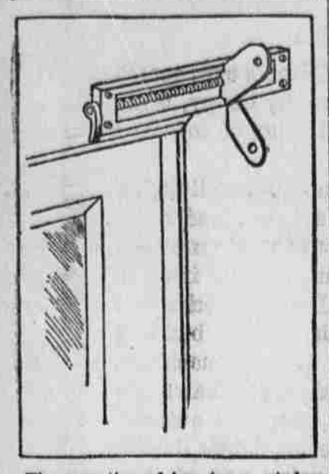
HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Shade Bracket That Makes Hanging Curtains Easy.



The operation of hanging a window shade is an easy one except for the fact that it requires some nice measuring to get the brackets at just the right distance so that the shade will run easily and yet not slip out of the slots designed to receive the ends of the roller.

The spring bracket shown herewith makes this careful measuring unnecessary, for a margin of several inches is allowed by the action of the spring. As a matter of fact it would be possible to hang a shade without the use of a rule, as one could gauge the distance with the unaided eye. This bracket has two other advantages—first, it is possible to put two shades in it where it is desired to have those of different colors; and second, it prevents the marring of the woodwork by repeated nailings of the brackets where they have been dislodged by hard usage.

Making Pork Sausages.

Pork sausage should be made only from clean, fresh pork. To each three pounds of lean pork add one pound of fat. As the pork usually used for sausage is the shoulder, neck and lean trimmings, the sausage is quite likely to be too fat unless part of the fat is removed and used for lard. Mix the fat and lean meat together in chopping. Where a rotary cutter is used it is best to cut the meat twice. After it is cut the first time spread it out thinly and season. One ounce of pure, fine salt, one-half ounce of ground black pepper and one-half ounce of pure leaf sage, rubbed fine, to each four pounds of meat, will suit the taste of most persons. The seasoning should be sprinkled thinly over the cut meat, and the meat again run through the cutter to mix the seasoning thoroughly.

Liver Pudding.

Take six hog livers, six melts, six hearts and all the scraps and bones out of the sausage meat; also one backbone and one head. Cut all in small pieces and break the bones. Put all together in a large kettle, cook and boil until the bones separate from the meat. Add salt, pepper and other seasoning to taste and stir constantly after the liver begins to crumble to prevent sticking. When it is all thoroughly cooked, take up in a large pan or tray to cool. Then with the hands mix thoroughly, taking out all the bones. Pack in jars while warm and cover with melted lard. If preferred it may be stuffed in cases.

Mutton Stew.

Wash and cut up two pounds of neck or shoulder pieces of mutton. Put meat and bones into kettle with two quarts of water and bring quickly to the boiling point. Remove to back of stove and cook slowly for one and a half to three hours or until the meat is tender. Add carrots, turnips, onion and potato cut into small pieces. Cook until all the vegetables are tender. Thicken the liquid with flour mixed with cold water (two tablespoonfuls of flour to each cup liquid). Season and serve.

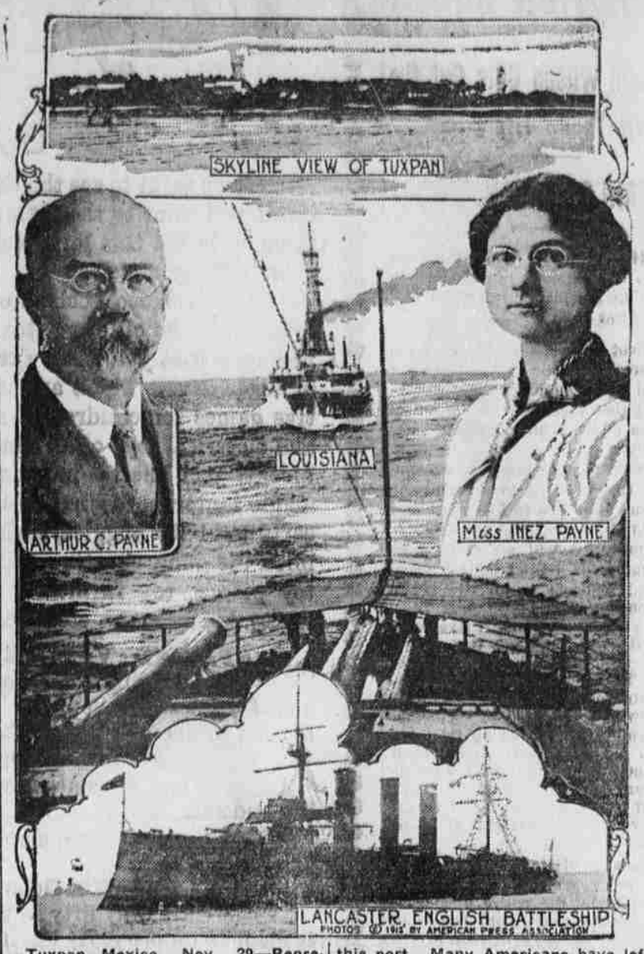
Mutton Broth.

