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## *The First Society Woman To Become An Actress*



When she was eighteen years old, Cora married coffee broker James Brown Potter from Tuxedo Park. Potter was extremely wealthy and influential.

Cora was in demand at New York society parties and dinners for her beauty and skills at recitation. Her and her husband visited England in the summer of 1886. While attending a ball there, she met the Prince of Wales, who invited the couple to spend the weekend at his palace.

Her husband, James, returned to the United States alone, while Cora remained in England to pursue a career on stage. At the time, the stage was not a suitable profession for a lady of wealth, and her husband did not approve of her decision. As one biographer noted, "She had long harbored a desire to be an actress and abandoned her husband to follow her heart."

In March 1887, Cora made her stage debut at the Theater Royal in Brighton as Faustine de Bressier in the play, "Civil War." In the same month, she made her West End of London debut in "Man and Wife" at the Theater Royal, Hay-market. She reprized her roles in "Civil War" at the Gaiety Theater in the West End, followed by the role of Inez in Loyal Love at the Gaiety.

In March 1887 under the moniker "Anonymous," Oscar Wilde wrote for The Court and Society Review, "With regard to Mrs. Brown-Potter, as acting is no longer considered absolutely essential for success on the English stage, there is really no reason why the pretty bright-eyed lady who charmed us all last June by her merry laugh and her nonchalant ways, should not—to borrow an expression from her native language—make a big boom and paint the town red. We sincerely hope she will; for, on the whole, the American invasion has done English society a great deal of good. American women are bright, clever, and wonderfully cosmopolitan."



In October 1887, Cora returned to the United States to perform "Civil War", along with British actor Harold Kyrle Bellew, at the Fifth Avenue Theater in New York. The duo also performed Charlotte Corday and Romeo and Juliet while in New York. Of the latter, one American critic noted, "Mrs. Potter of course played the leading part, and played it badly." However, she and Bellew began a successful partnership for ten years, performing together in America, Australia, China, England, and India. During this time, she was Hero in "Hero and Leander", Floria in "La Tosca", Juliet in The Lady of Lyons, Kate in She Stoops to Conquer, and the title role in "Francillon".

She also performed as Camille and Rosalind. In 1887, she published "My Recitations", a collection of poems she had previously recited at social functions. In 1889, she played the role of Cleopatra and launched "a mania for Egyptian styles". She had the title role in "Charlotte Corday" at the Adelphi Theatre in the West End in 1898. The critic from the Daily Mail wrote, "For Mrs. Brown-Potter, in loveliness and bearing the very 'Angel of Assassination,' delivers every sentence in tragic recitative, and thus each moment removes the character still farther from the confines of humanity."

In 1898, she left Bellew to work with Beerbohm Tree at Her Majesty's Theatre, performing as Miladi in The Musketeers and as Oliver Arnison in Carnac Sahib. In September 1899, she again collaborated with Bellew in The Ghetto at The Comedy Theatre in London's West End. However, Bellew then took a year off to seek gold in Australia with great success.

In 1901, she performed in Nicandra at the Avenue Theatre, and Mrs. Willoughby's Kiss at the Theatre Royal Brighton. She again worked with actor Beerbohm Tree, playing Calypso in Ulysses at the Theatre Royal, Hay-market. Next, she was in "For Church or Stage" in Yarmouth and "Forget-me-not" and "Cavalleria Rusticana" at the King's Theatre, Hammersmith. She and Tree gave a command performance of A "Man's Shadow" at Windsor Castle in November 1904.

Mr. Potter divorced Cora on June 4, 1900, on the grounds of "desertion for more than five years and living apart for more than ten years" and he remarried in 1904. However, she continued to use his name as her stage name. She lived in London where she replicated her popularity with New York society, running with a crowd that included poet and playwright Robert Browning and the Prince of Wales.

In 1912, she brought her mother to England and they lived at Staines on the Thames in a stone house that had previously served as a lodge of Windsor Castle. In 1936, she died at her villa in Beaulieu-sur-Mer at the age of 78 years.

