Are Not Uncommon.

FADS THAT SWELL THE BILL.

Artistic and Scenic Effects and Luxurious Surroundings Help to Pile Up the Price-Methods of the Manager of a Modern Dining Palace.

How would you like to pay \$100 for a single meal? There was a time when this question would have seemed absurd, but now, with our rapidly growing wealth, it excites little comment. Yes, \$100 a plate banquets are at some other time?" not uncommon among the Four Hundred, and \$40. \$50 and \$60 a plate are quite ordinary charges for twentieth just the same as usual." century banquets. To the ordinary mind, however, it is not easy to imagine a list of delicacies expensive enough to foot up such an amount or an appetite so expensive as to desire them. Nightingales' tongues and humming birds' wings, washed down with the costliest wines, would not satisfy rented that room before."-New York the up to date diner, however. The Sun. caterer does not depend entirely upon his chef and his steward for the success of great "functions." Artists and mechanical genuises are his chief assistants. He must be able to transform a New York banquet hall into a plaza in Venice, a corner of old Japan or an ancient Greek or Roman palace, as his guests' taste or whim may dictate.

Fads of millionaires and the fancies of clubs and societies always seeking the unusual have brought to pass the \$100 a plate dinner. The production of the surroundings they demand necessitates the outlay of thousands of dollars for each separate banquet. It would never do to have two banquets alike, as goes without saying.

There was recently given in a new hotel in New York a bachelor dinner at which the guests were seated in a corner of Venice. The effect was a masterpiece of scenic art and electrical ingenuity, and that, quite as much as the rich viands, was what the host wanted and was paying for. The doors along the corridor at the sides of the great banquet hall were removed, and in their places balustrades were set to give the appearance of Venetian balconies. Beyond stretched a transparency 150 feet long and twenty feet high, showing most realistically a street in the city of canals. Between this and the dining room was a waterway on which plied a gondola with a party of troubadours, who played and sang as they passed to and fro. The tables were set about the room, at one end of which a beautiful garden of growing palms and flowers had been laid out, in its center a fountain which tossed its light spray almost to the ceiling. Thousands of tinted electric lights shed a soft blue illumination over the whole, giving the effect of Italian twilight. One could scarcely realize that shut out only by the sturdy walls of the hotel and thick hangings were the glare and rumble of

Longacre square. But there is an endless variety of elaborate and picturesque effects created for the twentieth century diner. New York furnishes the most striking examples and the most numerous, though London and Paris vie with her for the honors of extravagance. Mme. Madeleine Lemaire's dinners are perhaps the most notable of Paris. She has a special fondness for the ancient in effects, and in a Grecian court her guests sit at a Greek feast and you have not enough money to buy fill the room with their singing. Another striking effect followed a supper to a notable visitor from abroad. The guests were led to a room which had been arranged to represent a pastoral scene, with growing turf and foliage, and running about among the trees were several little lambs. Overhead fully studied the problem well that we was suspended a huge ball which suddenly burst and showered American after year and show a constant im-Beauty roses on those beneath it. The banquet itself is a gigantic undertaking, for under the manager's su- point and avoid the mistakes that we pervision comes the selection of dishes, their cooking, the silver, glass and of poultry to bring you an income sufchina, the mode of service and the ficient for your family. No investment hundred and one other details. A great dining palace seats from 1,500 to 2,000 persons, all of whom must be served simultaneously and each of whom must be served as if he alone were to be considered. This gives some idea perhaps of the banquet manager's task. The office of this modern magician suggests, with its roll top desk, its must omit. When the mathematician typewriter and its telephone, the office of any manager of large enterprises. Here he meets the people playing the part of hosts and goes over the details of the entertainment with them. He suggests, consults, advises and decides on each item not only of the menu, but of decorations and of service. Frequently and particularly in the case of clubs and societies he is offered a fixed tigure and must lay out a scheme to come within its limits.

Nuisance Was Remedied. He was a nervous man, and he had just moved into a new boarding house. "Isn't there any way to stop those

THE NERVOUS MAN.

people across the street from having their coal delivered at 5 o'clock every morning? They seem to get about a dozen tons a day and to have it poured into the cellar at that unearthly hour."

"I don't see how I can very well control the neighbors," replied his landlady, "but I will see if anything can be done.

About ten days later the new boarder had occasion to thank her for her efforts.

