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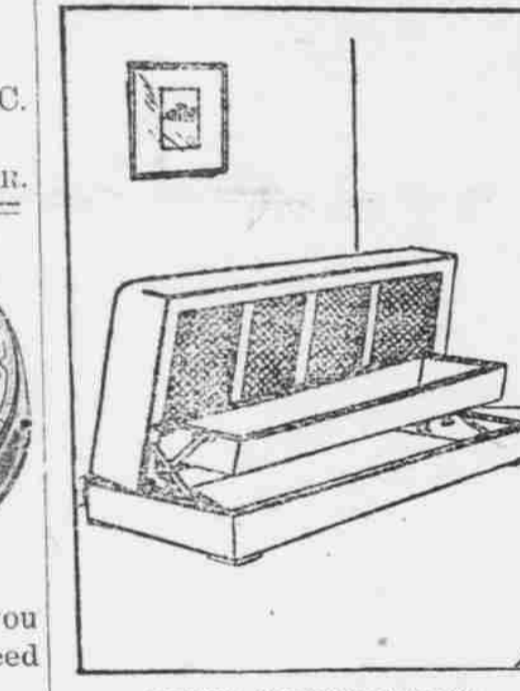
FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Baked Shad Roe. Procure a good sized-roe, rinse carefully in cold water, then drop it into boiling hot salted water. Do not have the water boiling at a gallop or it will disturb the arrangement of the roe. Let stand about ten minutes, keeping the water at the same temperature. Take about a half cup of cracker meal and add a rounding tablespoon of flour, a dash of either pepper or paprika and salt to season. Roll the shad roe in this and place in a sauceron or small dripping pan. Surround with one-half can of tomatoes in which have been mixed one onion and one green pepper minced fine. Season also with salt and paprika. Take slices of bacon one-eighth of an inch in thickness, cut them into strips of the same width with a pair of shears. Pretty well cover the top of the roe with these shavings of bacon. Place in a moderate oven until about warmed through, then increase the heat and finish in a hot oven. This will require about twenty minutes to half an hour. Baste frequently with the tomato sauce. It may be necessary to add a little hot water to the sauce, and when taken from the oven thicken, if necessary, with some of the cracker meal.

Polished Wood Floors. Under no circumstances must water be used on floors that are intended to be polished. Wipe the floor thoroughly with a dry cloth before applying the polish, removing any spots that may be thereon with benzine. A good preparation for waxing wood floors is made in the following way: Cut common white beeswax into thin flakes and pour turpentine over till well covered. Let it stand until the wax is quite soft, when it must be stirred into a smooth paste, adding sufficient turpentine to give it a creamy consistency. Apply the cream with a woolen cloth. Rub well into the wood with a coarse piece of flannel until the floor shines. This treatment need only be applied twice a year.

Improved Box Couch. Box couches have passed the experimental stage and are now becoming quite popular. One of the most recent designs is shown here, containing a novel improvement patented by a New York man. In this box couch the box used for holding the garments and other articles is attached to rods so arranged that the box is lifted up from the bottom of the couch when the top of the latter is raised. It thus becomes an easy matter for the person using the couch to readily reach the box to get at the contents. In addition, it becomes unnecessary to move the couch away from the wall in order to raise the top. The box couch is thus rendered more convenient and saves disagreeable stooping and bending.

Potato Salad With Smoked Herring. Cut in dice one pound of cold boiled potatoes. Chop very fine a teaspoonful of parsley, one of chives, one of onion. Mix all well together with two forks, adding pepper and salt. Fillet a smoked herring or a small cooked finnan haddock, carefully freeing it of bones, and cut it very small. Work it in with the salad. Take two tablespoonfuls of hot butter, add two of salad oil, one of vinegar, one of chopped beet root and pour all over the salad. In ten minutes it will be ready to serve.



LIFTING COUCH RAISES BOX.

