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## "Tiger Loose!"

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HELLO EVERYBODY:

It's a pretty big thrill to be on your honeymoon and it's not so bad when your friends separate you as they do playfully sometimes after the wedding ceremony but when a full size man-eating tiger steps in between you and your lawfully wedded spouse and interrupts your honeymoon—well, that's going a little bit too far.

And that's exactly what happened to Edward J. Grimm and his bride back in the "jungle" of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the year 1924, and the month of July. The Grimms live now in Brooklyn, N. Y., where only the Tammany Tiger can bother them, but they spent their honeymoon in Milwaukee and it was in the Washington Park zoo of that city that this grim experience happened to the Grimms.

Grab a bag of peanuts and let's go into the zoo. Never mind those monkeys over there. Our business is with the newly married couple over here in front of the Bengal tiger's cage. That's the bridegroom focusing his camera on the tiger.

While Ed was trying to get a good picture, he noticed that the big Bengal tiger was excited about something. The beast was pacing up and down and roaring at the same time and cutting up so much that Ed couldn't get a good snapshot.

### The Tiger Smashed Through the Bars.

To the crowd outside his cage, Ed says, it seemed as though he were putting on a show for the benefit of the tiger. The animal's mate lay quietly switching her tail from side to side, but the male was in a frightful temper. Ed didn't realize at the time that this anger gave the tiger added unnatural strength and when the beast crouched back in his cage for a leap at the steel bars, Ed says, he didn't believe any of the onlookers were afraid.

But they should have been. Suddenly a flash of yellow went through the air and hit the bars head on with a shock that shook the building. A quarter of a ton of furious tiger is no mean battering ram and the power behind his blow—before Ed realized what was happening—spread the bars and the tiger fell outside his cage, barely missing clawing some children who were hanging over the railing watching him!

For a few breath-taking seconds, Ed says, nothing happened. The beast seemed stunned by his fall and the spectators stunned with terror. Words can describe the terrifying scene that followed. Women and children screamed and scrambled helplessly in all directions.

"I chased my wife away," Ed writes, "and saw her and the crowd safe in the shelter of a nearby building. It was my duty, I figured, to return and help as there were few men around. Keepers came and I



Ed Pushed the Pole Into the Tiger's Face.

joined them. The sight before us was astounding. There on the cement walk lay a full grown tiger. He looked larger out of his cage, and fortunately was still stunned by his fall.

### His Mate Was Coming Out, Too.

"I had my camera and I made a couple of quick snapshots as the keepers threw ropes around the beast's legs. And that's when the tiger came to life! The touch of the ropes prodded him into activity and the fight that went on between keepers and tiger was a sight to see.

"One second it seemed as though the animal were sure to escape. The lives of the keepers hung in the balance! The next second would see the men having the upper hand as they prodded the snarling animal with poles and hung desperately to the ropes that now encircled his hind legs.

"Everyone was either actively engaged in the fight or watching it with rapt attention when I happened to glance up at the cage. A gaping hole showed where the tiger had broken through and as I looked at it my heart came into my mouth.

"The tiger's mate—unnoticed in the excitement—was creeping along on her belly, cat-like, for the opening! In another second she would be in the center of the fight, clawing and tearing her way through the hated humans!"

Well, sir, Ed stood there fascinated for a second and watched her come. But, he says, his first impulse was to turn and run. After all, a man on his honeymoon has responsibilities to think of and should hesitate about risking his life. And maybe he thought of Kipling's line: "The female of the species is more deadly than the male."

The next instant Ed had grabbed a pole and jumped toward the cage. He reached the opening just as the tigress was gathering herself for her spring. He pushed the pointed pole straight into the cage and into the face of the snarling animal.

### Ed Stopped Her With a Pole.

She stopped in her tracks, slapping with her huge claws at the annoying pole, retreated a few steps and, snarling all the time, tried to circle around it toward the opening. Ed kept on pushing and yelled with all his might.

"In the meantime," Ed says, "he didn't know how the fight was going behind his back. If the keepers lost he was lost! The other animals sensing that something was wrong, did not help things any. Their roaring and screaming, he says, sent the cold chills racing up and down his spine. Why didn't he stay with his wife where he belonged? he asked himself. It was too late now to quit so he added to the general uproar by yelling his head off for help and trying, at the same time, to prod the tigress' head off with his pole.

