

The Cooker

You know I was telling of 'ee 'bout buyin a new washin machine? Well I'm blawed if the darned cooker abben gone an bust now. Caan't win can ee yow? Tis wan thing after another it seems te me. The man said "the thermalstat is gone." I thawt ee must be somthin like that, cawse my evvy cake bin catchin on top just lately; and 'ard, 'ard as a bullet. Jack thawt I made in wi cement! We said ee cud do with a few more stones te finish the rockery. Heard anything like it 'ave ee?

We uce have a Rayburn, that was 'ansome that was, least ways ee was wen you 'ad a good draught te git the et up. But wen we 'ad aste wind ee use smock like billio; so you 'ad keep the middle door shut er you'd have smock all over the 'ouse. Mid you ee'd warm the place up ansum in the winter, but if ee had en goin in the summer the kitchen use git 'otter an Cuba. Then ee 'ad be riddled every morning, and every few days we 'ad take out gate cherks bigger'n turnups. But I tell ee wat, ee baaked ansome. An Paasties; you never tasted pasties like it, wi the gravy runnin out o them all over the sheath!

Anyow, as I was telling of ee, bout the new cooker. I knawed 'xactly w'at I wanted. Some o them got these eer double obbens; thas alright spose but wen you de use the small obben as a grill you gawt mind te gibbe'm a darn good clane four you de use'n gaan er else the place is full o' smeech. I bin used te a eye level grill, and tha's wat I went far 'gaan.

When we went down town buy en Jack said, "Look at that, if ee de spend saw much you de git £50 off a new cini camra."

I said, "You mane like the lil chap gawt up Chapel de ee?" I like watchin they lil films he de maake, but ee's always sneeken up on ee when yer lookin like you bin dragged through a 'edge backwards. "Goin think bout it are ee?"

"Well," said Jack, "I wooden mind wan an fifty pound off idn bad is aa? An' I could take bit film of the grandchildern."

When I was lookin the lil chap assed me if I wooden rather 'ave one of they there microwave uben things. They're nice 'nuf spose specially if you want do somthin a bit quick, but when I'm maakin pasties I like te smell em cooken – de give ee bit appetite dun a?

So there you are, I gawt me cooker an Jack got 'is camra. Tell ee w'at, ee's like a kid wi a new toy. Awnly thing now is I gawt make sure me 'air is a bit fitty all the time caws you never know see, when I might be on Candid Camra. So long, abn got time stop now see ee bit dreckly.