

**MARY TRIES HOUSEKEEPING.**

**And Mother Helps Her Out With Some Very Tempting Recipes.**

"But, mother, try as I may I can't get anything like the results you achieve from almost nothing. We come here and take tea or dinner or something with you and enjoy everything so much, and then when I try to do the same thing, word for word and dish for dish, everything goes wrong and Gus says I'm silly to take so much trouble just for a few 'eats,' as he calls them."

"Well, Gus is a goose if he doesn't appreciate your efforts," I returned, rallying to my daughter's defence, and indignant at the mere thought that any man could question her perfections.

"Oh, he appreciates them all right, that's the trouble," smiled Mary, the brand new bride. "But housekeeping for two is so difficult when there are so many good things to have and so many pretty things in which to serve them."

"Perhaps that's where the trouble lies, Mary. Perhaps you want to have too many good things at one time so as to use some of that fine china and silver of yours."

"Well, my plates and spoons and things are simply begging me to use them, so what can I do?"

"You can use common sense for one thing, my dear, and use your pretties each in turn, not all at once, and by doing so accomplish better culinary results and at the same time be a little more considerate of Gus's pocketbook."

"Perhaps, so," agreed my little would-be housekeeper. "Do tell me how to do with eggs and anchovy and bread and custard and such like, won't you, mother, please?"

What can I do but acquiesce, even though some of the things she wants are rather absurd for youngsters just beginning? However, she is in earnest, and I may as well make a beginning. So I take her at her word.

"Mary, do you know eggs when you see them? Well, all right, then. And ham, too? That's good; yes some of the leftovers will do very well. Now then, here's what you do to make

**Stuffed Eggs.**  
Boil half a dozen eggs hard. Remove the shells and cut the eggs crosswise in two. Slice off a piece from each end to make them stand firmly. Remove the yolks and mix with them a little chopped ham. Fill the whites with this mixture, heaping it up in a cone shape. Put the stuffed halves on a flat dish and pour over them this dressing: Beat two egg yolks with half a teaspoonful of mustard, half a teaspoonful of salt and twelve table-spoonfuls of salad oil added slowly; then with a little vinegar if necessary.

"That sounds good," says young hopeful. "I'll try it today. I think Gus is rather tired of eggs, but that doesn't matter. He's good-natured, sometimes. What about the anchovy thing. Isn't that bit unusual?"

"Unusual, perhaps for you two, but wholesome all the same. Be sure and prepare the toast nicely, brown evenly, and for goodness sake, don't burn it. Now, then:

**Anchovy With Eggs.**  
"Prepare slices of ordinary toast, butter them while hot and spread rather thickly with anchovy paste. Beat the whites and yolks of eggs separately and pour into a buttered skillet. Cook like scrambled eggs and pour over the hot toast. Season with salt and pepper and serve immediately."

"Mother, you're a duck. Gus had just better like that or I'll—well never mind. What next?"

"How about bread omelet?"

"I never heard of it—oh, yes I have, too, but anyhow I haven't the least idea how to make it."

"Well, here's the recipe. Try it and see if you don't like it."

**Bread Omelet.**  
"One slice bread soaked in one cup of milk, yolks of five eggs, butter size of walnut, salt and pepper. Mix all together, then fold in whites that have been beaten stiff. Pour in hot iron spider and bake on top of stove until set, then put in oven and brown."

"Eggs again! But Gus will just have to stand for them."

"Eggs again? You mean Gus again. Do leave him out of your conversation for one minute even if you can't get him out of your thoughts, Mary. Now get down to business, please," and I followed my sharp words with a sharp look at the delightfully interested girl.

"Mother, I forgive you. Yes, ma'am, I do," chirped Mary, the respectful. "Now, let's get to the sweets that custard sponge that—er—er"—Gus likes so much."

I silenced her with a look—for a time at least and submitted the following:

**Custard Sponge.**  
"Line dessert cups with thin slices of sponge cake or halves of lady fingers. Fill with custard that has been chilled and sprinkle grated macaroons over the top. Add a spoonful

**PAID TO SIGN AFFIDAVIT.**

**Former Atlanta Pastor Tells of Paper in Frank Case.**

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 28.—The Rev. C. B. Ragsdale, formerly pastor of a local church, today testified he was paid \$200 for signing a false affidavit in connection with the Leo M. Frank case. Mr. Ragsdale was the first witness in the trial of Dan S. Lehon, Southern manager of the William J. Burns National Detective agency; Arthur Thurman, a lawyer, and C. C. Tedder, a former policeman, who are charged with subornation of perjury.

It is alleged they procured false affidavits from Ragsdale and R. L. Barber shortly after Frank's extraordinary motion for a new trial was filed.

In the affidavits Ragsdale and Barber declared they overheard James Conley, a negro, tell another negro that he had killed a girl in the factory where Mary Phagan was murdered.

The former pastor still was on the witness stand when court adjourned for the day. He testified to alleged meetings with the defendants when he said the affidavit was discussed, describing the signing of the document in the office of Luther Z. Rosser, who was one of Frank's principal counsel, and told of the alleged payments of the money later. He added that the night he received the money "a man rode up to my house on a motorcycle and told my sons to tell their father not to say anything to anybody unless it was a Burns man."

**When Cupid Laughed.**  
The Cleveland Plain Dealer tells of this dialogue:

"You know we had a French maid and a German butler?"

"Yes."

"Well, we've been worried over them ever since the war broke out. We took the greatest pains to set them an example of neutrality. We were afraid all the time that it would be impossible to keep them from flying at each other. Of course we were careful not to discuss the war before them. In short, we've been taking a whole lot of trouble for months to help them keep the peace. I can't begin to tell you how careful we were. And what do you suppose happened yesterday?"

