

The Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, N. S., JUNE 3, 1874. ALMANAC FOR JUNE

Last Quarter, June 7th, 9h. 4m morning. New Moon, " 14th, 2h. 38m. morning. First Quarter, " 21st, 3h. 47m. afternoon. Full Moon, " 29th, 2h. 34m. morning.

Table with columns for Day, SUN. Rise, MOON. Rise, High Tide at Halifax. Rows for days of the month from 1st to 30th.

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 11 minutes later than at Halifax. At Annapolis, St. John, N. B., and Portland Maine, 3 hours and 25 minutes later, and at St. John's, Newfoundland 20 minutes 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.

WINDSOR & ANNAPOLIS RAILWAY. SPRING ARRANGEMENT. COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1874. HALIFAX TO ST. JOHN.

Table showing train schedules from Halifax to St. John with columns for Stations, Exp. Pass., and Pass. No. and Frgt.

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N. B.—Trains Nos 1 and 6 run in connection with the steamer "Scud," and on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday only. Steamer "Scud" leaves St. John on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, at 8 a. m. for Annapolis, and return same day, on arrival of 8 a. m. Express Train from Halifax.

Hats and Caps. WE have now on hand a full Stock of all kinds, including the NEWEST STYLE, to which we invite the attention of our friends, both at Wholesale and Retail.

Agricultural.

WHISTLE AND HOE.

There's a boy just over the garden fence, Who is whistling all through the livelong day And his work is not just a mere pretense For you see the weeds he has cut away.

Whistle and hoe, Sing as you go, Shorten the row By the songs you know.

Not a word of bemoaning his task I hear, He has scarcely time for a growl, I know, For his whistle sounds so merry and clear, He must find some pleasure in every row.

Whistle and hoe, Sing as you go, Shorten the row By the songs you know.

But then while you whistle, be sure that you hoe, For if you are idle the briars will spread; And whistle alone to the end of the row May do for the weeds, but is bad for the bread.

Whistle and hoe, Sing as you go, Shorten the row By the songs you know.

DRY EARTH FOR BEDDING.—R. Giddings, of Illinois, saves the care, and adds to the comfort of his stock by using dry earth in the stables.

BETTER vs. CHEESE.—We notice, says the Guelph Mercury, that many of our exchanges are commenting on the high price of butter, and we can fully sympathize with them.

LARGE CROPS ON DEAR LAND.—Low priced land makes comparatively poor farming a necessity. We cannot farm in Wisconsin as the English farmer must to succeed at all.

TO MAKE CUTTINGS GROW.—A correspondent of the Western Farmer says: I used to have a great trouble to make currant and gooseberry cuttings or slips grow, until I tried the following plan.

A practical philosopher it was who gave it as his opinion, that whoever could make two ears of corn, or two blades of grass, to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together.

The Household.

DOMESTIC RECEIPTS.

To make Tomato Figs.—Pour boiling water over the tomatoes in order to remove the skins; then weigh and place them in a stone jar, with as much sugar as you have tomatoes, and let them stand two days; then pour off the sirup and boil and skim it until no scum rises.

Stuffed Cabbage.—Take a large fresh cabbage and cut out the heart. Fill the place with stuffing made of cooked chicken veal, chopped very fine, and highly seasoned, rolled into balls with yolk of egg.

Steamed Oysters.—Wash the oysters thoroughly, and place them in a colander, covering with a lid; put enough water into a kettle to get up a good steam. The oysters will soon open, when they are done.

German Potatoes.—Mashed potatoes well seasoned and plenty of cream. Make in little cakes half an inch thick (made some hours beforehand they are better), beat an egg and dip them in it; brown nicely on both sides.

Cream Cake.—Two eggs, one cup of sugar, one cup of cream, two cups of flour, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, one teaspoonful of soda.

Loaf Cake.—Three eggs, one cup of sugar, half a cup of butter, one cup of cream, one teaspoonful of soda, one cup of currants, flour and nutmeg.

Housekeeping Hints.—Never put a particle of soap about your silver ware if you would have it retain its original lustre. When it wants polish, take a piece of soft leather and whiting and rub hard.

Stove lustrer, when mixed with turpentine and applied in the usual manner, is blacker, more glossy, and more durable than when mixed with any other liquid.

ARTIFICIAL COFFEE.—One cup of corn meal, one cup of Graham flour, one cup of molasses. Rub all together, and brown nicely. It has been pronounced by many of the uninitiated as excellent as Java.

BIG TREES.—The Yosemite Valley has met its superior in the matter of big trees in the region of the Johnstone River in Australia.

Nothing can convey a more impressive idea of the power of water as a general agent than the wonderful canons of Mexico, Texas, and the Rocky Mountains, where the torrents may be seen rushing along, through the incision it has cut for itself in the hard rock, at a depth of several thousand feet between perpendicular walls.

CONIFERIN.—The following information will be of interest and importance to the possessors of fir trees. In the juice of fir trees, between the wood and the bark, there is a crystalline substance called coniferin.

ORIGIN OF THE DIAMOND.—We learn from a report in the Times that the Hon. Theophilus Shepstone, in describing the South African diamond-fields, at the Society of Arts last week, propounded the following curious hypothesis as to the origin of the diamond.

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