

Agriculture, &c.

DIFFERENCE IN THE QUALITY OF EGGS.

The Journal of Agriculture says, though most farmers keep fowls and raise their own eggs, there are many who have not learned the difference there is in the richness and flavour of eggs produced by well fed hens, and those from birds that have been half starved through our winters.

AN IMMENSE SALT MINE.

The great Humboldt salt mine, near Austin, Nevada, is described by a California paper as looking like a lake frozen over. The salt is as hard and as smooth as ice.

BEET-ROOT SUGAR.

In reference to the rapidly increasing growth of beet-root sugar, statistics inform us that at the present time there are no fewer than 1,800 beet factories in various parts of the Continent, turning out every season some 600,000 tons of sugar.

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WHAT BRAINS WILL DO.

Those who think our cultivated lands must grow poor as they grow old, will find food for reflection in the fact that not many years back, the average yield of wheat per acre in England was about ten bushels—it is now over thirty bushels.

A member of Parliament having charged an officer of the Government with dishonesty was required to retract it before the House of Commons, which he did in the following words; 'I said he was dishonest, it is true; and I am sorry for it.'

MESSANGER ALMANACK. April, 1870.

Table with columns for Sun, Moon, and High Tide, listing dates and times for various astronomical events.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southing gives the time of high water at Parrsboro', Cornwallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport, and Truro.

High water at Pictou and Cape Tormentine 2 hours and 30 minutes later than at Halifax. At Annapolis, St. John, N. B., and Portland Maine, 3 hours and 44 minutes later, and at St. John's, Newfoundland, 1 hour earlier, than at Halifax.

FOR THE LENGTH OF THE DAY.—Add 12 hours to the time of the sun's setting, and from the sum subtract the time of rising.

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