

HOME, FARM AND GARDEN.

An acre contains 4,800 square yards.

Sugar cane, cotton, dates, rice and tobacco are to be raised in the Boston public garden this summer.

To polish a horn, first scrape the horn with a piece of glass, and rub the smooth part with the finest emery-paper. Then finish with silver polishing powder and water, and finally polish with bees-wax on a piece of woolen, felt or buckskin.

Dried-Apple Fruit Cake, Extra.—Two cups of dried apples, soaked overnight, in the morning chop and stew in two cups of molasses one hour. When cold, add one-half cup of butter, three eggs, one teaspoonful of soda; cloves, mace, cinnamon, etc., to taste; one cup of raisins and flour sufficient to make as stiff as pound cake.

Dutch Rolls.—Sift three quarts of flour; break three eggs into a pint of cold milk, in which put a teaspoonful of yeast, and stir it up; cut up two ounces butter and work it in your flour; mix the milk, eggs and yeast with the flour and knead thoroughly. Make into rolls, butter the pan, and stand by the stove to rise. Bake in a quick oven.

Apple Custard Pie.—Scald the milk and let it cool. Grate some sweet apples. Take two-thirds of a cupful of powdered sugar, four well-beaten eggs, one cupful of milk, one-fourth of a nutmeg. Line an earthen pie-dish with a rich crust, and let it bake. Then fill with the custard and let it bake for half an hour. To be eaten cold.

One of the first and most important things to do in the spring, is clean out the cellar. Remove all decaying matter, dirt, rubbish or rotting boards, boxes or barrels. They all breed a deadly malaria, which rises through all of the rooms of the house and poisons the blood of all of the household.

The application of blue vitriol as a positive cure for warts of any size, by simply making an incision in the wart and inserting a portion in the form of powder, we cannot coincide in or recommend. It will not only fail as a sure cure, but will cause considerable local irritation and protracted pain to the animal, and may result in tumefaction and induration of surrounding tissues.

A well-laid stone drain is equally as good, is not better, than a tile drain. The stone is imperishable, and if well laid will not be displaced and may last for centuries. Some tiles may have defects which may not be perceived, and if one fails the whole drain fails.

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An Esquimaux Hunting Camp.

During the latter part of the month of August, I visited one of these hunting-camps on the southern bank of Conroy River, above the gate-way through which the search party passed on the return from King William's Land, in February, 1880. In this camp were three tupics, containing four families, and when moving camp, which occurred every other day while I was with them, every one, old and young, men and women, had his load, and the dogs staggered under burdens that would fill with sadness the heart of a member of the S. P. C. A. Even a palsied old crone had upon her back the skins that comprised her bed. It was a comparatively light load, but she had to keep up with the line of march as best she could, or fall behind and come along at her leisure. Only when we forded the river, which was accomplished at a portage over and through the stones of which the water dashed with great violence, did any one go to the assistance of the old woman. Then two young men took her light frame in their brawny arms and carried her safely through the torrent, landing her upon the opposite shore, where she was again left to follow, or not as she pleased. It is astonishing what burdens these people will carry upon their backs, by means of a thong which passes across the breast and just below the shoulders, sometimes supported by an additional thong over the forehead. Besides their share of the load, the women have the youngest child in their hoods or sitting upon the back-load, with their feet around the mother's neck. The men seldom offer to relieve their partners of the infant, unless it be the heir, in which case the father will sometimes deign to take him upon his own bundle. But it always seemed to me as if the fathers would rather see their daughters left behind to become food for wolves than lower their dignity by carrying a female child.

Arrived at the spot selected for the new camp, bundles are laid aside, and all, throwing themselves upon the ground, enjoy a few moments of peaceful rest. Then pipes are filled and passed from mouth to mouth, and conversation upon the prospect of reindeer being seen is entered into by the men, while the women erect the tents, unload the dogs, and put down the bedding. If there is any meat in camp, moss is gathered by the women, and a fire is started in the doorway of the tent to cook a potful of meat, while the men lounge about and smoke, or roam over the hills to look for traces of reindeer. During the day-time, while the men are hunting, the women and children generally repair to the nearest lake, and fish for the fine salmon which abounds in all the waters of that locality, and which are eaten either raw or cooked.—Wm. H. Gilder, in Scribner's Monthly.

Causes for the Rotting of Eggs.

It is found by C. O. Cech that the main cause of the rotting of eggs is high temperature and moisture, and that the various stages of decomposition fall into seven groups. 1. When exposed to warmth and moisture and not fertilized, the albumen first becomes watery and then the membrane inclosing the yolk bursts, allowing a partial mingling to occur at the surface of the contact of the yolk and the albumen. 2. As the decomposition proceeds, the contents become a homogeneous, cheesy mass, first white, then yellow, and finally greenish in color. 3. They then gradually change into a yellow or greenish liquid. 4. If the fresh, unfertilized egg is kept at rest and at a constant temperature of about fourteen degrees, with exclusion of moisture, the yolk remains entire, and after the gaseous products of decomposition and the water of the albumen have escaped by diffusion through the shell, the residue forms a crust round the flattened yolk, the shell being apparently half empty. 5. When the outer part of the yolk is very firm, the decomposition is often limited to the albumen, the yolk remaining unaltered in form as a black mass. 6. In fertilized eggs the decomposition commences at the middle of the egg, and the albumen is often unaltered while the yolk becomes watery. 7. All the above mentioned changes proceed with a rapidity dependent on the temperature and moisture of the air and on whether the eggs are at rest or not.

