

USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

Fresh lard is better than butter to grease cake-pans.

Half a cup of vinegar in the water will make an old fowl cook nearly as quick as a young one, and does not injure the flavor in the least.

Alsike gives smaller crops than red clover, but of better quality. It is highly recommended for soils liable to heaving by frost, and affords to bees excellent pasture ground.

We formed a resolution when we began farming, not to plow a furrow more than we could manure, and our sixty acres have increased in productivity under the system, doubling its stock-keeping capacity in the last twenty years.—Connecticut Farmer.

Lemon butter is excellent for tarts. It is made as follows: One pound pulverized white sugar, whites of six eggs and yolks of two, three lemons, including grated rind and juice. Cook twenty minutes over a slow fire, stirring all the while.

Buns which are nice for breakfast or tea are made thus: One pint of flour, one pint of sugar, one cup of butter, one cup of sweet milk, one tablespoonful of cloves, one of cinnamon, four eggs, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Bake in square tins and frost, or you may omit the spice, and bake in bread tins.

Onion Vinegar.—Chop six large onions and sprinkle over them one tablespoonful of salt, then set away to stand six hours. Dissolve a tablespoonful of white sugar in one quart of best cider vinegar, scald and turn hot over the chopped onions. Cover the vessel and let it stand two weeks, then strain out the liquor and bottle for use.

Compote of Sweet Potatoes.—Select fine, large sweet potatoes, all as nearly of a size as possible. Boil them well and then peel off the skins. Then lay the potatoes in a large baking dish, put some pieces of fresh butter among them, and sprinkle them very freely with powdered sugar. Bake them slowly till the butter and sugar form a crust. They should be eaten after the meat and will be found very good. This is a Carolina dish.

Mange is a disease caused by the burrowing of a small insect under the skin, or by the growth of a vegetable parasite on and in the skin. It destroys the hair follicles, and the hair falls off; the skin is sometimes dry, and sometimes becomes covered with small blisters filled with watery serum, which dry and form scabs, and the skin sometimes cracks in places. The remedy that is most effective is sulphur, applied outwardly, ground up into an ointment with lard, and given inwardly in one-ounce doses. Every part of the skin where the hair falls off should be dressed twice a day, and, if there are any scabs these should be broken up to permit the remedy to reach the insects. After a cure is effected, watch should be kept lest it may reappear from the hatching of eggs or from infected harness or buildings.—N. Y. Times.

Jugged Rabbit.—Skin, paunch and wash the rabbit, cut it into pieces, dredge them with flour and fry in boiling butter. Have ready a pint and a half of gravy, made from a pound and a half of beef, and thickened with a little flour. Put this into a jar, add the pieces of fried rabbit, an onion stuck with a few cloves, a lemon peeled and cut in half, and a good seasoning of pepper, cayenne, and salt; cover the jar down tightly, put it up to the neck in a stew pan of boiling water, and let it stew until the rabbit is quite tender, taking care to keep the water boiling. When nearly done, add a few force-meat balls; these must be fried or baked in the oven for a few minutes before they are put to the gravy; serve with currant jelly. This is a rather troublesome dish to prepare, but if carefully attended to it will be bound "to pay" twice over.

Saving Seed-Corn.

Husking-time is the proper period to secure a good supply of ripe, sound corn for planting next spring; and the selection should not be left to the judgment of boys, but if possible to men of experience.

Several points should be clearly observed in selecting seed ears:

- 1. Be careful to notice that the kernel is fully ripe, hard and glossy.
2. See that the ear is fully developed—that is, that the rows of kernels are in a straight line, and not set irregularly on the cob, as is often the case.
3. Also note that the ear is covered with corn to the very end.
4. Take particular notice that the ear is from a stalk which produced at least two sound ears.
5. If the quantity desired is small, then leave all the husks on, simply removing the silken portion at the end.
6. Tie two or four of the outer husks together, and hang up near the roof in the barn or other out-building, out of the reach of mice, and in a perfectly dry place.
7. Notice also the remaining ears on the stalk to see if they are fully developed and of good quality. Should they be found inferior, it is best to reject all on that stalk, for the chances are that seed from the sound ear will transmit the defects of the deformed one.
8. By using judgment in the selection of seed-corn, many farmers improve their crop year by year, while others who practice the easy "hit or miss" method find their corn crop rapidly deteriorating.—Examiner and Chronicle.

A Girl's Story.

I never shall forget a lesson learned by my sister and myself in early childhood. We were the elder of a large family, and as father was not rich, mother did the work for all of us.

She was one of those domestic burden-bearers who never consider their burden so heavy but that they can add another trifle; and, like many another good and unselfish, but unwise, mother, she allowed us our own way, and spoiled us through indulgence; and, as we had often heard her say she would rather do a thing herself than take the trouble to teach us how, we felt as if we were actually conferring a favor upon her by letting things alone.

To be sure we could sweep, dust, wash dishes and make beds, and were familiar with some of the minor details of cookery, but there our knowledge ended; so that when, on one never-to-be-forgotten occasion, mother was called from home for two or three days, we found ourselves facing a mountain of difficulties. Oh, that weary, weary day! But only the beginning of many similar ones that followed it.

How we longed for mother's skillful hands to straighten out the tangled threads our awkward fingers had managed to produce! There was something to be done from early morn till late at night; so that no sooner did we fancy ourselves free for half an hour than some duty and we would stare us in the face, or the children would come in "starving" for dinner, and must be attended to at once.

