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ALMANAC FOR JANUARY.

New Moon, Jan. 7th, 6h. 51m. afternoon. First Quarter, " 14th, 5h. 5m. afternoon. Full Moon, " 21st, 1h. 26m. afternoon. Last Quarter, " 28th, 8a. 19m. morning.

Table with columns for Day, SUN. Rise, SUN. Sets, MOON. Rises, MOON. Sets, High Tide, and Low Tide. Rows include Fr., Sa., Su., and various days of the month.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southing gives the time of high water at PARSBORO, 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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Geo. L. FELLOWS, 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, 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, Aug. 12.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

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Faithfully Yours, DR. T. F. BURT, William Street, New York. Aug.

Agriculture.

FARMING BECOMING FASHIONABLE.—There can be no doubt that farming is becoming fashionable with a class who have hitherto thought of it as one of the least attractive and most stupid vocations the sons of men follow.

We see good to come of this on the part of young men of intelligence, culture, and wealth. This class have long been content to be absorbed in some one of the so-called learned professions, or have engaged in banking, insurance, railroading, politics, or commerce. Money-making and social position have been the goals for which they have struggled. The duties of their chosen vocations and the exactions of society, have been onerous and not always compensating. The uncertainties of commerce, the crowding of the professions, the competition and hollow-ness of the system of insurance and banking, the uncertainties of values of railway stocks, the natural demoralization of all these classes of business, based as they are upon a false system of ethics, practically if not really; the consequent falseness, hollow-ness, vapidity, and disintegration of society, and the depression of social standards, have tended to disgust and alienate the more thoughtful and intelligent of the young men in our social and commercial centres, and to reconcile them to any life and vocation that would give them freedom from social exactions they quickly learn to despise, independence of thought and action, absolute freedom from torturing and uncompensating cares, health, and undisturbed happiness.—Moore's Rural New-Yorker.

TO PRESERVE FENCE POSTS.—Some one who has tried it, says: "I discovered many years ago, that wood could be made to last longer than iron in the ground, but thought the process so simple and inexpensive, that it was not worth while making any stir about it. I would as soon have popular, basswood or quaking ash as any other kind of timber for fence posts. After having been set seven years, they were as sound when they were taken out as when they were put in the ground. Time and weather seem to have no effect on them. The posts can be prepared for less than two cents apiece. This is the recipe: Take boiled linseed oil and stir in it pulverized charcoal to the consistency of paint. Put a coat of this over the timber, and there is not a man who will live to see it rot.

A Missouri man has patented an invention which consists in improving hay and straw cutters by the application thereto of a grinding plate that takes up the wear on the knife as fast as it occurs, a peculiar support for the cutter blade, and also novel means for operating the feed roll. These are said to cause the machine to operate with less labor and to cut the hay or straw more uniformly than is usual.

REMOVE THE FLOWERS.—The Garden says: "All lovers of flowers must remember that one blossom allowed to mature or 'go to seed' injures the plant more than a dozen buds. Cut your flowers, then, all of them, before they begin to fade. Adorn your room with them, put them on your tables, send bouquets to your friends who have no flowers, or exchange favors with those who have. On bushes not a seed should be allowed to mature."

LIQUID MANURE.—Peruvian Guano dissolved in water at the rate of one pound to thirty gallons, and two quarts of soot added, makes an excellent manure for all soft-wooded plants.

Let everything have its place and every business its time.

RYE AND INDIAN LOAF.—Scald three quarts of very coarse corn meal (as coarse as that ground for horse feed) with three pints of boiling water. Add one gill of molasses, and three pints of rye meal, (rye Graham's) mix all together very thoroughly, and make into loaves three or four inches thick. Set on the stove where it will simmer up and not burr, and let it stand until it rises enough to crack all over the surface. Then put into a moderate oven, and bake three hours, or bake two hours and steam two hours, or put into a pretty good oven, with a declining fire, at night, and have it ready for breakfast next morning. Serve warm or cold—better warm.—Science of Health.