Poisonous Cheap Canned Goods.

Tin, as the article is usually called, is, or should be, sheet-iron coated with pure tin, thus making what are known in the trade as tin plates. Pure tin, or block tin, is quite expensive as compared with lead, and to save money great quantities of iron plates are covered with an alloy made of lead and tin, and of this so-called tin much low-priced tinware is made, as well as cans for the lower grades of fruits and vegetables. This is a most dangerous practice, as lead is an insidious and fatal poison, not showing itself at once, but lurking in the system until it suddenly carries off its victim. A few months since some baked beans were shown at the Farmers' Club of the American Institute, and the cans were pronounced dangerous, a white coating showing itself inside when the beans had been removed, and the whole can from its color and smell presenting the appearance of lead. In Switzerland, where our canned goods are much used and rigidly inspected, salts of lead have been found in the outside layers of preserved meats. Do not buy any cheap canned fruits or vegetables; it is much better to use half quantities of an article known to be good and fill with more bread rather than run the least risk of taking into your stomachs this deadly lead poison.—Food and Health.

What is Statutory Intemperance?

What is meant by the expression in the statute, "Intemperate habits?" Habit is defined to be "fixed or established custom; ordinary course of conduct." It need not be the uniform or unvarying rule, but to be a habit it must be the ordinary course of conduct—the general rule or custom. It may have exceptions. Exceptions do not destroy a rule. But unless, when occasion offers, there is a disposition, or probable inclination, to drink to excess, intemperate habits cannot be predicted. If sobriety is the rule, and occasional intoxication the exception, then the case is not brought within the statute. On the other hand, if the rule or habit is to drink to intoxication when occasion offers, and sobriety or abstinence is the exception, then the charge of intemperate habits is established. Now, to make out this charge, it is not necessary that the custom shall be an every day rule. There are persons whose custom is to remain sober while at home, and who, when in company or visiting the town or village, generally drink to excess, although occasionally they abstain and remain sober. In such case, drunkenness is shown to be the rule, or ordinary course of conduct; and to sell or give to such person, knowing him to be such, spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors, is a violation of the statute.—Alabama Supreme Court.

The Marquis Tseng, the Chinese Minister to France, is forbidden by custom and etiquette to sleep on beds used by other barbarians. Wherever he goes, therefore, in traveling about Europe, he carries his sleeping apparatus with him.

Mexico maintains the old system of municipal tariffs on goods, under which duty is exacted by cities and towns on all wares brought into them.

[Battle Creek (Mich.) Daily Journal.]

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[South Bend Evening Register.]

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The bluebird was not originally blue. He was golden and scarlet. But he came in a trifle too early one spring, putting too much confidence in a weather prediction, and he has never since been the bird that he was.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Is It Possible

that a remedy made of such common, simple plants as Hops, Buchu, Mandrake, Dandelion, etc., make so many and such marvelous and wonderful cures as Hop Bitters do? It must be, for when old and young, rich and poor, Pastor and Doctor, Lawyer and Editor, all testify to having been cured by them, we must believe and doubt no longer. See other column.—Post.

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MORNING glories—the fashionable widow's weeds.

INDIANS get their queer names in the following manner: When an Indian baby is born the medicine man or some one of the family looks out of the door and casts his eye upon some object. The first thing that he sees furnishes the child's name. Hence "Sitting Bull," "Red Cloud," etc.—N. Y. Times. If this rule was followed in Chicago most of the children born here would be called "Hoopskirt-in-the-Back-Yard," or "Man-Going-into-a-Saloon."—Chicago Tribune.

A REPORT on the state of religion in Nevada would be almost as brief as the famous chapter on snakes in Ireland. The following anecdote might, however, be inserted: "At the recent opening of the Nevada Legislature an Eastern minister was invited to perform the religious service. He accepted the call and closed the ceremony with the Lord's Prayer. When he had finished, State Senator Doolan turned to Senator Hammond and remarked audibly: 'He stole that prayer and I'll bet on it. I heard it almost word for word in Eureka at a funeral over ten years ago.'—Sacramento (Cal.) Star.

A VERY expensive young lady—Em Broidery.

"Pa, what is ensilage?" "Why—h-m—ensilage, my son, is—uh—ensilage is—oh, something like mullage, my son; something like mullage; used to stick things together, you know. There now, run away to your play, and don't disturb me now." And that boy thinks his pa is a very encyclopedia of wisdom. Happy child! Ere many years have elapsed, the boy will think he knows everything and his pa nothing! Happy childhood!—Boston Transcript.

THERE is a certain Galveston family that does not attend church as regularly as they should, but they send the oldest boy every Sunday, to keep up appearances. Last Sunday the head of the family said: "Go dress yourself, boy; it's time for you to go to church." "I would like to know," responded the boy, sulkily, "why I am the only one in this family who has got to be religious?" "Because you need it most, you scoundrel—that's why!" thundered the stern parent, feeling for the young martyr's hair.—Galveston News.

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