

## **Whither Ox Tail Soup?**

**One of the things I wonder about, (a complete list is available to those who request it, although I would suggest bringing a pickup truck or at least a small hand cart), is why our culture is becoming so homogenized. Where are those daring meals of yesteryear, the bologna sandwiches on Wonderbread that made men of us, (slightly paunchy men, but let it pass.) The grilled cheese concoctions structured from great blocks of Velveeta, which is now used as an industrial adhesive. The wiggly bowls of Jell-O that dulled our senses into believing it tasted like food?**

**At the World-Wide Mega-Market where I am allowed to purchase sustenance, the choices are dwindling as fast as the spring snow. Three or four soups now claim acres of space, where in olden days whole aisles were given over to an unending range of soups to feed to unsuspecting youth. From the required chicken soup, (one variety with stars), soups were creamed or broth. Both the chicken and beef were well represented. Even such a concoction as Ox Tail Soup had a large and devoted following. But no more. The weakened condition of today's children, reared on TV and Anime,(the prolonged shout was me, longing for cartoons that look like cartoons), will not allow them to ingest anything that does not come wrapped in Golden Arches or at very least has a toy packaged with it. The toy is to be lightly examined and thrown away.**

**When children today face life they do so expecting a cash bonus, a no-cut contract, guaranteed income and housing in a Toney neighborhood. And that is just graduating from high school. Going to college, even a junior college, is something they must gird their loins for. And if they enter an Ivy League school, they become well- nigh insufferable. (I have just been tapped on the shoulder and reminded that Ivy League students were insufferable before entering the institution. I stand corrected.)**

**But I still wonder where those olden foods have gone. Are we so weakened in spirit that we will not fight the removal of Twinkies from our diet? And what about the corner candy store that rotted teeth and built the American Dream?**

**Quein sabe? as we used to call him.**