Starch For Dark Material. Gelatin, such as is used in cooking, makes an excellent starch for black, navy blue or any dark wash goods and leaves them without streaks. Pour one quart of boiling water over one teaspoonful of gelatin which has been soaked in a little cold water. Strain and use lukewarm. The garments may be ironed wet or dried and sprinkled. Iron on the wrong side and use a dark ironing cover, as lint from white cloth will show.

Hint For Using Paraffin. When using paraffin for sealing all serious and often fatal accidents as well as the disagreeable smoke in the house can be avoided if the dish containing the paraffin is placed in a large vessel containing hot water. When the paraffin is melted remove from the stove, and the water will keep the wax hot until all sealing is done.

To Remove Cinder From Eye. If a cinder or atom of any kind gets in the eye, take a flaxseed and place it in the eye under the lower lid. Lie down if possible with the side of the head up which has the atom in the eye, and the flaxseed will work its way around the eye, bringing the cinder or atom out with it, coming out at the corner of the eye.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Monkey Faced Owls. On the banks of the Santa Ana river, in southern California, is a queer colony. It is situated among the cliffs which rise above the river, and in passing during the day one would not imagine the place was inhabited, for the members of the colony are fast asleep in the chambers of the cliffs. At dusk there is a change. At every one of the openings with which the rocks are perforated appears a face so humanlike in its expression that the beholder is apt to fancy he is seeing the pixies and elves of which he heard in childhood. The faces belong to a family having the name of Strix pratinea, or monkey faced owl. In the holes of the cliffs they pass their days and rear their young. At night they emerge in flocks and search the fields for mice and insects!

Game of Partners. In this game one player personates a lawyer. The rest choose partners and sit down in pairs in two rows, facing each other. The lawyer walks down the rows and asks a question of any one whom she pleases. This question must be addressed to one, but must invariably be answered by the partner, and if the principal speaks at all he is subject to a fine.

Why It Groaned. There is an old story, brief, but instructive with a dread warning, which it may not be out of place to recall for those who have never heard it: A boy had wandered into an orchard one windy day late in the spring. He stopped under a guarded old apple tree which, under the pressure of the strong blast, was swaying and creaking and moaning as if in greatest agony.

"What on earth are you making all that fuss about?" the boy asked, in some derision. "Your moaning and groaning are enough to make a black cat turn pale."

"O-o-o-oh," creaked the tree dimly, "I guess if you were as full of green apples as I am you'd moan and groan too."

Facts About Goldfish. The original color of the goldfish was not gold, as many people have supposed, but light green, with a tinge of bronze. Careful breeding of the fish as pets has gradually produced the strange gold shade which now makes the little creatures so attractive. It has been noted that goldfish have escaped from the public fountains of Washington into the Potomac river. The offspring of these runaway pets, raised in the new and more natural conditions afforded by the broad stream, have gradually regained their original light greenish garb. It is said.—Chicago News.

Just For Fun. Why is the shoemaker's the best trade going? Because his work is sold before it is finished. Why should a bootmaker always be happy? Because if he loses his "all" he can buy "awl" again without much trouble. Why does a conductor punch a hole in your car ticket? To let you pass through.

Scotland's Thistle. This is the story of how the thistle came to be the badge of Scotland. When the Danes invaded the country a night surprise was attempted. In order to move completely hide their advance the Danish soldiers walked barefoot. For awhile all went well till one of the Danes happened to tread on a thistle. The pain made him cry out, and his cry disclosed the fact of the intended assault. The Scots at once took to their arms and routed the invaders. The thistle thereafter became the national emblem.

Justice Is Blind. A game played by any number of persons, one of whom representing Justice, is blindfolded. Justice is given a seat in the middle of the room, and a second player leads up the others, one by one, and asks Justice's opinion of each. Whenever the opinion is correct, as decided by a majority of the company, Justice changes places with the person judged.

They Like the Water. The Japanese bathe oftener than any other race in the world, and it is rare to find a boy or girl of six who cannot swim. In some of the villages there is an ordinance to fine the father if his children are not good swimmers at the age of eight. From the time a baby is a year old it is carried to the public baths.

