

The Messenger Almanac.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, High Tide, and Low Tide. Rows include New Moon, First Quarter, Full Moon, Last Quarter, and a detailed monthly calendar for September.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southing 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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SCIENCE.

THE TUNNEL BETWEEN ENGLAND AND FRANCE.—The tunnel, if it should be constructed, will commence and end some distance inland, to allow for a gradual descent on one side and an ascent on the other. The inland part of the tunnel will be nine miles in length, counting the distance underground at both ends.

Thus far every thing works favorably to the ultimate completion of this great engineering project. Whether the necessary amount of capital can be obtained is the chief problem now to be solved. An attempt has been made to show that sufficient revenue could be derived from passengers to pay a fair interest on the capital invested in addition to the current expenses of lighting, ventilating and operating this long line of road under the bed of the sea.

To kill flies, take one ounce of cobalt, pound it and place it in plates with mixed spirits. The fumes will kill the flies if the room is kept closed.

VARIETIES.

BEAUTY SLEEP.—Sleep obtained two hours before midnight, when the negative forces are in operation, is the rest which most recuperates the system, giving brightness to the eye and a glow to the cheek.

THE HAIR.—Dr. Erasmus Wilson, after long investigation, estimates that each square inch of the surface of the human head contains 744 hair follicles, and that, as many of these give passage to two hairs, the number of the latter on a square inch may be put down at about 1,066.

Pitched battle—a fight between two tars.

AGRICULTURE.

TAKE CARE OF THE TOAD.—The Ohio Farmer well remarks that the number of insects that a toad will eat is almost incredible. A few of them in a garden will keep it well rid of bugs, plant-lice, etc.

FINING THE SOIL.—One of our greatest mistakes in farm business is made in our undue haste when sowing and cultivating our crops. We are in so much hurry to get the seed into the ground that we do not take time to properly fit the soil for its reception.

Within ten years no less than 12,000,000 acres of forest have been cut down or burned over in the United States. Much of the timber is used for fuel, twenty-five cities being on record as consuming from 5,000 acres to 10,000 acres each.

Farmers in Ontario are complaining that tramps steal the clothing and hats off their scarecrows.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

A pudding which may be made while preparing breakfast: Crumble four or five biscuits into three pints of new milk, add one cup of brown sugar, a pinch of salt, a spoonful of butter, and yolks of four eggs; a little nutmeg when done: spread the whites of four eggs beaten to a foam with three spoonfuls of sugar and a little essence of lemon on the top of the pudding; set in the oven till brown, which will be in two minutes.

IN CLEANING PAINT, put two quarts of hot water two tablespoonfuls of turpentine and one pint of skimmed milk, with only enough soap to make a weak suds, and it will remove all stains from the paint and leave a fine lustre almost like varnish.

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