

How to Detect the Alum Baking Powder

"Which are the alum baking powders; how can I avoid them unless they are named?" asks a housekeeper.

Here is one way: take the can of a low-priced powder in your hand and read the ingredient clause upon the back label. The law requires that if the powder contains alum that fact must be there stated. If you find one of the ingredients named alum, or sulphate of aluminum, you have found an alum baking powder.

There is another and a better way. You don't have to know the names of the alum powders. Use Royal Baking Powder only; that assures you a cream of tartar powder, and the purest and most healthful baking powder beyond question.

Fastidious.
"This towel is disgraceful," declared the drummer at the mining camp house.

"I saw," said the dilapidated colored man, "seventy-five men come wiped their heads on that towel this very mornin' an' you is de first one to complain."—*Ever News.*

Knowing Him.
—How is it that you never see Jones now? You used to be friendly with him at one time.
—Well, you see, it's like this. I knew him I didn't know him, that I do know him I don't know him.

Perfectly Tame.
A man has a wonderfully well-remembered memory.
He can make it remember any-thing he chooses.—*Washington Star.*

Fish and Tobacco.
A peculiar aroma is given to the tobacco in the Patana region, by the use as a fertilizer of a fish called hamsal.

Nothing on Him.
Teacher—The camel can go eight days without water. Freddy—So could I if ma would let me.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

Camels in Water.
The camel is about the only animal that cannot swim. It is an extraordinary fact that the moment the ungainly creature loses its footing in a stream it turns over and makes no effort to save itself from drowning.—*London Answers.*

Obeded Orders.
Wife—Didn't you hear me ask you for \$10? Husband—I did. Wife—Then why do you give me only \$5? Husband—Because you told me yesterday to believe only half what I hear.

Scared Him.
We are not surprised that a man gets nervous at his own wedding. It is probably the first time he ever saw all the bride's kin lined up.—*Chicago News.*

He Shone Once.
Thespi—When were you a leading man?
Foyer—When the company had to walk back from Chicago.—*Brooklyn Life.*

Pertinent Query.
Teacher (describing her encounter with a tramp)—And then—I fainted. Little Johnnie Jeffries—Wif yer left or wif yer right, ma'am?—*London Tatler.*



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Closed Door.
Hans von Buelow, the pianist, at one time posted on his door a notice that was quite in the London vein: "Before Noon, Not Receiving; Afternoon, Out."

Plenty of Room at the Top.
Knicker—There's plenty of room at the top. Bucker—Yes, but your pants lets you have only the bottom third of the drawer.—*New York Sun.*

A Little in one's own pocket is better than much in another man's purse.
Cervantes.

Spiteful.
Belle—I don't see why you call her spiteful. I thought she was paying you a compliment. Clara—Oh, you don't know her. Belle—Why, didn't she tell you you were looking quite yourself again? Clara—She said quite my "old self."—*London Tit-Bits.*

Behind the Procession.
Hopkins (to his wife)—You might tell Susan that this steak isn't done enough. Mrs. Hopkins—You are three girls behind. Charles; this one's name is Belinda!

Writing to Take a Trip.
"Look here," said the messenger's father, "how do you expect to do any studying if you're going to be out earning around every night until 11 to 12 o'clock?"
"I earned it I know, dad. I wish you'd put your mind to work on the matter and let me hear from you if you succeed in working anything out."—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

Greenwich Time Ball.
It is said that the time ball of the Greenwich observatory has never been wrong except one day in 1878 when it was a half second late.

Horses and Grass.
Grass is the natural food of the horse. On no other food will it keep so healthy, become so strong or live so long.

Facts For Millionaires.
A billion in Great Britain is a million of millions, 1,000,000,000,000. In France and the United States a billion is a thousand millions, 1,000,000,000.—*Boston Globe.*

We would rather hear a man with an impediment in his speech talk than one with an impediment in his thoughts.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

HOW TO GET COWS OF THE RIGHT KIND.
The right kind of cows cannot be found—and the needed number never has been—the dairyman has no other recourse than to raise them. How is he to make sure that the heifer calf he feeds and cares for for two years or more in order to get a good cow will really be that kind of a cow?

Perhaps he can't make absolutely sure of it; but he can come very near doing so. If he knows the cows he has—that is, if he has kept accurate record of their breeding, he can tell which cows are most likely to produce calves that will grow up into good milkers. If he selects the calves of such cows and feeds and cares for them properly, he is almost certain to raise cows of the right kind—if they have been sired by the right kind of a bull.

Right here is where many dairy-men fall in their efforts to raise cows of the right kind. They seem to think that the function of the bull is simply to sire the calf, and that almost any old bull will do for that. Such an idea is all wrong. In a majority of cases the bull has more to do with determining the milk-producing ability of the heifer than has the cow. If it is worth while to have calves from the best cows available, it is doubly so to have these calves sired by the best bull available. It is the bull that must pass on down the line the milking qualities fixed in his breed by all the years of careful selection and purposeful development. This he cannot do unless he is a purebred animal of good individuality and of good ancestry on both sides. He may not be a show animal, or have fancy points, but if he is not of true breed type, and if he has not back of him blood lines of real merit, he is not fit for any dairyman to use on any herd. Good cows are not always available, but good bulls can be had by any progressive dairyman. The bull of quality, in short, is to the herd of the future what the Babcock test is to the herd of today—the one of insuring it to consist only of cows of the right kind.—*The Progressive Farmer.*

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

To All Creditors of Washington Motor Car Company, and All Others Whom It May Concern:
You will take notice that the Washington Motor Car Company, a co-partnership heretofore existing between C. B. Bell and I. S. Fleming, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.
C. B. Bell becomes the sole owner of the business, and this is to give notice that the undersigned is not hereafter in any way connected with said Washington Motor Car Company, and will not in any way become responsible for any indebtedness contracted by said Washington Motor Car Company.
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I. S. FLEMING,
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Our Christmas Message

To The Grown-ups:

The Spirit of Christmas calls out "Give! Give!" It is easy for some—hard for others. The great happiness that follows the giving is the reward we enjoy.

To you and yours, we extend our best wishes for the fullest enjoyment of all the tenderness, happiness and sweetness that comes on Christmas Day.

To The Children:

Early Christmas morning, as soon as the gray light begins to steal into your room, we suggest that you go softly down stairs and see for yourself whether Santa Claus has been so kind and discerning as to give you a set of furs, if you are a girl,—or a suit of clothes, if you are a boy,—from Clark's.

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