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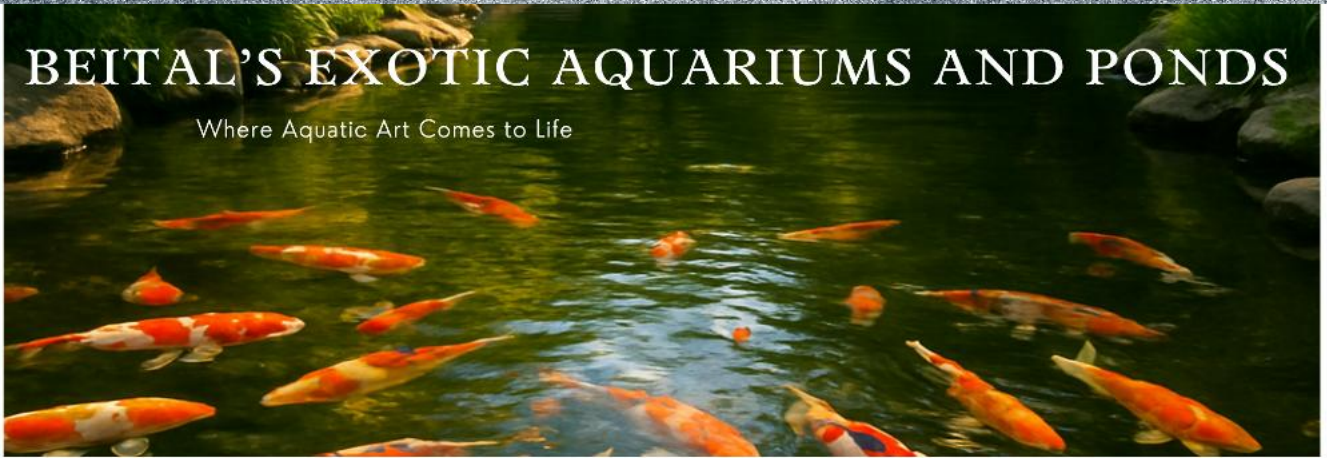
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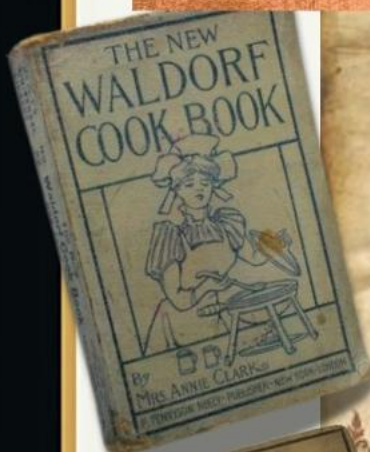
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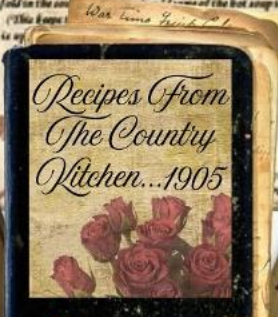


**100 Year Old Recipe**  
The following is a 100 year old recipe for a delicious beet soup with the following ingredients:

