

The Messenger Almanac.

May. Full Moon, May 8th, 5h. 38m. morning. Last Quarter, " 16th, 9h. 12m. morning. New Moon, " 23rd, 11h. 11m. morning. First Quarter, " 30th, 1h. 34m. morning.

Table with columns: Day, SUN., MOON., High Tide. Rows list days from 1st to 31st with corresponding times and tide heights.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southings 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 12 hours and to the remainder add the time of rising next morning.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., April 16th, 1874. This is to certify that I was attacked with a very severe cold combined with the Asthma very bad, so that I could not lie down or hardly breathe. One bottle of the cough medicine prepared by J. W. BETCHER, Esq., of Halifax, N. S., relieved me, and five bottles completely cured me so I have not been troubled with the Asthma since, and I believe it to be the best medicine for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, &c., that there is made.

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AGRICULTURE.

REARING TWIN LAMBS.—Every ewe should rear at least one lamb per annum, which ewes would do, if they were fed, watered and protected properly from storms and cold weather. If sheep were fed with more intelligence and skill, almost every ewe would produce two lambs at a yearling, both of which would be reared. Fifty years ago, when almost every farm kept a few sheep, it was unusual to see a breeding ewe with only one lamb. We have in mind small flocks of ewes every one of which reared twins every season. Success will depend on intelligence and skill in selecting breeders of the most desirable characteristics, and in taking timely care of the ewes during the period of gestation and particularly at the yearling season. If ewes received proper care—paying care—a lamb would not be lost oftener than a calf. Ewes are more prolific than cows; and certain breeds are more prolific than others. When one lamb per ewe is not reared per annum, the proprietor may rest assured that his system of management needs to be improved.—Practical Farmer.

SEX PRODUCTION.—A law has been discovered by a French veterinary surgeon, Prof. Thury, of the Academy of Geneva, by which, in the case of animals, either sex can be produced at will, with almost absolute certainty. He studied the sex of the offspring with reference to the date of conception, and discovered the following almost invariable law: When the male is given at the first signs of heat in the female the result is a female; but when the male is given toward the end of the heat the result is male offspring. The reason of this law has not been definitely or satisfactorily explained, but that it is correct has been proved by numerous experiments on various kinds of animals, and especially in the case of cattle.

ROTATION OF CROPS.—The system of rotation known as the five years' course has, with judicious fertilizing, been found very successful. The lands under cultivation are allotted thus: twenty to thirty acres grass and clover, fifteen to twenty acres wheat, the same to oats, two to potatoes and three or four to other roots. The clover field will be mowed for two years, then ploughed and planted with potatoes, or wheat. In the fourth year, it will be devoted to some other general crop; in the fifth sown and seeded, and the sixth will find it again a clover field.

HOW TO FEED.—As a general rule, too much food is given, and too much of this is hay. Ten pounds of hay and twelve pounds of oats, constitute a good day's fodder for a working horse, whether the work be fast or slow. Herbert's advice in regard to feeding horses is, to give a lock of hay and a half pail of water the first thing in the morning. After grooming, give the other half pail of water, and, if he is not going out, four quarts of oats, after eating which, he may have four or five pounds of hay. If to be put to work in the afternoon, they should again be watered and have four quarts of oats and the remainder of their hay. Half a bushel of washed carrots a week, given at times, will improve the coat and be beneficial to the stomach. This feeding is ample to keep a horse in good working order.

CURING SKINS.—A method of curing skins without removing the hair is given by a correspondent in the Fancier's Journal. "Take soft water about ten gallons, one-half bushel of wheat bran, seven pounds of sulphuric acid. Dissolve all together, and put the skins in the solution, and allow them to remain twelve hours; take them out and clean them well, and immerse twelve more hours, or longer if necessary. The skins may then be taken out, well washed and dried. They can be beaten soft if desired."

Speaking of Sunflowers, the Maryland Farmer says: For absorbing malaria, and preventing diseases caused by malaria influences, for prime food for fowls, for a home remedy, sure and safe, for founder in your horses, and for market as a profitable seed to be sold for making oils, be sure to sow sunflower seed.

All interior fences should be portable and easily removed entirely and stored away when not wanted. Every farmer has long lines of fences which, for half the time, are of no use whatever.

Faded writing in ink can be restored by brushing over with a solution of sulphide of ammonium

SCIENCE.

LAYING SHINGLES.—One poor shingle will make a leaky roof. If first-rate shingles are employed, and one poor one is worked in among every 100, that roof might about as well have been without any shingles. The best of shingles will not make a tight roof, if they are not properly laid. While the same shingles would make an excellent roof if laid as shingles should be laid.

The shingles must be three thicknesses—if now and then a shingle lacks a quarter or half an inch of being long enough to make three thicknesses—there will, in all probability, be a leaky place in the roof at such points.

When buildings are erected by the job, proprietors should give their personal attention to this subject, and see that jobbers do not lay the courses a half inch too far to the weather.

Careless workmen will often break joints within half an inch of each other. When the joints of the different courses come so close together the roof will most certainly leak. Why should it not? There is nothing to prevent it during a heavy rain. Unless a roof is steeper than a quarter pitch, much care should be taken to break joints not less than one and a quarter inches. Let all workmen and helpers be taught the vast importance of rejecting every poor shingle.

DURABLE WHITEWASH.—Slack half a bushel of good lime with boiling water, keeping it covered during the slacking. Strain it, and then add to it a peck of salt dissolved in warm water, three pounds of ground rice ground to a thin paste and boiled, half a pound of Spanish whiting, and a pound of clean glue previously dissolved in a glue pot; then add five gallons of hot water to the mixture. Stir well and let it stand for a few days covered from dirt. It should be put on hot, for which purpose it should be heated in a kettle or portable furnace. It will do for both inside and outside walls and will retain its brilliancy for years. It will do for wood, brick, or stone.

TO CLEAR OLD PORK BARRELS.—Old pork barrels whether tainted or sweet, should be thoroughly cleaned before being used for new pork. A very simple and effectual method is to put in a peck of strong wood ashes and a couple of pails of water, and let it stand a day or two; then scour thoroughly with a stiff corn broom. The lye will take hold of all the greasy particles with which it comes in contact, and the ashes, water and broom will, if vigorously used, leave them as sweet as new barrels. Rinse in cold water to remove all the ashes, then pour boiling water all around the sides and wash clean; now rinse again in cold water and the work is done.

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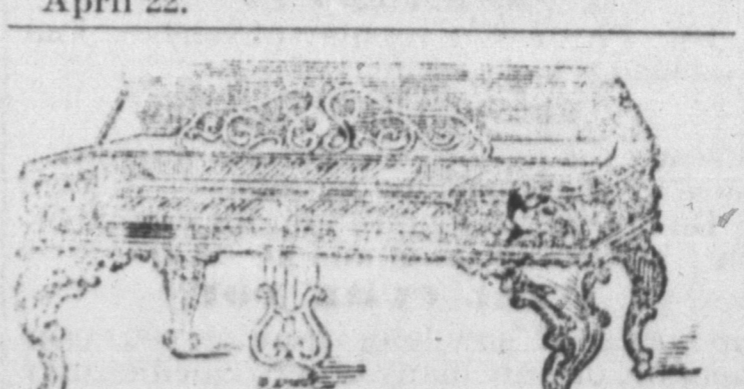
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