

The Christian Messenger.

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ALMANAC FOR APRIL.

New Moon, April 6th, 2h. 21m. morning. First Quarter, " 12th, 5h. 19m. afternoon. Full Moon, " 20th, 0h. 16m. afternoon. Last Quarter, " 28th, 3h. 3m. afternoon.

Table with columns for Day, SUN. Rise, Sets, MOON. Rise, Sets, High Tide, Low Tide. Rows for days of the month from 1st to 30th.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Setting 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.

TO PREVENT SOWS LYING ON PIGS.—A correspondent writes:—My plan of a pen for sows to farrow in is generally eight feet by twelve. And in order to keep the sow from lying on her pigs, I take a two inch auger and bore a hole twelve inches from the wall on each end, and ten inches from the floor, and insert a strong pole about two and one-half or three inches thick, shoving down each end so it fits tight, as the sow will invariably try to take it out of her way in making her bed. It should be fastened in so that she cannot move it, and she will now make her bed against the pole, it being the nearest she can get to the wall, and do you be sure that the space is not packed full of straw or about the time she has her pigs, so that the pigs when farrowed can have room to walk around their mother and not get overlaid. The pigs will soon learn to nestle in this place, and feel secure from harm. This arrangement, when carried out, would save a large percentage of young pigs to the farmer.

EXTERMINATION OF THE THISTLE.—The Berlin correspondent of Land and Water publishes a piece of information that will be welcome to many a farmer. "Who ever knew," says he, "of two plants being so inimical to one another as one to kill the other by a mere touch? This, however, seems to be the case when rape grows near the thistle. If a field is infested by thistles, give it a turn of rapeseed, and this plant will altogether starve, suffocate and chill the thistle out of existence. A trial was being made with different varieties of rapeseed in square plots, when it was found that the whole ground was full of thistles, and nobody believed in the rape having a fair run. But it had, and as it grew the thistle vanished, faded, turned grey, and dried up as soon as the rapeseeds began to touch it. Other trials were then made in flower-pots and garden-beds, and the thistle always had to give in, and was altogether annihilated, whether old and fully developed, or young and tender."

AN APPETIZER FOR OXEN.—A correspondent of the Massachusetts Ploughman asked for something that would make his oxen eat well. Another correspondent says:—Give about one table-spoonful of saltpetre to each ox four times in seven days, with a little scalded meal every day, a plenty of good hay and a plenty of time to eat; also lessen the load and drive carefully.

STEWED CELERY is rarely seen even on good tables; but as it is the most delicious accompaniment to boiled turkey or fowl, and is not inappropriate with fish, especially when boiled, suitable occasions for its use must frequently occur in every household. In a raw state celery is difficult of digestion, but the most delicate stomach may take it safely when nicely cooked. The simplest way of proceeding is to strip and wash as described above, but do not split the heart, and be sure to retain with it a portion of the root, which cut to a point. Tie each head separately with a piece of string, to prevent its spreading and becoming troublesome, and plunge into boiling water rather heavily salted. It must boil fast until tender, and will probably take twenty minutes to become well cooked. Drain quickly and serve in a hot dish smothered with whitesauce, or on toast, with the sauce in a boat separately.

A NEW USE FOR COAL ASHES.—A New York gardener has succeeded in keeping his currant and gooseberry bushes free from the currant worm by mulching heavily with coal ashes. The ashes also have another value not expected, viz.: keeping the ground cool and moist, so that even English gooseberries will bear heavy crops without sign of mildew. We judge also the use of coal ashes would be good for asters which need cool soil also.

COMPARATIVE VALUE OF HAY AND CORN.—Experiments carefully made indicate that eighty pounds of good hay are equal to sixty-four of corn.

"How many people," says Jeremy Taylor, "are busy in this world gathering together a handful of thorns to sit upon?"

A Maine farmer discovered a rat ensconced in the fleece of one of his sheep and nearly frozen to death.

Science.

SLEEPLESSNESS.—The following is taken from a New York medical publication:—

To take a hearty meal just before retiring is of course injurious, because it is very likely to disturb one's rest and produce nightmare. However, a little food at this time if one is hungry, is decidedly beneficial; it prevents the gnawing of an empty stomach with its attendant restlessness and unpleasant dreams to say nothing of probable headache, or of nervous and other derangements, the next morning. One should no more lie down at night hungry than he should lie down after a very full dinner, the consequence of either being disturbing and harmful. A cracker or two, a bit of bread and butter or cake, a little fruit—something to relieve the sense of vacuity and so restore the tone of the system—is all that is necessary. We have known persons, habitual sufferers from restlessness at night, to experience material benefit, even though they were not hungry, by a very light luncheon before bedtime. In place of tossing about for two or three hours as formerly, they would soon grow drowsy, fall asleep, and not wake more than once or twice until sunrise. This mode of treating insomnia has recently been recommended by several distinguished physicians and the prescription has generally been attended with happy results.

ROLLED HERRING.—Herrings having hard roes appear larger and finer fish than those with soft roes; nevertheless the latter are to be preferred, as they really have more flesh and are more delicate. Having scraped the fish, out of the heads, split open, cleanse and take out the roes. Take the herring in the left hand and with the thumb and finger of the right press the back bone to loosen it, then lay the fish flat on the board and draw out the bone; it will come out whole, leaving none behind. Sprinkle the herring with pepper salt and a little chopped green parsley; lay on the soft roe, roll up tightly, leaving the fin and tail outwards, and bind around with a piece of tape to keep it in shape. Have ready some water well seasoned with pepper, salt and vinegar, and when it boils put in the herring and let it simmer for ten minutes, or until cooked. Serve it with butter, parsley or egg sauce poured over.

BEVERLY PUDDING.—Pare, boil, and mash six good sized potatoes; pour over them one quart of boiling milk; stir well, and let it get cold; then add to it the yolks of five eggs and the whites of three, beaten with one large cup of sugar, the grated rind and juice of two lemons. Bake thirty minutes, and then frost with the white of two eggs and one cup of sugar beaten to a stiff froth; set back in the oven until it is a delicate brown, then set away to cool. To be eaten ice cold.

VEAL CROQUETTES.—Chop cold veal fine (boiled is the nicest), season with pepper and salt, and to a quart of veal, after it is chopped, add half a cup of warm water (when chopping the veal, dredge in flour, as for veal on toast), form this into egg shapes about the size of an egg, and dip into a well-beaten egg, then roll in cracker crumbs, and fry, as you would doughnuts, in hot lard.

SQUASH FRITTERS.—One cup of squash (boiled and mashed), one egg, two cups of milk (or buttermilk), about one-quarter teaspoonful of soda, flour to make stiff enough to cook on a griddle.

A WATER FILTER.—The following is a description of a filter used by Tom Ballard, a notorious counterfeiter:—Tom was dainty, too. He liked pure water—counterfeiters seldom indulge in strong drinks—and in his shed was a filter, fashioned by himself out of the simplest materials. It was only a canvas bag that ended in a point, and in it was placed pounded charcoal and other articles, but from it the not over clean well water dripped into a receptacle below, in drops as clear as diamonds.

KEEP THE FEET DRY.—A farmer should be provided with waterproof boots and overcoat, in which to work about drains, ditches, and wet barnyards.

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