"I'm glad you succeeded in having that noise stopped," he said. "It is a great relief to me. Have they got their manded excitedly. coal all in or do they have it delivered "Neither," said the landlady. "They of his mouth.

deliver it every morning at 5 o'clock, "You don't mean-why-well, how do

they get it down without making any sound? rose and walked to the window. "They don't It sounds just the same, but you have grown accustomed to it."

"I find it hard to believe that" "Set your alarm clock at 5 for a few mornings and satisfy yourself. I've tations or"-

SIX, SEVEN AND EIGHT.

His Horses, His Carriages and His Reserve Fund.

Townsend Percy, speculator and promoter, who made and lost more than one fortune in the course of his life, used to be fond of repeating some of his mother's witticisms at his expense,

generally brought about by his extravagances during his periods of prosperity. Once Percy had driven four-inhand for a year, when an unfortunate deal made it necessary for him to reduce his expenditures and sell his horses on which occasion she said to him:

"Townsend, don't you think it would be better to drive one horse four years instead of four horses one year?" Another time, when on the verge of financial crash, Percy still owned a considerable stable and gave no outward sign of pecuniary embarrassment. His mother met an old friend of the family about this period, who congratulated her on her son's success in life. "I am glad that Townsend is doing so well," said the friend. "Yes, indeed." remarked the old lady.

Townsend has six horses and seven carriages and \$8."-Harper's Weekly. Except-

From time immemorial there had been a law in Applegate, County Warwick. England, to the effect that the mayor had the best of everything in he had the best coat in the place he must add the words, "except the mayor."

One day a stranger came to Applegate and had dinner there at the inn. After paying his bill he said to the landlord. "I've had the best dinner in the country." The Landlord-Except the mayor.

The Stranger-Except nothing! As a result the tourist was called before the magistrate and fined £10 for

his breaking of the laws of the place. When the man had paid his fine he looked around him and said slowly, 'I'm the biggest fool in town, except when I lost my ring." "There it is!"

WHAT HE WENT AFTER. The Dahlia and the Fuchsia. The dablia rivals the hansom cab in The Office Boy Gave the Business Callthe matter of having smothered the er Some Information. memory of the man after whom it was

The big bell in the city hall tower named. But persons who use it at had just banged forth the noon hour, least pronounce "hansom" as Joseph and the office buildings were emptying Hansom pronounced his surname. throngs of workers into the streets to whereas probably most people call the fill the lunchrooms. flower "daylia." thus getting hopeless-In an elaborate office, seated in ly remote from the Swedish Dr. Dahl. large chair, with his feet comfortably the pupil of Linnaeus, who brought resting on the edge of the manager's this Mexican plant into cultivation in

desk, was Plugsy, the office boy of Europe. How many who know the Janworth & Co., brokers, says Lippinfuchsia have ever heard of the sixcott's Magazine. His head was cocked teenth century German botanist Leonon one side, and with evident relish hard Fuchs? Germany, by the way, he was puffing a huge cigar which his calls the dahlia "Georgine" in honor of employer had neglected to finish. another botanist, Georgi. - Chicago

Suddenly the door opened, and Mr. News. Whiff, a client of the firm, rushed in.

"Where's Mr. Janworth?" be de-Ring's Little Liver Pills wake up lazy livers clean the system and clear the skin. Try them for billiousness and sick headache. Price 25c. Sold by The Manning Pharmacy. "What's that?" said Plugsy, slowly removing the cigar from the far corner

A "CURE" FOR CUSSING. "I want Mr. Janworth right away. Where is he?" repeated Whiff.

Just them the bell of a fire engine Penitent Scotsman Found clanged below, and Plugsy leisurely Load a Heavy One.

A clergyman in Scotland observed "Gee," he said thoughtfully. "people with much perturbation that a memdo git skeered o' them fire carts, all ber of his congregation was greatly right, all right." Turning around, he given to the use of strong language. continued: "Boss ain't in. I'm runnin' Over and over again he remonstrated with the man to give up the bad habit. th' business just now. Want any quo-In time the man himself came to see "No. you idiot!" yelled the client. the error of his ways, and desired no

less earnestly to break himself of the use of bad language. The difficulty, however, was to find a method of doing so. One day the clergyman hit upon a happy thought.

"Get a bag," he said to the man, "and every time you swear put a pebble into it. At the end of the month you will bring that bag to me. I will count the rebbles and see what the effect has been."