"I felt like I was in the jungle," Ed writes. "My wife, watching from her safe position, was almost hysterical. She told me afterwards that she expected surely to be a widow on her honeymoon."

This action all took place within ten minutes and Ed's part ended when the attendants succeeded in tying the tiger and then rushed to Ed's aid and prevented the escape of the tigress. Nobody had been clawed. Ed was intact and incidentally so was his camera.

Wow! How's that for an exciting honeymoon? Let's give three cheers and a tiger—no, better leave out the tiger—for Mr. and Mrs. Grimm. Copyright—WNU Service.

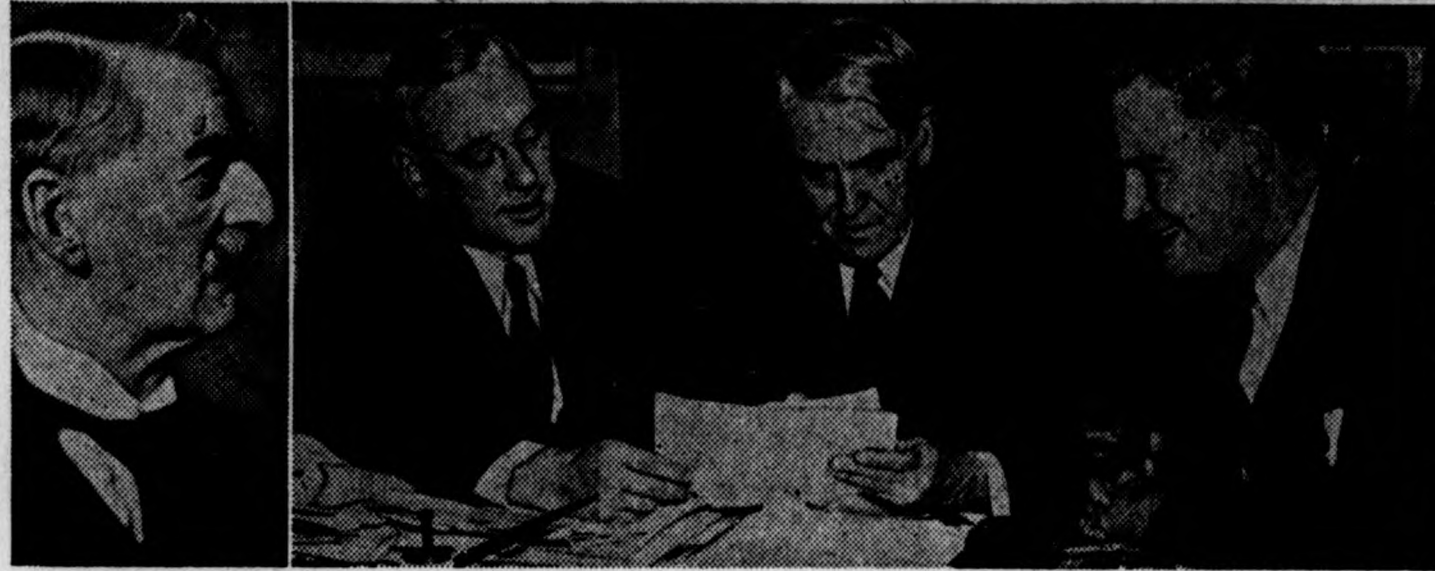
### Presidents Who Were Related

The following Presidents of the United States were related: John Quincy Adams, the sixth President, was a son of John Adams, the second President; Benjamin Harrison, the twenty-third President, was a grandson of William Henry Harrison, the ninth President; Zachary Taylor, the twelfth President, was a second cousin of James Madison, the fourth President. Madison and Taylor were the great-grandsons of James Taylor and Martha Thompson.

