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ALMANAC FOR MARCH.

New Moon, March 7th, 4h. 6m. afternoon. First Quarter, " 14th, 8h. 51m. morning. Full Moon, " 21st, 7h. 37m. afternoon. Last Quarter, " 30th, 0h. 10m. morning.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, High Tide, and Low Tide. Rows list days from 1st to 31st 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.

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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CONSUMPTION CURED. To the Editor of Christian Messenger. ESTERED 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 for a case it will not benefit. Indeed, so strong is my faith, I will send a Sample, free, to any sufferer addressing me.

AGRICULTURE. ACTION OF PLASTER.—I have used plaster for ten years on my place, and have received most benefit from it on grass lands and on corn. From pretty close observation, I have found its effect most obvious in wet seasons and have repeatedly observed no benefit in a very dry season.

HAY TEA FOR CALVES.—A farmer who had a calf of value and no milk to give it was advised to give it hay tea. He did so, and the calf is reported as doing finely though it has neither received hay nor meal since he got it.

WILL CREAM RISE QUICKER IN A LOW TEMPERATURE.—A California dairyman claims that the cream will rise sooner if the pans are set in ice-water, than even in a room maintained at the usual temperature.

PRESERVING TOOLS.—In placing machines and implements away for the season every iron or steel part liable to rust should be coated with a mixture of kerosene and lamp black, which we have found to perfectly protect them, and when again wanted for use it is easily wiped off.

PARSLEY grows finely in beds of manure. The roots ramify freely, and the plants become so strong and vigorous as to defy all attacks of insects. The manure too does not soon become exhausted or need renewing; but if it did, the fine crops obtained from it would soon repay all trouble bestowed in that direction.

AN old experienced farmer once said to a new beginner in farming, "Young man, let me give you a little piece of advice, will you? Never stir up your soil deeper than you are able to manure it." This is an axiom which is applicable in many ways.

A Missouri farmer, while admitting the value of other grasses and clover, thinks red top is the best grass for summer pasturage. He claims for it that it will stand drouth better than blue grass, is well adapted to tenacious clay soils, and will thrive on wet land better than most varieties.

To get good farm help cheap, and an abundance of it, "pay your day laborers at the end of the week or close of the day, and those who work by the month at the end of the month."

Agriculture.

Science.

FALL OF A METEORIC STONE.—The Times has already made mention of a brilliant meteor that was seen at Iowa City and other points in Central Iowa, on the evening of February 12, at half past ten o'clock. Its course was from southeast toward the northwest. It was apparently about half the diameter of the moon, and accompanied by a beautiful train. The color and vividness were about like that of molten iron. While in view it was seen to separate into many fragments, and after about three minutes, the reports of three explosions were distinctly heard. One of the fragments seems to have fallen about three miles south of the village of West Liberty.

BEef STEAK ELECTRICITY.—The six Christmas lectures for juvenile listeners at the Royal Institution, were delivered by Dr. J. H. Gladstone, F. R. S. He chose for his subject "The Voltaic Battery." Most of the experiments and teachings were of course too elementary to interest the readers of these pages, but one of the experiments revealed a fact not generally known. He said that in daily life weak electrical currents are at work where their presence is often little suspected; for instance, supposing a person at dinner to have a silver fork in one hand and a finger upon the steel part of a knife held in the other, it follows that, when he plunges the knife and fork into a beef steak, two dissimilar metals are thereby placed in a moist conducting substance, consequently a voltaic circuit is formed and an electric current flows through the body of the individual between the knife and fork.

MALLEABLE GLASS.—A recent issue of the Brooklyn Eagle has the following important paragraph:—After all the labor and money that have been expended in futile efforts to discover some process whereby glass can be made malleable, it is almost startling to be informed that the secret has been found at last; and yet there seems little reason to doubt the brief statement of the fact now in circulation that a Frenchman named de la Bastie, who has spent nearly six years in experimenting, in connection with a learned chemist, has solved the problem which has occupied the attention of the scientific in all ages. The glass produced by him is said to be as malleable as copper or iron, and so capable of resisting the action of heat that it can be used for frying pans and all manner of kitchen utensils, as well as for lamp chimneys, without risk of fracture. No particulars that can in any way throw any light upon the process of manufacture have thus far been given to the world.

GREASE YOUR NAILS.—The grease will penetrate the pores of the iron, and cause the nails to last, without rusting for an indefinite period. Besides this, no trouble will then be experienced in driving them into the hardest wood.

A NICE CAKE.—Whites of five eggs, two teacupfuls of sugar, half teacupful of sweet milk, a teacupful of soda, two teacupfuls cream of tartar, one teacupful of corn starch, one teacupful of lemon syrup, one half cupful of butter.

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