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## PROGRESS IS MADE

An Exhaustive Statement Concerning Philippine Situation

## TROUBLE STILL IN SOME QUARTERS

An Outbreak of Ladroneism Recently. Sentiment for Immediate Independence—Troublesome Questions Yet to Be Solved.

San Francisco, Special.—In an interview with an Associated Press representative, Secretary of War W. H. Taft, who arrived on the Korea from the Philippines after describing various incidents of the trip to Japan, referred to the political situation in the Philippines, saying:

"The political situation in some respects was not as good as it ought to be. A wave of ladroneism has swept over the provinces of Cavite, and it has been found necessary to suspend the writ of habeas corpus in the province of Cavite and Batangas, the neighboring province. The same was true of Samar, but the use of troops on Samar and the use of the supreme court of the United States and constabulary in Cavite has put an end to this business; however, there were two or three men responsible for the keeping up of the ladroneism, who had not been captured. Complaints were made against the constabulary and while many of them were unfounded, it was probably true that a change in the constabulary ought to be effected, and it is now under consideration by the government. The distressing agricultural depression, due to the loss of 75 per cent. of the agricultural cattle, drought, blight and the cholera as well as other causes, will probably not cease to be for several years. This naturally subjects the government to criticism because this alien government is much more likely to be criticized for existing conditions, however, than a native government.

"Some of the younger men of education have been advocating immediate independence. It, therefore, became necessary to state with considerable emphasis the policy of the administration on this subject and to say that in the opinion of the administration there was no possible hope for independence short of a generation, because the people could not be fitted for self government at that time; indeed, it will probably take a much longer period.

"The party consisted, as is known, of Democrats as well as Republicans, senators and congressmen, and their interviews represent all sides of the Philippine question, but with a self-restraint and moderation which cannot be too highly commended, it was tacitly agreed between the members of the congressional party on both sides that it would be most unwise for them to discuss before the Philippines their differences of opinion, and therefore that any statement should be made by the representatives of the administration as to the policy of the administration. Hence the slight of which some of the irreconcilable Filipinos had hoped for, to wit: A constant combat between Republican and Democratic members, with the Filipino people as an audience, was not presented, and I cannot express too emphatically my appreciation of the patriotic stand which our Democratic brethren took in this matter in remitting a diffusion of differences of opinion to the proper representatives in congress.

"While the conditions in the Philippines are not as favorable as we would like to have them and probably will not be favorable until the depressing conditions shall be followed by a prosperous season, still progress is being made. The government is more efficient men are being eliminated and things are settling to business. Economy is being practiced more and more in the government. Filipinos are being introduced very much to the place of Americans and on the whole, in looking back over two years, decided steps forward have been taken.

"Of the questions which were open when we started on this trip and in the settlement of which it was hoped the trip might lead aid, one was the establishment of a special tribunal for the hearing of disputed questions in relation to possession of churches and cemeteries. I am glad to say that before we reached the islands a satisfactory law had been enacted, which, it is hoped, will rapidly dispose of these cases. The law refers the issues directly to the supreme court.

"There was also remaining unsettled a question about the title to one-half of the fair lands—those owned previously by the Dominican order. After a conference with the representatives of the vendors, a satisfactory compromise was effected by which good title to the lands will be immediately conveyed to the government and possession given, as far as that possession is in the vendors, and the difference in price, a matter of some \$200,000, will be left to adjustment by arbitration.

**Russo-Japanese Treaty.**  
St. Petersburg, By Cable.—The Russo-Japanese treaty will be signed during the first days of next week. Mr. Witte, who had a long interview and luncheon with Foreign Minister Lansdorf, will be received at Peterhof, and give the emperor a report on the conference, but the treaty itself will be taken to Peterhof by Count Lansdorf, whose counter signature will complete the execution of the instrument.

## WILL SOON LIFT THE QUARANTINE

Louisiana Parish Health Officers Showing Willingness to Clear President's Path—New Orleans Record 23 New Cases.