### Landed at Daytona Beach

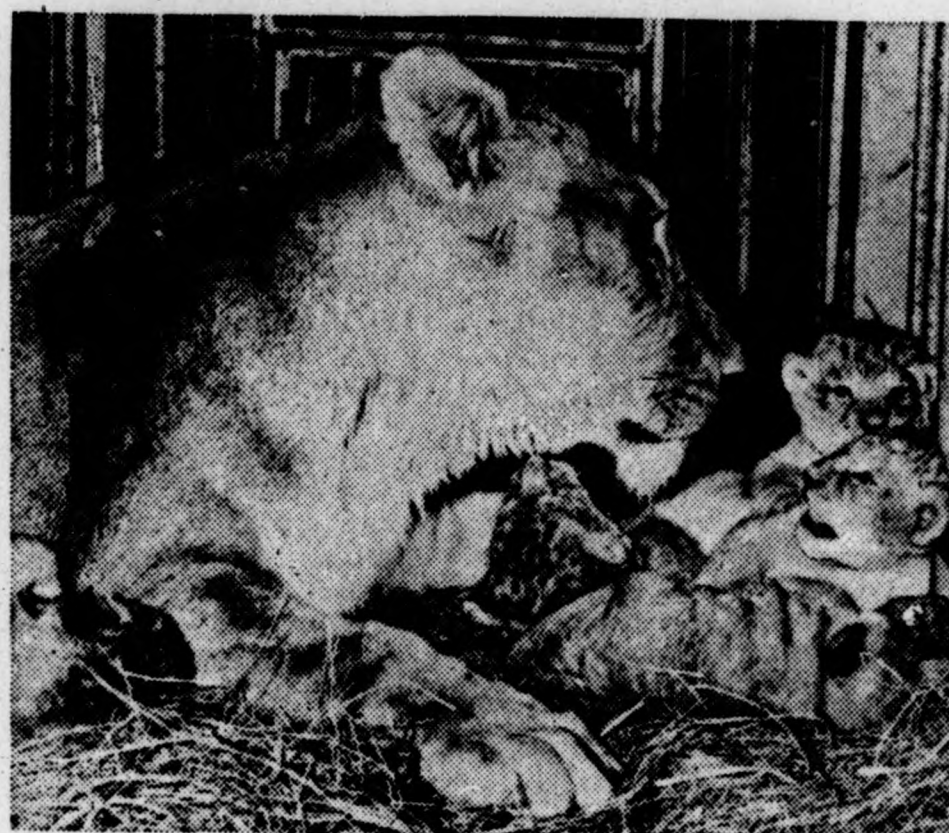
In 1776, 1,500 Minorcans and Greeks landed near the now Daytona Beach, Fla. The settlement founded was called New Smyrna. These immigrants did not find life easy, due to conditions imposed and the hardships obviously to be encountered in a wilderness of sands and swamps. The thriving village many years afterward was claimed by the jungle, having been gradually deserted by all those who came to make it a haven in the new land of opportunity.

## Scenes and Persons in the Current News



Top, the U. S. Gunboat Panay, the sinking of which in the Yangtze river by Japanese bombing planes precipitated a grave international crisis and brought sharp demands from President Roosevelt for Japan to desist from such outrages in the future and make full restitution. Lower left, Premier Neville Chamberlain of England, whose government joined with the United States in protests against indiscriminate bombing of neutrals by Japs. Right, former Governor Landon of Kansas, left, Senator Capper, center, and John Hamilton, chairman of the Republican national committee, discuss strategy.

