

The Christian Messenger.

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ALMANAC FOR MARCH.

New Moon, March 7th, 4h. 6m. afternoon. First Quarter, " 14th, 8h. 51m. morning. Full Moon, " 21st, 7h. 37m. afternoon. Last Quarter, " 30th, 0h. 10m. morning.

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

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

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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ST. JOHNS, 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 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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DR. T. F. BURT, William Street, New York. 26 Ins

Science.

TO MEND CRACKED STOVES.—For closing cracks in cast-iron stoves—good wood ashes are to be sifted through a fine sieve, to which is to be added the same quantity of clay finely pulverized, together with a little salt. The mixture is to be moistened with water enough to make a paste and the crack of the stove filled with it.

TO TAKE OUT BRUISES IN FURNITURE.—Wet the place well with warm water, then take some brown paper, five or six times double and well soaked in water, lay it on the place; apply on that a hot flat-iron till the moisture is evaporated, and if the bruise is not gone, repeat the process.

BURNS AND FREEZES.—Whatever is good for one is just as good for the other. Cold water or snow will remove the fire or cold, then essence of peppermint, or strong solution of alum water will harden the skin and draw out the pain.

LEARNING HOW LIFE COMMENCES.—An interesting experiment was tried before the zoological class of the Normal School at Westfield, Mass., recently. Principal Dickson had engaged a farmer to put an egg each day for twenty-one days, under a setting hen.

- PRECAUTIONS AND HINTS IN CASE OF FIRE.—1. Be well acquainted with the best means of escape from your house, both at the top and the bottom. 2. Do not get confused. 3. If a lady's or a child's dress takes fire, endeavour to roll the person up in a rug, carpet or any piece of woollen stuff. 4. Keep all doors and windows closed until the firemen arrive. 5. Always keep in your bedroom a piece of rope sufficiently long to reach the street. 6. In case of a fire in any place where numbers of persons are, keep perfectly cool, and do all you can to prevent a panic. 7. Do not go into a building where there is a thick smoke if you can help it, without a saturated sponge in your mouth or a wet cloth or handkerchief over mouth and nose. 8. Do not deposit ashes in a wooden vessel or upon a wooden floor. 9. Never smoke or read in bed by candle or lamp light. 10. Always fill and trim your lamps by daylight, and never near the fire. 11. See that your stove pipes enter well into the chimney.

People who send us "communications" for publication are "requested" not to "quote" and "underscore" so much. This is about the way a good deal of "matter" would LOOK if we printed it as it is "WRITTEN."—Syracuse Standard.

It is said that a little coarsely-cut gentianroot, well masticated, the saliva being swallowed, taken after each meal, will soon take away all desire for the chewing of tobacco.

A good mother is worth a hundred school masters.

A paying young man is better than a promising one.

Benovelence is the cream on the milk of human kindness.

Men now-a-days are divided into slow Christian and wide-awake sinners.

Agriculture.

HALIFAX PUBLIC GARDENS.—The citizens of Halifax are looking forward with interest to the conversion of the Horticulture Garden, with its nursery grounds, cabbage beds and gooseberry brakes, into a Public Pleasure Garden, where citizens may, in some measure, realize the great public benefit of such an Institution. One use of a Public Garden is to encourage floral and horticultural taste among the citizens generally, and the prudent management of our Garden will certainly lead to an immense development of the trade in flowers and plants and seeds.

RHUBARB came originally from China. The root, used medicinally, came to be called Turkey Rhubarb, because it got into Europe through the hands of Turkish merchants.

Rhubarb is among the most wholesome and most palatable of our garden vegetables. It should have a place in every kitchen garden. The soil cannot be too well prepared for rhubarb. It should be deepened or trenched to at least eighteen to twenty-four inches.

As soon as the frost is well out of the ground, the crowns may be planted in rows, three feet apart every way; in large varieties more space should be given. The crown should be planted near the surface level, and should not be covered more than an inch.

No stalks should be cut during the first year, but the plants should be allowed to get well established. In the spring or fall a good top-dressing of manure will be necessary.

ASHES FOR ORCHARDS.—The Scientific American sensibly says: "The point to which we now call attention is, that our farmers and fruit-growers have ignored, or rather have been ignorant of, the importance of wood ashes as a vegetable stimulant and as the leading constituent of plants. Even coal ashes, now thrown away as useless, have been shown both by experiment and analysis to possess a fair share of alkaline value. We will relate only one experiment: Some twenty five years ago we treated an old hollow pippin apple tree as follows: The hollow, to the height of eight feet, was filled and rammed with a compost of wood ashes, garden mold, and a little waste lime (carbonate). The filling was securely fastened in by boards. The next year the crop of sound fruit was sixteen bushels from a shell of a tree that had borne nothing of any account for some time, and for seventeen years after filling the old pippin tree continued to flourish and bear well."

CHARCOAL.—The stimulating power carbon has upon seeds is noticed by Liebig in his chemical explanation of the effect of charcoal as a fertilizer. He stated that the carbon of charcoal forms the base of the carbonic acid, which acts beneficially on plants, by a gradual combination with oxygen, but he admits that the beneficial effects of charcoal as a fertilizer depends upon the presence of other substances besides carbon. He says that plants thrive in powdered charcoal and may be made to blossom and bear fruit if exposed to the influence of rain and the atmosphere. Rain water must therefore contain one of the essentials of vegetable life, and this is ammonia.

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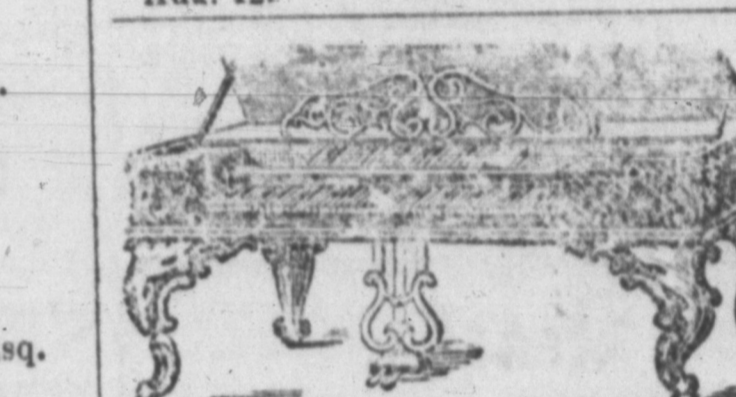
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