The man accepted the idea with alacrity. He got a bag, and, religiously, every time he swore what Mr. Gilbert in the "Pinafore" calls a "big. big D," he duly put a pebble into it. At the end of the month he went to the clergyman, taking the bag with him. you don't make it yourself, so make It was not an easy task, for, as any clergyman's study and put the bag

ous expression. "This is very serious,

"Hoot, minister!" exclaimed the man cheerfully; "this is only the 'devil's'-

fully developed at the end of summer, to bring up!"-Eccelsior. as the crabs begin to shed their shells.

A CLEVER TRICK.

English Election.

calcareous substance being used, it is When Lord Cochrane was a candisupposed, for the formation of a new date for parliament in Honiton he retown, and, for instance, should one say shell. When these calcareous shells fused to give any bribes. As his oppoare not normally developed and ab- nent gave £5 a head, Lord Cochrane sorbed it is observed that the shedding suffered defeat. The latter, however, action, of which a copy is herewith process is interrupted, and the crab sent the bellman round the town an- served upon you, and to serve a copy of

dies an early death .- American Drug- nouncing that all those who had voted your answer to the said complaint on

She and her bridegroom spent hours in guineas. Naturally enough, the major- the complaint. vain search for it. A year later, while ity began to think they had made a sitting on the same rocks, she said to mistake, and they resolved to rectify her husband, "Why, this is the very that mistake at the first possible mospot where we sat together last year ment. In due course an opportunity came. There was another election.

Elind to "Never be criti-1" you the indies." was the maxim of an old itich near, remarkable for his homage to the sex. "The only way that a true gondeman ever will attempt to look at the faults of a pretty woman is to shut his eyes."

According to Rules. Sentry-You can't leave. Soldier-

THE MANNING TIMES, MANNING, S. C., FEBRUARY 5, 1908.

But I have the captain's oral permission. Sentry (importantly)-Let's see it!-Il Motto per Ridere. Mark Twain says that England is the

home of wit and America is the home of humor.

Tax Returns

Office of County Auditor Clarendon Country, Manning S. C. Dec. 19 1957 Manning, S. C., Dec. 19 1907.

The Auditor's office will be open rom the 1st, day of January 1008, to he 20th day of February 1995, to receive returns of personal property in g larendon County for the year 1988. Taxpayers return what they own on 52

he first day of January 1998. All returns must be shorn to and no eturn will be considered either by the ounty Auditor or boards of assessors unless sworn to. A penalty of fifty per ent, will be added after the 20th day 👙 of February. The Auditor will be at the following

places in person, or by proxy, to receive 🚆 eturns: Summerion, Thursday, Feb. uth. St. Paul, Friday, Feb. 7th. Davis X Roads, Saturday, Feb. 8th Alcolu, Monday, Feb. 10th. Youmas, Tuesday, Feb. 11th New Zion, Wednesday, Feb. 12th, Turbeville, Thursday, Feb. 13th, McFaddins, Friday, Feb 14th. Workman, Saturday, Feb. 15th.

Jordan, Monday, Feb. Fith. Duffies old store, Thusday, F-b. 18th. Foreston, Wednesday, Fab 19 . Wilson, Thursday, Feb. 2005.

I will impress upon every taxihe importance of making your taxasturns. You ought to know what you

own better than the Township B and . who will make your return for you, if your return and save yourself and other trouble.

A. P. ECRGESS. .10 0

The minister looked up with a seri- STALL OF SOUTH CARLING. Clarendon County.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

SUMMONS.

George Gaymon, Octavi- Gaymen, Beriamin Gaymon, DavisGaymon, The mas Gaymon, Susanna Geiffin, Feitx Gumon, Mary Martha Gaymon, Plain-

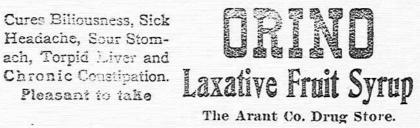
tiffs against Margaret Gaymon, Courles Go mon, Rany N Gaymon, Defendants,

The D-tendants: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this for Lord Cochrane would receive 10 the Subscriber at Summerton, S. C. within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the

January 11, 1908.

TO EAT.