### Quints Born to Zoo Lioness



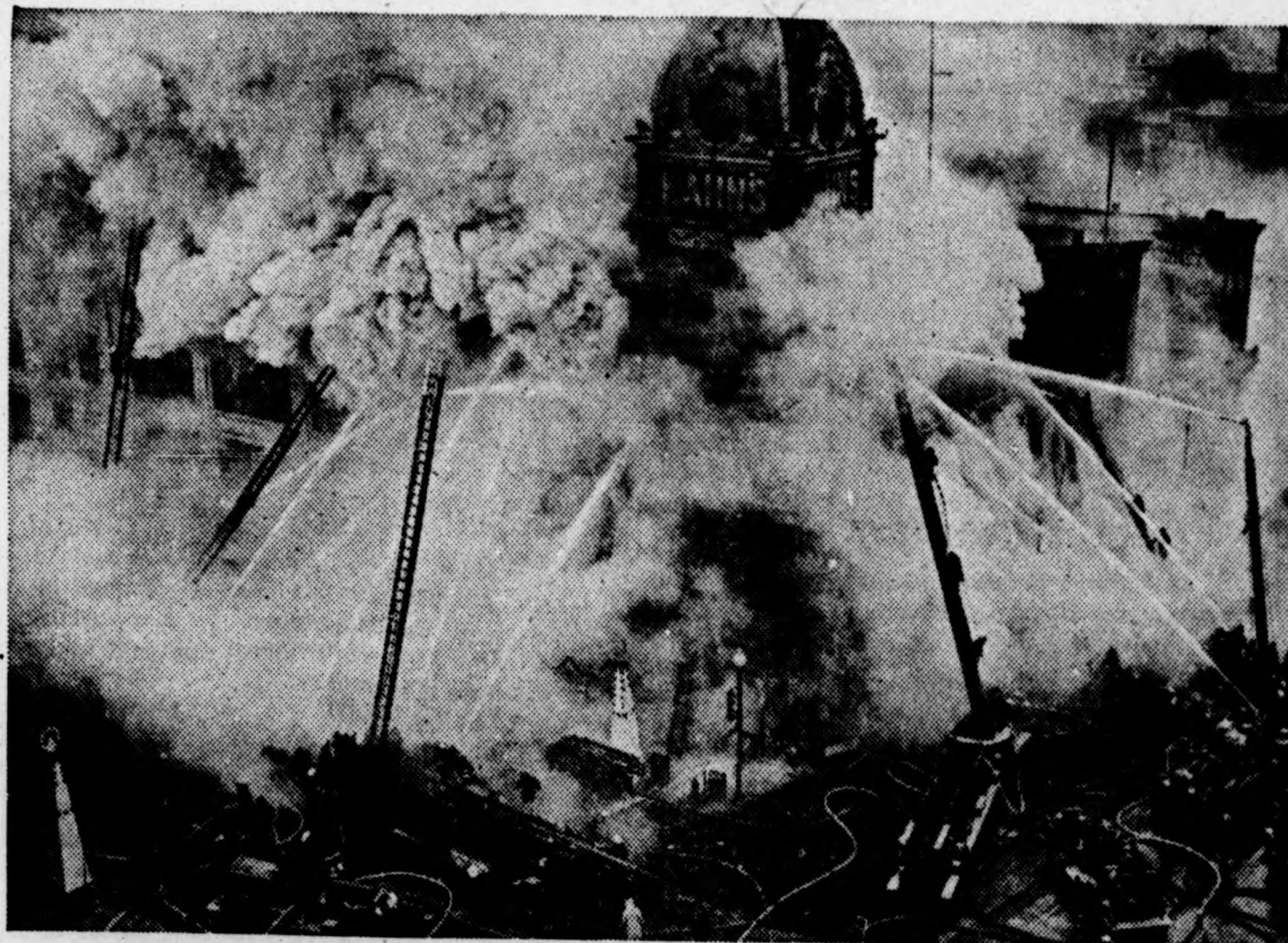
A lioness in the St. Louis zoo is believed to have broken all records for her kind when she gave birth recently to five cubs. The mother is shown here with her young which have attracted national attention.

### COUNTY JUDGE



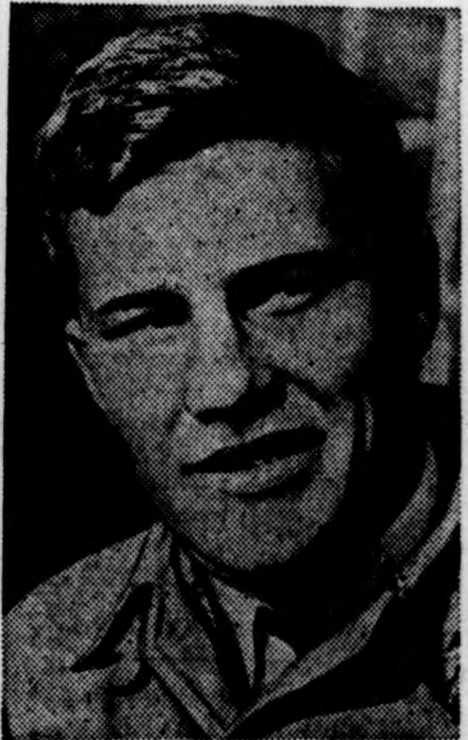
Miss Jessie Sumner of Watsoka, Ill., daughter of a country banker, niece of a late county judge, who became Illinois' first county judge as a result of a special election.