Little Bobby Bucket. Little Bobby Bucket Didn't like his school; Thought his teacher horrid; Didn't like the rule. Never knew his lessons; Only liked to play; Such a foolish Bobby, Naughty all the day. Got so many whippings, Didn't care a bit; Treated and plagued his teachers; Wouldn't ever quit.

Some time he'll be sorry, Naughty, naughty boy! How he'll wish he'd studied, For wisdom leads to joy.

The Taking of Lorena

By ANNE HEILMAN.

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Although it was the third week in April, there were sudden and chill whiffs of wind from the north, accompanied by flying particles of ice and snow, grim warning that winter had not yet renounced its sway in the northland. Floyd Jordan, striding down the steep mountain trail, halted irresolutely near the abrupt turning at Farrell's bluff. He appeared to be meditating deeply. Suddenly he threw up his head, squared his shoulders and hurried on, not in the direction of the boarding house in the gulch, but toward Farrell's cabin.

Farrell's cabin was two log houses joined together and chinked with mud. There were other cabins of the same simple architecture scattered over the mountain side and nestled in the gulches, but white curtains hung at the Farrell windows, and the windward side of the living room was hung with gay Navajo blankets; the brown fur of a mountain bear was on the floor, and its mate was spread luxuriously beneath the red pillows of a couch. And, set like a torii in the south window, a geranium, ported in a brilliant Indian basket, lifted its scarlet blooms.

But Jordan felt without seeing this harmony. He was looking into the face of the girl who had opened the door. It was a face of light and shade that spoke the swift thought before the voice found words, a face to hold a man's glance in a crowd. She resembled her seat by the fire without returning to Jordan's genial greeting.

He seemed to fill the room. Six feet two and broad shouldered, he looked even larger in the clumsy canvas coat, corduroys and high leaced boots of the



LORENA SCREAMED AND CLOSED HER EYES. TWO SHOTS ROARED OUT.

prospector. He whipped his hat against his knee, evidently disconcerted by the girl's hostile attitude. "That you, Floyd Jordan?" inquired a voice from the inner room. "Yes, Mrs. Farrell. How're you feeling?" "Somewhat better, I'm glad to say. Sit down and warm yourself, Floyd. It isn't to be wondered at that people have rheumatics in a land where there's ten months winter."

Lorena closed the door. "Floyd Jordan, what are you coming here again for?" she burst out suddenly. "Wouldn't be very neighborly not to drop in with your mother sick and your dad away, would it?" "Didn't I tell you that I never would speak to you again and that I never wanted to see you?" she said fiercely, taking a few steps toward him. Even in that moment, with her eyes blazing with unjust and unreasonable anger, the miner's heart throbed acknowledgment of the fall, plant, redlike grace before him.

"Yes, Lorena, but I have just a little hope that you don't always mean what you say." "Don't you think I mean it when I tell you I've heard how you bragged to the boys at the store that you could take me whenever you got good and ready?" "I never said anything of the kind. Some one has garbled my words to suit his own purpose. I've been about you—I've loved you from the first time I ever set eyes on you, and I've never said a disrespectful word about you. I've been thinking of building a cabin on my claim, if you'll have me, Lorena. If you won't I'll sell out and go back to the States."

"You can't go any too quick to suit me," answered the girl, her voice tense with scorn. "And you can tell those loafers at the store that I'm not to be had so easily. I'd rather die than marry you, Floyd Jordan."

"I reckon that settles it," said Jordan, rising and buttoning his coat. "Please tell your mother goodbye for me." And he was gone. "Lorena Farrell, what have you done?" demanded her mother, flumping into the room. "You ought to know that Floyd couldn't have said anything like that about you. Depend on it, those Blake girls made it all up. You've driven him away for good this

time. He'll keep his word. He always does. He will go back to the States, mark my word!"