Scientific.

SAVING THE COFFEE GROUNDS.—As commonly made, the infusion of coffee which we drink contains not more than twenty per cent. of the substance which compose the berry. Of the remaining eighty parts which we throw away as "grounds," about thirty-four are woody matter without nutritive value.

The rest, or forty-six parts out of the hundred, contain in large proportions nitrogenous matters, fats and mineral salts, demonstrably useful for the nourishment of nerves, muscles, and bones. In other words, by our mode of making coffee, we lose more than half its available and valuable constituents. Considering the tons of coffee imported every year, this wholesale wastefulness becomes a matter of considerable magnitude, this, of course, only on condition that the rejected matter can be used with pleasure and profit. That it can be so used is shown by the practice of the Turks, who make coffee as we do chocolate. The coffee, finely powdered, is drunk with the infusion. In this way all the stimulating qualities of the infusion are secured, with the full aroma and all the nutritious elements of the berry. It is, perhaps, needless to add that, for use in this way, the coffee must be reduced to an impalpable powder. To those unaccustomed to use Oriental coffee, the lupid infusion may seem to be preferred. As a stimulating drink, it is undoubtedly preferable, but the good qualities of coffee are not exhausted with the infusion; and, as a matter of economy, it may be worth while to sacrifice limpidity for nutrition. Besides, as one becomes accustomed to thick chocolate, and learns to like it more than the clear infusion of the cocoa bean, so, it is claimed, the taste for cafe d'Orizontale may be acquired, with a corresponding improvement in the beverage.

RELICS OF AN ANCIENT RACE.—He digged better than he knew, did Mr. G. Tonski, a Swedish emigrant, who, having "located" a farm in Brown county, Kansas, concluded about a fortnight ago to have a well. Forty-two feet down, he came to a sort of floor of cedar poles, five inches thick. These with great difficulty he removed, and found a similar floor a foot lower. Removing this, he was rewarded by discovering, not water, but four human skulls, one stone ax, two stone spear heads, one stone pipe bowl, and two earthen kettles. The skulls may not have been pre-Adamite, but it is evident that they belonged to gentlemen who smoked, and boiled their victuals, and were particular in their undertaking. Mr. Tonski may have preferred water to this miscellany of bones, pipes, and hardware. At any rate, he went on digging, says the New York Tribune, and soon his perseverance was rewarded by a plentiful flow of the sparkling element. He then took a drink; and after ruminating some time over the skulls and utensils, he thought of his dear fatherland, and concluded to box up the whole assortment and send it to the savants of Gottenburg. There it will be duly pondered, smoked, and lectured over, to the great increase of theories and of illustrated folios. Let the reader take courage! Let him, as he scratches his head thoughtfully, reflect that four or forty thousand years hence that head, minus hair, cuticle, and brains, may be exhibited in a lecture room, manipulated by a learned Doctor, and finally placed (with a label) in an elegant glass case in a museum! It is not, perhaps, much of a head now, but then the scientific may travel hundreds of miles to see it, and by its aid may scatter as chaff opinions ages old, and notions which have been affectionately cherished for centuries.

IMPUDENCE.—One of the students at Davison College, who was too lazy to do anything right, was in the habit of cleaning out his lamp chimney by running his finger down it as far as he could and twisting it around. After he had cleaned it out in this partial manner one day, not long ago, a fellow-student took it up and carried it to the residents of one of the professors, with the inquiry, "Why is it that this chimney is smoked just up to this point and no further?" The learned gentleman entered into an elaborate scientific explanation of why it was, arguing with great lucidness and citing various authorities to show the correctness of his reasoning. When he had finished, the student said to him: No, sir, you are wrong."

"Why is it then?" inquired the professor.

"Because the fellow's finger wasn't long enough to reach any further," replied the student.

The Persians say of noisy, unreasonable talk, "I hear the sound of the millstone, but I see no meal."

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