New Orleans, Special.—Report to P. M.:  
New cases, 23; total, 3,023.  
Deaths, 3; total, 291.  
New fever, 4.  
Cases under treatment, 227; discharging, 2,405.

The Sunday report would have been the lowest on record but for the report of a nest of infection in another convent and asylum, the attending physician reporting six cases among the girls in the Mount Carmel Institute, on Piety street. There have been several cases in the Mount Carmel Convent on St. Cloud street, and as these two institutions are closely allied, it is very likely the infection was transmitted from one to the other. Another case is reported from the French asylum, on St. Ann street, the patients former residence being far out on Genly road. Only four of the new cases were above Canal street. The Algiers side turned up two cases. Among the deaths is Sister Mary Edith of the Convent of Perpetual Adoration, on Marine street. She was only eighteen years of age and had only recently taken her vows. She was Miss Terrell Nigel.

Dr. Soudon's circular letter to the parish health officers suggesting that they fix on October 15 as the date for raising the parish quarantine against the city, has already produced results, the board of health of Lafayette writing that that town agreed. It is not at all unlikely that by the time the President arrives, the quarantines in Louisiana will be only an unpleasant memory.

**Mississippi Fever Summary.**  
Jackson, Miss., Special.—The Mississippi yellow fever summary is as follows:  
Vicksburg, five new cases; Natchez, five new cases, one new case; Seranton, eight new cases; Gulfport, one new case; one death; Mississippi City, six new cases; Hamburg, two new cases, one death; Rosetta, two new cases, three suspicious cases. Handouts, one new case.

No new infection at Port Gibson, Harrison, Rozie or Moss point. Supplies have been sent to the people of Hamburg, who are in destitute circumstances. The Marine Hospital service has sent Dr. Deshotel to the place to undertake the fumigation and detention camp work. Surgeon Washburn reports that he will place an officer in charge of the infection at Seranton.

**Alabama Bans All Mississippi.**  
Birmingham, Ala., Special.—State Health Officer, Dr. W. H. Sanders, after consultation with the local board of health announced that Alabama and quarantined against the entire State of Mississippi, effective at 3 o'clock. This action is supposed to be consequent upon the spread of yellow fever in numerous Mississippi towns, although an official explanation is withheld.

**Capt. Charles Price Dead.**  
Charlotte, Special.—Capt. Charles Price, division counsel for the Southern Railway, and one of the best known constitutional lawyers in the south, died early Thursday morning at his home in Salisbury of Bright's disease, aged 59. He was for one term speaker of the general assembly of the State, had held many positions of honor, and conducted some of the most notable railroad suits in the south.

**United States Court Suit.**  
Knoxville, Special.—Daisy Sherrin vs. the Southern Railway is the most recent damage suit against that corporation and is the outcome of the Southern Railway wreck at New Market in which sixty-four persons met death, and of which Sunday, September 24, was the first anniversary. The plaintiff sues for ten thousand dollars for alleged personal injuries sustained in the accident. Her home is in Mississippi. She is represented by Pickle, Turner & Kennerly, of this city. The suit was filed in the United States court.

**By Wire and Cable.**  
The end of the war in the Far East has caused a boom in the Clyde shipyards.

Alderman Walter Vaughan Morgan was elected Lord Mayor of London. The British mission sent to mark the Persian Afghanistan boundary was defeated by death. The south tube under the North River between New York and New Jersey was completed.

**"Prophet" Dowie Stricken.**  
Chicago, Special.—John Alexander Dowie, who claims to be the Reincarnation of the Prophet Elijah, and to have divine power to cure all diseases, has been stricken with paralysis. Dowie is on his way to Mexico, and the disease attacked him while on the train. In a letter to his followers at Zion City, Dowie announces that he has chosen his successor, but that the name will not be revealed until after his death.

