

Strange Material Used in Making "Store Pies."

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 8.—The National Consumers' league began its annual session today, the executive committee meeting this morning to hear the reports of committees.

Mrs. Florence Kelley conducted an exhibit to demonstrate the adulteration of foods.

"Let us consider what commonly is called 'pineapple pie,'" said Mrs. Kelley. "Maybe you think that delicacy as it comes from many bakeries is composed largely of pineapple. Not at all. It is a composition of artificial flour paste, glucose, benzoic acid, and coal tar dye. The 'pineapples' that make the filler are liquids that are sold by the pint and quart."

Other pastries were described by Mrs. Kelley as follows:

"Lemon pie—Same as pineapples, except that a differently colored and flavored coal tar dye is used.

Apple tart—Mostly timothy seed and an anti-lime dye made from bituminous coal refuse.

Chocolate icing—Artificial flour paste, glucose, benzoic acid, and burnt umber dye.

Mrs. Kelley said she would as soon eat a mud pie as a plum pie from a bakery. She also said that some baking powders were made by grinding white stone to a fine dust.

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Society at Nation's Capital.

Washington, D. C., April 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. Wilson, accompanied by Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, Miss Isabella L. Hagner, President Wilson's cousin, John Wilson, Capt. Alfred E. Wilson, and Dr. Cary T. Grayson, was present in the executive seat in the gallery of the house today when President Wilson delivered his message to congress. An informal luncheon followed at the White House.

The president and Mrs. Wilson received the delegates to the Cotton Growers' association and their wives in the east room of the White House this afternoon. Later, Mrs. Wilson was at home to a number of friends who called by appointment. Miss Bones assisted and Miss Isabella Lo Hagner presided at the tea table.

Mrs. Thomas Riley Marshall, who with a party of friends was among the large contingent of notable women in the house galleries today, was given a tea and dance this afternoon by Mrs. Louis Bennett and her daughter, Miss Agra Bennett.

Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Marshall received together, several members of the cabinet circle standing for a time with Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Marshall during the afternoon. The assistants were Mrs. Arthur Lee, Mrs. Fleming Howell, Mrs. Joseph Rucker Lamar, Mrs. George T. Porter, Mrs. John W. Davis, Mrs. Robert Crane, Mrs. Percy Goff, and Mrs. William E. Chilton. Miss Agra Bennett had with her Miss Agnes Hart Wilson, daughter of the secretary of labor and Mrs. Wilson, and a group of girls, including Miss Lucy Hoke Smith, Miss Mary Howery, Miss Genevieve Clark, Miss Sallie Williams, Miss Desha Allen, Miss Meta Evans, Miss Ruth Hitchcock, and Miss Margaret McChord.

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Beta Theta Pi Plans Ball.

The annual ball of Beta Theta Pi fraternity to be given by the chapters at Northwestern and Chicago universities will take place on Friday in the Hotel La Salle. The dancing will be in the large ball room, and supper will be served in the red room. Among the patronesses will be Mrs. William S. Hefferan, Mrs. George M. Eckels, Mrs. William Lyman, and Mrs. F. A. Long. The grand march will be led by Miss Dorothy Martin, Northwestern '15, and George Scanlon, Northwestern '13, and Miss Effie Marie Hewitt, Chicago '13, and W. S. Hefferan Jr., Chicago '13. Miss Martin is a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and Mr. Scanlon a member of both the football and basket ball teams of his college. Miss Hewitt is secretary of the student council at Chicago university, a member of the Quadrangle club, and led the senior prom this year. Mr. Hefferan is treasurer of both the senior class and the Chicago Literary Monthly, and is also the business manager of the dramatic club.