Lorena stealthily opened the door and looked after her lover's retreating figure. He had almost reached the bluff. Something stirred in her throat. The long stretch of trail that ran away through the dreary landscape seemed like her life, and Floyd was going out of it. Her heart yearned for him. What would her life be without him?

"Lorena, where are you?" called Mrs. Farrell, emerging again from the bedroom. The girl was not in the room. The mother opened the door and looked out. A wall of whirling white met her vision.

"She has gone after him and is caught in the storm!" gasped the mother. A knock sounded on the door. Floyd entered, noisily stamping the snow from his feet. "Thought I'd come back and have another talk with Lorena," he began.

"Oh, Floyd, she's gone after you!" cried the distracted woman, wringing her hands. "She got sorry right after you left!"

"I'll find her," said Floyd quickly; "don't worry." And he dashed back into the storm.

When Lorena softly closed the kitchen door she could just see Floyd rounding the bluff. "Floyd, oh, Floyd, come back!" she called, all her reserve gone, her fierce pride thrown to the stormy winds that blew the fringe of her shawl into her eyes.

Realizing that he could not bear her, she started after him, but by the time she had covered half the distance a sea of white swept in between and blotted him from her view. She hurried on, calling his name repeatedly, but the furious wind tore at her breath and walled her about with fleecy clouds. Suddenly she felt that she was off the trail.

She turned to the right and then to the left, but could not find it. Desperately she struggled on, until her tired limbs compelled a pause in the shelter of a bluff. She leaned panting against a rock, all unconscious of a pair of eyes which glared from a willow thicket near by.

The green lights in the eyes flared brighter, a long red tongue licked long, snarling jaws hungrily, and forth from the covert stole a lank gray wolf. Lorena uttered a startled cry. This was no coyote to be chased with a stick. It was a wolf of timber stock, a great beast, strong as a mastiff! He emitted low snarls as he slunk in half circles across in front. He was undecided.

While he circled, drawing a little nearer at every turn, Lorena fell back—back toward the bluff, keeping her white face always toward the creeping beast. She took off her heavy shawl and suddenly threw it blanketwise over the wolf's head. Then she fled desperately.

Once clear of the scrub, she ran on, plunging through drifts, stumbling, falling to rise again and push her flight. Of direction she could take no heed. All she could do was to place distance between herself and the faunished brute. But when, weary and breathless, she paused for rest out of the drab drift stole the lank gray shadow.

With a terrified shriek Lorena ran on until she had to stop, spent, unable to take another step. She saw the wolf, licking his hungry jaws, leaping toward her with no decision left. Lorena screamed and closed her eyes. Two shots roared out. Looking up, she saw Floyd Jordan, with smoking revolver in his hand, standing over the prostrate beast.

"Floyd, oh, Floyd!" she sobbed as he came to her with eyes tender and anxious. He picked her up from the snow, wrapped her in his coat and held her against his breast. The storm was lifting. Farrell's cabin could be discerned not a quarter of a mile distant.

"I'm dead sure now I'll build that cabin on my claim," Floyd said as they started homeward.

An Illusion Shattered. The son and heir is seven years old—old enough to spell out, with helps over the hard words, "Alice in Wonderland" and to enjoy it hugely, especially the memorable duet between the mock turtle and the griffin. Recently as a great treat he was permitted to accompany his pretty young aunt to luncheon at one of New York's famous restaurants and as a crowning joy invited to select his own delicacies. Long and earnestly he pondered over the bill of fare; then his eyes grew big and his face illumined as he laboriously read the list of soups.

"Yes, thank you; I've decided what I want," he said, with nervous gaiety. Then, with an impressive knitting of his brows, he addressed the attentive waiter, "I'll have one very, very small mock turtle, but don't make it into soup; just bring it along alive and kicking."—Woman's Home Companion.

FACTS IN FEW LINES

There are forty-five medical societies in New York city. The annual mineral yield of the British empire exceeds \$1,000,000,000 in value.

There are said to be in Shanghai more insurance companies than in London. A horse always rises from a lying position on to its forelegs first and a cow on to its hind legs.