## Battle Spectacular Washington Blaze



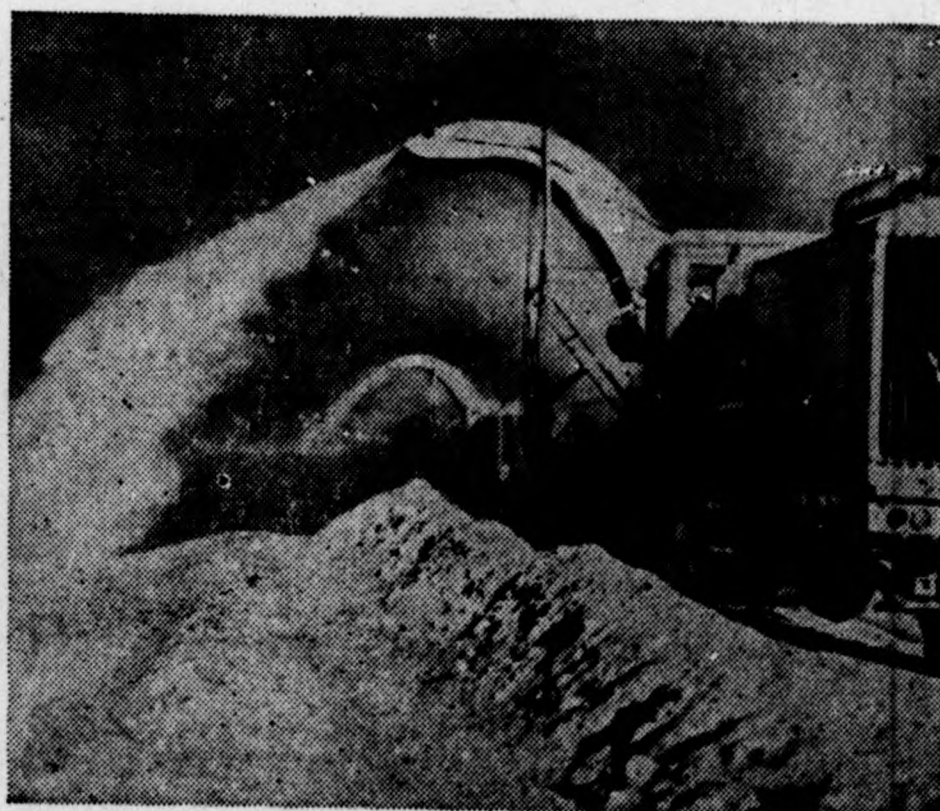
View of the battle waged against the fire which destroyed a large building and threatened an entire block in the shopping district of Washington, D. C. Damage was estimated at \$600,000. The fire, one of the most spectacular the capital has seen in recent years, brought out every available piece of apparatus.

### HARVARD SKIPPER



Bobby Green, who will captain the Harvard university football team in 1938, shown after his election at the Dillon house at Cambridge, Mass. He succeeds the famous Clint Frank as captain of the Crimson team.

### Snow Army Goes on Maneuvers



A unit of New York's mechanized snow army is shown gobbling up a seven-foot drift at Lake Placid, where the new equipment was first tried. This machine, can move 21 cubic yards of snow in 35 seconds.

## Historic Hoaxes

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### The White Elephant

THE year 1884 is known in circusland as the "white elephant year." P. T. Barnum had secured from Siam a genuine sacred white elephant and it drew such crowds that one of his rivals decided he must have a white elephant too.

He whitewashed one of his pachyderms and renamed it the "Light of Asia." The dazzling whiteness of this beast, set off by its black velvet trappings far outshone the rather dingy whiteness of Barnum's genuine animal. Barnum denounced it as a fake, but to prove it genuine its owners allowed visitors to touch its trunk which had been enameled.

But they didn't dare enamel its whole body (the whitewash could be scrubbed off each night) and thereby hangs a tale. At each performance the "Light of Asia" was stripped of its trappings, placed on a platform and beside it stood a learned "professor" who gave a lecture about the wonderful beast. The crowds noticed that the "professor" skipped about as he gave his spiel and wondered why. The reason was that the elephant wanted to make friendly advances to the "professor" and he knew that if he allowed the "Light" to rub against him, the whitewash might rub off on his black coat.

For some time the war of the rival "white elephants" went merrily on. Then Barnum made a deal with his competitor to withdraw the "Light of Asia." The next season the elephant was back on the road, but this time in its natural colors. Eventually, the "Light of Asia" wound up its career as "Old John," one of the favorite "bulls" of the Ringling circus.