**Private Car Line Inquiry.**  
Washington, Special.—Hearings in the private car line inquiry instituted by the interstate commerce commission will be held in this city on October 18, and probably will continue for more than a week. The cases are directed against the Central of Georgia, the Southern, Atlantic Coast Line, Pennsylvania and other railways.

## WILL FACE DANGER

President Roosevelt Not Fettered in View of Danger From Fever

## IS NOT AFRAID OF NEW ORLEANS

Official Announcement is Made That the Great City Will Be Made Final Stop on Southern Trip, President Taking a Cruiser For Return In Order Not to Violate Quarantines.

Washington, Special.—The very interesting information was obtained from Senators who called at the White House that the President has not changed his views with reference to railway rate legislation. They found, indeed, that it was the subject uppermost in his mind, and in the language of one of these Senators, "The President's backbone is just as stiff as ever was."

Senator Burdett, of Ohio; Senator Hemeway, of Indiana, and Senator Burkett, of Nebraska, were three Senators whom the President led into conversation about rates almost as soon as they entered his private office, although they had not called to talk about this question. There is no doubt that the President stands by the recommendation he made to the last Congress. It was also made clear that there would be no extra session of the Fifty-Ninth Congress next month.

Senator Burdett, in speaking of his visit to the White House, said: "I discussed rate legislation with the President and I found him as determined as ever. Although there will be no special session, the President will take up railroad matters as soon as Congress convenes, and will give a great deal of attention to it throughout the session."

**Change in Management.**  
An almost complete change in the management of the Union Cotton Mills, was effected at a meeting of the stockholders recently. At this meeting, four directors and the treasurer, T. C. Duncan, resigned and in the subsequent election the following well-known and substantial business men were elected directors: J. B. Morgan, Joseph H. Thompson, Edwin Warner and M. J. Smith.

**Secretary Shaw Speaks in Richmond.**  
Richmond, Va., Special.—Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, Monday night addressed a large Republican gathering at the Academy of Music.

Judge L. L. Lewis, Republican nominee for Governor, presided at the meeting. Mr. Shaw was preceded by Congressman Yost, who made a strong appeal for purity of elections and for the choice as governor of Judge Lewis. Mr. Shaw said in part:

"You must bear in mind there was never a tariff law enacted that was perfect. No two Congresses would ever enact the same bill. Every tariff law is an aggregation of compromise. All the Republicans have ever enacted for any tariff law is that its principle is perfect. The rate will be too high here and too low there, but protection will be found in its very feature.

**Auto Loan For Negroes.**  
Nashville, Tenn., Special.—The Union Transportation Company has been organized by the negroes of Nashville and will put in operation five automobiles for the purpose of transporting negro passengers to various parts of this city. Some of the leading negroes of Nashville are interested in the venture and claim to have ample capital. Ever since the "Jim Crow" street car law went into effect the colored population has been greatly dissatisfied and negro travel on the cars has greatly decreased.

**Natchez Has 11 New Cases.**  
Natchez, Miss., Special.—Monday's record shows eleven new cases and a rapid spread of yellow fever in the last 24 hours, as six new feet are listed on the local map. One case is in "Factory Row," which is in the first ward, thus infecting every one of the four wards in the city. As the houses in factory row are close together, it is feared the sickness will spread rapidly in that neighborhood.

**Accused Two Men.**  
Asheville, Special.—Sheriff Reed returned from Marshall where he went to assist in the hanging of Peter Smith there. Before being executed, Smith gave the Sheriff the names of two men whom the condemned man swore were responsible for the death of Smith's stepdaughter some years ago. The girl was murdered here. Her head was severed from her body. Smith was charged with the crime.

**But Few Cases of Smallpox.**  
Nashville, Special.—Reports from county health boards sent in response to the request of the state board of health, show that there have been fewer cases of small-pox in the state for past six months than for many years previous during the same period. It is also shown that the cases which have appeared were of the same mild type as those formerly appearing.