It is likely that the height of the new buildings in Messina will be limited to about thirty-three feet. There are at present in India 321 medical missionaries, of whom 121 are men, and 136 missionary nurses.

As a health restorative a French medical expert recommends a ten or fifteen day diet of fruit alone twice a year. In Tokyo a person may ride in an automobile, with chauffeur and porter, eleven hours for \$12, half a day for \$6.50 or one hour for \$1.50.

American gramophone companies in China have had to replace the black trumpet with trumpets made of bright colors to attract the Celestial eye. A government prospector who was searching for coal in the south of India discovered a valuable deposit of tantalite, the first found in that country.

No longer is the Bank of England the greatest institution of its kind. In volume of business transacted at least it is surpassed by the National City Bank of New York. There is a growing desire on the part of the young of both sexes in China to choose their own mates. Fathers and mothers are therefore called upon by the Chinese to uphold the old rules.

By a cabinet ordinance recently issued in Tokyo the somewhat onerous restrictions on the use of western ink in Japanese official documents has been removed after the long period of thirty-two years. The Chinese are showing unusual zeal in acquiring a working knowledge of English, which is gradually becoming the international language of commerce in the empire, and especially in the coast towns.

In the telephone hunt for fishing in Norway a microphone in a water tight steel box is lowered into the sea and transmits to the telephone receiver in the boat a whistling sound if herring are about and a kind of grunting if cod are near. The town of Webster has more dogs in proportion to the population than any other town in Maine. There are between 1,100 and 1,200 inhabitants, and 170 licensed dogs are recorded. There are also dogs on which no tax has been paid.

Jose Gaudaloupe Aleitid of Jalostitlan, state of Jalisco, Mexico, is said to be the oldest man in the world. The record of his birth as contained in the archives of the parish church shows that he was born in 1770, which makes him 139 years old. He is in good physical condition. It is reported that immigration from China proper into Manchuria is taking place in considerable numbers, that the immigrants are industrious, that they are better agriculturists than the Japanese and are willing to work for smaller wages. The Germans in Kwangtung are very active in commercial pursuits.

A woman who resides at Old Orchard, Me., went to Haverhill, Mass., last fall, taking her cat with her. After being there awhile she found that the cat was missing. The same woman returned home some time ago and found that pussy was at home too. The cat had traveled nearly 100 miles unchaperoned.

The buffalo, whose hide was once an important article of commerce, has disappeared before the advance of civilization. The beaver can apparently only be saved from a similar fate by extraordinary measures of protection; so, too, the fur seal of the islands and waters of the Pacific. Sea otter and silver fox have been rare for many years. Deposits of pitchblende have been discovered in the old Cornish tin mines, while a new and quicker way has been found to extract radium from the pitchblende. The yield of radium from 200 tons of pitchblende is only a grain or so. If the pulverized ore can be made available by science in curing disease the saving will be enormous.

Mme. Buriant, the widow of an Egyptologist, offered to the museum at Brussels two scrolls with inscription, which the lady claimed related to a voyage on the coast of Africa referred to by Herodotus. The curator purchased the scrolls for \$2,000, but found them to be forgeries. M. Capart, the curator, sued the widow for the return of the purchase price, and the courts have decided in his favor.

Sunday funerals in Chicago have been placed under the ban of the Carriage and Cab Drivers' union. The Jesus consider themselves entitled to a day of rest, so that they may attend church with their families. The drivers have adopted resolutions condemning Sunday funerals and asking the assistance of ministers and others interested in Sunday observance in an agitation to abolish the custom.

Mme. Edna Bertonele, a seamstress in the Quartier Montmartre, Paris, is said by the Paris newspapers to be the youngest great-grandmother in the world. She was married at the age of fourteen, and her first child, a girl, married at the same early age. When Mme. Bertonele was thirty-one she was a grandmother. Her grandson married at seventeen a young woman a few days his junior. On her forty-eighth birthday Mme. Bertonele was a great-grandmother.

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