

Agriculture, &c.,

WAITING FOR THE SPRING.

As breezes stir the morning, A silence reigns in air; O'er every mountain and valley, Moveless the trees and bare;

Strong ash and sturdy chestnut, Rough oak and poplar high, Stretch out their sapless branches Against the wintry sky.

I strain mine ears to listen, If haply where I stand, But one stray note of music May sound in all the land;

O heart! thy days are darksome! O heart! thy nights are drear; But soon shall streams of sunshine Proclaim the turning year.

TEMPERATURE OF CREAM.—The Iowa Homestead in answer to an inquiry as to the proper temperature of cream for churning, says, "Careful experiments have demonstrated that while cream should never be lower than fifty degrees, it should never be higher than fifty-five degrees, for the operation of churning will raise it from five to ten degrees.

TOADS IN GARDENS.—In a lecture on "Insect Enemies," lately delivered by Mr. Treat before the Vineland Agricultural and Horticultural Society, the usefulness of toads in gardens was forcibly pointed out.

TO FEEL THE PULSE OF A HORSE.—This is best felt where the artery passes over the edge of the jaw-bone. To find it, apply the fingers to the angle of the jaw bone, and slowly pass them down to where a notch in the bone may be felt;

An ingenious mechanic in Philadelphia has invented a pile-driver, which by the use of a very small charge of percussion powder, a driving force about eight times that of a falling weight, is given, while the weight at the same time is driven up the rack by the explosion; where it is caught and held ready for another fall and explosion.

The largest kitchen in the world has been erected on the banks of the Uruguay river, in South America, for the purpose of furnishing the world with Liebig's extract of meat. It covers 20,000 square feet; each of the boilers will contain 14,000 pounds of flesh, and 80 head of cattle must be slaughtered every hour to supply them.

A lady in Salem lately lost about 3 dozen yards of velvet, which took fire from the rays of the sun passing through a globe of water.

A woman at North Leverett, Mass., has made eight hundred palm leaf hats within the year, besides doing all her housework.

GRAPE SEEDS FOR COFFEE.—In Germany the seeds of grapes are frequently used in place of the coffee berry. When pressed they yield a quantity of oil, and afterwards when boiled, furnish a very economical, and it is said, a delicious substitute for genuine Mocha.—Exchange.

It is a rare thing that Physicians give any countenance to the medicine, the manufacture of which is a secret. About the only exception we know of is Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, This, we believe, all endorse, and many of them use it in their practice with great success.

Persons requiring purgatives or pills should be careful what they buy. Some pills not only cause griping pains, but leave the bowels in a torpid, costive state. Parsons Purgative Pills will relieve the bowels and cleanse the blood without injury to the system.

MESSENGER ALMANACK.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, HIGH WATER AT Pictou, and Windsor. Includes dates from March 21st to April 3rd, 1869.

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Table with columns for Carrying Passengers, Mails and through Freight, Ditto Local Freight, Ditto Local do., Ditto (Through), and Windsor Branch.

Carrying Passengers, Mails and through Freight, Leave Halifax 7.15 a. m. Arrive at Pictou 2.10 p. m.

NOTICE. TO COUNTRY DEALERS AND OTHERS.

THE subscribers at the commencement of the year 1869, would respectfully return sincere thanks to one and all of their numerous customers for past patronage that they have so liberally bestowed upon them.

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Iron Bedsteads and Stretchers Children's Bedsteads, Bedding of every description, Superior Feather Beds, Best Goose Feathers, and warranted free from unpleasant smell.

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NOTICE. THE business heretofore conducted under the name and style of JAMES THOMAS & SONS, Hat, Cap & Fur Dealers, in consequence of the retirement of Mr. James Thomas will in future, be conducted by JOHN R. THOMAS & PETER E. MCKERRON, at the old stand, corner of Barrington and Sackville Streets.

WRIGHT'S Patent Sectional Spring Bed! THE Subscribers having been appointed Sole Agents in the Province for the sale of this article, recommend it as being the easiest and most comfortable to rest upon, and together with its durability, and the facility with which it can be taken apart and cleaned, they feel certain that it will be found to be a most convenient article.

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