



**REMINISCENCES FROM THE BOOK "NARRATIVE OF ROBERT H. HUNTER"**

Legend and history of Texas are full of man's ingenuity in devising rare dishes in his extremities—such as squeezing the juice from cactus for drink, frying rattlesnake steaks, and so on.

But it remained for a sailor named "Jack," accompanying the family

of Dr. John Hunter of Missouri, to tackle a Taylor's alligator, kill it, cut off the tail and roast it to feed a hungry family.

This experience is recounted by Hunter's son, in a little volume of reminiscences entitled "Narrative of Robert Hancock Hunter, 1813-1902," written about 1860, and published a few years ago by Beulah Gayle Green. A copy of this book is found in the University of Texas Library's 30,000-volume Texas collection.

**Stormy Weather**

The Hunter family, according to the editor, was perhaps the first of Stephen F. Austin's colonists to settle within the present limits of Harris County. Sailing in a scow, the colonist found a little schooner on the beach of San Jacinto Bay and appropriated it, tying their boat behind before sailing for Galveston.

In simple and vigorous, if somewhat unlettered prose, Hunter described their voyage: "While out a peace, a south east gale blowed up, and we come on until about 8 or 9 o'clock, when our scow broke loose and went ashore, and we come on to the mouth of what is now called Taylors Bayou. There we camp."

**Disaster and Hunger**

But the temporary abandonment of the scow proved permanent, for when "Pa" Hunter and "Jack our Sailor" returned to rescue the provisions and belongings they were too late.

"When they got there, Old Yokham and about 30 men was there, and no scow, and the men all drunk on Pa's rum," Hunter wrote. "He had a barrel of rum on the scow, and he had to come away the best he could, and got nothing. He lost everything he had."

"Pa got back the next evening, he was gon two days, and we had nothing to eat. Jack killed an alligator, and roasted the tale, and we et it, and not a drop of water to drink. Pa saved four trunks out of the scow, and in one of them was a bolt of domestic. Pa took it, and spread it out on the grass, and got it wet with dew, and rung it in a bucket and that don us until we got to Galveston that evening."

Peru is the world's largest source of vanadium and is said to be the only country in which the metal is mined for itself alone.

**What Should You Save To Help?**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The following table issued by the Treasury Department is intended as a savings yardstick for the average income-earner. It suggests how everyone of the 48,000,000 employed persons in the United States may participate in the war effort through the systematic purchase of Defense Savings Bonds.



"The job ahead of us is far bigger than most of us realize," Secretary Morgenthau declared in making the table public. "I know that the American people are ready to do their part to win the war. One of the ways we can do much more is by intensifying our effort in the purchase of Defense Bonds."

While persons without dependents may be able to set aside more than the suggested figures, persons with several dependents, or with other heavy family obligations, may be unable to save at the suggested rate, the Treasury Department pointed out.

If Weekly Savings Are:	And One Saves Each Week:	In One Year He Will Save:	Number of Persons in Each Income Group:	Total Annual Savings:
\$1 to \$10	\$0.25	\$13.00	3,324,000	\$43,212,000
\$11 to \$20	.50	26.00	4,975,000	129,850,000
\$21 to \$30	.75	39.00	5,470,000	213,830,000
\$31 to \$40	1.25	65.00	10,747,000	698,555,000
\$41 to \$50	2.00	104.00	7,774,000	808,495,000
\$51 to \$60	3.00	153.00	5,794,000	1,205,152,000
\$61 to \$70	4.00	208.00	3,097,000	645,184,000
\$71 to \$80	5.00	263.00	2,331,000	623,096,000
\$81 to \$90	6.00	318.00	1,804,000	678,088,000
\$91 to \$100	8.00	424.00	1,489,000	629,196,000
\$101 to \$150	12.00	624.00	1,039,000	1,101,886,000
\$151 to \$200	20.00	1,040.00	298,000	312,000,000
\$201 to \$250	30.00	1,560.00	100,000	156,000,000
\$251 to \$300	40.00	2,080.00	48,167,000	100,215,811,000

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**DEHYDRATED IRISH POTATOES ON MENUS**

Something new has appeared under the sun—dried spuds.

Yes, Irish potatoes are now being purchased by our Army in neat, economical cans. This will be a surprise to those who sympathized with the meek little private, traditionally pictured as peeling potatoes while on kitchen police duty.

Like the Indian and the buffalo, he is vanishing into the past.

Authoritative sources reveal that our Army is buying approximately seven carloads a week of this new potato product, which relegates the dull task of removing the jackets from the spuds to the bow and arrow era.

There are at least two factories —The Rogers Seed Company at Idaho Falls, Idaho, and another plant at Burley, Idaho—which are turning out the concentrated food as product of a patented process, which peels, cooks, shreds and dehydrates the potatoes. It goes without saying that the consumer is assured of potatoes of good quality when he purchases them this way. There will be no rotten spots to cut out or any ugly holes made by the fork in the hands of a careless digger and consequently no waste.

Soon housewives and hotels may purchase their potatoes in cans at the corner grocery store. At present, practically all of this new potato product is going into the new Army rations.

It is said the Idaho Falls plant has been buying Irish potatoes at the rate of 12,000,000 pounds a month.

The concentrated food can be made ready for the table in short notice. It is packed in five-gallon tins and is prepared merely by boiling tin and all for seven minutes. Water or milk is sometimes added after the can is opened, but this is not necessary.

Farmers are looking to this new dehydrated product with favor because they see an opportunity for utilization of their surplus potatoes. It will also have valuable cargo space on transports and warehouse storage space.

Cull Irish potatoes as raw material for manufacturing high quality starch used by textile and other industries also are being processed in increasing quantities in the potato-raising districts of Maine.

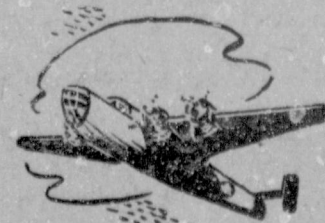
Storage of imported root starches, largely from Java and other islands of the East Indies, amounting in recent years to 500,000,000 pounds, has brought about the reopening of old starch plants and the erection of new plants in New England.

Beautiful thought from a poet:  
"Life, like a dome of many-colored glass,  
Stains the white radiance of eternity."  
And this:  
"To me the meanest flower that blows can give  
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears."

What's that good book you just finished? Why not share it with our soldiers and sailors? Take it to your Public Library, where it will join the Victory Book Campaign, which is taking books to men in the service.  
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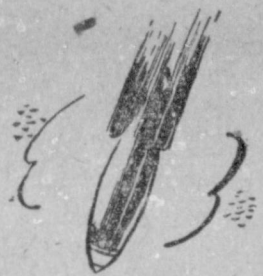
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