## TEXTILE NEWS OF INTEREST

Notes of Southern Cotton Mills and Other Manufacturing Enterprises.

## Big Cotton Mill Plant.

The purchasers of the Tennessee Manufacturing Co.'s big cotton mill plant will spend \$205,000 for new machinery with which to fit up Mill No. 2, which is to be run by W. R. Odell and associates. Not long since it was announced that Mr. Odell, of North Carolina, and a number of local capitalists had purchased the Tennessee Manufacturing Co.'s property in North Nashville for \$145,000. That these gentlemen are in earnest is shown by the fact that they have taken out their charter, that it has been registered at the office of the Secretary of State and the company is now in existence. The capital stock of the company is placed at \$200,000, and the new concern is to be known by the corporate name of the Warrento Cotton Mills. The purchasers will hardly get possession of the property, however, before July 1, 1906, owing to the fact that George Goodwin has a lease on it until that time. Mill No. 1 was sold to the Morgan Hamilton Co., to be used by them as a bag factory. The incorporators of the Warrento Cotton Mills will meet for organization on Sept. 28. The incorporators are J. B. Morgan, William Nelson, Joseph H. Thompson, Edwin Warner and M. J. Smith.

**The Carter Civil Suit.**  
Chicago, Special.—Cross examination of Capt. Oberlin M. Carter, charged with defrauding the government out of nearly \$300,000, was continued before Special Examiner Wyman. The inquiry into the defendant's stock and bond deals between 1893 and 1896 occupied the time at Friday's session. The financial transactions of the captain were taken up week by week and by day, covering a period of four years. Indications are that it will take three or four more weeks to conclude the questioning of the witness.

**Prince Charles Sighted.**  
Copenhagen, By Cable.—It is learned on high authority that should Norway offer of the throne of that country to a prince of the house of Bernadotte be definitely declined during the coming week, steps will be taken by the storting to invite Prince Charles of Denmark to become king of Norway. It is believed that not more than ten members of the storting are opposed to Prince Charles' candidature. King Christian and the British court favor it.

**Five Are Murdered.**  
Belna, Texas, Special.—Mrs. A. J. Condit and four children, a daughter of 13, and three boys from 6 to 10 years old, were murdered in cold blood at their home near here. The mother and daughter were assaulted and their bodies brutally disfigured. A baby about two years old was the only one left alive. All of them seemed to have been murdered with some blunt instrument, their heads were crushed and their throats cut with a knife or razor.

**Glass Worker's Suicide.**  
Tempe was made last night in the hotel Midville, N. J., Special.—Peter Smith, a well-known glass worker, committed suicide Monday morning by shooting himself through the heart with a rifle. The cause of the suicide, which he was given as the cause, his mother lost her reason on seeing the body of her son and it is feared that she will not recover. His sister is also prostrated and in a critical condition.

**Walked Out of Meeting.**  
Montgomery, Ala., Special.—At a special meeting of the city council Alderman Sullivan opposed the resolution to appropriate money for the entertainment of President Roosevelt when he comes to Montgomery, saying that he would oppose one dollar of the people's money going this way. Acting Mayor McIntyre, who is also a member of the council, walked out during the proceedings, leaving no quorum and the resolution was laid over.

**Death Warrant For Three.**  
Tallahassee, Fla., Special.—The death warrant for the execution of Isham Harris, one of three negroes convicted of the murder of Hon. N. W. Eppes, of Leon county was issued Saturday. The date of the hanging is set for November 3rd. An application to the board of pardons will be made shortly for a change in the sentence of Caldwell and Laskins, who were convicted with Harris.

**Steamer Destroyed by Fire.**  
Chefoo, By Cable.—The coasting steamer Hsisho, plying between Shanghai and Tientsin struck and was totally destroyed by a mine afloat Saturday morning. Fifteen persons on board the vessel were drowned among them being Engineer Manchau and Muir. The foreign passengers and a portion of the crew of the Hsisho were rescued by two passing steamers.