**Soup**  
1 lb Pork's neck Bone or 1 lb of Pork Rib  
8-10 Cups of Water  
5 table Clove  
2 Cans of Beans (1 tin)  
Shot of Sausage  
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**Noodles**  
1 Cup of Flour  
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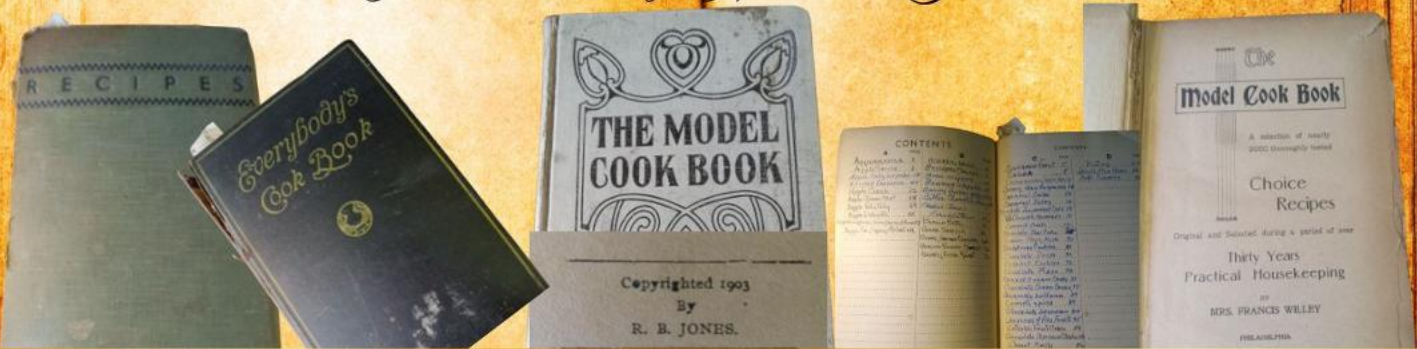
**Instructions**  
Put the pork and water into a pot and bring to a boil. Simmer on low heat for 1 and 1/2 hours.  
Remove all of the material that floats to the top of the pot.  
Add beans, garlic, and sausage.  
In a separate bowl, mix the flour with 2 tablespoons of water to form a paste then, fold in the soup. Add the rest of the hot soup into the bowl.  
Cook 10 minutes.  
Add 1/2 pint of sour cream to the pot.



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# Tuxedo Park's, The Attic Apron

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Deep within the mansion's attic, and beneath its eaves and rafters, boxes upon boxes of old books were discovered in a home on Tower Hill Road in Tuxedo Park. Within these boxes were several old cookbooks that dated back as far as 123 years.

Being familiar with the house, and the kitchen not having changed much since the late eighteen hundreds when the home was built, it was easy to imagine these cookbooks in the same kitchen they were used in.

The home was still within the same family and memories of "Kat", the head cook, were in several journals and diaries shared with us from the same home. She was hired during the Gilded Age of Tuxedo Park, and was remembered for her fine food and gentle disposition. These books once graced this kitchen, and the butler's pantry. Chapters on etiquette, laying of the table, flower arranging, domestic tips, and of course, food.

Pages yellowed and frayed with notes in pencil, barely decipherable, had been untouched for over 100 years. These books came to life as the first pages were turned. Recipes for soup introduced most of the books. Soup prepared with every vegetable imaginable.

A sweet musty scent emanating from the pages, captured a time of historical magic. A time when food was not only for taste, but was used for medicinal value as well. With the preparation of good, wholesome food, dining was a festive event every day, every meal. Within this kitchen, looking through these cookbooks, a sensation of euphoric time-travel lends to the mood. Being where Kat spent so many hours of her life, cooking, baking, and ear marking the very pages of the books we hold, brings us one step closer to a world, someone else left behind. A time when the world slowed down...for food.

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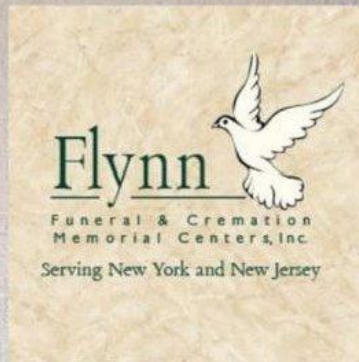
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Over the course of history, there have been many men who moved Wall Street in many diverse ways. Dow, Poor, Barron and others moved it by providing timely, accurate and understandable insight into companies that were listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Others were founders of major companies like Standard Oil, US Steel, as well as those who had a significant influence in other ways on the history of Wall Street

Back when Wall Street and investing were relatively new concepts, there were the people who moved Wall Street in more subtle ways. These were the people who controlled the available money, but did not necessarily rely on Wall Street to make it grow. Their names are not necessarily as well known, but are just as important because of their contributions to the success of the investment market as we know it. These were the men who provided the fuel to keep the markets liquid- that fuel being money. The source of money, then as today, was bankers.

Many of these were the early Manhattan real estate owners and their families. Long before the advent of hedge funds, arbitrage, foreign exchange, options, derivatives and other instruments, there was the simple option of cash, and this cash was provided, or not, based on the policies of the men who controlled the banks. Since their directors essentially controlled the banks, they had an immense influence on the amount of money that was available to invest in the stock market.

