

of an egg in a cupful of cold or tepid water. Rub this well into the scalp by the tips of the fingers, and it cleanses the scalp beautifully, besides acting as a tonic to the hair. It, however, becomes injurious unless washed off thoroughly with several rinsing waters.

The best method of shampooing the hair is always to turn it over the face after brushing it well up from the back. Then, when it is washed, divide it by a parting through the centre of the head, and let it fall down over the shoulders after squeezing out all the water possible by twisting it tightly. Never make the mistake to dry the hair quickly by sitting in front of an over or otherwise. A little gentle fanning is a good thing, but it is well to first rub a little alcohol into the roots. This is a preventive against catching cold. Rub the hair with warm towels, and when perfectly dry divide into strands and comb out the tangles, beginning at the ends.

A splendid tonic for the hair is plain cold water. Massage the scalp each morning for five minutes with the fingers dipped in cold water, and remember on all occasions that sunshine and air are good for the hair. A gentle pulling of the hair against the roots is also beneficial in that it stimulates the circulation. Dandruff cots the roots of the hair, and must be got rid of. An effective lotion is made as follows:—1 teaspoonful powdered borax; ½ teaspoonful sweet; ¼ teaspoonful flowers of sulphur; 1oz. rose water; 1oz. spirits rosemary.

The hair should be brushed for ten minutes night and morning. For this purpose choose a brush with long, stiff bristles, and, resting the brush firmly on the head, draw it to the extreme ends with a slow stroke.

Mary's Layer Cake.

BY LILIAN DYNBOR RICE.

Mary goes to cooking class,
Leaves to boil and bake;
Said she'd make a home attempt
On a layer cake.

Donned an apron, kerchief, cuffs;
Prim as any nun.
Summoned all the household staff;
"Then" began the fun.

'Twas, "Billy Boy, come beat the eggs;
Stir the fire, Nan;
Bessie, melt some chocolate, please;
Use the granite pan;

"Mother, kindly get the milk;
Lemon extract, Joe.
Hurry, hurry, everyone!
Goodness, but you're slow!

"Sift the flour, Aunt Mary Ann,
Get the sugar, too;
Cream it with butter—careful now!
There, I'm almost through.

"Bridget, is the oven right?
How much time you take!
Now, I'll go and change my dress
While you watch it bake."

When 'twas over, in the sink,
On the table nigh,
Platters, saucepans, cups and spoons
Rose in mountains high;

Kitchen looked like all possessed;
Cook was in a pet;
Flour all over, grease on floor,
Everything upset;

Mother and the household staff
Tired enough to ache.
But it was a grand success;
Mary's (?) layer cake.

The King's English Abroad.

"MEALS AT EVERY O'CLOCK.

English and colonial visitors on the Continent have from time to time sent home amusing instances of foreign efforts to address the British tourist in his own barbarous tongue. Here are a few, culled from signs in Continental shops, hotels and other places of public resort.

Even cultivated Paris supplies a few amusing blunders in her struggles with our uncouth lingo. A restaurateur in the Gay City wished to impress on the hungry tourist that at his establishment food could be obtained at any hour. After much labour he evolved the following:

"Meals at every o'clock!"
A hairdresser in the Rue St. Honoré sought to attract English visitors with the weird announcement, "Hear to cut off here"; while a Palais Royal baker appealed to those who liked their macaroni

fresh with "Macaroni not baked sooner ready."

Switzerland supplies a plentiful crop of quaintly worded notices. Concluding an enthusiastic account of his hotel, a Swiss landlord gives the candid information that "Wines at this hotel give the visitor nothing to hope for." Another advertises "Plain and artful baths." Desirous of vaunting the maturity of his cheeses, a Swiss tradesman says: "These cheeses are not too childish." It is well known as the thing to do when visiting the Rigi to watch the sunrise; wherefore an hotel there gives out that "When the sun him rise a horn will be blowed." This kind of English seems considerably more childish than the extolled cheeses of the worthy Swiss tradesman.