But our cup ran over when we discovered the heaped-up mending basket; and then, for the twentieth time since her departure, we wondered how our patient mother had managed it all. "She has almost worked herself to death," said my sister; "that is how she managed it. She is an intellectual woman, with a mind capable of rare development. But how much time do you suppose she has had for reading and reflection beyond the wants and necessities of her large family? And don't you know how often we have excused ourselves from reading aloud to her, letting her sit digging away into this very basket, solitary and alone through the long evening hours? I fairly hate myself when I think of it. But that is all over now; henceforth we will be what we should always have been—her loving helpers—and she shall do no more hard work unaided." And I am glad to say that she never has.

The Toronto Globe's correspondent with Lord Lorne gives this description of the costume of a Blackfoot belle: "The upper portion of her face, including forehead, eyes and cheeks, was painted in bright chrome yellow, the lower portion of her face was scarlet, she wore a scarlet blanket thrown loosely over her shoulder, and under this was a long, loose blouse made out of a dark navy-blue blanket and trimmed with pipings of scarlet and white. This blouse was fastened at the waist with a leather belt fully eight inches broad and literally covered with large bosses of polished brass. On her neck was a string of brass beads as large as cherries. One of her bracelets consisted of a coil of heavy brass wire that would weigh not less than a pound and a half, while the other, which was of nearly the same weight, was made of large brass beads; several of her fingers were nearly covered with coils of brass wire and beads."

A new and malicious conundrum has been sprung upon the world in an unexpected manner. It is to be stuffed and exhibited at the next World's Fair, if an appropriate department is made for it. This latest breeder of dire mischief runs thus: "If the soldiers now fighting the Indians should become ex-drivers, why could they never turn their teams to the right? Because they are not overcome the law-styles."

When is a girl like a music-book? When she is proud; because then she is full of airs.

An important gathering—a boil.

SOME wag remarks truly when he says that "popularity in politics is to see your name in large type posted to a fence. Somebody will inquire as to who you are, and when the first rain comes you will disappear."

"I DON'T know why it is, Charlie," she remarked, pensively, "but whenever I look at your mustache, it makes me think of autumn." It was apparently an innocent remark, but it cost Charlie one dollar and fifty cents for a fresh bottle of hair dye.

THE bashful young man who asked a lady on the beach "if he could see her home" was much surprised to hear her reply "but he could go up and see if he wanted to; but she didn't think her father wanted to sell; then she coolly walked off with the man of her choice.

NO MAN can tell another's feelings. A stalwart Irish laborer was one day begging from a gentleman, who requested a medical man present to examine the said laborer. The laborer had enforced his plea with: "Yer hanner, I can't work." "I can find nothing the matter with you to prevent your working, my man," said the doctor. "Ah, that's true for you," replied Pat; "but then, yer hanner can't tell how lazy I feel!"

A DAMSEL who lived in Dubuque, was ambitious to marry a duke; but as none came to woo her, she accepted a proffer. Young fellow whose first name was Laque.

The bride was led up the broad aisle, Got up in the most killing state, When asked if she'd be A true wife to be, She promptly replied: "I should smaise."

"THERE'S some things as old as the hills, anyhow," said old Uncle Reuben. "What are they?" asked his niece. "They're the valleys between 'em, child," solemnly answered the old man.

LESSONS for young housekeepers—"How can you tell a young fowl from an old one?" "By the teeth!" "By the teeth! But fowls have no teeth?" "I know they haven't, but I have!"

The man who was about to marry for the sixth time, and who replied: "We've usually sot," when asked by the minister to stand up, has been heard from again. He recently led No. 7 to the altar, and when asked for the ring, replied: "Parson, I've hooked onto six of 'em without a ring, and I reck'n we kin git along this time. I'll try and remember it in future, though."

The lurid flames shot their red tongues of fire up toward the glowing heavens, as if they were, in their vengeful fury, endeavoring to sear the bright faces of the twinkling stars! It was only a fifty-dollar stable, containing twenty-five dollars worth of hay, but the reporter felt that way and really couldn't help it.—Detroit Free Press.

The practice of cremation appears to be gaining ground in Hungary. The Municipal Council of Buda-Pesth has discussed the question, and decided in favor of cremation. Following this example, several other Hungarian towns have decreed that cremation may be adopted by all those who desire it.

The New York Clipper lately cited the case of Captain Jacob Schmidt, of Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y., who had been a great sufferer with rheumatism for many years. He used St. Jacobs Oil with splendid success.

WHY must an old-man-of-war's man who has lost a leg in the service of his country become a retailer, should he go into trade?—Because he could not be a whole sailor.

FROM the Atlanta (Ga.) Sunday Photographic. The editor of the Pike County News has been cured of rheumatism by St. Jacobs Oil.

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MANY a man thinks it is principle that keeps him from turning rascal, when it is only a full stomach. Be grateful, and do not mistake potatoes for principle.

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A ST. LOUIS paper says: "When a Chicago preacher wants a new church all his own, and a big congregation, he has himself convicted of heresy."

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HORSE sausages are made and sold in England. John Bull always did love the horse.

Rescued from Death. William J. Coughlan, of Somerville, Mass., says: "In the fall of 1876 I was taken with a violent bleeding of the lungs, followed by a severe cough. I was admitted to the City Hospital. While there the doctors said I had a hole in my left lung as big as a half-dollar. I gave up hope, but a friend told me of Dr. Wm. Hall's BALM FOR THE LUNGS. I got a bottle, and to my surprise I commenced to feel better, and today I feel in better spirits than I have had the past three years. I write this hoping that every one afflicted with Diseased Lungs will take Dr. Wm. Hall's BALM FOR THE LUNGS, and be convinced that CONSUMPTION CAN BE CURED." Also a sure remedy for Colds, Coughs, and all Chest and Lung Diseases. Sold by druggists.

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