Although not an immediately recognizable name, the Goelet family was one that had owned huge tracts of land in Manhattan since the late 1700's. The progenitor of this family was Peter Goelet (1727-1811), who was an ironmonger during and after the American Revolution. He was also a true patriot who was enrolled in the Sons of Liberty during the Stamp Act times.

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The Goelet family was second only to the Astors in terms of the value of real estate owned in Manhattan. In later generations, they also built grand homes in the outlying regions like Newport and Gardiner's Island, and even eventually an enormous estate on eight thousand acres and a 23,000 sq.ft. mansion in Chester, NY known as Glenmere. It was there that the first Retriever Field Trial in America was actually conducted under British rules. Wealthy Eastern U.S. estate owners imported labradors from the British Isles in those days, along with the kennel men to train them.

Robert Goelet, was one of the original stockholders in The Metropolitan Opera House and a director of many business organizations. More important to Wall Street, Robert was also a director of numerous trust companies such as the Equitable Trust Co. and the Guaranty Trust Co. and also appears on a list of 1912 Money Trust Members as having seven interlocking directorships.

Until the formation of the Federal Reserve System and the Security & Exchange Commission (SEC) decades later, it was the banks and trust companies that unofficially set the monetary policy in the United States which in turn allowed them to determine the rates, terms and conditions that affected the all-important liquidity that impacted Wall Street. And it was the directors of these banks and trust companies who formulated these policies. As one of these directors, Robert W. Goelet was surely one of The Men Who Moved Wall Street. Perhaps not as the founder of a technology company or manager of an arbitrage fund, but simply because of his influence in a more subtle way as one of those that provided the fuel for the market to properly function .





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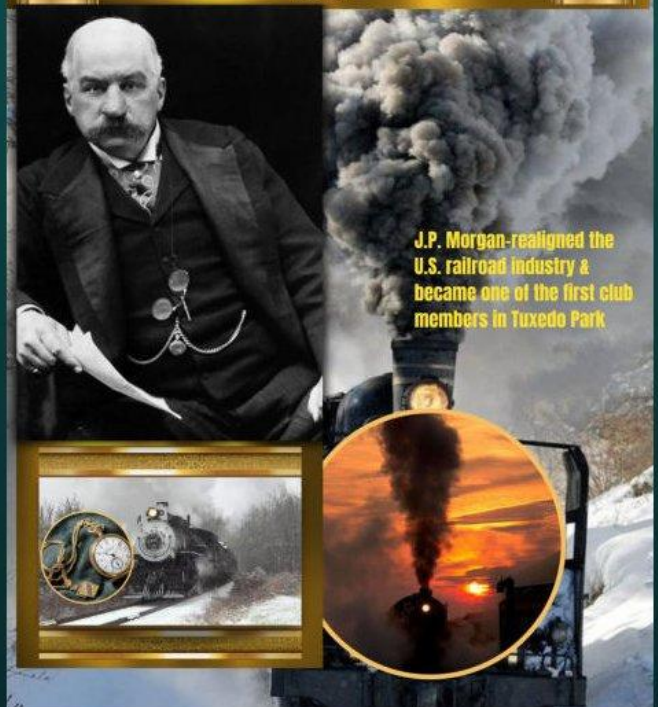
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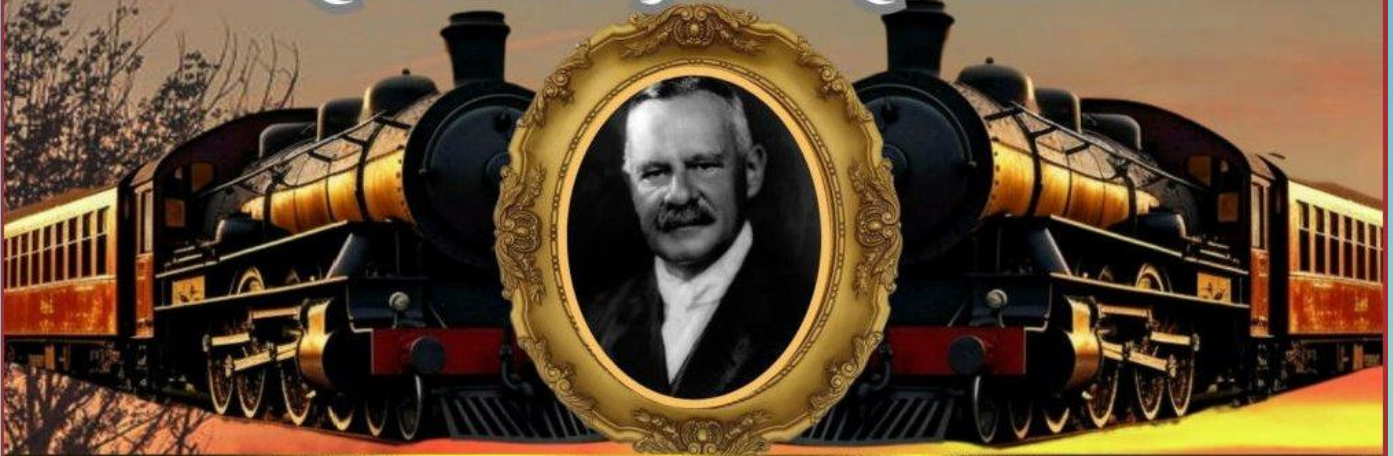
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## THE MEN WHO MOVED RAILROADS

