



Recipes for an excellent soup, suitable for family luncheons, and chocolate pudding are tossed "into the kettle" today by Mrs. W. A. Fanning.

They are as follows:
CREAM OF TOMATO SOUP
1 qt. milk.
1 No. 2 can tomatoes.
1 medium onion, sliced.
2 or 3 stalks of celery, sliced.
Cook tomatoes, celery and onion 1/2 hr. Thicken with 1-lb. corn starch mixed with water. Just before serving, add heated milk. Top with butter and chopped parsley.

CHOCOLATE PUDDING
1 cup sugar.
4 lb. cocoa (heaping).
5 cups milk.
3 eggs.
4 lb. corn starch.
1/4 t. salt.

BROWN BREAD
3 cups whole wheat flour.
1 1/2 cups sour milk or buttermilk.
1/4 cup molasses.
1/4 cup raisins.
1 1/2 t. soda.
Add soda to molasses, stirring until frothy. Combine with other ingredients. Bake in moderate oven in covered cans about 30 minutes.

This brown bread is ideal for open-face sandwiches when spread with cream cheese.

BATTE TUTT COOKIES
1 1/2 cups brown sugar.
1 cup shortening.
3 eggs.
1 cup nuts.
1 pkg. dates, chopped.
1 t. soda dissolved in 2 tb. boiling water.
Mix in given order. Drop by spoonfuls on tins and bake in moderate oven, 350°.

Zion City Seeking New P. O. Building

Although the city of Zion has more than 6000 residents and has the rating for a first class post-office the community has never possessed a government owned building. The present office is located in a building erected in 1901, and is considered unsafe and not drop-proof by members of various civic bodies, favoring the erection of a new building.

For several years past members of political parties, civic groups and city representatives have petitioned the federal government for a new building. A sum of \$75,-

000 was allotted at the time, it was reported, but no further action has been taken.

A recent movement to modernize the Zion business district has been successful in many sections, new buildings being erected and many old ones renovated. In keeping with this program, construction of a new post office was deemed advisable by local spokesmen.

Service Commission Issues Warning on Fraudulent Schools

The United States Civil Service commission last week issued the following statement:
"The public should not be misled by promises of government positions by so-called 'civil-service schools,' their agents or their advertisements. No school is able to fulfill any such promises. The public is also warned against schools or agents that would lead one to believe that they represent the government or are connected with the government in any way, or that give assurance of success in passing civil-service examinations on the completion of their course."

"Extravagant claims of this type are bringing some schools under government investigation. Recently the post office department issued fraud orders against a number of these schools denying them further use of the mails after evidence had been submitted that they had used the mails to defraud. In one of these cases prosecuted by the government, the promoters of the schools were later tried in federal court and given jail sentences. The federal trade commission also investigates complaints."

"The aim of the government is to protect the public against misrepresentation by any of these schools. It is of course impossible for the government to secure or aid in securing the refund of money paid into the schools. The public is therefore urged to heed this warning and to cooperate with the government by making inquiry in every case concerning such claims by civil-service schools or agents before enrolling for courses."

"Caution is particularly made against claims by schools that their courses are the only order to take the examinations of the U. S. Civil Service Commission; that they are given advance information regarding civil-service examinations; that they have influence with the federal government to procure employment for applicants; that they can secure special advantages for those taking their courses; that they have been authorized by the federal government to give examinations. Such claims are false."

Origin of Name "White House"
The name "White House" is supposed to have been given the capitol after it was painted white to efface the blackened walls, the result of its partial destruction by the British in 1814. There is some controversy about this, however, one claim being that it was so named because Martha Custis was owner of "White House" when Washington first met. It was first popularly known as the President's House, but by the year 1828 the nickname "White House" had come to be widely used.

DO YOU KNOW ILLINOIS?

By EDWARD J. HUGHES
Secretary of State

The secretary of state of Illinois is the state librarian ex-officio. Much information concerning your state. Any questions which the state library and archives division under his jurisdiction contains of particular interest to readers and which are not covered in this series will be answered immediately. Address all communications: Edward J. Hughes, Secretary of State, Public Information Department, Capitol, Springfield, Illinois.

Q. What was the reason for the odd number of Gov. French's term of years as Governor?

A. He was first elected under the constitution of 1818 in 1846 and re-elected under the new constitution of 1848.

Q. Who were French's opponents in 1846?

A. French was the Democratic candidate and received 58,700 votes. Thomas M. Kilpatrick, Whig candidate, was given 36,775, and Richard Ellis, the abolitionist, received only 5112 votes.

Q. In what unusual manner was Stephen A. Douglas elected to the U. S. Senate celebrated in 1846?

A. A grand fête was given in his honor in the state house in Springfield. The house was converted into a ballroom and refreshments served in the senate.

