

The Christian Messenger.

ALMANAC FOR SEPTEMBER.

First Quarter, Sept. 7th, 5h. 23m. afternoon. Full Moon, " 15th, 8h. 27m. morning. Last Quarter, " 22nd, 2h. 46m. morning. New Moon, " 29th, 8h. 41m. morning.

Table with columns: Day, SUN. Rise, SUN. Sets, MOON. Rises, MOON. Sets, 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.

FOR THE LENGTH OF THE NIGHT.—Subtract the time of the sun's setting from 24 hours, and to the remainder add the time of rising next morning.

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Aug. 12.

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Aug. 5.

Science.

WHAT AN ASTRONOMER CAN DO.—Prof. Simon Newcomb, in a letter to the New York Tribune on the present needs of astronomical science, says: "Place an astronomer on board a ship; blindfold him; carry him by any route to any ocean on the globe, whether under the burning tropics or in the frigid zone; land him on the wildest rock that can be found; remove his bandage, and give him a chronometer regulated to Greenwich or Washington time, a transit instrument with the proper appliances, and the necessary books and tables, and in a single clear night he can tell his position within a hundred yards by observation of the stars."

POTATOES AND POTATO DISEASE.—Gypsum will sometimes prevent disease, and will always contribute to the growth of potatoes. Put it in the hill with the seed and on the hill when the tops first make their appearance, or when you cultivate the first time. A handful or so is sufficient in the hill; the top dressing may be more liberal. Ashes and salt are also beneficial, and a mixture of ashes, gypsum and salt, is highly recommended by those who have used it as an excellent fertilizer for growing crops.

A number of men who were sent to hoe a field of potatoes reported after the work was finished that they saw "millions of potato bugs," and it was supposed the growing crop was surely destroyed. For several days after, however, large numbers of crows were seen to alight in the field, and a second close examination by the men who hoed the potatoes, detected but twenty bugs, the remainder having been eaten by the crows. These birds are fond of any kind of insects, and are in many ways valuable to the farmer.

CURE FOR DIPHTHERIA.—The following is from "Hall's Journal of Health," an old and highly reputable work on "Hygiene," published in New York:—"Apply pounded ice in cloths to the swollen neck and jaws, feed crumbs to the patient entirely upon new milk. The swelling of the glands of the neck and under jaw quickly disappear, and the profuse and offensive exudations from the mouth, and throat, and nostrils, cease as by magic, the congestion and engorgement of the parts is relieved, the heat is diminished, the pulse is lowered, and the recovery rapid. No attack which we have seen, however malignant, has withstood this treatment twelve hours. Some other conditions should be observed. The feet should be placed in hot baths, and the air pure and abundant. It is essential that the ice treatment shall be persistent and unceasing."

The American Chemist says that a western farmer discovered many years ago that wood could be made to last longer than iron in the ground. Time and weather, he says, seems to have no effect on it. The posts can be prepared for less than two cents a-piece. This is the recipe: Take boiled linseed oil and stir into it pulverized charcoal to the consistency of paint. Put a coat of this over the timber, and, he adds, there is not a man who will live to see it rot.

DO NOT BE ABOVE YOUR BUSINESS, no matter what that may be, but strive to be the best in that line. He who turns up his nose at his work quarrels with his bread and butter. He is a poor smith who quarrels with his own sparks; there's no shame about any honest calling; don't be afraid of soil-your hands, there's plenty of soap to be had. You cannot get honey if you are frightened at bees, nor plant corn if you are afraid of getting mud on your boots. Above all, avoid laziness. There is plenty to do in this world for every pair of hands placed in it, and we must so work that the world will be richer because of our having lived in it.

CEMENT FOR FASTENING WOOD TO STONE.—Melt together four parts pitch and one part wax, and add four parts brick dust or chalk. It is to be warmed, for use, and applied thinly to the surfaces to be joined.

It is a remarkable coincidence that we sold eighty-two amateur printing offices the week before Christmas, and that within a week after we had eighty-two inquiries as to the best method of removing printing ink from parlor carpets.—Printer's Register.

Agriculture.