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**One of Tuxedo Park families, the Gould family, moved railroads and communication. Jay Gould, and his son George, were two of the shrewdest businessmen in American history. During a time when well-moneyed families such as the Astor's, Morgan's, and the Vanderbilt's controlled fortunes of Wall Street, Jay Gould, and his son, George, controlled the communications of the United States through the ownership and control of Western Union and several other telegraph companies.**

**Jay Gould was a leading American railroad developer and speculator who has been referred to as one of the ruthless robber barons of the Gilded Age, whose success at business made him one of the richest men of his era. George worked for his father, foregoing a higher education for a Wall Street position which his father bought for him when he turned 21. George was granted seats on the boards of various companies and became president of a handful of railroads and about an equal number of telegraph companies.**

**The Gould's won what was known as the "Erie Railroad War" with Cornelius Vanderbilt. At the time these men operated, there were no laws against their tenacious methods. They knew the angles of obtaining wealth and in many cases acted before anyone else did. Upon Jay Gould's death, Tuxedo Park Resident, George Jay Gould, inherited the major portion of the Gould fortune and received all of his father's railroad holdings.**

A collection of pearl jewelry is displayed at the top of the page. It includes several necklaces of varying lengths and styles, some with multiple strands of pearls. A prominent feature is a large, square, red, faceted brooch or pendant with a central diamond. The jewelry is set against a dark background.

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## *For The Love Of Pearls*

One summer day in 1917, a woman by the name of Mae Caldwell Plant strolled into Cartier's jewelry shop in Manhattan and fell in love with a double strand of pearls that was in the shop window. Because of the rarity of natural pearls, they had become the symbol of the well-to-do socialites along Millionaires Row in Manhattan, and Ms. Maisie, as she was known, just had to have these pearls.

Pierre Cartier put a price of one million dollars on the necklace, which was not even outrageous for the time. Apparently, back in the early 1900's, cultured pearls were extremely valuable and even more rare than diamonds, because each pearl had to be carefully harvested by divers.

This particular necklace happened to have 128 perfect pearls, and it had taken years to find enough pearls to create the necklace.

Maisie Plant, was the new wife of Morton F. Plant, American businessman and son of steamship and railroad tycoon, Henry B. Plant. His family had a place in Tuxedo Park and a mansion in Manhattan, although, he wanted very strongly to unload his current mansion and move to "Millionaire's Mile" further uptown.

When Maisie Plant fell in love with the natural pearl necklace, Pierre Cartier sensed an opportunity, knowing that Mr. Plant was unhappy where he was living. Pierre, proposed the deal of a lifetime: He offered to trade the double-strand necklace of the rare pearls —and \$100— for Morton and Maisy's current home in Manhattan. Morton Plant unloaded his first mansion by trading it to Cartier for a necklace his wife desired, then moved uptown in a more luxurious mansion on the city's new, Millionaires' Mile and also kept his home in Tuxedo Park.

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