

A SERIOUS JOKE.

A large and sprightly cat, she walked with high-stepping steps the strand. A youthful crab he straggled out of his house of sand. How jolly it will be!

BETTY FLIPPIN'S AWFUL NEWS.

It was to be a famous day in Lichenfeld. This Hopkins, said to be May Queen and I was to be her prime minister and chief officer of the household.

But, however etherealizing may be a lover's face, it never quite obliterated, in a healthy man, the hope for dinner—at least I'm sure mine responded pretty promptly to the conductor's "half-an-hour for refreshments!"

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perial order to her chief courtier, Nic. Cutlers, an insouciant jackanape whom I had more than once been tempted to cuff for his impudent attentions to Thisbe.

In an instant Thisbe's face brightened. Descending the steps of her throne with a haste anything but queenly, she and the other lady caught each other in a close embrace, and exchanged kisses with a passion that to many of us seemed not a little wasteful.

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A terrible memorial of the recent dreadful loss of the steamship Navarre was fished up a few days ago by a smack, whose people found in their trawl the bodies of a man and woman together, who were evidently a couple. Probably the mysterious deep never yielded up a secret more shockingly suggestive than these corpses.

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PAIRN AND HOUSEHOLD.

No crop should be grown which leaves the soil permanently poorer, or in other words, which does not pay enough over and above cost of growing to maintain fertility.—Chicago Journal.

Idleness: Two cups of flour, one egg, one teaspoon of cream tartar, half a cup of sugar, piece of butter the size of an egg, one coffee cup of milk or water, one or two eggs; make stiff as cake.—Toledo Blade.

Shams intended to be used upon shams-lifters will work better and last longer if very little starch is used. They should be made square and of such a size that they will fit snugly in the center of the outer edges will be even with the bed posts.—Harper's Bazar.

Considerable difficulty is sometimes experienced in turning under corn stubs by spring plowing. It is generally caused by the heavy drag over the field, when as the roots are loosened by frost the butts are tipped over. The gain to the out and barley crop following is more than pay the expense.—N. Y. Post.

That oft discussed question of feeding stock may be summarized in a few words. Let the food be good and the amount depend upon the age, condition, objects in view and amount of exercise. Feed with great regularity and let there be a variety, remembering that in the young animal flesh, strength and fat are to be formed.—Chicago Herald.

Horses kept in a close stall, especially in winter, are apt to suffer from sore eyes, caused by the ammonia from their urine. A little land plaster or gypsum scattered in the stalls will absorb this ammonia and save the value of the horse's eyes. Sulfuric acid will do the same, but is not so convenient as the gypsum.—N. Y. Herald.

The Druggist's Journal says that with all the dangers from disease, hog-raising, though it requires more labor, is really the most profitable business which farmers can engage in where corn is a sure crop. It is surprising, also, how many farmers there are who seem to wholly neglect the fact that any other food than dry corn is suitable for swine if it is within their power to keep such stock half or two-thirds of the year on food not nearly so expensive.

Difficulty of churning may be caused by the butter being too hot, and the cow may also be at fault. There will very often be a difference in time of the churning of the cream of any two cows; and if the cream is too hot, the addition of powder, which contains anti-acid, will affect the cream. The most common cause of difficulty of getting butter is the temperature of the cream, which should not be lower than sixty-five degrees when it goes into the churn. A cow that is in good health needs no powders of any kind except a little salt.

Why "Wh" in Vegetable Cookery. "Why" should never be put into cold water to soak, as is often recommended? Because all the nutritious portion of the bean is extracted by the process. They should be washed in warm water, and then be soaked in a cloth, be put into boiling water, with a spoonful of dripping and a little salt in it, and be kept boiling for four hours. They are then excellent if served from butter, and with melted butter. They serve as garnish around roast mutton or beef, and are excellent eating served whole or as a puree.

Why should plenty of fast boiling water be used in boiling vegetables, potatoes excepted? Because the greater the heat, the more soluble are the vegetable matters. If only a little water is used the whole affair soon cools, and the vegetables become tough, so much so that no length of time will render them otherwise. Broccoli sprouts in April, if properly cooked by boiling them for eight minutes in boiling water, will be tender as marrow; but if not properly done, hours will not cook them. Parsley, and other greens, may be cut in round and very thin rings? Because the fibre is thus cut across, and in so cutting them, whether for frying or for making sauce, the air is rendered free from the coarsest particles. With turnips and carrots it is just the same; neither of the three should be split or cut in any other way.

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