

The Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, N.S., OCTOBER 21, 1874. ALMANAC FOR OCTOBER.

Last Quarter, Oct. 2nd, 9h. 24m morning. New Moon, " 10th, 6h. 47m. morning. First Quarter, " 18th, 9h. 15m. morning. Full Moon, " 25th, 3h. 7m. morning. Last Quarter, " 31st, 9h. 46m. afternoon.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, High Tide, and Low Tide. Rows list days from 1st to 31st with corresponding times and tide heights.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Position gives the time of high water at PARSBORO, CORNWALLIS, HORTON, HANTSPOUR, WINDSOR, NEWPORT, and TUNNO.

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Geo. L. FELLOWS. ST. JOHN'S, N. B., April 16th, 1874.

This is to certify that I was attacked with a very severe cold combined with the Asthma very bad, so that I could not lie down or hardly breathe. One bottle of the cough medicine prepared by J. BETCHER, Esq., of Halifax, N. S., relieved me, and five bottles completely cured me so I have not been troubled with the Asthma since, and I believe it to be the best medicine for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, &c., that there is made.

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Aug. 6.

Agricultural.

ANCIENT AGRICULTURE.—Among the Egyptians of olden times, the priests and soldiers owned the land; the soldiers possessed about six acres each near the Delta of the Nile. In times of war they equipped themselves; when war had ceased and tumult subsided they returned satisfied to the sacred river, and made its fertile alluvium teem with verdure. There they cast their bread on the water, they reared the flax from which the royal vesture was woven; and from it the ephods of the priests were spun. The remnants of the winding sheet of the mummies, viewed by the microscope shows remains of flax. There they produced herbs and roots to supply the world with drugs. They also produced wheat and leguminous vegetables, which have been found in mummy cases. We may know that agriculture was a part of their wisdom. Behold the pyramids; and ask what mummies could pile them save those made strong by the best products of the land. It was the strength gained from the soil that was sufficient to rear old Carnak and construct the mighty temples of Thebes. The Carthaginians paid great attention to agriculture, the kingly ones cultivated the soil and princes toiled in the field. When the Romans spoiled the land the only books they found worth preserving were twenty-eight volumes on agriculture. With the Spartans, all know that agriculture was not regarded; the laws of Lycurgus prohibited the soldiers from cultivating the soil; the slaves did this. When a nation like the Spartans neglect this noble pursuit they must resort to the black broth.

VINES IN NOOKS.—Three vines of as many different varieties, planted in some sunny nook, or by the side of some building, so as to obtain shelter, will, if properly cared for, furnish many a bushel of delicious grapes every year. Make the ground mellow and rich by the use of a spade, and by employing old manure, finely ground bones and ashes, and set out the plants. In three years the rich clusters will appear, and in four years the product will be abundant. It is well to have vines planted so that the waste liquids from the dwellings can be used in fertilization. If there is any food the vine especially loves, it is the soapy liquids which accumulate on washing days in families. Vines drenched every week with these liquids will flourish astonishingly, and extend themselves so as to cover large buildings, every branch bearing fruit. We say to our readers, plant vines.—Science of Health.

AN IMPORTANT FACT IN GRAPE CULTURE.—We would mention a fact which has come within our observation and experience, which if generally true, is of some importance. It is this: That the fruit bud from the base of the past year's cane throws out larger and better developed grapes than either the first or second. The grapes from these buds also seem better flavored, and generally superior to those on the first or second. In accordance with this hint we have adopted the plan of cutting the cane at such lengths as to leave the third bud generally, and sometimes the fourth when a good strong one, and then rubbing off the first and second buds, and leaving the third and fourth for fruit. The number of fruit buds left on the vine must depend on the age and strength of the vine. If the vines are strong and vigorous at three years, from two to three bunches of grapes may be allowed to mature on each without injury.—Pacific Rural Press.

A BIG SUNFLOWER.—A day or two ago we were shown a sunflower plant on the premises of Mr. A. C. Moore, No. 427 Elk Street, which bids fair to rival anything in its line. This thrifty specimen of vegetation stands ten feet high, and its thick branches form a bush of nearly four feet in diameter. There are over fifty full-sized blossoms on it and others budding. The prodigy still grows. At the same time and place we saw innumerable specimens of rhubarb of a most extraordinary growth. One stalk measured a fraction over seven inches in circumference while many others were close up to it. Where are your agricultural fairs?—Buffalo Ex.

Virtue has been described as an awkward habit of doing things differently from other people. It creates great mirth in fashionable circles.

Scientific.

TO DESTROY ROSE BUGS.—A correspondent of the Country Gentleman reports that nothing will so thoroughly destroy rose slugs as wood ashes. The ashes must be sifted on early in the morning while the leaves are damp, the branches being turned over carefully, so that the under sides of the leaves, to which the young slugs cling, may get their share of the siftings. If the night has been dewless, in order to make the work thorough, first sprinkle the bushes, and the ashes will then cling to the slugs, to their utter destruction. This may be repeated without injury to the roses as often as the pests make their appearance.

BREAKING IN BOOTS AND SHOES.—The Herald of Health has the following on this subject which is true to the letter:

- 1. Never "break in" new boots or shoes. If they are not easy when new don't take them, for the boots will break your feet oftener than your feet will break the boots.
2. If you go on "breaking in" boot leather you will need a special last, made with all sorts of knobs and protuberances to correspond with your distorted joints. Then you will be sorry.
3. If you have large feet, admit it in honesty, and have your boots made accordingly. Then you will be happy.
4. If your shoemaker don't know enough to make easy boots and shoes, refuse to take his work, and tell him to learn his trade before asking your patronage.

Most housekeepers have felt the need of a receipt for mending knives, or rather for fastening knives and forks to their handles. The following mixture is recommended for this purpose in the Scientific American: Mix together one pound of resin and eight ounces of sulphur, and keep it in bars or reduced to powder; mix one part of this powder with half a part of iron filings, fine sand, or brickdust, and the cavity of the handle is to be filled with this mixture.

A COAL OIL FIRE.—Our Weebauken oil fire, engrosses public attention just now. Think of seven tanks of oil, containing 80,000 barrels, set on fire by lightning, burning from Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, until Sunday morning at 2 A. M., despite all the efforts of the firemen, sending up sheets of flame, and volumes of smoke, that reached to the very heavens, and enabled us Gothamites, who were miles away, to read newspaper print by the light of its lurid glare. Is it any wonder that nervous people imagined the end of the world had come, and the conflagration was at hand? The company have sustained in loss, in oil and docks, etc., over eight hundred thousand dollars, and the Erie Railway Co. about a hundred and thirty thousand more, besides the burning of seven cars.

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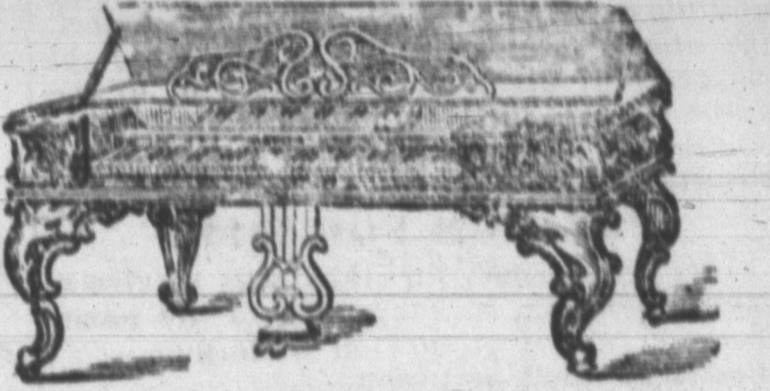
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