

The Christian Messenger.

ALMANAC FOR DECEMBER.

First Quarter, Dec. 5th, 9h. 42m. afternoon. Full Moon, " 12th, 3h. 31m. afternoon. Last Quarter, " 19th, 10h. 41m. afternoon. New Moon, " 27th, 2h. 50m. afternoon.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, High Tide, and Low Tide. Rows list days of the month with corresponding times and phases.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southings 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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BETCHER'S PECTORAL MIXTURE FOR Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, Asthma, &c.

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J. W. BETCHER, No. 27 CORNWALLIS STREET, HALIFAX, N. S. HALIFAX, March 10th, 1873.

J. W. BETCHER, Esq. Dear Sir.—Having used a half dozen bottles of your valued Pectoral Mixture I find myself greatly relieved from a chronic cough, and pulmonary weakness which had been preying upon my system for over a year.

St. John, 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 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.

JOHN N. DEARBORN, 1 yr. Aug. 12.

CONSUMPTION CURED. To the Editor of Christian Messenger. ESTEEMED FRIEND:

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Please show this letter to any one you may know who is suffering from these diseases, and oblige, Faithfully Yours, DR. T. F. BURT, 67 William Street, New York. Aug. 5.

Science.

SIGNS OF SICKNESS.—One is never well when he feels the following symptoms:—Thirst before breakfast and after tea, cold feet and hands, sour taste in the mouth, dimness of vision, headache, pains anywhere, sleepiness, feeling of dirt in the eyes, heat in the ears, noise in the head, loss of appetite, greedy to eat, nausea of the stomach, pains in the bowels, slightly sore throat, numbness of the limbs, loss of smell and taste, dots or specks before the eyes. On appearance of these things abstain from eating and drinking as nearly as possible, a day or two, which will frequently remove all the trouble.

CURE FOR LOVE OF LIQUOR.—At a festival at a reformatory institution, recently, a gentleman said of the cure of the use of intoxicating drinks: "I overcame the appetite by a recipe given to me by old Dr. Hatfield, one of those good old physicians who do not have a percentage from a neighbouring druggist. The prescription is simply an orange every morning a half an hour before breakfast. 'Take that,' said the doctor, 'and you will neither want liquor nor medicine.' I have done so regularly, and find that liquor has become repulsive. The taste of the orange is in the saliva of my tongue, and it would be as well to mix water and oil as rum with my taste."

It is related that when Mrs. Molly Richardson, late of Baldwin, Me., was in her ninetieth year, as she was one day eating a fine apple she remarked that she would like to raise some fruit of that kind. She therefore planted the seeds, one of which sprouted and became a thrifty tree. Mrs. Richardson lived to be 97 years old, and ate fruit from the tree.

WHITEWASH FOR OUTBUILDINGS.

—The following is from the proceedings of the New York Farmers' Club: The chairman said that, in response to an inquiry for the best whitewash for barns and outbuildings, he had received the following: Take a bushel of well burned lime, white and unslacked, twenty pounds of Spanish whiting, seventeen pounds of rock salt, and twelve pounds of brown sugar. Slake the lime and sift out any coarse lumps and mix it into a good whitewash, with about forty gallons of water, and then add the other ingredients and stir the whole together thoroughly, and put on two or three coats with a common brush. To make a cream color, add to the above three pounds of yellow ochre; a fawn color, four pounds umber, one pound Indian red, and one of lampblack; if a gray or stone color is wanted, add four pounds of raw umber and two of lampblack. Dr. Smith said that he was of the opinion that sugar was of no service in the making of whitewash. It was nonsensical to use it in such a mixture, as it would do no good, and its use would be simply a waste of money. The rock salt mentioned he supposed was coarse salt. He could not say whether or not the latter would improve the mixture. Mr. Ely said that he had found in his experience that tallow was a good ingredient for whitewash, but Dr. Smith did not agree with him, as he thought that tallow would not mix well with lime.

THE TIME TO GO INTO A BUSINESS, or at least, to keep on with it, is when that business has been overdone and the majority are rushing out of it and turning their attention to something else which promises a little more profit. —New England Farmer.