Wipe the meat, remove the skin and fat and cut the meat into small pieces. Put into the kettle with bones and cover with water. Heat gradually to the boiling point and cook slowly until the meat is tender, strain and remove the fat. Reheat to boiling point, add the rice or barley and cook until the rice or barley is tender. If barley is used soak it over night in cold water.

Successful Disappearance.

One of the most successful disappearances on record was of William Howe. Howe was a successful tradesman in Jermyn street, and one morning in 1706 he left his wife, telling her that he had business in the city. He never came back, and after some years an act of parliament was specially passed to enable Mrs. Howe to administer her husband's estate. Then one evening in 1723 the "widow" received a letter requesting an interview. Mrs. Howe duly kept the appointment—and discovered her husband. He had been living in disguise in the same neighborhood all the time, he explained, and keeping a close eye upon the movements of his wife. It is said that the reunited couple lived happily ever afterward.—London Standard.

TROUBLE IN TUXPAN OIL FIELDS DRIVES AMERICANS AND OTHERS OUT; MISS PAYNE ON THE LOUISIANA



Tuxpan, Mexico, Nov. 29—Representatives of the English oil interests here have made frantic appeals to the United States government for protection against the rebels who now occupy the city. Arthur C. Payne, the United States consular agent, sent his daughter, Miss Inez Payne, to the battleship Louisiana, now lying off this port. Many Americans have left some going on the English ship Bloomfield. Others have taken the oil tank steamers. It is likely that one of the three English battleships ordered to the eastern coast of Mexico will be sent here, probably the Lancaster.

BAKU, THE BLACK CITY.

Chief Center of the Petroleum Industry in Russia.

Baku, on the Caspian sea, is the chief center of the petroleum industry in Russia. Baku, in surroundings destitute of vegetation, finds employment in the production of naphtha for 200,000 persons. This mixed population of Russians, Tartars and Persians is wholly dependent on the industry.

One of the most important groups of oil wells operated in the district constitutes what is known as the Black City. Here, encircled by bare hills, lie the naphtha beds, and rising from the slackened surface are a number of grim towers that indicate the position of the wells. The usual process of extraction is by a windlass that works a hollow spindle whereby the clammy mixture is drawn up. It is then conveyed to the refineries. To sink each well costs between $80,000 and $100,000, according to the nature of the soil and its depth. Fire, of course, is a big risk in the business.

Last year the daily output per well in Baku was sixty-four barrels of forty-two gallons each. This year the field has shrunk to fifty-eight barrels. During the first six months of the present year the quantity of naphtha produced in Baku amounted to 24,504,000 barrels against 25,788,000 in 1911. This shows a decrease of 4.98 per cent although the number of wells in operation was augmented. While, therefore, there is no immediate fear of a naphtha famine, prices are not likely to go down.—Harper's Weekly.

FLAME CHECKING DOORS.

Novel Device For Stopping Dust Explosion Fires In Mines.

Doors that will slam themselves shut when fire comes along and throw pans of water over the oncoming flames are the latest devices for stopping the terrible dust explosion fires in coal mines. The real marvel of the doors is that they do not wait until the fire gets to them, but promptly go into action while there is still time to shut off the flames.

The doors, placed at intervals along the mine passages are ordinarily kept swung back against the walls, and on them are balanced several pans filled with water. A dust explosion in a coal mine rushes rapidly through all the open passages, but the flames are preceded by a sudden draft or air pressure. This draft will shut the doors in time to head off the flames, and as the doors slam the water from the pans is thrown in the direction from which the fire is coming.

The same principle of utilizing the precursive air wave is the basis of most of the systems now rapidly being applied in coal mines to check the dust explosions.

One method that has had much attention of late is to keep all the passages well sprinkled with stone dust, with piles of it stored on shelves along the passageways. When the air wave comes along ahead of the fire this stone dust is stirred up into the air and acts something like a blanket in smothering the coal dust flames.—Saturday Evening Post.

QUEER TRAP FOR LIONS.

Fly Paper Caught and Held the Monster Man Eaters Helpless.

You know what a ferocious, powerful beast the lion is. You can imagine what strong chains it would take to hold him fast. So can you even imagine a lion captured with fly paper? Well, not so very long ago four huge man eating lions were taken in that manner at the village of Gwalior, in India.

