

The Messenger Almanac.

May. Last Quarter, May 5th, 7h. 4m. morning. New Moon, " 13th, 1h. 15m. First Quarter, " 19th, 8h. 42m. afternoon. Full Moon, " 26th, 11h. 51m.

Table with columns: Day, SUN. Rise, Sets, MOON. Rise, Sets, High Tide at Halifax. Rows for days of the month from Tu. to Th.

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.

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SCIENCE.

BLIND SCIENCE.—Old man and blind Michael Angelo, in the Vatican, used to stand before the Torso, the famous fragment of a statue, made, possibly, by one of the most skilled chisels of antiquity, and with his fingers upon the mutilated lines, he would tell his pupils how the entire figure must have been formed when it was whole.

EATING AND LABOR.—Dr. Farquharson says: "So long as a brain worker is able to sleep well, to eat well, and to take a fair proportion of out-door exercise, it may safely be said that it is not necessary to impose any special limits on the actual number of hours which he devotes to his labors."

THE USE OF TEA.—Dr. Adam Smith, in a paper read before the London Society of Arts, recommends the use of tea in the following cases: After a full meal, when the system is oppressed; for the corpulent and the old; for hot climates, and especially for those who, living there, eat freely, or drink milk or alcohol; in cases of suspended animation; for soldiers who, in time of peace, take too much food in relation to the waste proceeding in the body; for soldiers and others marching in hot climates, for then by promoting evaporation and cooling the body, it prevents in a degree the effects of too much food, as of too great heat.

To remove oil-cloth that adheres to the floor, use boiling water, hot irons, turpentine, soft soap, hot lye. One thickness of paper under oil-cloth will keep it from sticking.

At a meeting of the French Institute of Archaeology, Professor Helbig said there was nothing to warrant Schliemann's assumption that he had discovered the tombs of Agamemnon, Cassandra, and their companions.

Weak doses of wash-boards are recommended to dyspeptic ladies; and young men troubled in the same way should take a preparation of wood saw.

VARIETIES.

"Which is the largest gland?" asked a Chicago medical professor of the newest arrival in his class, the other day. The student buried himself in deep and attentive thought for a moment, and then brightening up suddenly, exclaimed, "The largest, gland, sir, is England. Then the professor kindly led the youth aside, and pathetically advised him to think no more about medicine, but to join a minstrel show or enter the army."

"Come, Bill, it's ten o'clock, and I think we had better be going, for it's time honest men were at home." "Well, yes," was the answer. "I must be off, but you need not hurry on that account."

A precocious New York boy asked his father, the other day, if the word "Hon." prefixed to the names of Congressmen meant "honest."

Can you guess what flower most resembles a bull's mouth? No? Well, then it's a cows-lip.

Etiquette does not require you to shake hands with a crowded parlor.

Mrs. Partington remarks that few persons nowadays suffer from suggestion of the brain.

A doctor the other day gave the following prescription for a sick lady: "A new bonnet, a Cashmere shawl and a silk dress." The lady entirely recovered.

WHO ARE THE BLESSED?—Blessed is the man who minds his own business. Blessed is the woman who never says to her husband, "I told you so."

Blessed is the mother-in-law who never reminds you that you married above your station.

Blessed is the rich relation who never looks down on you—when you are in the gutter.

Blessed is the poor relation who never looks up to you—for money.

Blessed is the old maid that don't hate old people and children.

Blessed is the old bachelor that don't hate cats and pin cushions.

Blessed are the married people that don't wish they were single.

Blessed is the husband who never says his mother's pies were better than his wife's are.

Blessed is the wife (formerly a widow) who never calls up the virtues of her "dear departed" for No. 2 to emulate.

Blessed is the man who gives his wife 10 cents without asking her what she is going to do with it.

Blessed is the woman who don't scold when the stove-pipe falls down, on the dinner-table and—blessed is the man who can fix it up without scolding.

Blessed is the friend who never requires the loan of your umbrella.

Blessed is the neighbour who is so busy with his own affairs that he has no time to pry into yours.

Where are the blessed? Echo answers, "Where?"

ONE LIFE, ONE AIM.—A wife said to her husband, who was scolding her, "However cross you may be, there is not a couple who live in greater unanimity than you and I; for we always desire the same things—you want to be master, and so do I."

Well schooled Policeman: "Now then young man, you ought to be in school." Small boy: "Ugh! there ain't no more school for me! I've passed all my examinations and took my degree; got it framed and 'ung up in our best dror-in' room."

An organ being some time ago introduced to a parish church in the north of Scotland, some of the members took offence and left. One of these soon after met another member, and inquired "hoo the organ was gettin' on." "Oh, fine," was the answer; "just blawin' awa' the chaff an' keepin' the corn."

Men are frequently like tea—the real strength and goodness are not properly drawn out until they have been in hot water.

AGRICULTURE.

The taming of vicious Horses by a Mexican officer is thus described:—"He took a cord about the size of a common bed cord, put it into the mouth of the horse like a bit, and tied it tightly on the animal's head, not painfully tight, but tight enough to keep the ear down and the cord in its place. This done he patted the horse gently on the side of the head and commanded him to follow; and instantly the horse obeyed, perfectly subdued, and as gentle and obedient as a well-trained dog, suffering his legs to be lifted with impunity, acting in all respects like an old stager. That simple string, thus tied, made him at once docile and obedient as any one could desire." The gentleman who thus furnished this exceedingly simple means of subduing a very dangerous propensity intimated that it is practised in Mexico and South America in the management of wild horses. Be this as it may, he deserves the thanks of all owners of such horses, and especially the thanks of those whose business it is to shoe or groom the animal.

A few years since I took a piece of wet, rocky pasture that produced nothing but flags and rushes, cleared it from rocks and drained it with an open drain, then plowed and thoroughly pulverized it and seeded it down. The first year there was from one to two tons of grass per acre.—Maine Farmer.

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