

The Messenger Almanac.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, High Tide. Rows for dates from 1 Fr. to 30 Sa.

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AGRICULTURE.

GARDENING ALL THE YEAR ROUND. —Watering so as to merely wet the surface of the ground often does more harm than good.

To keep plants bearing: The production of seed is an exhaustive process. If we desire continued bloom, the plants must not be allowed to mature seeds.

Moss for potted plants is beneficial, at this season, to cover the earth around plants in pots and baskets with a layer of fresh moss, to be changed as it becomes dry and dead.

HAY FOR HENS.—The Poultry World advises the use of hay in the diet of fowls in winter, as they eat grass to advantage in summer.

The above advice is good, although few suppose hens would eat hay if given them, but this is because they have not watched the habits of their poultry.

MANURING.—It is commonly the case that the orchard is cropped year after year until the diminished yield shows that something must be done.

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THE HOUSEHOLD.

HOW TO COOK A TOUGH BEEFSTEAK. —Pound it, put it in a spider, add about half a cup of cold water, cover closely, and set it back on your stove or range where it will only simmer, turn frequently, and renew the water, hot, as fast as it evaporates.

A CHEESE RELISH FOR BREAKFAST. —Take one-fourth pound fresh cheese, cut it in thin slices, put it in a frying-pan, turning over it a large cupful of sweet milk; and one fourth teaspoonful dry mustard, a pinch of salt and pepper, and a piece of butter the size of a butter-roller; stir the mixture all the time.

EWE'S MILK.—At the meeting of the North British Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, at Edinburgh, recently, an interesting paper was read by Dr. Stevenson Macadam, on "The Composition of Ewe's Milk."

TO CLEANSE THE WOODWORK AROUND THE DOORS.—Take a pail of hot water; throw in two table-spoonfuls of pulverized borax; use a good coarse house cloth—an old coarse towel does splendidly—and wash the painting; do not use a brush; when washing places that are extra yellow are stained, soap the cloth; then sprinkle it with the dry powdered borax, and rub the places well, using plenty of rinsing water; by washing the woodwork in this way you will not remove the paint, and the borax will soften and make the hands white—a fact well worth knowing.

CORNS.—Roll a lemon till soft, then cut a thick slice; bind on a corn at night. If white in the morning it can be abstracted. A very bad corn may take several applications before a cure is effected.

VARIETIES.

Judge Pitman came downstairs the other day, says Max Adeler, in response to a call from his servant girl, and found standing at the front door a man with a carpet-bag. The man said, "Is your piano out of tune?" "No, I don't think it is," said the judge. "Ain't you sure about it?" "No; I never tried to see."

The wise man applauds him whom he thinks most virtuous; the rest of the world him who is most successful.

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