## AN INSANE MOTHER

Brained Her Seven Children and Then Burned Their Bodies

## MANIAC THEN TOOK HER OWN LIFE

Mrs. Clarence Markham of Cambridge Ill., Survives Long Enough to Make an Awful Confession.

Rock Island, Ill., Special.—Mrs. Clarence Markham of Cambridge, near here, in a fit of temporary insanity killed her seven children with an axe, after which she placed their bodies on a bed, saturated it with coal oil and set fire to it. She then hacked her throat with a knife and threw herself on the burning bed. Neighbors rescued her, but she was so badly brained that she died soon after she had made a confession. The oldest child was nine years of age, the youngest, a baby in arms.

Neighbors, attracted by the smoke of the burning building, rushed to the rescue and found Mrs. Markham covered with blood and badly burned. Barely able to tell her story, she at first declared the crime had been committed by a strange man, but later when the sheriff arrived she admitted that she had slain her children one by one and attempted to destroy their bodies and her own in the fire. Soon afterward she died. When the ruins of the home had cooled, a confirmation of her story was had in the finding of the charred corpses, each with its skull crushed.

The Markhams lived apart from neighbors, the husband being employed as a laborer on a nearby farm. He was compelled to be away from home during the day. Having noted his wife acting queerly for several weeks he had kept the children, the oldest of whom was but nine years of age, out of school to be with the mother. She was never known to exhibit violent tendencies previously.

## NORTH STATE CROPS

Weather Conditions Given Out by the Department Observer.

The North Carolina section of the climate and crop service of the Department of Agriculture issues the following official bulletin of weather and crop conditions for the past week:

The week has been characterized by warm days and cool nights, the temperature averaging about 4 per cent. above normal, and by the absence of rainfall, the only rain reported being a trace at Asheville. Light frost occurred in Tyrrell county during the morning of the 27th. The weather has been favorable for saving crops, but too dry for plowing and for small grains. All growing crops need rain, and pastures are falling.

The general condition of the cotton crop remains unchanged; it is opening fast and picking is progressing rapidly. The greater portion of the State is too dry for plowing and for sowing small grains; some wheat and oat have been sown in the central and western districts, but are needing rain badly. Apples are falling badly and will be a light crop.

**Two Insurance Companies.**  
High Point, Special.—Two insurance companies, capitalized at \$100,000 each are to be established in High Point. One will be organized to write fire insurance and the other life insurance. Both are promoted by Messrs. W. J. Armfield, Sr., and E. M. Armfield, his son, of this place. A large portion of the stock has been subscribed by High Point people. The remaining stock is being taken by people all over the State. Already \$100,000 has been required. The time should be moved for the resounding powers of the people to become normal again.

The judge said, in a case so important, he thought the defendants should have every opportunity to prepare a defense, and he would continue the case, as requested, as no harm could come of it. Counsel for both sides agreed that the judge set Monday of the second week of the January term for trial and the witnesses were discharged until then.

**Two Trolley Car Accidents.**  
Wilmington, Special.—Two men are at the Walker Memorial hospital each with a fractured leg, as the result of two accidents on the electric car lines. The first accident occurred at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the intersection of Front and Church streets. A car collided with a cart, demolishing it. The driver, R. K. Jones, a white man, was thrown out and his left leg was fractured near the hip. At 8:35, a special car was bound for the beach with a party of four. The second accident occurred, resulting in the fracture of the leg of Grover Reese, aged 23. When the car struck the switch at Ninth and Princess streets the second trolley split it. The rear end struck Reese, a conductor on the city line car, badly crushing the left leg.