TO TEST THE SOUNDNESS of a piece of timber, apply the ear to the middle of one of the ends, while another person strikes upon the opposite extremity. If the wood is sound and of good quality, the blow is very distinctly heard, however long the beam may be. If the beam is disaggregated by decay or otherwise, the sound will be for the most part destroyed.

OAK TIMBER loses about one-fifth of its weight in seasoning, and about one-third of its weight in becoming perfectly dry.

A car-load of flour arrived at Portland, Me., from California last week in papier-mache barrels.

There is more fatigue in laziness than in labour.

Those who suspect all are much to be suspected.

Agriculture.

SUCCOTASH.—For succotash take a quart of shelled beans before they get hard, and put them in cold water; put over the fire and let them come to a boil; then throw them into a colander, letting the water run off; put them again into cold water, with a small lump of soda, and let them boil up a minute or two; empty them again into the colander; then put them into fresh water, a little more than enough to cover them. Let them boil or simmer an hour or more. Cut the corn from eight ears of corn, and scraping the pulp off, which adheres to the cobb, add the corn to the boiling beans, and let them boil together half an hour or according to the age of the corn. As the water becomes used up, be careful it does not burn to the bottom, as the richness of the dish depends much upon retaining all the water the vegetables have been boiled in. Changing the water twice takes away a quality of the beans which makes them hurtful to some people. This method renders it digestible for delicate stomachs. Add butter and salt to taste. —Country Gentleman.

A CLEAN POULTRY HOUSE.—A clean, sweet fowl house is a very desirable thing. A building infested with vermin is a wretched place to confine fowls in; and however generous may be their feed, or the attention given to their needs otherwise, the neglect to keep the laying and roosting quarters free from lice, overbalances all attempts to maintain poultry in a healthy condition. Purity and cleanliness are absolutely essential to the health and comfort of the fowls; guarding them from vermin, and rendering even narrow quarters comparatively comfortable. Whitewashing is one of the most important aids to secure these results, and should be performed twice a year, spring and autumn, at least, and oftener, if necessary. The best wash is made from fresh lime slacked with boiling water, to which is added one ounce of carbolic acid to every four quarts of water. Some say that the building should be cleared of fowls, closed and thoroughly fumigated by burning in it sulphur or tobacco stems in an iron kettle, previous to whitewashing, but we have not found this necessary. Whitewashing every part of the interior with the above mixture will do the business. The lime, besides purifying the building, covers unsightly stains on the walls, and greatly improves the general appearance of the room, while the acid destroys lice, fleas, and other vermin.

The best fattening material for chickens is said to be Indian meal and milk.

DOMESTIC RECIPES.

BREWIS.—Ruth asks how to make a dish of bread crumbs called brewis. It is made in this way. Place on the fire a pint or more of milk, according to the amount desired; let it boil a few minutes, then add a bit of butter, a pinch of salt, and fine bread crumbs enough to thicken it; heat through and serve.

RICE MUFFINS.—One-half cup of boiled rice, boiled soft; add to this three spoonfuls of sugar, a bit of butter the size of an egg, one pint of sweet milk, one-half cup of yeast, two quarts of flour and a pinch of salt; let it rise over night, if necessary, add in the morning a little soda.

RYE AND RICE MUSH.—Boil one pint of rice in three quarts of water for twenty minutes, then add coarse or fine rye Graham, as above, and cook one hour.

CABBAGE JELLY.—This is very appetizing dish, and by some persons considered more wholesome than cabbage plainly boiled. Cut a cabbage into quarters, and soak it in strong salt and water for an hour or more, then boil in the usual way and squeeze in a colander until perfectly dry; then chop very fine, season with butter, pepper, and salt to taste. Press the whole very closely into an earthen bowl, and bake one hour in a slow oven. When done turn it out, and serve with vinegar and pepper.

MINUTE PUDDING.—One quart of sweet milk, a little salt; let it come to a boil, then stir in good wheat flour; let it boil five minutes; keep stirring to prevent burning. For the sauce take a pint of new milk, peice of butter size of an egg, two tablespoonfuls sugar, a little nutmeg; make it hot but not boil; eat very soon.

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