

Locusts as Food.—Practical Test of the Matter.

Yesterday afternoon Messrs. Riley and Straight determined to test the cooked locust question, in regard to its adaptability as food for the human stomach. Getting wind of the affair, and being always in haste to indulge in free feeding, we made bold to intrude ourselves on our scientific friends. We found a bounteous table spread, surrounded by the gentlemen named, accompanied by Mrs. Straight and Miss Maltby. Without much waste of ceremony there were five persons seated, and we were helped to soup which plainly showed its locust origin and tasted like chicken soup—and it was good; after seasoning was added, we could distinguish a delicate mushroom flavor—and it was better. Then came batter-cakes, through which locusts were well mixed. The soup had banished silly prejudice and sharpened our appetites for this next lesson, and batter cakes quickly disappeared also. Baked locusts were then tried (plain hoppers, without grease or condiment), and with or without accompaniments, it was pronounced an excellent dish.

The meal was closed with desert a la John the Baptist—baked locusts and honey—and, if we know anything, we can testify that that distinguished scripture character must have thrived on his rude diet in the wilderness of Judea.

We believe this is the first attempt at putting this insect to its best use, and the result is not only highly satisfactory to those brave enough to make the attempt, but should this insect make his visit oftener and cause greater destruction, future generations will hail its presence with joy. It will be jubilee year—like manna in the wilderness, or quails in the desert—food without money and without price.—Warrensburg (Mo.) News.

BREVITIES.

Visionary men are continually searching after the unknowable and digging for the unget-at-able.

An impassioned swain under a bad spell wrote, "Mary, I love the well." She replied that she was glad he did not drink liquor.

Mark Twain says: "To the poor whites along the Mississippi river chills are a merciful provision of Providence, enabling them to take exercise without exertion."

"Mr. D—, if you'll get my coat done by Saturday, I shall be forever indebted to you." "If that's your game, it won't be done," said the tailor.

"They fired two shots at him," wrote an Irish reporter, "the first shot killed him, but the second shot was not fatal."

A country youth, who desired to know how to become rich, sent a quarter in answer to an advertisement, and received the following valuable receipt: "Increase your receipts and decrease your expenditures. Work eighteen hours a day, and live on hash and oatmeal gruel."

An Irish soldier, pretending to dumbness, and the surgeon of the regiment, after several attempts to restore him, declaring him incurable, was discharged. He, in a short time afterwards, enlisted in another corps, and being recognized by an old comrade, and questioned how he learned to speak, "By St. Patrick!" replied Paddy, "ten guineas would make any man speak."

Read the best books, those that contain the best expression of man and his works. Among those are the best poems and best novels. They express the most varied and best of human experience, the best English thought in talking, and in writing. Every person should have his own style, which is that in which he best says what he has to say.

"Ursula, dear, of what is that curiass bodice made?"

"Of black satin."

"Of what is it composed?"

"Of a little of everything. A great deal of whalebone, tow, India rubber, wadding, and who knows not. The kingdoms of nature are there."

"How is it made?"

"The back is whaleboned and wadded, the hips are rounded with India rubber, and the bosom is filled out with the same."

"And is it pretty?"

"Pretty—a broomstick would look a goddess in it."

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NEWS NOTES.

A little child of Mr. Tennis, of Hutchinson, Minn., was missing the other day, and his parents became much alarmed. The neighbors turned out, and a thorough search was instituted. He was finally found at the bottom of a barrel, near the house, fast asleep.

The English seem disposed to look with horror on the custom of cutting up animals for the benefit of science. Efforts have been put forth to enact laws to prevent this cruel sacrifice. No animal must be put under the influence of poisonous drugs, even to find out the exact effect of the same.

The young lady students of the Syracuse Medical College are very careless. Recently three of them purchased the body of an Auburn convict, and, after cutting it up, threw the pieces into a vacant lot, causing intense excitement in the vicinity, the general opinion being that a diabolical murder had been committed.

The Anoka, Minn., *Republican* says a mother and a daughter, the latter about fifteen years of age, residing in that city, had a little unpleasantness, in the course of which the daughter picked her mother up and threw her bodily through the window, taking sash and glass with her. The mother gathered herself up, and taking her baby in her arms, retired, leaving her dutiful daughter in undisturbed possession of the field of battle.

Everybody seems to have taken a holiday this season and has gone or is going to Europe. Perhaps, however, there are a few hard worked newspaper men who will not get any farther than the seashore, where they must content themselves with taking off their shoes and stockings and wading in the wet sand while their brains are busy with dreams of Paris, Switzerland and the Rhine.—*Ex.*

A Washington correspondent writes that "Mrs. Rousby's engagement at Ford's Opera House opened on May 10th with 'Twixt Axe and Crown,' to a light house. It is to be regretted that a repetition of her troubles in Cincinnati should take place here. On Tuesday evening her main support was, to use a mild term, severely indisposed, and the play was a horrible farce. Sympathy for this unfortunate lady alone kept the audience seated."

When Boynton was introduced to the court circle in England, he spoke to the Princess Beatrice as "Miss" and called the Queen "Mrs." After they got through talking, he said he hoped they would overlook his mistakes in etiquette, because he "wasn't posted up in the business." And the royal people didn't get offended, as vulgar people would have done, and switch out of the room in a huff; they only laughed.

Says a Montana paper: "A lie travels on horseback, while truth goes afoot," has been exemplified. A typographical error in this paper, some four or five weeks since, made the price of hay read \$70 instead of \$20 per ton, and it has been reproduced from Dan to Beersheba, and on several other routes. We have stated several times that Montana is the best country out of doors, and exchanges avoid repeating it as they do religion.

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