Having made the usual distinction between casual visitors and those who pay by the month, having resolved on a lengthened stay, a Swiss hotel proprietor exhorts the latter thus: "Monthly gentlemen will have to pay my fixed rate made with them at the time, and should they absent day in month they will not be allowed to deduct anything out of it, because I take from them less rate." After this, one does not flinch from such minor eccentricities as "Baked apples" and "Stewed prunes," which fearful and wonderful dishes have been known to figure on a Swiss menu.

In Italy, near Pompeii, the following curious announcement appears in the circulars of a large hotel:

"People will find equally thither a complete sortiment of stranger wines and of the kingdom, hot and cold baths, stables, and coach-houses, the whole with very moderate price. Now, all the endeavours

of the host will tend always to correspond with the tastes of their customers, which will acquire without doubt to him in that town the reputation of which he is desirous."

The cryptic reference to "stranger wines," etc., may indicate that both native and foreign vintages may be looked for; but why lump them together with such incongruous things as "hot and cold baths, stables and coach-houses?" However, let us hope that the endeavours of the host will acquire for him the reputation of which he is desirous.

In a French town much frequented by English tourists, a dentist concludes an advertisement in the local papers thus: "M.N. renders himself to the inhabitants of these town with honour him with their confidence, and executes with skill and vivacity." One would imagine that a vivacious dentist would be some thing of a nuisance, but doubtless he of the forceps only meant that he was prompt in his methods.

It is impossible not to be awed by this Japanese official notice: "The trespassing, birds' and beasts' killing, and cows and horses setting on fire at the ground belonging to Government are strictly prohibited."

Very often a mistake is made by misinterpreting a foreign word which has two English meanings. Thus, a British tourist in Holland was puzzled to know what "Upright ginger beer" might mean, till he found out that "opright" in Dutch stands for both "upright" and "genuine." Again, "House to praise," in a French paper, mystified those who did not remember that in French "louer" means both "to praise" and "to let."

The Taxing of Bachelors.

In France legislators are now occupying themselves with matrimonial questions, and if a bill now before the Upper House becomes law, both bachelors and spinsters of thirty years of age and upwards will be subjected to additional taxation. In Darmstadt, I believe, bachelors have long since been taxed, but the Argentine Republic goes further in its desire to promote matrimony. In this last somewhat unsettled State, a stringent law against bachelorhood has been in force for some years. After twenty a man has to pay £1 a month to remain single, but after thirty his special tax is doubled till thirty-five, when it is reduced. A writer in "Woman," commenting on the above, seems to think it is the bounden duty of every one to get married for the good of the State—somewhat overlooking the fact of the enormous majority of women over men in these islands and ends up: "Why should not a fair share of the cost of maintaining and developing this rich mine of our natural wealth, our children, be imposed upon those selfish individuals—both men and women—who remain unmarried from choice, and from a simple desire to escape the obligations that matrimony entails?"

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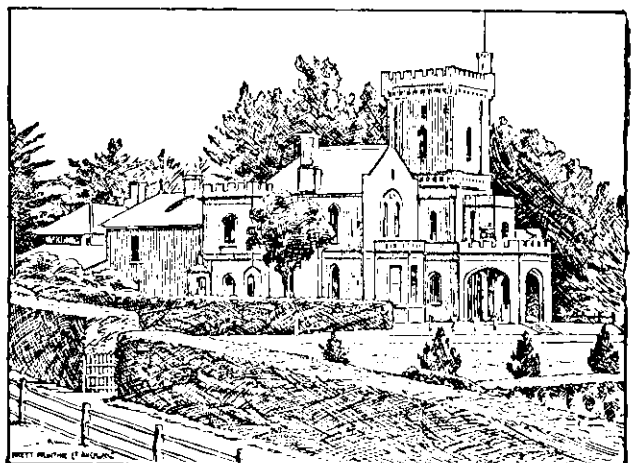
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