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### Pineapple Plays Many Parts

HAVE you ever stopped to consider the multitude of dishes of which pineapple can form an integral part? It can be used in appetizers, beverages, bouillon, breads, breakfast dishes, cakes, cocktails, cordials, cups, desserts, egg-nogs, fillings, with fish, in fizzes, fritters, frozen dishes, fudge, ices, juleps, loafs, with meats, in pies, preserves, puddings, punches, salads, sandwiches, sauces, shakes, sherberts, shortcake, slices, soufflés, soups, tarts, and with vegetables.

We're sure that we missed a few because this delicious and nutritious tropical fruit is liable to crop up in almost any dish, but these are all that we can remember at the moment. There are no end to the desserts in which it can appear and of the drinks to which pineapple juice or syrup can add a special flavor, all its own.

**With Meats, Fish, Vegetables**  
We know recipes for pineapple served with beef, chicken, ham, liver and bacon, meat loaf, pork chops, pork tenderloin, roast lamb, sausages and steak, and we would not be astonished to see it make its appearance with almost any other fowl or meat.

As for fish, we have seen it served with bass, codfish, crab, lobster and shrimp, and we have no doubt that accomplished housewives serve it with still other denizens of the deep.

In the vegetable field it combines well with parsnips, peas, kidney beans, tomatoes and yams,

and may have many other affiliations of which we have not heard. Fortunately, since it plays such a large part in our dietary, there is plenty of canned pineapple on hand, and plans are being made to provide us with still more of it. Did you know that one of the biggest packers in this country and Hawaii is planning to spend approximately half a million dollars improving and adding to its pineapple canning division at Honolulu?

**A Famous Recipe**  
It's hard to choose from among the hundreds of pineapple recipes in existence one which does this fruit justice, but perhaps one of the most famous is this:  
**Pineapple Upside Down Cake:** Fruit Mixture—Melt two table spoons butter in large frying pan and pack one cup brown sugar evenly over it. Drain well the fruit from a No. 2½ can crushed pineapple, and pack it on top of the sugar. **Cake Mixture**—Cream one-half cup butter and one cup sugar, and add two well-beaten egg yolks. Add three-fourths cup pineapple syrup alternately with the following sifted dry ingredients—two cups flour, three teaspoons baking powder and one fourth teaspoon salt. Add one teaspoon vanilla. Fold in two stiffly-beaten egg whites. Pour the batter over the fruit mixture and bake in moderate oven, 375 degrees, for from thirty to forty minutes. Turn out upside down and serve either hot or cold with whipped cream on top. Serves eight to ten.\*

### Only Few Writers Among Presidents of the U. S.

It is rather astonishing how few of our Presidents have been writers. The record is rather slim, says a writer in the Washington Post.

Washington, Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, Madison, Polk and Lincoln kept diaries.

Jefferson wrote a book on Virginia, and, like most of our early Presidents, was a voluminous letter writer.

Madison kept the minutes of the debates in the constitutional convention of 1786, and the Madison papers are the most valuable record we have that are concerned with the foundations of our government.

J. Q. Adams's diary in ten volumes is a precious record. Chief Justice Taft spent the last years of his life reading it and laughing over it.

Van Buren wrote his autobiography, which has never been published, and an "Inquiry Into the Origin and Course of Political Parties in the United States," actually compiled from it.

Polk kept a diary during his Presidency, which has been published. It is a document historians value greatly.

Buchanan wrote a history of his own administration, which was published in his lifetime.

Lincoln, in his youth, wrote a life of Christ, which was destroyed; and during his Presidency kept a diary, which also may have been destroyed.

Cleveland wrote a delicious book on fishing and hunting.

Benjamin Harrison wrote a small book on our government.

Theodore Roosevelt was a voluminous writer in the fields of history, biography and nature.

Woodrow Wilson wrote a great book on congress and a popular history of the United States and a biography of Washington.

Coolidge wrote a book on Massachusetts, and an autobiography.

### Early Settlers' Chests Considered Best Friends

The chest was the best friend to the early settlers of America, not only after their arrival, but in England before their departure, for these huge, solidly constructed pieces served the purpose of holding a large share of the worldly goods of these adventurous people, says a writer in the Detroit News.

To the master of the house in New England usually fell the task of making the chest and for this reason it was a simple affair, as there was much necessary work to be done that there was little time to spare on making the chests decorative. However, this did not detract from their charm, for in the crudeness of line lay their attractiveness.

The chests made in England were usually of oak and often had paneled lids "hinged" with wires run through holes in the lid and back of the chest.

Oak and pine were often combined in making the chest in New England, the top, back and bottom being made of the latter, and oak for the rest. The reason for this must have been that pine was so much easier to work with, being soft, and it is said that it is the reason so many lids are missing from the old chests, for the frequent lifting soon caused the wearing through of the wire and the lid soon became a separate piece.

The first chests were without legs, but the sides extended lower than the fronts, which allowed it to have the appearance of legs.