THE SEED AND THE TREE.—It is a favourite theory with many that the egg was before the animal, and the seed before the plant; but this is not truly a scientific view of the matter. We plant an acorn, and it is true there grows up from this seed the branching oak with its mighty limbs and rich foliage. But whence come those limbs and foliage? From the seed? Certainly not. The oak was never in the acorn. There was a vital principle in the acorn, by whose action under certain requisite conditions the materials from surrounding nature were drawn to it, united and assimilated so as to make the oak. The oak, we know was never in the acorn. Could that great bulk have been in the little seed? When that acorn was planted, the future oak was lying all around in the other vegetable matter of the earth. Now then, if the analogy of growth, as we see it, requires not only the seed, but a surrounding field of material for that seed to use, how could an original seed have effected anything when there was no surrounding vegetation? The oak must have been before the seed, the animal before the egg. If we are going back to originals, it is in this way we must solve the problem. And now what does the first chapter of Genesis say? "And the earth brought forth the herb yielding seed (not the seed yielding herb), and the tree whose seed is in itself (not the seed whose tree is in itself)." What mere human mind would ever have thought of putting it in this way? And yet this is the only way in which a true science can settle the question between the seed and the tree.—Rev. Howard Crosby, D. D.

TO PREVENT FRUIT TREES FROM SPLITTING.—It frequently happens, in very fertile regions, that trees split limb from limb through sheer weight of fruit. We saw many instances of this wherever a small garden had been planted in the foothills of the Sierras in California. The common mode of prevention is to prop up weighty branches with a piece of shingle. Isaac Lewis, of Hopkinsville, Ky., gives in the Prairie Farmer another plan:—"When I find a forked tree that is likely to split, I look for a small limb on each fork, and clean them of leaves and lateral branches for most of their length. I then carefully bring them together and wind them round each other, from one main branch to the other. In twelve months they will be united, and in two years the ends can be cut off. The brace will grow as fast as any other part of the tree, and is a perfect security from splitting. I have them of all sizes, and I scarcely ever knew one fail to grow."

A feature of spring farm-work that should not be neglected is to plant trees in waste places on the farm. There are on most farms spots which cannot be cultivated properly and that would be more sightly if covered with foliage. Plant trees thereon, selecting such as will grow there from among species that produce valuable timber.

Roll call—The baker's visit.

DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

PRESERVED CURRANTS.—Take to every pound of stemmed currants one pound of loaf sugar. Put them together at night, and the next morning turn into the preserving kettle and boil and skim it until all scum ceases to rise. Then turn into jars and seal closely. For a sauce for roast turkey and for cold dishes it is almost equal to that made from cranberries.

BAKED TOMATOES.—Select thoroughly ripened fruit, cut them in halves; sprinkle over the cut half with bread crumbs, sugar, salt, pepper and butter. Place them in a baking pan, cut-side upward, and bake in an oven for two hours. Serve on a platter garnished with curled parsley.

INDIAN CAKES WITHOUT EGGS.—One pound of Indian meal, 1 pint of cold milk poured over it 12 hours before using. Just before baking add 1 pint of milk, a pinch of salt and a small teaspoonful of soda; then add wheat flour enough to make it a proper consistency for baking on a griddle.

CHEAP, NICE PUDDING.—Boil one quart of milk; then add 3 teaspoonfuls of flour, 4 eggs, 6 tablespoonfuls of sugar and a little nutmeg. Bake half an hour. If wanted richer, add raisins.

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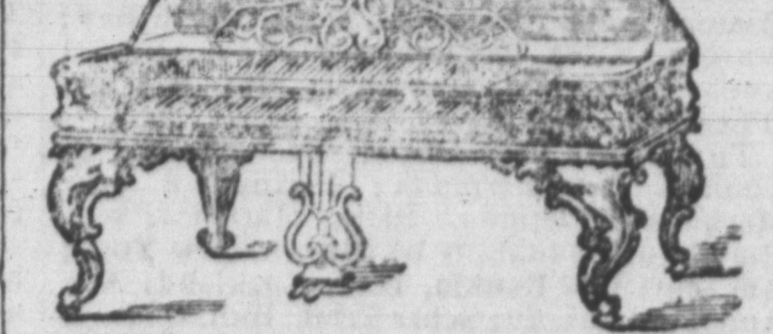
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