

The Christian Messenger.

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ALMANAC FOR APRIL.

New Moon, April 6th, 2h. 21m. morning. First Quarter, " 12th, 5h. 9m. afternoon. Full Moon, " 20th, 0h. 16m. afternoon. Last Quarter, " 28th, 3h. 3m. afternoon.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, and High Tide. Rows list days from 1st to 30th 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.

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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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Agriculture.

RENOVATING OLD MEADOWS.—Mr. A. B. Allen says, in the New York Tribune:—As soon as the frost is out of the grass field you wish to renovate, say early in March, take a heavy, fine, close-set tooth-harrow and go over the field, tearing the top of the turf all to pieces, which is then easily done, as the turf is very tender. Then sow what grass seed you wish to grow, roll the surface and give it a dressing of rotted stable manure, compost, guano or superphosphate, as required, and you will have generally just as good, if not better growth of grass than you will get otherwise. The advantage of this is threefold; you get a large crop of grass the following July, you save the expnse of ploughing, and you save seed in restocking the field. If there be small stones in the land, all such should be picked up previous to sowing the grass seed and rolling.

TEMPERATURE FOR MILK.—A correspondent of the Practical Farmer says: If I have learned anything by experience in relation to this subject it is the following: 1st. Milk set and kept at a temperature of 40 deg., will not sour, and the cream will become bitter before it is fit to skim. 2nd. Milk set at a temperature of 70 to 72 deg., will become sour and thick in twenty four hours, and before the cream has had time to rise. I regard these two points as established, just as certainly as water will freeze at 32 deg. or boil at 212 deg. This being the case, it would seem reasonable, or probable, that a medium, of a temperature of 55 or 56 deg. would be as near right as we can get; although 5 deg. higher or lower will not produce any disastrous result.

The dishrag plant is one of the many products of the fertile soil of Texas, and is used by the housewives of that remote region for domestic purposes. It grows to a considerable size, and its shape is that of the cucumber. When dry the outside covering is removed, and the heart, which has certain properties of the sponge, is used as above mentioned.

LIQUID MANURE IN THE GREEN-HOUSE.—Manure is best applied to plants in pots in a liquid form. That obtained from sheep droppings or from cow dung (with a little spot added if it can be had) is preferable to that obtained from chicken or pig manure, guano or even horse droppings; as it is less stimulating and does not cause such an excessive leaf and stem growth, or produce as serious injury if incautiously applied.—American Gardener.

MAKE YOUR HOME ATTRACTIVE.—There are farmers who toil all day and almost every day in the field, when a daily half hour spent about the house and garden in making home attractive would add more to their real happiness than all their toil. For, after all, home is the true source of lasting joys. Fortunate are they who have happy homes—blessed are they who make them happy.

"PROPER" WHEAT is the name of a California variety which is said to be attracting attention there because of its early maturity, great productiveness and the excellent quality of the flour made from it. It is said to have brought \$1.60 in the San Francisco market, when the best other varieties were selling at \$1.50 and \$1.25.

In China a liquor is distilled from the flowers of the Chrysanthemum which is regarded as an elixir vitae, and in the Chinese pharmacopoeia a powder of the flowers is prescribed as a cure for drunkenness.

A COW WITH A WOODEN LEG.—An English country paper records the following fact:—A young cow on the farm of Mr. Wilson, in Barrowdale, Cumberland, recently broke her leg. It was amputated, and a wooden leg supplied, and she is now stumping about and doing well.

"Where is the hoe, Sambo?" "Wid the rake, Massa." "Well where is the rake?" "Wid the hoe." "But where are both?" "Why, bof together, massa; you 'pears to be bery 'ticular this morning."

Science.

LINING THE WALLS OF HOUSES WITH GLASS.—The feasibility and healthfulness of abandoning plaster, etc., and substituting glass as a wall decoration and finish to rooms in the house, has been repeatedly written of and should again and again have attention of builders. It is a non-absorbent, can be curved to any form, is imperishable, readily cleaned, can be shaded to any colour, and if by accident any break occur, it could be as readily repaired as paint or plaster. If, however, it be cemented to a firm background, little or no danger would come of liability to breakage.

THE ELEPHANT, like the whale, is dying out. In India he is becoming almost as rare as the red deer in England. The hunters have driven him further inland; unless something be done to protect him, he will become, on the main continent at any rate, altogether extinct, and Sahib will have to import his elephants from Burmah and Ceylon, much as we in England import our horses from Ireland, and our foxes from any country that will send them to us in sufficient numbers, and of sufficient size and strength.—London Telegraph.

GLUE TO RESIST FIRE.—Mix a handful of quick lime in four ounces of linseed oil; boil to a good thickness, then spread on plates in the shade and it will become exceedingly hard, but may be easily dissolved over the fire and used as ordinary glue. It resists fire after being used for gluing substances together.

TO REMOVE PAINT FROM WINDOW-GLASS.—Take a copper cent, dip it in galeras made into a paste with water, and rub it on the stain until it is removed.

A girl in Macopin Co., Ill., recently saw a cord of hardwood in one hour and forty-five minutes, each stick being cut twice. She is described as pretty and not yet eighteen, and performed the task in a fit of anger because her mother told her she was fit for nothing but to sit in the parlour and read novels.

"Mr. Smith's compliments to Mr. Brown, thinks it unnecessary that his pigs should go through his grounds." Answer—"Mr. Brown's compliments to Mr. Smith, thinks equally unnecessary to spell pigs with two g's."

A correspondent of a London newspaper, writing from Penrith, Cumberland, states that about three weeks ago an easterly wind blew down a large fir tree on land belonging to a lady in the neighbourhood of Appleby. The last gale from the west, however, blew it up again, and it is "now standing quiet, stately and majestic, as if nothing had ever happened to it."

To detect adulteration in tea, burn the ashes. Pure tea, of any grade, will not leave over five per cent. of ash, while the adulterated article will yield as high as forty-five per cent.

VARNISH FOR WHITE WOODS.—Dissolve three pounds of bleached shellac in one gallon of spirit of wine; strain, and add one and one-half more gallons of spirit. If the shellac is pure and white, this will make a beautiful clear covering for white wooden articles.

HIPPOPHAGY IN FRANCE.—During the fall of 1874, Paris ate 1,555 horses, asses, and mules. A horse, which for his skin, hoofs, etc., alone, is worth but about five dollars, brings as food, in the markets of the French capital, five times that sum.

Talking of spelling matches, the New York World indulges in "dodecasyllabic diacriticism." Spell that.

New York is agitating to drive out the telegraph poles and put the wires under ground.

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