

Slang Words With Stories Behind

Did your wife buy any white elephants at the sales earlier this year? You've probably never thought why this seemingly inappropriate term should be applied to such things.

Real white elephants in ancient Burma and Siam were regarded with such awe that they had the title of "holy" and their households were superintended by high-ranking ministers.

Naturally, the upkeep of such beasts was expensive, and monarchs who wished to punish their courtiers in a rather subtle way, burdened them by giving them one of these sacred animals.

Most everyday, sprawling some-one's thumb or getting the credit for another person's work, goes back to the late nineteenth century.

John Deane, a critic and dramatist, invented a new kind of stage thunder for a piece of his own.

After his play had failed, he went to watch a performance of "Machete," and to his intense disgust found that his invention had been stolen.

"See how the rascal uses me!" he exclaimed. "They will not let my play run; and yet they steal my thunder."

Lock into Shape

Raw National Servicemen are being used for coal for a sergeant-major. This saying comes from old European folklore. It is believed that bear cubs were born without shape and were given form by the action of the mother's tongue.

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ROCKING THE BOAT

Teacher (showing the class a copy of the picture of Washington crossing the Delaware): "Now, can any little boy or girl tell me the name of this picture?"

"Small voice, in the rear: 'Sure! Sit down. You're rocking the Boat!'"

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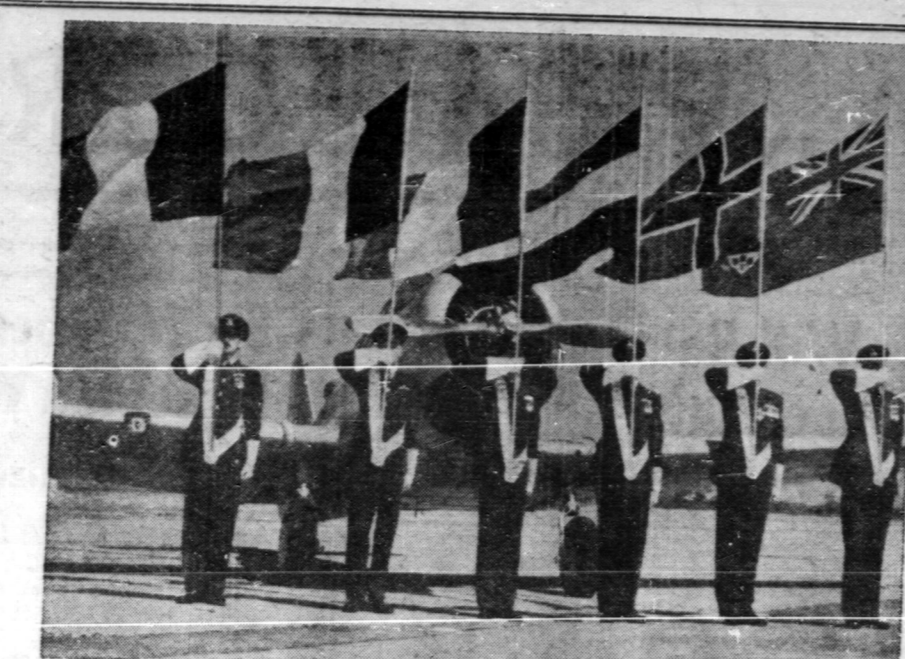
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Wings For The NATO—The vanguard of 1400 airman from Western European nations being trained by the Royal Canadian Air Force was graduated in the first North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Here, officers of the RCAF bear the flags of six nations in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization represented in the class of 84 pilots. Flags are, left to right: Belgium, French, Italian, Dutch, Norwegian and Canadian.

TABLE TALKS Fashion Note

By Jane Andrews

Cottage cheese was probably called by that name because it is so easily prepared—in fact has been prepared, for centuries, in almost any small rural dwelling where there is a surplus of milk. Not only is the process of manufacture very simple, it has the advantage of requiring no curing. The fresher it is, the better. Long before we had refrigerators or cold storage, country folks conserved their overplus of milk in this flaky, delicate cheese, which needs none of the skill or special conditions necessary for some of the "big name" types.

A cottage cheese with a larger lump and a fresher, less acid flavor, has replaced in many parts of the country, especially on the West Coast, the more familiar type, with softer, lump and more pronounced flavor.