J. J. CANTEY. Counsel for Plaintin's. The defendant Rany N. Gaymon will hereby take notice that the Summons and Complaint in the above entitled



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cretion found in the stomach of the European crawfish. Most of the genuine eyestones, crabs' eyes, crabstones one minist see, the bag was very full or Lapilli cancrorum, are procured in and very heavy. He went into the the province of Astrakhan, in Euroon the table. There appears to be some confusion regarding the nature of the eyestone, for some authorities speak of it as a my friend. I am sorry to see you have

so many pebbles in the bag." concretion in the stomach of a certain crab and others as of a peculiar shell formation which is separated from the

the 'damns' are all at the dikeside in crab at the time it sheds its shell. The so called crab's eyes are found another bag. They were over heavy

It is noted that these concretions are

absorbed into the stomach of the crab during the shedding season and there The Way Lord Cockrane Once Won an

pulverized and absorbed, the dissolved

gist.

Two Remarkable Recoveries.

guineas apiece if they called on his agent. In those preballot days of A bride at whose wedding I had been course it was known how each man complaint within the time aforesaid,

best man lost her guard ring on her voted, and the happy minority march- the plaintiffs in this action will apply honeymoon on the Scarborough rocks. ed off to the agent, each getting his 10 to the Court for the relief demanded in

"Yep." "Will he be back after lunch?" "Naw," yawned the future firm; "that's what he went out after." EYESTONES. Most Genuine Specimens Found In the Province of Astrakhan. The collection of eyestones is a

"Where has he gone-downstairs?"

dying industry. In New York the prin-

cipal sources of supply are sailors who

touch the Baltic sea, and, as might be

Erestones are analogous in some re-

spects to bezoars, as they are a con-

Imagined, the supply is precarious.

pean Russia.

When the commercial arrangements, so to speak, have been made he sits down to map out his campaign. A typewritten plan is sent to the steward the other steps in succession. showing just what his department may be required to do, another to the decorator, another to the electrician, one to the bead waiter, one to the chef, one to the wine keeper and one to the "confectioner of souvenirs." These are the banquet manager's trusted lieutenants, without whom his successes would be little more than frantic endeavors .- New York Letter in What! To Eat.

Steel Pens. Something like 1,500,000 steel pens can be made from one ton of steel.

If you have catarrh rid yourself of this repulsive disease. Ask Dr Shoop of Racine, Wis. to mail you free, a trial box of his Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Remedy. sick ones continue to drug the stomach

Lost Her Prestige. A New York woman, not being content with the reputation she enjoys of being one of the most beautiful women in her state, has literary aspirations. Recently she was a gaest at luncheon when the conversation drifted to books and plays. Various discussions followed. The beauty took part and expressed herself freely. But when she asked her listeners whether they considered Ibsen a psychological and pathological writer she handed out a stunner. A graveyard silence reigned until one girl, who was bolder than the rest, asked what pathological meant

Here is where the beauty lost literary prestige.

"I looked it up a few days ago," she replied, "but I cannot remember just ings. I felt just that way when our now what it means." - New York | pig took the gold medal at the cuille Times

the mayor."-Harper's Weekly.

Raising Poultry.

No matter when you start in the poultry business, remember that you should always start with the best. If many fowls buy only a pair and get the best you can and remember further that next year's produce may not even be as good as those you start with. It takes years of experience to circle .- T. P.'s Weekly. master the art of raising fine poultry, and it is only after we have successcan successfully mate our fowls year

provement at the end of each season. Begin in a small way and study every once made. Don't expect \$100 worth will do that.-Farmer.

Simplicity.

arose to say: "It is a fact beyond doubt I do believe in simplicity. It is asthat the Scotchman takes the average tonishing as well as sad how many American joke very seriously. He extrivial affairs even the wisest man amines it critically and ever so cautiously, and if he happens to discover thinks he must attend to every day, anything in it that is witty or humorhow singular an affair he thinks he ous he laughs heartily."-New York would solve a difficult problem he first Press. frees the equation of all incumbrances and reduces it to its simplest terms. So simplify the problem of life, distinguish the necessary and the real. Probe the earth to see where your main roots run.-Thoreau.

Talking Golf.

From the window she saw him coming ap the steps. "He comes!" she exclaimed joyfully. There was a bit of ice on the top step (for it was an early day in June).

He struck it. Then he struck each of "Heavens!" she cried. "He has foozled his approach!"-London Tribune.

Besides Being a Man.

