













CHEAP FOOD IN NORWAY.

Cafe Where a Good Meal is Served For 9 Cents. There is a novel institution in Christiania in the way of a monster cheap restaurant. It is designated by the name of Dampkjokke, which means in English steam kitchen.

Guests take their seats at a long table. On this table are salt, pepper, cruet stands, bread and decanters filled with fresh drinking water, and the guests are allowed all the time necessary to enjoy their meals.

There are no waiters—in fact, the expense of running the institution is cut down to the smallest possible minimum. Consequently every penny saved goes into the quality of the meals.

At these odd dinners are curious combinations of people—old men, ragged, gray and footsore; hard-working laborers and men too sick to work; wrinkled women down in the world, fighting to live; shopgirls with clean, bright faces, but who can ill afford 10 cents from their pitiful wages.

STRENGTH OF THE SWAN.

An Experience Illustrating the Force of a Blow From a Swan's Wing.

We all know the tradition about the power of a swan's wing—that its blow will break a man's leg. I questioned a man who has much to do with swans about the credibility of the tale, and he told me that he for one was ready to believe it and thought that any other man who had received such a blow from a swan's wing as he had suffered would be likely to believe it also.

He was summoned from his cottage by the news that one of his cygnets was in trouble. A boy had been amusing himself with the elegant sport of giving the cygnets meat attached to a long string. When the cygnet had swallowed the meat well down, the boy would pull it up again by means of the string.

The swan's method of progression on land is as awkward and slow as on the water it is graceful and swift. The swanherd was the first to reach the cygnet, and soon seeing the trouble had calculated to remove it before the parent came up with him.

The great beauty of this institution lies in the fact that it is not a charity. There exists in the breasts of those who sit down to this collation the same independence as the king enjoys in his palace, and they smack their lips with the satisfaction that they have paid full value for what they have received.—Chicago Post.

MOTIVE POWER IN A STORM.

Greater Than the Combined Horsepower of Every Description in the World.

A noted French scientist, H. Mohr, made a careful estimate of the energy expended in the passage of a notable West India cyclone, which lasted three days and nights, and the conclusion reached was that the force developed was fully equal to 473,000,000 horsepower, or at least 15 times the power that is produced in the same space of time by all the windmills, turbines, steam engines and all the men and animals on the surface of the globe.

Applying this method of computation to mid-continent cyclonic movements with which the people of this region are familiar, some most astonishing results will be reached. Suppose, for illustration, a storm is developed of sufficient extent and force to yield to the state of Iowa an average of one inch of rainfall.

Sooner or later Jack Frost arrives. This is the signal the crows seem to have waited for, as the morning after the ground shows white these sable marauders choose an open spot. Generally, if near tide water, a marsh is preferred. Throwing out two or more sentinels, like the good generals they are, they begin a regular conference meeting.

The assembly is thoroughly noisy, and their loud cawing at such times is audible half a mile away. The gathering is continued generally, if not disturbed, at the same place for several days, gaining in intensity, like a protracted camp meeting of the Methodists, as though they realized the importance of coming to a speedy decision.

THE HAPPY CROWS.

They Are as Cunning as They Are Contented—Crows Conclude.

After the duties of incubation are passed the crows lead an industrious and happy life with their young, teaching the brood how to find food for themselves and to avoid the dangers they are liable to encounter from the manifold traps set by the careful farmer or the hunter with his gun on his shoulder.

At first the paper itself was used, but after three years had been spent in measuring it was found that the unequal shrinkage of the paper, together with defects in the planimeters used, had vitiated the results.

The Bulgarians are not, I admit, an engaging or particularly attractive people. They have no literature, no artistic tastes, no great intellectual culture and no dramatic qualities.

The London Christian Commonwealth has been tempted to print the following "good story" of a country clergyman whose finances do not apparently extend to banking operations and experience: Going to the bank with a check, the clerk handed it back with a request that he would endorse it, and it should then be cashed.

A BIG MISTAKE.

Three Thousand Square Miles in the Area of France Overlooked.

Who would believe that a mistake of more than 3,000 square miles in the area of a country like France could have remained undetected for years? Such, nevertheless, is the fact. In other words, it has just been discovered that France is larger than she thought she was to the extent of 3,022 square miles, which is but a trifle less than the area of the island of Corsica!

The entire map was divided into little squares, and the chief difficulty arose along the borders of the country where the squares were broken. Here the planimeters were applied with the utmost possible precision.

"Long before the war John Reynolds was a great man in Illinois," said Colonel W. R. Morrison. "As far back as 1818 he was a justice of the supreme court and was governor from 1830 to 1834. He cut a figure in the Black Hawk war and later came to congress. He was a powerful man before a jury, and his facial expression, which certainly did him great service in winning his cases, was something wonderful. It would have made the fortune of any actor. His sneer was a thing to be dreaded."

Incredible. Bridget Hoolahan came over from Ireland, and the day after her arrival in this country "took service" with a resident of Governor's island. "Sure, ma'am, an phwat's that nise?" demanded Bridget of her mistress as the sunset gun boomed on the evening of her arrival.

A Surprised Editor.

A young actress, who is as well known for her literary work as her histrionic talent, had a very embarrassing experience recently.

She had promised an article for the next issue of a New York dramatic paper and was a little late in writing it. The editor, becoming somewhat alarmed lest it should not be ready as advertised, wrote her a note asking if it would surely come on time. She replied with the telegram: "I am thinking. I do not want you to get worried."

The following advertisement appeared in the local paper of a provincial town: "Do all your shopping at George Henrik Petersen's. He can sell cheaper than any one else, for he is a bachelor and is not compelled to provide for hungry brats and a dressy, extravagant wife. Lose no time, however, for he is not averse to marrying so soon as he can find a suitable partner."

There is a monastery at St. Honorat, on an island near Cannes, France, which was built in the fourth century. No woman has ever been allowed to enter its walls during the 1,400 years of its existence.

It must not be supposed, however, that such errors of measurement as that which the French have just corrected are uncommon. Few countries have yet been surveyed with such accuracy that we can tell within a few acres what their precise area is. There is no operation of practical science that requires more skill, care and patience than the measurement of the land of a nation.—New York Commercial.

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