**North State News.**  
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad was held in Newbern on Thursday.

It is said that the internal revenue officers recently indicted at the special term of the Federal court at Greensboro will demand a speedy trial. The insurance company is of Fayetteville. The capital is \$50,000 subscribed and \$50,000 authorized to do a life, health and accident insurance business on the stock plan, also cover a great number of incorporators and subscribers to stock, citizens of Fayetteville and Cumberland county, generally. Among them are A. H. Slocombe, J. A. Oates, D. T. Oates, W. T. Johnson and others. The Bank of Warren, Warrenton, N. C., is chartered with \$20,000 capital, authorized and \$15,000 subscribed to do a commercial and savings business.

The council of State will be called to meet Thursday and will see what can be done in regard to completing the Wilkesboro and Jefferson turnpike. The directors of the pensionary do not care to get in this matter except by advice and consent of the Governor and council of State.

Judge Justice has signed a mandamus compelling the order of an election on the liquor question in Raleigh.

**Cruelty at Convict Camp.**  
Wilmington, Special.—Preston Cumming of this city brings serious charges against the management of the convict camp at Castle Haynes, nine miles north of here. The latter part of August Cumming wrote to the State board of charities, making the specific charge of cruel treatment. He alleges that one prisoner died from injuries resulting from a whipping. The board took the matter up and addressed a letter to Chairman McEachern of the county commissioners.

## NORTH STATE NEWS

Many Newsy Items Gathered From all Sections.

## Charlotte's Cotton Market.

The cotton market, moderate demand:  
Low middling ... 9 11-16  
Strict low middling ... 10-10  
Middling ... 10-10-1/2  
Good middling ... 10-10-1/2

**General Cotton Market.**  
Houston, steady; middling ... 10 1/2-3  
Augusta, firm; middling ... 10 1/2-3  
Memphis, quiet; middling ... 10 1/2-3  
St. Louis, quiet; middling ... 10 1/2-3  
Louisville, firm; middling ... 10 1/2-3

## TRUE BILL FOR MURDER.

**Wake Grand Jury Indicts Asylum Attendants for Murder in the First Degree For Causing the Death of a Patient.**  
Raleigh, Special.—The grand jury returned a true bill for murder in the first degree against J. C. King, Jack Peel, L. R. High and W. P. Durham, attendants at the State Hospital here for killing George Hall, August 24th.

When the prisoners were arraigned Solicitor Jones said he would not prosecute for murder in the first degree, but would insist upon a verdict for murder in the second degree or manslaughter, or any other lesser offense. The judge ordered an entry made in the minutes to that effect.

Attorney Ayocek, for the defense, asked for a continuance to the January term on the ground that the defendant's counsel had not been informed what charge would be brought against his clients, and some material witnesses had not been subpoenaed. Attorney Womack, for the State, said that the State did not want to rush the defendants into a trial, but he did not see any legal grounds for a continuance.

Solicitor Jones said he had told the defendant's counsel that a bill for murder in the second degree would be sent and in his opinion they had had plenty of time to get witnesses.

Ex-Governor Ayocek, in behalf of the defendants, said the trial should be continued because time should be given for the strong feeling to die down; that the minds of the public were naturally wrought up when any suspicion of cruelty to the insane was aroused, and for the defendants to have a fair trial the time should be moved for the resounding powers of the people to become normal again.

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## HOUSEHOLD RECIPES

**Mayonnaise Dressing Without Oil.**  
Six eggs, well beaten; one cupful of un-melted butter, one cupful sweet cream, half a cupful each lemon juice and vinegar, two teaspoonsful dry mustard, half teaspoonful salt and a dash of pepper; beat smoothly in a double boiler. When the mixture begins to thicken, lift from the fire; when cool, place on ice until ready to serve.

