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ALMANAC FOR JANUARY.

New Moon, Jan. 7th, 6h. 54m. afternoon. First Quarter, " 14th, 5h. 8m. afternoon. Full Moon, " 21st, 1h. 29m. afternoon. Last Quarter, " 29th, 8h. 19m. morning.

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 Southing gives the time of high water at Parrsboro', Cornwallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport, and Cape Tormentine, 2 hours and 11 minutes later 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.

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DYNAMITE.—The value of Dynamite was recently shown in the river Tyne, England, where near the Tyne Dock it was found necessary to remove some large blocks of concrete which were put down to secure mooring chains.

CONSUMPTION CURED. To the Editor of Christian Messenger. ESTEEMED FRIEND: Will you please inform your readers that I have a positive CURE FOR CONSUMPTION and all disorders of the Throat and Lungs, and that by its use in my practice, I have cured hundreds of cases, and will give \$1,000.00.

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Science.

SEA-SHELLS ON THE ANDES.—Sea-shells have been found in the Andes mountains full 15,000 feet above the sea! When I first heard this I had almost a mind to declare that I didn't believe it. But it is never very wise to say that one doesn't believe anything that is wonderful, without stopping to inquire further; there are so many wonderful real things that are true.

And this is true. My friend Hawk tells me that the great traveller and naturalist, Humboldt, picked up some sea-shells at that great height on top of the Andes. How did they get there? It is not probable that the ocean waters ever rose to such a height, but it is quite likely that the now-magnificent Andes were once very low ridges beneath the sea, and that the great fires which are always burning in the heart of the earth and raging to get out, once raised by a mighty effort the whole long and grand range of Andean mountains. So the sea-shells were carried up with the mountains high and dry as they are to-day, and the poor shell animals wondered at the dreadful change, and sickened and died in the bitter, dry, mountain air, long, long ages ago.—St. Nicholas.

A CHEAP ICE HOUSE can be made out of a simple well-roofed enclosure, without hollow walls or pits, or other costly apparatus. Leave six inches of space next the sides all around into which ram clean sawdust closely, and cover the ice when packed with a foot of the dust. The ice is cut into large blocks and made to fit at the joints as closely as convenient, but where edges are jagged fill in with pounded ice or sawdust—the latter being the cheapest. Drainage is important, but if the house stands on porous soil, or is so elevated that the water will run off readily, it answers every purpose. Ice may be kept several years in such a building, nine feet square and the same in height, the sides being only of inch boards. When the ice is taken out, be careful to keep all cavities covered with saw-dust or it will waste away rapidly.

THE RIVER DANUBE.—The disappearance of the Danube between Morhingen and Immiudingen, on the frontier of Baden and Wurtemberg, is a curious natural phenomenon. For at least half a century it has been noticed that a portion of the water of the river flowed into cavities in the calcareous rocks—Jura limestone—to reappear near the town of Aach in the Hobbau; now the whole body of water disappears in the vast cavities which have been formed.

Oil-cloth is ruined by the application of lye-soap as the lye eats the cloth, and after being washed it should be wiped dry, or the dampness will soon rot it. If laid down where the sun will shine on it much, it will be apt to stick fast to the floor unless paper is laid under it.

APPLE BUTTER.—I will send a recipe which we think is very nice. Boil cider down one half; have your boiler one half full of cider; put in some pared cored, and chopped enough to fill the kettle; leave out a few till the others have boiled half an hour to prevent boiling over; stir constantly to prevent boiling over; cook slowly till it is quite thick.—Mrs A. Sargent, in Maine Farmer.

BLACK PUDDING.—One cup of chopped suet, two cups of chopped raisins, one cup of molasses, one teaspoonful each of soda and salt, four cups of flour, and one cup of sweet milk; mix well together and steam five hours. Make a sauce.

HUMBUG PIE.—One cup of molasses, one cup of sugar, one cup of chopped raisins, two-thirds of a cup of rolled cracker, one cup of cold water, one-half cup of vinegar; spices like mince pies and a piece of butter the size of a walnut.—Household.

Agriculture.

BEEES ON A SMALL SCALE.—There are many householders whose means will not enable them to buy a cow, or provide keeping for her were they in possession of one. But they may be equal to the purchase of a colony of bees and provide hives for the swarms resulting therefrom. Bees, like other stock, require pasturage, but, unlike horses, cattle, and sheep, they are free commoners, ranging at will in search of stores, nor can they be arrested and punished for their intrusion upon premises alien to their owners. A single colony of bees, in good condition in the spring, may be counted upon to double or treble their numbers in a single season, securing ample stores for winter consumption, while supplying a gratifying surplus each autumn for household uses. This accumulation will prove most acceptable in families, especially where the price of butter rules so high as to place it beyond the reach of those not blessed with elongated and plethoric purses. Try a colony of bees as an experiment.—Farmers' Union.

FOWLS IN WINTER.—One of the most essential things in Winter is to have a warm house for chickens to roost in. The best way to have a house constructed for Winter use is to have it partially under ground, facing the South, with a slanting roof reaching within three feet of the ground on the north side and the front or south side covered with windows, so that the fowls may enjoy the warm rays of the sun without being exposed to the piercing winds and freezing cold. For a summer house the building should be above ground, with ventilators, so that the fowls can be kept comfortable during the hot nights of Summer. In the fall, as the weather becomes cool shut up your Summer roost, and your fowls will soon take to their Winter quarters again. In Winter I give my fowls a warm pudding for breakfast, then keep corn by them during the day. I also keep scrap-cake by them from early Fall till Spring.—Cor. Poultry Bulletin.

Clover does well on a poor soil, if a good catch is secured and plaster used; but it does much better on a rich soil paying well on the richest of land.

Speak to living ears as you will wish you had spoken when they are dead.

There is some promise in your Bible exactly adapted to every trying hour.

When you build character, build on a firm foundation, Jesus, the Rock.

Do you want true peace with men? Make your peace with God.

RECIPES.

APPLE BREAD.—Weigh one pound of fresh juicy apples; peel, core, and stew them into a pulp, being careful to use a procelain kettle or a stone jar, placed inside a kettle of boiling water; mix the pulp with two pounds of the best flour; put in the same quantity of yeast you would use for common bread and as much water as will make it a fine, smooth dough; put it into a pan and place it in a warm place to rise, and let it remain for twelve hours at least. Form it into rather long-shaped loaves, and bake in a quick oven.

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RICE JELLY.—Boil one pound of rice flour with half a pound of loaf sugar in a quart of water, until the whole becomes a glutinous mass; strain off the jelly and let it stand to cool. This is nutritious and light.

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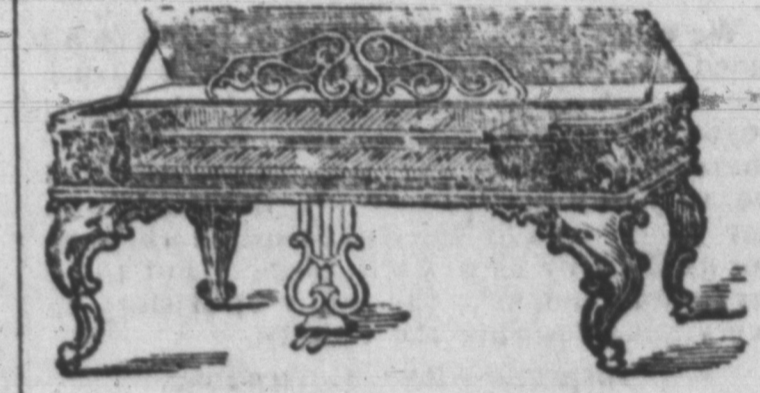
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