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ALMANAC FOR APRIL.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, and High Tide. Rows list days of the month with corresponding times for sunrise, moonrise, and high tide.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Sun gives the time of high water at Parrishboro', Cornwallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport, and Truro.

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Agriculture.

Good cows.—The largest recorded yield of a single cow that is perfectly well authenticated, is that of an animal kept at the jail at Lewes, England.

A Mr. Scott of Shaftesbury, V., had a cow whose milk yield 504 pounds of butter in 1866, or at the rate of one pound of butter from 22 pounds of milk.

An Ayshire cow recently yielded 399 1/2 pounds of butter in ten months after calving, or between March 10, 1866, and January 10, 1867, besides supplying a family with milk and cream.

It must be apparent that the proportion of butter will vary not only with the breed but with the season of the year. The milk of the Ayshire cow is generally richer in butter than that of the Shorthorn, but not so rich as that of the Jersey or Brittany.

HATCHING CHICKENS.—Wm. Horne says, in the Western Road:—I am an old chicken breeder, having forty years experience, and I know that often chickens never see daylight until the shell is broken, and very often not then.

THE BEE AS A SCAVENGER.—A New York paper says:—A mouse found its way into the hive of one of our amateur bee men, not long since, and the intruder was found dead and completely embedded in wax.

The New York Observer has the following: "I enclose you one dollar and seventy-five cents for the Board of Home Missions. This money was saved as follows: A few weeks ago I resolved that all the eggs laid by my fowls on Sundays should be sold and the money put into the treasury of the Lord.

It is estimated that the ice crop harvested on the Hudson, and valued at ten dollars a ton, far exceeds in value the entire wheat crop raised in the whole State of New York.

In certain parts of Texas, where the flora is most gorgeous and overflowing, there is never a bank of flowers that does not conceal a tarantula.

The cattle plague has broken out on the island of Malta and, the local authorities are strenuously endeavouring to prevent its spread.

The farmer's wife who can cook with green, wet wood, in a smoky fire place, and do without a periodical and not murmur, is unfit for such a man, but is well fitted for Paradise.

Science.

Those who cannot afford marble-top tables, and so on, may be comforted by what the Herald of Health says of them. "They are cold, and rapidly absorb the heat and vitality of the body, robbing it of its life."

HOW TO USE A GRINDSTONE.—Common grindstone spindles, with a crank at one end, are open to the great objection that the stone will never keep round, because every person is inclined, more or less, to follow the motion of his foot with his hand, which causes the pressure on the stone to be unequal.

TO PREVENT RUSTING.—Iron and steel goods of all descriptions are kept free from rust by the following:—Dissolve half an ounce of camphor in one pound of hog's lard, take off the scum and mix as much black lead as will give the mixture an iron color.

The casting of the statue of the Prince Consort, modelled by the late Mr. Foley, R. A., which is to be placed under the dome of the Albert Memorial in Hyde Park, has just been completed.

A CURE FOR DIPHTHERIA.—A correspondent says:—"Take a flat iron and heat it a little on the stove; on this apply a very little pitch (not gas) tar; have the iron hot enough to make a good smoke. Then let the patient take into his mouth the small end of a funnel, and have the smoke blown through the funnel into his mouth."

A new musical instrument, called the phrophone, invented by M. Kastner, of Paris, has been exhibited at the Society of Arts, London. The notes are produced by the singing of gas tubes, and are sweet and pure, and at the same time have great penetrating power.

The winter in Scotland has been very severe. Loch Fyne has been completely frozen over, an occurrence that has rarely happened before, and not for the past forty years.

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