

USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

Spirits of ammonia diluted with water, if applied with a sponge or flannel to discolored spots on the carpets or garments, will often restore the color.

One quarter of a pound of ammonia and one quarter of a pound of niter dissolved in a hoghead of water and applied by means of a sprinkler, twice or three times a week, will nearly double your crop of strawberries. It is excellent for other fruits and vegetables also.—Indiana Farmer.

Black bean soup is made of one quart of black beans and three quarts of water. Wash the beans, then boil them until they are tender; take from the stove, turn off the water, and throw it away; rub the beans through a colander, put them back in the soup kettle, add one quart of fresh water and some stock made the day before; add pepper and salt, and any herbs you choose for seasoning.

Pea-nut Salad: Shell the nuts, which must be fresh and thoroughly roasted, and remove the brown skins; just before serving arrange them on a bed of white and tender escarole, or small white lettuce leaves; escarole is a variety of chicory which has large tender leaf-stalks; dress the salad with a plain French salad dressing made by mixing one part of vinegar with three of oil and a palatable seasoning of salt and pepper. The salad must be eaten as soon as it is dressed, or it will lose its crispness and flavor.—N. Y. Times.

A very pretty way to cover an old-fashioned square stand (and almost every home has at least one) is to put over the top smoothly a fine piece of scarlet or blue silesia, or cambric; over this put a cover of any pretty openwork lace or muslin. Then put a piece of the silesia about thirteen inches deep around it; cover this also with the lace; the effect is excellent, and in this way a useful article of furniture is redeemed from positive ugliness and deformity. If the legs are scratched or marred, a coat or two of varnish will make them look all right.—N. Y. Post.

When hens lay thin-shelled eggs, as the non-sitters are apt to do, or eggs with no shells at all, it is not enough to feed broken bones, oyster shells, and other forms of phosphate of lime. They must have nitrogenous food, in connection with a considerable amount of fat. One of the best and cheapest foods of this kind is the common cracklings left after pressing out lard. Without flesh or fat, both the lime and phosphate in good wheat screenings, though devoured with avidity, do not seem to be assimilated so as to increase the thickness of the shells, but then there is a visible improvement in a day or two, and a very decided one in less than a month. Of course cracklings must be fed with moderation, else diarrhea follows, and undue increase of urea. My experience is that for the non-sitters and the production of eggs, there is no food (the fowls having ample range) equal to one-sixth corn, one sixth cracklings, and two-thirds clean and sound wheat screenings, with gravel and broken burned bones ad libitum.—Country Gentleman.

The Queen of Home.

Said Dr. Talmadge, in a recent sermon: "When you think of a Queen you do not think of Catharine of Russia, or Maria Theresa of Germany, or Mary Queen of Scots. When you think of a Queen you think of a plain woman who sat opposite your father at the table, or walked with him down the path of life arm in arm—sometimes to the thanksgiving banquet, sometimes to the grave, but always side by side, soothing your little sorrows and adjusting your little quarrels, listening to your evening prayer, toiling with the needle or at the spinning-wheel, and on cold nights tucking you up snug and warm. And then on that dark day when she lay a-dying, putting those thin hands that had toiled for you so long, putting them together in a dying prayer commending you to that God in whom she had taken you to trust. Of she was the Queen—she was the Queen. You cannot think of her now without having the deepest emotions of your soul stirred, and you feel as if you could cry as though you were now sitting in infancy on her lap, and if you could call her back to speak your name with the tenderness with which she once spoke, you would be willing now to throw yourself on the sod that covers her grave, crying, 'Mother! mother!' Ah! she was the Queen. Your father knew it. You knew it. She was the Queen, but the Queen in disguise. The world did not recognize it."

Our Horses in England.

The marvelous performances of American horses in England and France last season, are naturally directing the attention of our countrymen to what may happen during the coming season. Many foolish Americans will lay large wagers of money upon the American horses of this year, because of the success of two American horses last year. Among the horses that will take part in the races this year are Foxhall, the winner of the Grand Prix, Iroquois, the winner of the Derby, Gerald, Sachem, Arna, Mistake, Naegold, and of course many others, these being the most famous. American sporting men say that our climate is better suited to the horse than that of Great Britain. The horse is a native of a warm, clear climate, and hence the superiority of the Kentucky horse over those produced under more Northern skies. The contest in England of the next two or three years will show whether or no the American race-horse is superior to the English stock from which he originally sprung.—Democrat's Monthly.

Vegetable or Mineral.