Periodically all ships have to be examined all over. The hulls, from keel to rails; the masts, decks and fittings of every description have all to be looked at and closely scanned for any faults. To examine a ship's keel and all that part usually under water is a strenuous task. For one thing the vessel must be "dry-docked" and fixed firmly free from all water. So it goes "on crutches." Being so narrow underneath, naturally no steamer or ship can balance on its keel. Therefore it has to be propped up and made to stand steady by crutches.

Imagine the number of "crutches" which a huge transatlantic liner must have to hold it in position! All the way along the whole length of the ship large "crutches" have to be fixed, for should several of them happen to slip there might be a terrible catastrophe.

Occasionally, when a ship is on crutches some of them collapse and cause the vessel to heel over on her side, but this is not a frequent occurrence. Crutches, set up by experts, will support the largest of vessels. By their aid workmen are able to get right to the bottom plates and keel and paint, clean, scrape, or carry out repairs just as easily as if they were working on the top deck.

Many people marvel when they see one of the many famous old oaks which still stand in some parts. There is an old Gaelic saying: "Thrice the age of a dog is the age of a horse; thrice the age of a horse is the age of a man; thrice the age of a man is the age of a stag; thrice the age of a stag is the age of an eagle; thrice the age of an eagle is the age of an oak tree." Taking man's "allotted span" of seventy, this gives 1,800 years as the age of an oak. This would mean that oaks still surviving might have been standing while the Romans were in Britain. A good average age for an oak tree, however, is 500 or 600 years. And all from a small acorn!

Acorn Carried as Charm  
Airmen carry with them an acorn when flying. Ever since the days of the Druids the acorn has been the accepted charm against lightning. And it is not only airmen who have this belief. Look at the end of your blind cord and you will probably find that the knob is shaped like an acorn. So, too, with your curtain poles and the tassels of your umbrella. The old idea lingers, though perhaps the very workmen who fashion these articles have no idea of the reason for their shape.—Pearson's Weekly.

Black and Silver Foxes  
A black fox is the same thing as the silver fox, that is the same species of animal, and both black and silver foxes are born quite frequently in the one litter from the same parents. The black, or silver fox really came from the red fox; in other words it is a brunette born into a red headed family. The black, or silver fox, however, has been bred on farms for so many generations that the type and color are quite set and permanent.

Can Make Own Photograph  
When placed in direct contact with a photographic plate, a butterfly is not only able to produce a faithful picture of itself by a light-like emanation when alive, but also a similar photograph by sulphur gas—arising from slow decomposition of its pigment—as long as 50 years after its death.—Collier's Weekly.

Wet and Wetter Seasons  
Most of us are familiar with the fact that tropical countries usually have two seasons, wet and dry. But the Malay peninsula, where we find the Federated Malay States, has so much rain that the seasons are known as the wet season and wetter season.

### Husky Jungle Cock Boss; Kills Off Weaker Males

The wild jungle cock lords it over a band of six or eight hens which he guides, protects, and keeps as long as he can, watchful to fight any intruder on his premises; consequently the weaker males are continually killed off and in any district there are far more females than males. In early spring eight to ten creamy white eggs are laid in a thin hidden nest on the ground, and as each egg arrives the little hen marches out and tells the world about it. The crowing of the cocks is like that of our "herald of the dawn," but less prolonged. These wild ancestors of our poultry—they are still numerous in oriental jungles—were domesticated long before any known records of history. They spread westward with the advance of migrating peoples from Persia and Asia Minor, and reached the Atlantic coast of Europe with the Roman conquests of two thousand years ago.—Montreal Herald.

### Ships Put "on Crutches" When Docked for Repairs

**English Salt**  
One million nine hundred and ten thousands tons of salt are made in England every year, and nearly all of it comes out of Cheshire and Worcestershire. Most of it is used in chemical factories, but a good deal as fertilizer. Three bushels per acre of salt increases the yield of wheat by four to twelve bushels per acre. Some plants, however, do not like it. Among these are the apple tree, the cherry, and the vine. In dressing land with salt too much can be used for 16 bushels per acre will destroy all plant life, including weeds. Salt is one of the most widely distributed of all minerals. It is even thrown out by Vesuvius and other active volcanoes.—Montreal Herald.

The "Unsheathed Sword"  
According to the traditions of the place, the "sword of state" which hangs in Shakespeare's birthplace was removed from its scabbard in August, 1914, as an official notice to the town that England was at war. The sword was carried by Shakespeare's father when he was high bailiff, 1508 to 1509. Custom unsheathes the sword when England is at war and does not return it to its scabbard until peace is declared.

Mediterranean Sponge Fishery  
The bureau of fisheries says that the Mediterranean sponge fishery is of considerable antiquity and it produces over half in value of the world supply, though it is impossible to obtain accurate statistics for all countries on its border. The fisheries of the American coast produce by far the largest quantity, but a predominance of the lower-priced kinds reduce the value to about three-fourths of that of the Mediterranean fisheries.

Columbus' Cook Stove  
In Columbus' ship, the Santa Maria, the arrangement for cooking consisted of a large square piece of metal, probably iron, with a raised portion at the back on which were placed two tripods. On the tripods were large iron pots in which the food was cooked. Underneath the tripods were fagots which were burned. For heating purposes stoves burning charcoal and wood were employed.

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