It happened that the headman of the village was able to shut the four lions up in a hut into which they had ventured in search of prey. He kept them thus barricaded for nearly two weeks, no one being willing to attempt to capture them. Finally he thought of a scheme that proved as successful as it was original.

He had thousands of sheets of fly paper spread on the ground before the entrance to the hut. Then suddenly the barricades were lifted and the four lions came bounding out—into the fly paper. Of course it stuck to their paws, and of course when they tried to lick it off it stuck fast to their faces and heads. The lions promptly forgot all about human beings and in their wild endeavors to get rid of the fly paper rolled over and over on the ground, roaring and fighting for breath.

Then the headman and his followers rushed forward with long ropes, lassoed the plunging lions and tied them up—fly paper and all!—London Tit-Bits.

SQUELCHING A NUISANCE.

Returned Tourist Got Paid Back In His Own Coin.

One general nuisance (a traveler who returned from his first European trip a few weeks ago and has been a bore to his friends ever since) was substantially squelched on a wet day recently.

"Isn't this weather the limit?" he inquired as he met a friend who was equally aware that the gamut of atmospheric change had been run in the preceding twenty-four hours. "Reminds me of the night I spent at a pretty little hotel on an Alpine lake."

"Well?" responded his friend, hoping it would be short.

"When I arrived the sun was just going down on a scene of unsurpassed beauty. The hotel was entirely surrounded by blooming gardens and green terraces leading down to a charming little lake colored by the last rays of the sun and prettily marked by the shadows cast by trees on shore. The next morning the landscape was buried under two feet of snow. Some change, eh?"

"Huh!" was the preliminary of the squelcher. "In Minnesota when I was a boy I recall a quicker change than that. Some of us boys were having a snow battle. One let fly a snowball at another. It scalded him to death!"—New York Tribune.

Sure of His Judgment, Anyhow.

A girl may not love the man who tells her she is beautiful, but she is pretty sure to respect his judgment.—Chicago Record Herald.

SKETCH

Of The Life Of The New President Of The National League

New York, Nov. 29—When the National League magnates meet in this city on December 9, Governor Tener, of Pennsylvania, will be chosen to succeed Tom Lynch as president of the league. This means that an old-time ball player will supplant an oldtime umpire as head of the senior baseball organization. On the diamond, in commercial life and in politics, Gov. Tener has been a notable success. He is looked upon by the National League moguls as the one man capable of instilling harmony among the different factions of the league and bringing the old organization up once more, on even terms with that healthy younger rival, the American League.

John Kinley Tener was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, July 25, 1863. He came to America at the age of nine, was educated in the public schools of Pittsburgh and at the age of eighteen became a clerk in an office in the Smoky City. His health soon broke down and upon the advice of physicians he sought outdoor employment. While working as a clerk he had earned five dollars a game pitching for local ball teams on Saturday afternoons and gained considerable fame as a player. His friends, among them William H. Moody, later a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, persuaded him that he would make good as a professional.

In 1885 Tener obtained his first professional engagement as first baseman of the Pittsburgh club. At that time he stood 6 feet 3 inches and weighed 200 pounds. He was released before the season was half over and joined the Baltimore team. At his own request he was released to the Haverhill, Mass., club, where he played until the close of the season. He again obtained a position with a business house in Pittsburgh, but continued to play baseball at every opportunity.

His brilliant record as a pitcher in and around Pittsburgh brought him to the attention of A. G. Spalding and led to a job with Capt. Anson's old Chicago White Stockings. Tener more than made good in fast company and acquired a national reputation as a pitcher. He was one of the men chosen by Spalding to make the famous baseball tour of the world with the White Stockings and All-Nationals in 1888-9 and acted as secretary as well as playing great ball.

Mr. Tener's career as a National League player lasted from 1887 to 1890. In 1891 he abandoned the game and settled in Charleroi, Pa., where he acquired interests in several large corporations, became president of a bank and the head of a street railway company. His fortune is estimated as close up to a million dollars.

In 1909 Mr. Tener went to Congress, and on the expiration of his term he was nominated for governor of Pennsylvania by the Republicans, and elected. His term will expire on January 1, 1915. Gov. Tener made a good record as governor and enjoys genuine popularity in his state. He is a Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and prominently connected with several other organizations.

From the time he quit baseball nearly a quarter of a century ago, until last Winter, Mr. Tener was in no manner connected with the national game, but devoted his whole energy and attention to business and politics. His reentry into the sphere of baseball was made when he helped the late William H. Locke to purchase the Philadelphia National League club from Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati. Now that he is to become president of the National League he will, no doubt, dispose of his Philadelphia baseball holdings.