A physician writing to a journal of medicine, not long ago, proclaimed against the use of mineral poisons in curing diseases, on the ground that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred more mischief than benefit was the result. In his practice he dispensed entirely with the use of mercury, etc., and attributed his success mostly to his prescribing vegetable and herb medicines only. In the face of these facts, every invalid should take warmish. Tone up the system and give strength to the various organs of life by using such a remedy as Dr. Guyott's Yellow Dock and Sarsaparilla. Its soothing and refreshing influence will drive away all physical and mental distress. It is especially strengthening to the urinary and digestive organs. A single bottle will prove its merit. It is very pleasant to take.

When a murderer is relieved twenty minutes before the performance is to take place, a playful way to put it is, that he "skipped the rope."—Texas Siftings.

A young man signing himself J. L. D., writes as follows: "Six months ago I felt all broke up, I was very nervous. The least excitement caused my heart to thump like an engine, at other times it seemed to cease beating altogether. I also had dyspepsia bad, and at night I was very restless, and had disturbing dreams. My whole system seemed out of fix, and pimples and sores troubled me greatly. I was advised by a druggist to try Dr. Guyott's Yellow Dock and Sarsaparilla. It has restored me to perfect health."

"Oh, for a better half!" said the sorrowing widower when he found a counterfeit fifty-cent piece among his change.—Cambridge Tribune.

"Dragging Palms." Dr. R. V. PIERCE, Buffalo, N. Y.: Dear Sir—My wife had suffered with "female weakness" for nearly three years. At times she could hardly move, she had such dragging pains. We often saw your "Favorite Prescription" advertised, but supposed like most patent medicines it did not amount to anything, but at last concluded to try a bottle, which she did. It made her sick at first, but it began to show its effect in a marked improvement, and two bottles cured her. Yours, etc., A. J. HUYCK, Deposit, N. Y.

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It is a sad astronomical fact that during the terrible thunder storm the other night the milky way became sour.—N. Y. Herald.

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A FOOLISH old woman, being one evening at a party, was greatly at a loss for something to say. At length she ventured to inquire of a gentleman who sat next her whether his mother had any children. The gentleman politely pointed out the absurdity of her inquiry. "I beg pardon," exclaimed the old lady, perceiving her mistake; don't you understand me. I wish to inquire whether your grandmother had any children."

Shrewdness and Ability. Hop Bitters, so freely advertised in all the papers, secular and religious, are having a large sale, and are supplanting all other medicines. There is no denying the virtues of the Hop plant, and the proprietors of these Bitters have shown great shrewdness and ability in compounding a Bitters whose virtues are so palpable to every one's observation.—Examiner and Chronicle.

RYAN, the pugilist, is fond of "Pinafore." It is said. We cannot believe this, as he has shown no desire recently to face Sullivan's music.—The Score.

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A SLIP OF THE TONGUE: She (encouragingly): "Your step suits me exactly." He (nervously): "So glad to hear you say so; I know I'm such a bad waiter."—Judy.

Old Slobson was raking in the front yard yesterday when he noticed a boy grazing through the picket fence in a most earnest manner. "What are you doing," asked the old man. "Watching the Race's Progress," replied the boy, as he dodged just in time.—Rochester Express.

A TENNESSEE negro ate two raw mackerel, two dozen hard-boiled eggs, and drank two buckets of water. Make him sick! Oh, no! He wanted more. You see he was a week doing it.—Boston Post.

"Do you admire the principles of Jefferson?" asked an enthusiastic politician of a society friend. "I really don't know much about his principles," was the reply, "but he plays 'Rip Van Winkle' superbly."—Pittsburgh Telegraph.

An eminent scientist says that when a lady cannot sit down without her nose becoming red, it shows that there is imperfect circulation of the blood, caused by tight lacing. Same with gentlemen. A red nose is a sure sign of tightness somewhere.

If you would retain the love of your affianced, young man, do not permit her to inveigle you into an ice-cream saloon. If you do a coyness will soon exist between you.

At the annual session of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, Theodore Gill read a paper on "The Development of Chiropterygium from the Ichthyopterygium." There was not a dry eye in the house.—Norristown Herald.

"I THINK the goose has the advantage of you," said a lady to an inept boarder who was carving. "Guess it has, mum—in age," was the withering retort.

TYNDALL'S theory that heat is simply motion in another form must be true. Strike a piece of iron and it becomes hot. Strike a man and he immediately boils over. There is, however, one exception to the rule. Set like a warm friend for a short loan and he at once becomes as cold as an iceberg.—Philadelphia News.

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