

FOOD FOR FINGERS

Fashion Prohibits the Use of Forks For Certain Articles.

There have always been certain articles of food for which the use of forks, etc., seemed superfluous, and for which fashion permitted the use of fingers, even in the most particular dining, says the Boston Herald. Occasionally new dishes are added to the list to which the old-time expression applies—"fingers were made before forks"—and it is generally understood that, in spite of the ever-multiplying variety of forks, tongs and spoons for use with every conceivable object on the table, there are certain edibles which it is far better to eat with the fingers. While a few independent people dare set aside the fashionable proprieties, many others will do as they know they are expected. As a rule, sugar tongs are passed with block sugar, but, as a diner out once said, "I prefer to use my fingers, for if you are not just so careful it drops with a splurge, which is very humiliating."

Olives should be eaten with the fingers; any attempt to use a fork is foolish. When passed they should be dipped out with the spadelike spoon accompanying, then dropped on the bread and butter plate and carried to the mouth with the thumb and forefinger.

Bread, toast and all kinds of small cakes should be taken in the fingers, as well as cheese, though some very particular people use a fork with the latter.

At the most fashionable luncheons high-bred dames may be seen taking the leg or small pieces of a bird in their fingers, though this is one of the disputed points. It will be noticed usually that those who have always been accustomed to good society are not so afraid to use their fingers as those who fear to do something improper.

Ben's Bright Idea.

"Children," said the mother of the family, opening the door of the nursery and looking in, "what are you doing to Puggy that makes him yelp so?"

"Ben's been using the curling tongs on his tail to make it curl tighter," explained Eunice.

A Suggestion.

Tharper—And how are you two getting on together?

Hornbill—I've tried everything to make my wife happy, but it seems no use.

Tharper—You haven't tried suicide yet?—Brooklyn Life.

His Impression.

"There are no poets left," said the critical youth.

"You astonish me," rejoined Mr. Cumrox. "It has always been my impression that poets invariably got left out of the first editions of the dictionary."

PLATFORM IN FULL

As Adopted By the Democratic National Convention.

"IMPERIALISM" A LEADING ISSUE.

The 16 to 1 Plank Endorsed Without Modification—The Republican Foreign Policy Denounced.

Following is the official text of the platform as agreed upon by the committee on resolutions and presented to the convention:

We, the representatives of the Democratic party of the United States, assembled in national convention, on the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, do reaffirm our faith in that immortal proclamation of the inalienable rights of man and our allegiance to the constitution framed in harmony therewith by the fathers of the republic. We hold with the United States Supreme Court, that the Declaration of Independence is the spirit of our government, of which the constitution is the form and letter. We declare again that all governments instituted among men derive their just powers from the consent of the governed; that any government not based upon the consent of the governed is a tyranny; and that to impose upon any people a government of force is to substitute the methods of imperialism for those of a republic. We hold that the constitution allows the flag and denounce the doctrine that an executive or Congress, deriving their existence and their powers from the constitution, can exercise lawful authority beyond it, or in violation of it. We assert that no nation can long endure half republic and half empire, and we warn the American people that imperialism abroad will lead quickly and inevitably to despotism at home.

PORTO RICAN LAW DENOUNCED. Believing in these fundamental principles, we denounce the Porto Rican law enacted by a Republican Congress, against the protest and opposition of the Democratic minority, as a bold and open violation of the nation's organic law, and a flagrant breach of the national good faith. It imposes upon the people of Porto Rico a government without their consent, and taxation without representation. It dishonors the American people by repudiating a solemn pledge made in their behalf by the commanding general of our army, which the Porto Ricans welcomed as a peaceful and unresisted occupation of their land. It dooms to poverty and distress a people whose helplessness appeals with peculiar force to our justice and magnanimity. In this the first act of its imperialistic program, the

Republican platform adopted at the Philadelphia convention held in June 1900 that the Republican party "steadfastly adheres to the policy announced in the Monroe doctrine," is manifestly insincere and deceptive. This profession is contradicted by the avowed policy of that party in opposition to the spirit of the Monroe doctrine to acquire and hold sovereignty over large areas of territory and large numbers of people in the Eastern Hemisphere. We insist on the strict maintenance of the Monroe doctrine in all its integrity, both in letter and in spirit, as necessary to prevent the extension of European authority on this continent and as essential to our supremacy in American affairs. At the same time, we declare that no American people shall ever be held by force in unwilling subjection to European authority.

