine and put it in a pan or washbowl, then pour over it enough uswhohs (either chhx or laky) to cover it well. Stir it up with your hands, being careful to break all the lumps; leave it set a few minutes; then get a few yards of cheesecloth and tear it in pieces and strain the mixture through the cloth into another vessel, wring the sawdust dry and throw it away. The remains will be the lhal ugx uswhohs mixed. Next take the same amount of water as you used of uswhohs and pour it in; leave the whole set for a few minutes."

This is the "soup" employed by yeggmens, and a single portion of it is guaranteed to open the door of the stoutest safe, provided an aperture can be made sufficiently large to pour in the stuff. The names of the ingredients are written in a crude sort of cipher commonly used for preserving such secrets. This and dozens more of the same transparency of meaning are in the possession of the United States secret service men, the police, detective agencies and others who deal with the cooks of such dishes. By a substitution of letter for letter—the first six for the last six of the alphabet, the second six for the third six, with G and N taken out of turn and made interchangeable—the cipher is easily read. "Impwri hz xug," translated, is "sticks of dynamite." "Uswhohs, either chhx or laky"—alcohol, either wood or pure—may be used.

The directions for serving this soup require considerable attention and the best of trained service. After the "gay cat," or advance agent of the find, has learned all that can be found out about the bank, store or post-office, its lighting, protection and the means of escape by freight train, vehicle or on foot, his companion or companions come on, avoiding notice as far as possible. "Stickups," or look-outs, guard the place while the "inside men" break into the safe. Sealing the cracks about the safe or vault door with soap, the yeggmens pour in the soup through a small hole left open at the top. The liquid flows down by locks, hinges and bolts and is set off by fuse or detonator. Blankets and covers of any kind are used to muffle the sound of the explosion and the fall of the door. Perhaps the "stickups" are forced to create a diversion outside and to frighten the citizens or mislead them while the "inside men" pick out the valuable papers escape. Who pays the check for the soup then depends upon the ingenuity of detectives.—New York Post.

EYE STRAIN.

It Has Many Symptoms and May Affect the Whole System.

Chief among the symptoms of eye strain are watering of the eye, a gling together of the eyelids or awakening in the morning, headache, the position and character of which vary with each individual. It may be neuralgic or it may be deeply seated, as was the case with Wagner, the musician, who was complaining constantly of "the nerves of his eyes."

The headache is often replaced by an inflammation of the eyelids, especially in young and healthy persons, who also have a little conjunctivitis, with a feeling of tension or fullness in the eyes which may become real pain of a dull aching character, the eyeballs being very tender on pressure.

Sometimes there are vertigo and sickness, with dyspepsia, palpitation and even difficulty in breathing. Sleeplessness is a very frequent symptom, due in part to the excessive flow of blood to the brain and in part to the low tone of the whole nervous system.

The symptoms of eye strain appear sooner in those who lead a confined and sedentary life, who follow occupations which need a constant use of the eyes in bad or unsuitable light and in those who are debilitated from any cause. The symptoms appear later in those of coarser fiber, who pass much of their time in the open air or who follow occupations which do not need a prolonged use of the eyes for close work.—London Lancet.

Odd Bargain of Dumas.

The library of Carpentras possesses among its treasures a curious collection of autographs. One is the signature of Alexandre Dumas pere to an old bargain which he proposed and which was accepted. This strange contract was that the author should present to the library of Cavallion copies of all his works, those already published and others which he might write in return for a supply of melons to be sent to him as long as he lived.—Westminster Gazette.

The Sperm Whale's Oil Tank.

Professor R. C. Andrews believes that the oil tank in the head of the sperm whale is a provision of nature to save the monster from starvation when food is scarce. He says that his experiments show that the oil from the tank is absorbed by the whale's body at times when adequate food is unobtainable.—London Telegraph.

Anecdotes.

What is an anecdote? An anecdote is a story of extremely uncertain age that is founded on fiction and embellished by fancy. After lying dormant for years it is dug up and credited to an entirely innocent and unsuspecting United States senator.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

MYSTERIOUS MEKLAN.

A Desolate Land, Desiccated by Nature and Shunned by Man.

"A mysterious veil has always hung over the land of Mekran," says the London Times. "Mekran is the name given to the long coastal region stretching almost from the Indus to the entrance to the Persian gulf. Sailors have coasted along its white shores from time immemorial, but few in modern days have ever penetrated the ranges of hills which lie beyond. The greater part of Mekran is desolate and forsaken, a land desiccated by nature and shunned by man. The few tribes which linger there are the jetsam of history, stray wreckage which has drifted into this obscure corner of the world in the backwash of great events. It is even believed that the Dravidians passed through Mekran on their way to southern India and left stragglers, whose descendants have dwelt there ever since. There are patches of Mongols from the days of Jenghiz Khan; colonels of half breed Arabs from the time when an Arab dynasty held Sind; unmistakable Rajputs, who were there before Alexander; African negroes, the offshoots of medieval slavery, and traces of still older peoples whose origins are lost in the mists of time."