Little Sammy-What's your father, Willie? Little Willie-He's a man. Little Sammy-Oh, I mean what does he do for his bread and butter? Little Williet-He's an artichoke and draws houses .- London Express.

Occupation is one great source of enjoyment. No man properly occupied was ever miserable .- L. E. Landon.

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eases. Test the vital truth and see. W. E. Brown & Co.

An Unhappy Comparison.

A country minister had just received his first call to the charge of a small church, and his wife, of course, was highly excited-so much so that she was obliged to tell everybody of the good news. One day she met a farmer's wife and

began the conversation. "Do you know, Mrs. Close," she said,

"my husband has just secured the incumbency of a church, and I can't tell you how delighted I am. I"-"Yes," replied the sympathetic old

lady, "I quite understand your feet W.P.DIEAMARI BE JACONSECO show."-Pearson's Weekly.

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he cried in answer, seeing it at the bot- Lord Cochrane stood again, and the Clerk of Court for the County aforesaid, tom of a little pool in the rocks, where voters, remembering his lavish me h- on the 11th day of January, 1988. ods, asked him no questions, but rait had been washed by a year's tide. A lady lost a ring on the under- turned him with a roaring majority. ground, but did not discover her loss Then they conveyed a delicate hint to

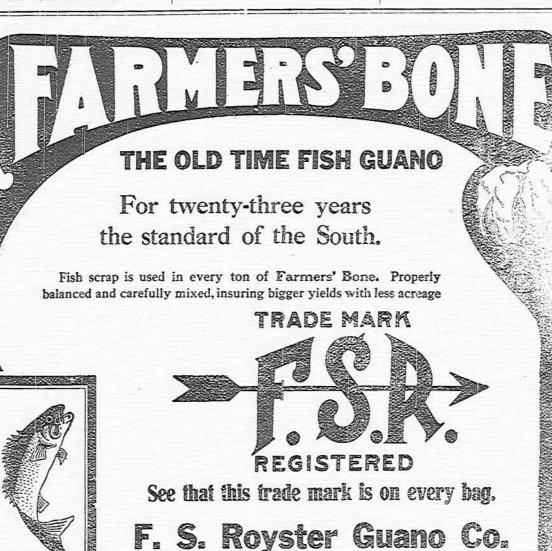
until some time after she had left the the noble lord asking what he p.ostation. When she returned to report posed to give them for this distinguishthe loss an inner circle train entered ed service. "Not one farthing!" roared the station, and on the step of one of his lordship. The unhappy men rethe carriages the ring was found. It minded him that he had paid 10 guinwas the carriage in which she trav- eas a head to the minority at the proeled, which had just completed the vious election. A complacent grin brightened the face of the member s he gave this explanation: "The former gift was for their disinterested con-Humor For the Scotch.

duct in not taking the bribe of £5 from A very clever man made an unfor-Give us a Trial. tunate remark the other night in a the agents of my opponent. For me gathering which included several na- now to pay them would be a violation tives of Scotland, but all naturalized of my own previously expressed principles.' citizens of this republic. It was the

familiar skit that "it requires a sur-To stop that pain in the back, that stiffness of the joints and muscles, take Pineules. They are guaranteed. Don't suffer from rheumatism. gical operation to get a joke into the head of a Scotchman." Nobody laughbackache, kidney trouble, when you get 30 days' treatment for \$100. A single dose at bed time exther merit. Get them today. Sold by "the Manning Pharmacy. ed. The solemn silence was broken by a veteran from the highlands was

An Artemus Ward Story. When Artemus Ward was at the height of his fame he received a telegram from Tom Maguire, then the leading amusement manager of the Pacific slope. It asked Artemus, who was then delivering his funny lecture

Wearing shoes with thin soles and in New York, what he would take for allowing the soles of the feet to absorb fifty nights in California. The prompt the dampness and cold from the ground and laconic response was "Brandy and or pavement causes more coughs than water." Maguire somehow failed to any other one thing. It is better to see the point, and he wired Ward for prevent the cough, but if too late get a an explanation. He got it in the shape remedy that is safe. Rydale's Cough Elixir is guaranteed under the Pure Food and Drug Law to contain neither S10.50, for rates were high in those Food and Drug Law to contain neither morphine, chloroform, opium nor any-thing that could injure the smallest would be sent by the following mail. child. Dr. W. E. Brown & Co.



Norfolk, Virginia.

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