We oppose militarism. It means conquest abroad and intimidation and oppression at home. It means the strong arm which has ever been fatal to free institutions. It is what millions of our citizens have fled from in Europe. It will impose upon our peace-loving people a large standing army and unnecessary burden of taxation and constant menace to their liberties. A small standing army and a well-disciplined State militia are amply sufficient in time of peace. This Republic has no place for a vast military service and conscription.

IMMEDIATE STATEHOOD PROMISED. When the nation is in danger the volunteer soldier is his country's best defender. The National Guard of the United States should ever be cherished in the patriotic hearts of a free people. Such organizations are ever an element of strength and safety. For the first time in our history and coeval with the Philippine conquest, there has been an unwholesome departure from the time-honored and approved systems of volunteer organization. We denounce it as un-American, undemocratic and unrepudicable and as a subversion of the ancient and fixed principles of a free people.

REPUBLICANS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRUSTS. Private monopolies are indefensible and intolerable. They destroy competition, control the price of raw materials and finished product, thus robbing both producer and consumer. They lessen the employment of labor and arbitrarily fix the terms and conditions thereof, and deprive individual energy and small capital of their opportunity for betterment. They are the most efficient means yet devised for appropriating the fruits of industry to the benefit of the few at the expense of the many and unless their insatiable greed is checked all wealth will be aggregated in a few hands and the republic destroyed. The dishonest paltering with the trust evils by the Republican party in State and National platforms is conclusive proof of the truth of the charge that trusts are legitimate product of Republican policies, that they are fostered by Republican laws and that they are protected by the Republican administration in return for campaign subscriptions and political support.

WAR DECLARED ON MONOPOLIES We pledge the Democratic party to an unceasing warfare in nation, State and city against private monopoly in

and their employes. In the interest of American labor and the uplifting of the workingmen, as the corner-stone of the prosperity of our country, we recommend that Congress create a Department of Labor in charge of a Secretary, with a seat in the cabinet, believing that the elevation of the American laborer will bring increased prosperity to our country at home and our commerce abroad. We are proud of the courage and fidelity of the American soldiers and sailors in all our wars; we favor liberal pensions; and we reiterate the position taken in the Chicago platform in 1896, that the fact of enlistment and service shall be deemed conclusive evidence against disease and disability before enlistment.

NICARAGUAN CANAL. We favor the immediate construction, ownership and control of the Nicaraguan Canal by the United States and we denounce the insincerity of the plank in the national Republican platform for an isthmian canal in the face of the failure of the Republican majority to pass the bill pending in Congress. We condemn the Hay-Pauncefote treaty as a surrender of American rights and interests not to be tolerated by the American people.

NO ENTANGLING ALLIANCES. We favor the continuance and strict enforcement of the Chinese exclusion law and its application to the same classes of all Asiatic races. Jefferson said: "Peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations; entangling alliances with none." We approve this wholesome doctrine and earnestly protest against the Republican departure which has involved us in so-called world politics, including the diplomacy of Europe and the intrigues and land-grabbing of Asia, and we especially condemn the ill-concealed Republican alliance with England, which must mean discrimination against other friendly nations, and which has already stifled the nation's voice, while liberty is being strangled in Africa. Believing in the principles of self-government, and rejecting, as did our forefathers, the claim of monarchy, we view with indignation the purpose of England to overwhelm with force the South African republic.

SYMPATHY FOR THE BOERRS. Speaking as we do for the entire American nation, except its Republican office-holders, and for all free men everywhere, we extend our sympathies to the heroic burghers in their unequal struggle to maintain their liberty and independence. We denounce the lavish appropriations of recent Republican

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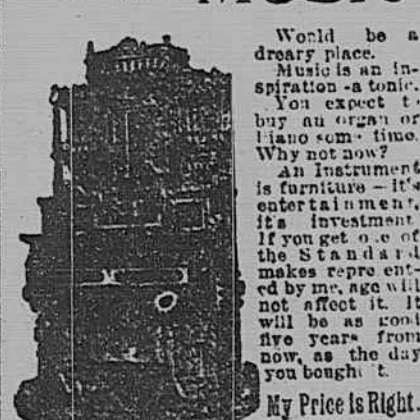
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