"Yet Mekran cannot always have been either so dry or so deserted. Many of its hills are closely covered with little stone houses, mostly square at the base, narrowing upward like truncated pyramids, and with dome shaped interiors. They are tombs, and among the rubbish found within them are fragments of light green pottery of fine quality, which no one seems able to identify. Then there are vast masonry dams, obviously built to catch the water in the hills, just as engineers are making dams in the Indian ghats to-day.

"Sometimes the hills are terraced for cultivation, after the fashion of hills in southern Japan and elsewhere, only in Mekran the terraces are dry and bare, and not even a blade of grass remains. The crumbling ruins of whole cities, the very names of which are forgotten, lie concealed between the serrated ridges."

FEATHERED POLICE.

Birds Do a Wonderful Amount of Work For the Farmer.

Birds work more in conjunction with man to help him than does any other form of outdoor life, according to an article in Success Magazine. They police the earth and air, and without their services the farmer would be helpless. Larks, wrens and thrushes search the ground for grubs and insects. The food of the meadow lark consists of 75 per cent of injurious insects and 12 per cent of weed seed, showing it to be a bird of great economic value. Sparrows, finches and quill eat a large amount of weed seed. Practically all the food of the tree sparrow consists of seed. Examinations by Professor F. E. L. Beal of the biological survey of the department of agriculture show that a single tree sparrow will eat a quarter of an ounce of weed seed daily. In a state the size of Iowa tree sparrows alone will consume more than 800 tons of weed seed annually. This, with the work of other seed eating birds, saves the farmer an immense amount of work.

Nuthatches and chickadees scan every part of the trunks and limbs of trees for insect eggs. In a day's time a chickadee has been known to eat hundreds of insect eggs and worms that are very harmful to our trees and vegetables. Warblers and vireos hunt the leaves and buds for moths and millers. Flycatchers, swallows and night hawks are busy day and night catching flies that bother man and beast. Hawks and owls are working silently in daylight and darkness to catch moles, mice, gophers and squirrels.

Insulted.

A traveler relates a story illustrative of life in Spain. Alighting at the door of an inn, a man extended his hand, and, naturally supposing him to be a porter, the traveler offered him his valise.

The man stepped back, tossed his head and frowned scornfully.

"Do you take me for a porter?" he demanded. "I would have you understand that I am no porter."

"Indeed?" said the traveler apologetically. "Then may I ask, senor, what you are?"

"I am a beggar, sir, and asked you for alms!"

Making Sure.

An electric wire had fallen under its heavy weight of snow. The linemen found a crowd around the grounded copper and an inquisitive Irishman lifting one end from the ground.

"Man, alive, don't you know what a risk you're taking? That might be a live wire!" he ejaculated.

"Sure an' Oi thought of that meself, an' Oi flit of the wire good before Oi picked it up at all."—Everybody's.

Making Him Happy.

Marks— I know your wife didn't like it because you took me home unexpectedly to dinner last night. Parks— Nonsense! Why, you hadn't been gone two minutes before she remarked that she was glad it was no one else but you.—Boston Transcript.

A Gifted Barber.

"The barber told me a very interesting story as he shaved me."

"Indeed?"

"Yes, and also illustrated it with cuts."—Washington Herald.

The usual fortune of complaint is to excite contempt more than pity.—Johnson.

Ingleside Items.

Misses Maude Turner and Bettie Powell, of Norfolk, visited Miss Fannie Wilson the past week.

Mrs. Tryhathan and daughter, of Rocky Mount, visited Miss Burt Shearin the past week.

Jerry Powell and wife, of Norfolk, are visiting J. S. Wilson.

R. D. Pinnell and wife delightfully entertained a number of friends at their beautiful country home one night the past week in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Powell, of Norfolk.

Ernest Ward, wife and little child, of Rocky Mount, visited at J. R. Shearin's the past week.

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The many friends of Mrs. Martha Mosley, who has been sick for some time, will be glad to know that she was able to spend last Sunday with her son, A. M. Mosley.

Sale of Land.

Under and by virtue of an order of resale made by the Superior court of Franklin county, on August 10, 1911, in that special proceedings entitled R. T. Williams et al vs C. E. Gupton et al the undersigned commissioner will, on Monday, the 2nd day of October, 1911, it being the first Monday in October, at about the hour of noon, at the court house door, in Louisburg, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, that certain tract of land described and defined as follows: Adjoining the lands of Lawrence Gupton, Wesley Burnett, William Evans and others, lying on Mill stone creek, being part of the David Gupton land known as the school house tract, containing 20 acres more or less. This Sept. 1st 1911

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