

THE JOKE OF HIS LIFE.

Brought out by a circumstance at once interesting and extraordinary.

The quality of the imagination, which forms part of the outfit of the able newspaper correspondent, is sometimes utilized in the preparation of his expense accounts, when it is not easy to make both ends meet on the itemized document, which must pass the critical eye of the managing editor, says Collier's Weekly.

EARTHQUAKES AND CLOCKS.

In Japan much trouble is experienced in keeping the timepieces running accurately.

The most accurate timekeeper man has yet devised is a pendulum clock, although it must be well made. At all astronomical observatories where signals are given to railways and public institutions, and where records are kept of celestial observations, this type of instrument is trusted in preference to the chronometer, says the New York Tribune.

Wanted No Cheap Gamblers. It happened in a San Francisco opinion den, and may fairly be termed a contest of imagination. Three dope fiends who had attended the races at Oakland during the afternoon lay stretched out under the influence of the dreamy narcotic. Presently one of them exclaimed: "I bet you \$10,000 on the black horse." After awhile subject No 2 broke the silence with: "I bet you \$100,000 on Klitty G. cathee money." Then sport No. 3 was heard from. Rolling over, he remarked, disgustedly: "Flow dem pikers out."

Improved Steel Castings. For producing steel castings free from blow-holes, M. Meslan advises adding an alloy of aluminum and calcium to the molten metal. He has found that the combination of these two metals absorbs all gases present.

Endless Chain. Some men drink to drown their sorrow. Of course, drink brings more sorrow, but then there's more drink.—Chicago Daily News.

THE CAUSE OF COLDS.

Some Facts Which May Furnish a Surprise to Those Who Are Not Fused.

The invariable cause of colds comes from within, not without. No one takes cold when in a vigorous state of health, with pure blood coursing through the body, and there is no good reason why anyone in ordinary health should have a cold. It may come from insufficient exercise, breathing of foul air, want of wholesome food, excess of food, lack of bathing, etc., but always from some violation of the plain laws of health, says Science of Health.

ONE THING TO AVOID.

In Digging Up the Past the Great Man Would Forget Those Living.

"Yes," said the great man, "I am going to write a book of personal recollections. I think I am prominent enough to do that; don't you?" "Oh, yes, you're prominent enough, but I'd like to caution you about one thing."

Cutting flies with scissors, instead of chopping them in a tray in the old-fashioned way, is much easier. The sticky, tough nature of the flies makes chopping them a long and hard job. They can easily and quickly be cut into the finest pieces with a pair of scissors and a great saving made in time and strength. The white of an egg beaten to a stiff froth and mixed with the flies after they have been boiled into a thick, smooth paste, with the addition of a little sugar, makes a tasty and delicious filling for layer cake.—Orange Judd Farmer.

Veal Relish. Grase a breast tin, pour into it finely minced veal and cold boiled potatoes, allowing more than half meat, season with celery salt and pepper and one tablespoonful of melted butter; moisten with a little stock or gravy. Make it in the form of a loaf of bread and bake until crisp and brown; serve either hot or cold. If the former, garnish with broiled tomatoes, and if cold, with a border of sliced raw tomatoes.—Ladies' Home Journal.

THE TRIMMING OF HATS.

Bright Colors and Flowers Enter Very Largely Into the Season's Fancies.

There is an undeniable fancy this season for treating a felt hat precisely as though it were a hat of straw. A beautiful round soft rough felt, in a shade of ecru, with the shag at least half an inch long, was adorned with stiff quills.

CHESTNUTS IN COOKERY.

Deserving of a Place on the List of Breadstuffs—Italian Potato.

Of all the members of the nut family the chestnut is without doubt of the greatest importance as an article of food, due to the fact that along with much protein and a small amount of fat they contain a large proportion of carbohydrates. The large amount of starch found in the chestnut and the very small amount of fat or oil suggests placing them among the breadstuffs rather than in their rightful class, says the Washington Star.

Scalloped Turkey. Cover the bottom of a buttered pudding dish with a layer of cold roast turkey, finely minced. Season with salt and pepper; sprinkle lightly with cracker dust of fine bread crumbs, dot with butter; then spread with a layer of cream sauce. Continue with alternate layers until filled. For the top layer finish over the cream with bread crumbs mixed with the yolk of an egg and a little cream or rich milk. Cover closely and bake for 30 minutes. Make the cream sauce with equal parts of milk and butter, or use real cream.—Country Gentleman.

Celery and Apple Salad. Celery and tart apples, quartered, then cut in thin slices, with a few spoonfuls of game of any kind minced, or mere shavings of ham or tongue, will make an admirable salad.—Country Gentleman.

THE JEWS OF COCHIN.

Lead an Ennoble Existence as Compared with Their Corollary-ists in Europe.

From Trevandrum comes the latest census report—that of the State of Cochin. The chapter to which the reader naturally turns is that concerning the progress, or otherwise, of Judaism in the southern state, says the Bombay Gazette.

The Black Jews claim to have been the earliest settlers. The white Jews, however, deny them the honor, asserting that the black section are pure natives, converted to the Jewish faith.

RADIUM IN THE SUN.

Discovery of the Wonderful Metal Leads to a New and Startling Supposition.

"There is no doubt," says Mr. Walter Maunder, writing in Knowledge on the origin of the sun's heat, "that the discovery of radium compels us to abandon completely some of the conclusions, based upon present theories of the origin of the sun's heat. Mr. W. E. Wilson calculates that 36 grammes of radium per cubic metre of the sun's volume would supply the entire output of the sun's energy. He further suggests that at the temperature of the sun, radium may be much more energetic than on our terrestrial temperatures.

New Aid to Navigation. In the ship-warning system of Mr. C. E. Kelway, signals by Hertzian waves are sent out from the lighthouses at regular intervals, at the same times as the sound warnings. A vessel in range having a receiver notes the time that passes between receiving the wireless signal and the sound warning, and is thus enabled to calculate its distance from the lighthouse, and on repeating the observation after continuing a few miles, data is obtained for ascertaining the exact location of the lighthouse by trigonometry. A stop watch reading directly in distances and a special position finder have been devised for use with the system.

British Lighthouses. Lighthouses and lightships dot the coast of Britain at the rate of one to every 14 miles.

POOR PAY IN CONGRESS.

The Stipend is Wholly Inadequate to Meet Expenses of a Representative.

While there is no disposition to pass a bill raising the salaries of congressmen, it is growing more apparent each year that the existing stipend is wholly inadequate, and that few men without private fortunes will consent to remain in public life, says the Boston Transcript.

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AN ARCTIC CAMPER'S TALE.

Experiences in the Frozen North That Calls for Hardiness and Presence of Mind.

I awoke one morning almost suffocated, writes Andrew J. Stone, in his article in Scribner's on "Camp Life in Arctic America." The tent had blown down on top of us and the snow was drifting hard upon top of that and a storm was raging with a fury beyond description.

The only sign I could find of my sled dogs would be when I would stumble over a mound of snow and discover there was a dog inside of it. At such a time a practical knowledge of how to do things saves many a life.

The old great break in the monotony of the whole year about the Arctic coast is the coming of the birds in the spring—the nature of it is almost violent. The last of May they begin to arrive. The notes of the first few comers are musical, and boy one with a feeling of messages from home and friends.

Many interesting things may be learned of the birds, and annually visit the Arctic coast for the purpose of bringing up their families.

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