It is made by the short-set method—that is, the skim milk, after the addition of the lactic acid culture, is incubated only four to five hours, or less than half the time required by the older process. It is this shorter set that develops less coming cheese so quickly through the hands of a beginner, but it is also the reason why this cheese furnishes great coagulating ability.

Not only is cottage cheese timely through its traditional association with spring meats, but also because it is an excellent economical source of high-quality protein—the same protein of which cottage cheese is made is now so expensive. Five tablespoons of this cheese furnish protein equal to that in one loin pork chop. Add to this the protein

value and thirty cut its low-calorie content, and who could ask for more? A third-cup gives only about ninety calories, less than eight ounces of orange juice or an unheated English muffin.

Now, with the preliminaries over, here are a few cottage cheese recipes with a "foreign" accent, all well worth your trying.

Russet Potage
3/4 pound dry cottage cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup chopped nut meats
1/2 cup candied orange peel
1/2 cup seedless raisins

Method:
(1) Sieve the cheese if lumpy.
(2) Blend all ingredients together.
(3) Line a turk's head or other mold with muslin. Fill and put a weight on top. Let set overnight. Unmold and serve with fresh fruit and plain or whipped cream. Yield: eight servings.

Hungarian Cheese
(As appetizer on lettuce or as salad in a ring of tomato jelly)
1 cup cottage cheese
1 cup butter
1 tablespoon caraway seeds
1 tablespoon capers, minced
1 tablespoon chives, minced
1 anchovy, chopped
1 tablespoon paprika

Method:
(1) Put the cheese through a ricer or fine sieve.
(2) Cream the butter with the caraway seeds, capers, chives, mustard and anchovy and gradually add the cottage cheese.
(3) Form into a round; sprinkle with paprika and garnish with greens. Yield: four servings.

French Cheese and Potato Pie
2 cups cottage cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
2/3 cups freshly cooked potatoes, sliced
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 cup milk
1 tablespoon butter

Method:
(1) Whip cheese until it is smooth and run through a fine sieve.
(2) Mix with sour cream and add potatoes while they are still warm. Add salt.
(3) Cover bottom and sides of ten-inch pan with pastry, rolling the edge to form a border.
(4) Fill with the cheese and potato mixture; brush top with milk and dot with small pieces of butter. Bake in a medium oven (350 to 375 degrees F.) about forty-five minutes or until brown. Yield: six servings.

Now, get away from the subject of cheese, here are a few assorted recipes I feel sure that you and your folks will find to your liking.

Brunswick Stew
Stew together a large frying chicken which has been cut up into pieces and one-half pound of diced salt pork.

When chicken can be slipped from bones, remove bones and return chicken to kettle with salt pork, two cups diced potatoes, one cup sliced onions, two cups fresh lima beans, two teaspoons salt, one-half teaspoon pepper, one-eighth teaspoon red pepper and a half clove of garlic.

Cook until beans and potatoes are tender. Then add two cups fresh or canned tomatoes and cook until well blended. Lastly, add three cups fresh corn and cook 10 minutes or until corn is done.

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cover. Heat water to boiling. Mix other ingredients and add to boiling chicken. Cook until thick. Set off the flame until ready for the dumplings to go in.

Dumplings
1/2 cup flour
2 tablespoons beet or cane sugar
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon butter
1 egg

Method:
Put flour, baking powder, salt and sugar in a bowl and work butter into it. Add beaten egg, vanilla and milk.

Have the stove boiling, and drop the dumplings. Cover and cook 20 minutes. Don't stir. Serve while still hot with cream.

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Naturalness and simplicity are the keynotes of good grooming. Makeup must never be artificial. It should define and not distort your features. It is natural for lips to be red, cheeks rosy, and complexion smooth.

As a rule one should use makeup sparingly. It must always be blended delicately and so leave no lines of demarcation. It must never be obvious as makeup.

There are some helpful suggestions on shopping for your cosmetics. Most cosmetics companies put out color charts and employ trained sales girls to help you.

Powder—For naturalness, select powder the exact shade or just a tiny shade lighter or darker than your own skin. It must blend and harmonize so as not to show up as powder. You can determine your true pigment on your inner wrist or inner arm approaching your cheek.