"Why, a pitched battle?"

"Nothing of the sort. It seems the two were engaged long before the war broke out and yesterday they were married!"

of whipped cream to each and serve."

"Isn't that the nicest ever! I want some more; please help me again, mother."

"You don't deserve a second helping, but I'll be real good and tell you something else that you can do with custard. You used to like this. Don't you recall

**Boston Cream Cake.**

The real Boston cream cake or pie is no more than a plain cake with custard spread between the layers. Some times whipped cream is used instead of custard. Whenever any plain cake is on hand, it can be easily converted into a cream cake or pie by splitting it and spreading it with thick custard between the slices and sprinkling the top with sugar.

"Yes, but father liked much better than I did, so perhaps Gus will—well, all right, then, I won't. What about that Coffee Mousse, mother? That's fine."

"Yes, but it takes a whole pint of cream." I warned my supposedly economical girl.

Well, let's be extravagant just once. How must I make it?"

"It is made very easily as follows:

**Coffee Mousse.**

"Beat two eggs and mix them with a cupful of sugar. Then add a cupful of strong coffee. Finally fold in a pint of cream, whipped stiff. Freeze, without grinding for four hours."

"Gus—I mean we'll like that, I know we will. Now something in the candy line, please, and with chocolate if you know how?"

"If I know how? I like that, when I never can keep a batch of chocolate caramels in the house more than ten minutes when you're around."

"Yes, mother, I know. Tell me how, please, please," teased Mary.

**Chocolate Caramels.**

"Boil together three cupfuls of granulated sugar, one cupful of grated chocolate, one cupful milk, one cupful of butter and one scant teaspoonful of vanilla. Stir often, and when a bit of it poured into ice water hardens, it is done. Pour into buttered tins to the thickness of about an inch. When cool, cut into squares and wrap in paraffine paper."

"Well, thank you so much, dear; I guess that will about bankrupt Gus for a week, so I'll let you off until next Sunday. I'll let you know how I get on, and bring you some of my dainties," and my girl ran over to the little flat next door proudly bearing a batch of recipes in her hands.

"Try them on Gus first," I called after her, but she was out of sight by that time. Mary's Mother.

**COUNTRY HAS 24,724 PAPERS.**

**New Directory Shows Gain of 197 During Past Year.**

The 1915 edition of N. W. Ayer & Son's American Newspaper Annual and Directory lists 24,724 publications of all sorts. The new publications are 1,688, but against this number must be set off suspensions and consolidations sufficient to bring the net gain for the year down to 197, of which 7 belong to Canada. Canada's total number is 1,557.

The number of daily newspapers in the United States is now placed at 2,502, of weeklies 16,323 and monthlies 2,981, an increase in each instance. The only classes to lose are in fortnightlies and semi-monthlies, which now stand at 57 and 291, respectively.

The number of dailies by sections is as follows: Middle western States, 635; western States, 450; Southern States, 405; middle Atlantic, 291; Pacific slope, 283; New York, 211; New England, 182; outlying territories, 45. The middle Atlantic States were the only sections to lose in number. The loss was slight.

In the field of the weeklies the western States have 5,259, the middle western States 3,316, the Southern States 3,154, Pacific slope, 1,414, middle Atlantic 1,258, New York 1,117, New England 759, and outlying territories 46. New York made the considerable gain of 43, and there were small gains or losses in the other sections.

The middle Atlantic States, which lost in the number of dailies and weeklies, made the largest gains, 49, in the number of monthlies, which total 866. New York has 628 monthlies, western States 323, Pacific slope 227, New England 195, and outlying territories 18.

The number of towns in which newspapers are published now reaches 11,817. The classified lists number 222 and include such up to date divisions as aeronautics, moving pictures, Esperanto, woman suffrage and anti-suffrage.—American Press.

**Christianity and War.**

Christianity and war have walked together down the centuries, writes Agnes Repplier, in the January Atlantic. How could it be otherwise? We have to reckon with humanity, and humanity is not made over every hundred years. Science has multiplied instruments of destruction, but the heart of the soldier is the same. It is an anachronism, this human heart, just as war is an anachronism, but it still beats. Nothing sacred and deaf could have survived upon the earth had men not fought for their women, their homes, their individual honor, and their national life. And while men stay men, they must give up their lives when the hour strikes. How shall they believe that, dying on the frontiers of their invaded countries, or at the gates of their besieged towns, they sin against the law of Christ? Heroism is good for the soul, and it bears as much practical fruit as law-making. It goes further in moulding and developing the stuff of which a great nation is made. "There is a flower of honor, there is a flower of chivalry, there is a flower of religion." So Sainte-Beuve equips the spirit of man; and the soldier, no less than the civilian, cherishes this three-fold bloom. Because he "lives dangerously," he feels the need of God. Because his life is forfeit, there is about him the dignity of sacrifice.

**Ye Editor's Reward.**

There was an old geezer and he had some head; He hadn't any money, but a nerve instead; He borrowed ten dollars and an old hand press And he started up a paper called the Weekly Guess.

'Twas a very queer name, I will admit, But the paper he published it sure did fit; For it kept him guessin' and a sawin' wood To get out weekly as a weekly should.

Some weeks he missed but more he hit, This game old rooster he wouldn't quit, And he always managed to get a few bits To keep his family in their daily grits.

He praised his friends and skinned his foes And he drew free passes to vaudeville shows; He kept 'em all readin' his newsy sheet, Though his best pair of trousers had a reinforced seat.

And when at last a kindly fate Sent him knockin' at St. Peter's gate, They invited him to come inside And he editor-in-chief of the Heavenly Guide.

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