### The Lancaster School Board

IT'S an oft-repeated tale—that story about the school board in Lancaster, Ohio, refusing to have the school house used as the scene of a debate on whether or not railroads were practicable. They are quoted as saying that "such things as railroads and telegraphs are impossibilities and rank infidelity. There is nothing in the Word of God about them. If God had designed that His intelligent creatures should travel at the frightful rate of 15 miles an hour by steam He would have foretold it through His holy prophets. It is a device of Satan to lead immortal souls to Hell."

The tale is only half-true. In 1831 a traveler from New York stopped at a little log school house near South Charleston in Clark county and told the pupils about seeing a demonstration of a new "fire-wagon" in the East. When the pupils took the story home, their parents, being conservative folk whose minds weren't open to new ideas, said the school house shouldn't be used for such "trashy talk." So the school board sent a note to the teacher, Hervey Scott, who was secretary of a debating society, telling him he was welcome to use the school house to debate all proper questions, but "such things as railroads, etc." Telegraphs were NOT mentioned in their note because the electric telegraph hadn't been invented yet. That came 13 years later.

### The Dutch Mail

WHEN type in a print shop comes all mixed up, that's "pt." and it's also grief for the newspaper publisher if this happens just before the paper is ready to go to press. But when it happened to an early English editor, he made the best of a bad situation. Sir Richard Phillips was his name and he was editor of the Leicester Herald.

Just before press time one day, a "devil" dropped a tray of type just as it was about to be put into the "forms." There was no time to straighten out all the ensuing mess, so Phillips assembled the scattered type and printed from it in that condition. With it was a notice that the "Dutch Mail" (news from Holland) had been received too late to be translated and was therefore being printed just as received.

Thirty years later Phillips is said to have met a reader in Nottingham who had carefully preserved his copy of that paper. He was still trying to find someone who could translate the news from Holland!

### Discovered Gelatin

The diary of Denis Papin, a young French inventor, contains the following entry dated February, 1679: "I boiled an ox foot or cow heel for four hours or more upon a moderate fire. The flesh was excellently well boiled and the bones were so soft that they might be cut with a knife and eaten like cheese. The juice did concrete into a very firm jelly." Gelatin was soon extensively used in France, especially in hospitals.

## AROUND THE HOUSE

**Testing Hot Fat.**—To test the temperature of hot fat for deep frying, drop a small cube of bread into the frying kettle. If it browns in one minute, the temperature is right. The frying kettle should be about half full, never more than two-thirds. Have a piece of brown paper, or an absorbent paper towel handy on which to drain the fried food of excess fat.

**Saving Leather Chair.**—The comfortable old leather chair that was sent to the attic years ago because the leather had finally become shabby can be made usable again if the worn part is concealed by a slip-cover. If it is covered in nice, dark blue the chair may be used winter and summer.

**Egg Celery Sandwich.**—Chop hard-cooked eggs up fine and season them with salt and pepper. Add half as much finely chopped celery and enough mayonnaise to make the mixture easy to spread.

**Removing Ink From Carpet.**—Carpets stained with ink should be treated at once with salt. After removing the soiled salt, rub with a cut lemon and finally sponge with warm water.

**Save Chicken Fat.**—Chicken fat may be used as a butter substitute in cooking. Consequently, it is a good plan to save the fat from boiled, stewed or fried chicken.

**Washing Window Shades.**—Soiled window shades may be washed by spreading each shade on a flat surface and then rubbing it with a clean cloth or sponge and soapsuds.

**For Fried Eggs.**—Add eggs to fat which is hot enough to cause them to set within a few seconds, but not hot enough to brown or toughen them. The top of the egg may be cooked by dipping a little hot fat over the egg or by covering the utensil. The addition of a small amount of water to the hot fat, and covering the pan immediately, creates steam which aids in cooking the eggs.

### Canny Politician Had a Desire in the Matter

Who was it said the English couldn't take a joke, and that immediately? At a hectic political meeting where representatives of the various parties were gathered, an English politician, while addressing the assemblage, was struck full in the face with the body of a dead cat. It came from the direction of the audience. A look of great anger came over his face as he prepared to seek out the perpetrator of the vile deed. But from the audience arose one who said: "Please, sir, I'm very sorry. I meant it for your opponent." "Well, my friend," came the quick reply from the injured one, "I sincerely wish that you had meant it for me and it hit him."

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