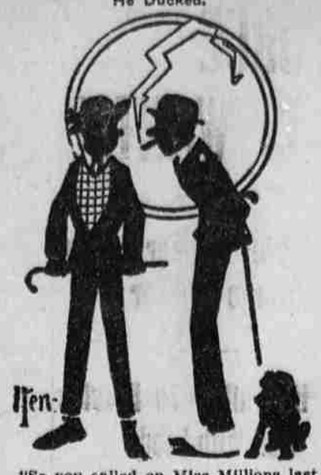
WINSTON SPENCER CHURCHILL IS 39

London, Nov. 29—The Rt. Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill First Lord of the Admiralty and one of the most conspicuous among the younger men in British public life, will enter upon his fortieth year tomorrow, having been born Nov. 30, 1874. He is the son of the late Lord Randolph Churchill, one of the most brilliant men of his day. His mother was Miss Jennie Jerome of New York. After the death of her first husband Lady Randolph Churchill married George Cornwallis-West, from whom she has just obtained a legal separation.

Harry Wolverton, former manager of the New York Yankees, who is now in charge of the Sacramento team of the Pacific Coast League, has received an offer from Japan to take a team of Coast League players there for a series in December.

The police of Oakland, Calif., recently stopped a white slave play.

He Ducked.



"So you called on Miss Millions last evening. How did her father strike you?"

"He didn't. I saw him coming."—Pittsburgh Press.

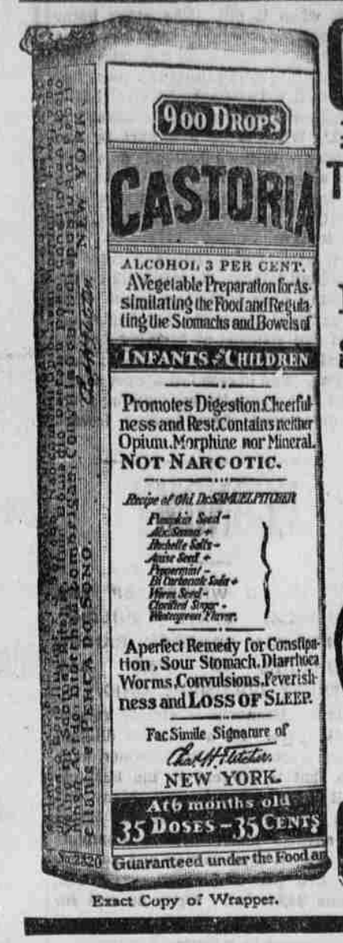
A Common Quest.

"I say, my friend," called the motorist to the farmer as he drew up alongside of the field, "I'm looking for a decent road to take me into Squiggleville."

"I'm derned glad to hear it," replied the farmer. "Ef ye happen to find it, stranger, send me a tellygram, will ye?"—Judge.

The Only Cure.

Mrs. Keepup made it her private and particular business to have whatever her neighbor had, whether it was a question of chickens or diseases, so when Mrs. Gotthere complained to her one day of insomnia Mrs. Keepup was ready for her. "I have it, too, very badly at times." "What do you do for it, Mrs. Keepup?" "Why, I have never found anything that did me any real good except to go to bed and sleep it off."



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INTERNATIONAL LIVE STOCK SHOW

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 29—With exhibits valued at millions of dollars, Chicago's annual international live stock exposition was opened at the stockyards today and will be continued through the coming week. In the number, variety and high class of the exhibits the show this year never has been equalled. The display includes pure-bred cattle from Europe and Canada as well as from many sections of the United States. Carload lots from Texas and the West are included in the display.

The educational features of the exhibition are to be given more emphasis this year than heretofore. One hundred thousand progressive farmers and breeders are expected here from Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana and other States to witness the cattle judging contests to listen to addresses from experts representing the United States Department of Agriculture and numerous State agricultural colleges. A score of governors have signified their intention to visit the exhibition. Others in attendance will include the agricultural commissioners of practically all of the Southern States.

RACING TO BEGIN AT CHARLESTON

Charleston, S. C., Nov. 29—Everything is in readiness at Palmetto Park for the opening there on Monday of the annual winter race meeting of the Charleston Fair and Racing association. The officials are looking forward to the most successful meeting that has been held here in years. Never before have there been so many horses of high class quartered at the track. Twenty-three stakes with a total value of $32,000 will be decided during the meeting. The Fort Sumter inaugural handicap will be the feature event of the opening day.

Manager Charlie Dooin, of the Philadelphia Nationals, has booked games with the New York Yankees and the Washington Nationals for next spring.