If you are sun tanned or a brunette, you'll want powder with lots of color. If you are a redhead with freckles, or excessively blond, shop for a beige or beige with pink in it. This will conceal the freckles and give you a lighter appearance.

Many brunettes have white or ivory, as well as swarthy olive complexions, while blondes may be very dark or sun tanned, as well as fair. If you cannot find your color in powder, you can mix several colors.

Powder Base—Do you use a powder base if your nose persists in being shiny and your skin is not smooth, a powder base is helpful. Powder bases come in liquid, cream, and solid form and should also match the color of your powder.

Astringents and Lotions—You can try different types of astringents and lotions, which cleanse and act as fresheners, to see which type you like best.

Skincaremen are especially prepared with each of these products. If you use a powder base which you can renew your make-up several times a day—if necessary.

Cold Cream and Lotions—If you use a powder base, you will need a cold creaming aid than just soap and water. There are many deep pore washes, complexion brushes, or cleansing creams, but a cleansing cream will not take the place of a night cream which has richer oils.

Lipstick and Rouge—Of course, you'll want lipstick and rouge, even if you use ever so little. Buy them together to match and blend with your own skin and with your lipstick. They are obtainable in liquid, paste, stick, or dry-cake form.

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1 tablespoon Edwardsburg corn starch
4 eggs, separated
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To one cup custard add three-fourths package semi-sweet chocolate morsels. Stir until chocolate is melted; set aside. To remaining custard add softened gelatin. Stir until gelatin is dissolved; add vanilla. Chill until the consistency of unbeaten egg whites.

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Will the "curse" which has apparently doomed all efforts so far to locate the British Commonwealth gold in the footprints of the fourteenth-century Lasstet gold reef in Australia's Northern Territory? These gold-seekers of 1951 carry a long-dreaded, skilled gold prospector, I. Harry Lasstet. More than a century ago, he emerged from the desert to Alice Springs. In 1897, he told the amazing story of gold-bearing outcrops of enormous richness. His maps contained full technical data—and he went back with them determined to overcome the physical hardships, and dangers which had prevented him from exploiting his great discovery immediately.

But Lasstet never returned a second time. A relief expedition found his body, wracked by dysentery and sandy blight, in the desert where he had died after encountering hostile Aborigines and dangers which had prevented him from exploiting his great discovery immediately.

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Easy On The Salt, Chum—Army veteran Alfred Furniss, a victim of rheumatoid arthritis, struggles with his food with an eye dropper as part of the carefully measured metabolic unit sprinkles shown with him at various hospitals across the country.

Nursing Sister Helen McLean is shown with him at various hospitals across the country. Patients have every bite of food measured like corlison and ACTH in the body and what influence drugs compaigning for funds this month to continue this and other research programs and to the thousands of victims of the disease.

Lived on Tadpoles
Since then the so-called "cure" has prevented other explorers from finding his dream gold. Many lives have been lost.

Thousands of pounds have been lavished on expeditions to find it by prospectors tried to find it by "blame." The "blame" crashed. A party with a huge desert lorry got near the reef as described in his diaries. Then the lorry broke down. Men crossed mountains and chasms, were attacked by nomad Aborigines and weakened by desert sickness—just failed to find the gold.

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THE FARM FRONT

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Whenever dairy or cattlemen get together the subject of artificial insemination—its advantages or otherwise—seems almost bound to crop up. Dr. John B. Herrick, a noted veterinarian recently pointed out one of the main advantages—namely, the control of venereal and other disease that can be spread from herd to herd by an infected bull.

A bull that travels from farm to farm has a chance to pick up various infections and diseases from each along to other farms.

In Holland, for instance, use of community bulls is a common practice. But there is also a high rate of venereal diseases of cattle.

It is hard to understand why community or traveling bulls are used by superior bulls are available to dairymen through artificial insemination centers. Certainly, one of the main advantages of artificial insemination is that it is a sterile artificial vagina.

As a double check, bulls can be given periodic laboratory examinations for brucellosis, vibriosis and trichomoniasis.

Methods of insemination now taught by the colleges and bull stud cleanliness and sanitation. Insemination centers