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Out of every hundred applicants to join the Army only about sixteen pass the medical examination, the most frequent causes of failure being bad sight, faulty teeth, and flat feet.

In London alone 100,000 people are living in basements which are unfit for human habitation because of dampness, lack of light, and bad ventilation.

A boot-repairing allowance of one shilling a week is paid to each of the five chief constables of the Metropolitan Police, two of whom receive £1,000 a year.

Disputes involving stoppage of work during 1928 in Great Britain and Northern Ireland numbered 302, the lowest total in any year for which statistics are available.

The total strength of the London police, including all ranks, is 19,180.

The population of the United States increases at the rate of about 1,600,000 persons a year.

"Flag days" in London last year were responsible for the collection of £249,592. There were altogether 322 collections.

Cigarette tobacco is now an issue in the Navy.

There are 7,000 miles of water-mains in London.

It costs £8 a week to feed a sea-lion in the London Zoo; the lion of the jungle, on the other hand, receives eighteenpennyworth of catsmeat a day.

An adult female fly lives for about six weeks and lays about 150 eggs every ten days. These eggs develop in fourteen days into other flies, which start laying eggs when two weeks old.

CO. LIMERICK ROAD FATALITY.

An inquest on Jeremiah Kennedy (52), ex-railway worker, Garrienderk, who died following a collision between a motor lorry and a cart which he was driving, at Lower Effin, Kilmallock, was adjourned pending criminal proceedings. The driver of the lorry was subsequently charged in connection with the occurrence and remanded on bail.

POLLING STATIONS.

A list of the City Polling Stations on Tuesday next, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., appears in our eight page.

three hours. By steaming I mean pudding in boiling water so that it only just reaches the rim of the pot to look at the pot from time to time to see that there is sufficient water. Some of it boils away. When cooking water always see that it is boiling.

Meat pies are another favourite. As a rule they are made not with puff but with flaky or rough puff. To make flaky pastry allow seven ounces of butter to ten of flour. Use no salt and add a squeeze of lemon juice and water for mixing. See that everything is quite cold—butter, basin, knives. Use one-fourth of the butter and rub it into the flour which should, of course, be salted as usual. Add sufficient water to form a lump of dough. Knead it free from cracks and roll out on a board. With a knife, dot pieces of butter over the paste, being careful to use more than one-third of the remaining butter. Roll up the dough into a roll and do the same again with the remaining butter. Roll up into a roll and put aside in a cool place for a few minutes. If the butter is inclined to melt at all during the process, a fire will be found useful for dredging the dough before rolling up. Finally roll out the remainder of the butter in the same way. This time roll out once and be sure the paste is large enough to cover the pie-dish, leaving a small piece of dough which should be placed all round the top and bottom, putting the remaining dough on the paste over the meat.

A meat pie of this description should be cooked about one and a half hours to be tested with a skewer. On removing from the oven, brush with a beaten-up egg; this greatly improves the appearance and gives a professional appearance.

County Limerick Committee on Agriculture.

LIME SUBSIDY SCHEME.

The County Limerick Committee on Agriculture has allocated the sum of £10,000 to be given in subsidies to Farmers for the purchase of Lime that will be used in connection with their land.

The Subsidy has been fixed at 10s. per barrel of 5 cubic feet (about 100 lbs. capacity), or 6s. per ton (8 barrels of 5 cubic feet to equal one ton).

Forms of Application for Limerick must be completed and returned to the County Limerick Committee on Agriculture.

PAIR OF BOOTS