Q. How old was Douglas at this time?

A. 33.

Q. In what years did Illinois first contract a state debt?

A. 1810-1812 when a debt of \$150,000 was recorded.

Q. To what amount had the state debt risen by 1848?

A. \$16,661,798.

Q. What was the population of Chicago in 1848?

A. 16,859.

Q. What was the population of Springfield, the state capital?

A. 4,000.

Q. What was the population of Illinois as she approached her second constitution in the late 1840s?

A. 662,150. The total assessed value of real and personal property had increased to \$92,206,493.

Q. What difficulties were encountered in the first efforts to form the republican party in Illinois?

A. There was disagreement concerning the choice of name for the party and prejudice against some of the party's leaders on the part of the whigs.

Q. What convention to reconcile difficulties in the formation of the party was held at Decatur?

A. A convention of anti-Nebraska Act editors was held at Decatur, Feb. 22, 1856.

Q. What editors attended this convention?

A. Paul Selby, Jacksonville Journal; W. J. Urey, Decatur Chronicle; V. Y. Ralston, Quincy Whig; Charles H. Ray, Chicago Tribune; O. P. Wharton, Rock Island.

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Nick in Coat Lapel One of Oldest Clothes Fashions

How many people realize that many little curiosities of the male attire are relics of styles from the past? asks a writer in Pearson's Weekly.

For example, the nick in the coat lapel originated some 150 years ago. It enabled the collar to be turned up without disturbing the lapel. (This was in the days of enormous collars.)

The waistcoat was first worn in the reign of Charles II, and was knee length. For convenience in walking, it was later shortened to the waistcoat style we know today.

In order to allow the Beau Brummell of Edwardian days to show off his fancy socks, and to prevent the bottoms of the trousers from getting muddy, the tailors hit on the idea of the turned-up trousers, which nowadays is such a handy resting place for dust, germs, and lost three-penny-bits.

The stripe down the side of evening-dress trousers originated in the side-buttons of Victorian staid trousers. The stripe began as a strip of cloth to hide the buttons.

St. Thomas More

St. Thomas More lived some 200 years after St. Ives, rising to prominence in legal and royal court circles in England during the reign of King Henry VIII as Sir Thomas More. St. Thomas began his career as a lawyer and was elected a member of parliament. He was made

privy counselor, knighted by the king and subsequently made lord chancellor. He held the latter office only three years, resigning after a clash with the king. When he refused to take the oath of supremacy in 1534, he was imprisoned in the Tower of London. Charged with high treason he was sentenced to death and on July 6 of the same year beheaded on Tower hill.

Q. What were the most important points of the platform adopted by the Bloomington convention?

A. That congress possessed the power to abolish slavery in the territories and should exercise that power to prevent the extension of slavery; opposition to the repeal of the Missouri Compromise and in favor of making Kansas and Nebraska free states; in favor of the immediate admission of Kansas under the free constitution adopted by her people.

Q. Who were the nominees of the convention?

A. Wm. H. Bissell, governor;

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Economic Classes Planning Style Show

At the April or May meeting of the P.T.A. the girls of the Barrington public school will present a style show under the supervision of Miss Margaret Everett, home economics teacher.

The girls from the three clothing divisions, junior high, clothing I, and advanced home economics will model the garments they have constructed.

The seventh and eighth grade girls will begin the style review by displaying an array of aprons. Following this blouses, smocks, pajamas, and house coats will be modeled. In the next division the girls will wear simple spring frocks.

The clothing I girls will present four groups: aprons, pajamas and smocks, simple dresses, and better dresses.

From the advanced class a wide variety of garments and materials will be shown. Two special features from this class will be made-over garments and children's clothing.

A complete program of this style show will be announced later, Miss Everett stated.

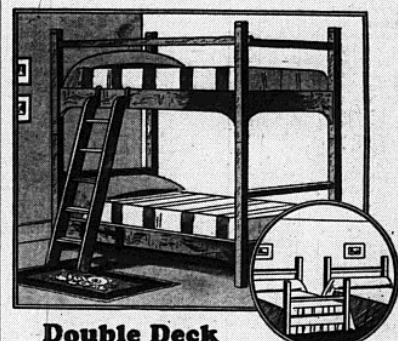
Why It Is a "Bridewell"

Long ago a hospital was built in London on the site of a former royal palace over a medicinal spring known as St. Bride's Water. This was contracted to Bridewell. After the Reformation, according to London Answers Magazine, King Edward VI chartered the London hospital was devoted to the education of the young. St. Thomas' was the cure of the sick, and Bridewell was turned into a penitentiary for unruly apprentices and vagrants. Thus "Bridewell," gradually slipped into use as a general name for prisons.

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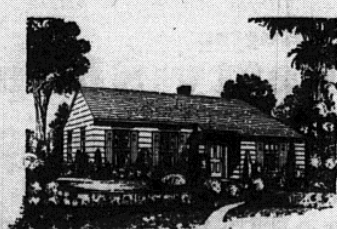
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