**Tomatoes au Gratin—Cut into pieces a half dozen (not ripe) tomatoes. Line a pudding dish with cracker crumbs, cover with a thin sprinkling of the tomato, grate over it some American cheese, then put on a layer of cracker crumbs, dissolved in milk, and so on until the dish is filled, having the last layer of cheese and the one before it of the cracker crumbs.**

**Bohemian Cream—One quart of cream, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, one ounce of gelatin, dissolved in half the cream to a stiff froth. Boil the other half with the sugar. Remove from the fire, add the gelatin, and when cooled a little the beaten yolks of five eggs. Beat until it begins to stiffen, then beat in quickly the whipped cream. Pour into wet moulds and set on ice.**

**Huckleberry Jelly—Add four pints of water for every five pounds of berries, boil tightly covered until the berries are broken, drain over night in a thick jelly bag. Allow one pint of sugar to each pint of juice, put the sugar into the oven to heat and the juice on the fire to boil. Boil thirty minutes, add the heated sugar; it will not hurt the jelly if it is slightly browned, but it needs to be stirred occasionally while heating, and will hiss when falling into the liquid. Boil not longer than ten minutes, when it will be ready to fill the glasses. It is best to test it in a saucer or by dropping it from a spoon; as soon as it drops thick or congeals on the spoon it is done; any further boiling is to its detriment.**

**Cooking Without Fire.**  
In the cooking schools of Berlin, Munich, Frankfurt and other German cities the use of the "fireless stove" or "cooking box," is strongly recommended. The apparatus consists simply of a wooden box, thickly lined with hay or felt, and fitted with a tight cover. Nests are made in the lining into which pots containing food that has first been boiled for a few minutes over a fire are placed. Thingly covered, and the box is closed. The lining retains the heat for hours, and the food is slowly cooked, with better results, in many cases, than can be attained by rapid cooking on a stove. Of course, the apparatus does not answer for cooking steaks, chops, or cakes which require a quick, hot fire, but it is excellent for soups and vegetables.

## HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS

WASHING DISH TOWELS.

Soiled dish towels should not be dropped into hot soapsuds until they have been washed first in lukewarm water, says an authority. The hot suds sets the dirt.

**A TABLE CENTREPIECE.**  
For a beautiful flower centerpiece fill a glass bowl with carbonated water, and immediately arrange from an exterior with plenty of leaves. The flowers will soon be covered with sparkling dew, presenting the coolest appearance.

**TO DIP BROTH.**  
To dip broth or soup from the kettle when cooking, and the fat is on it, draw the kettle forward to the hot part of the range, making the soup boil carefully. This raises a large bubble in the middle of the pot, from which a cupful of soup at a time may be dipped out—the fat all goes to the sides of the pot.

**KEEPING SILVERWARE CLEAN.**  
In order to keep silver that is not in constant use in a good condition, fill a paper with alternate layers of flannel, sponges and other objects, and common flour that is perfectly dry. If the silver is bright and dry, lay it out away from the water, and once in a while without being cleaned for a year or two. After this time the flour needs drying again.

**PRESERVING CUT FLOWERS.**  
Several good suggestions for preserving cut flowers are contributed to Good Housekeeping. Heliotrope, which is so hard to keep fresh, should have the leaves stripped from the stalks as soon as it is cut. Greenery can be mixed with the flowers afterwards. Poppies, very fragile blossoms, should have the ends of the stems sealed with a lighted match or candle before being placed in water.

**CLEANING VARNISHED WOOD.**  
The white marks left on varnished wood after water has been spilled on it can be entirely taken out with alcohol. Few people know this, and it has often been a perplexity to housewives how to remove such troubles. Some of them go so far as to have the article revarnished. Rub the wood-work well with the alcohol, then let it dry before touching it again. The slight stickiness resulting will disappear in a few moments, especially if the sunshine can reach it.

**FRUIT AT BREAKFAST.**  
Serve fresh, ripe fruit for the first course at breakfast, as at other meals. As substitutes for cereals, apples, peaches to eat fruit before the cooked food. This may be an innovation in the country. The family are accustomed to sit down at table and eat heavily of fruit, meat, fried or boiled potatoes, and strong coffee, and then have little or no fresh berries, apples, peaches and other fruit in its season. The strong recuperative power of the fruit must largely be expended in digesting heavily, unsuitable food, whereas as much as possible should be in reserve for the day's labor.