## The Messenger Almanac.

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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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#### AGRICULTURE.

April work in the Fruit Garden.

SMALL FRUITS.

Blackberries-Set in rows six feet apart, as early as possible. The canes of both blackberries and raspberries grow one year, bear fruit the next, and then die.

Currants-Set 4 or 5 feet apart, and manure well.

Goosberries are set the same dis-

Raspberries-Set in rows 6 feet apart and the plants 4 feet apart.

Strawberries-Cultivate in rows 3 feet apart, the plants a foot apart. When the bed needs to be renewed, the runners are allowed to take root in the intermediate spaces; when well established, all save one row of these young plants are spaded up.

#### In the Kitchen Garden.

A Hot-Bed-This is a frame covered with glass, which is placed over fermenting manure which affords heat; earth is placed upon the manure. Stable manure, in a heating state, may depths. We say news, but in reality be used alone, or with half or more the event of which we have just heard leaves. The bed is often built upon must have occurred many years, possithe ground, 4 feet high, and a foot bly many hundreds of years ago. A when the thermometer shows it is receding from 100°, sow seed.

Cold Frames are like hot-beds, but set directly upon the ground. They may be used on sowing seeds, and though the plants will not come on so rapidly as in a hot-bed, they will be much in advance of those in the open ground.

Window Boxes, in small gardens, supply the place of a hot-bed or cold frame. Seeds sown in boxes of earth 3 inches deep, and set in a warm kitchen window, the plants properly watered and thinned, and if need be, transplanted to other boxes of earth, will give an abundance of early tomato and other plants.

Beets .- Sow as soon as frost is out.

Cabbage. - Set plants from the coldframe as soon as the frost is out. Sow in hot-bed for second early. Later in open ground.

Carrots.—Early Horn is best for garden, for either early or late.

Cucumbers.—Early Russian and White Spine. Some may be started in pots and turned out later.

Parsley,-Sow the double or Moss Curled early, in open ground.

Parsnips.—Sow Hollow Crowned as soon as the soil can be worked, in drills 18 inches apart.

Peas.—Carter's First Crop, or some other round pea may be sown, when the ground thaws. When Champion of England comes, no other pea is wanted Little Gem, Premium Gem, and blue Peter, are good Dwarf sorts, requiring no sticks, and useful to fill odd spaces.

Potatoes.—Put some early sort in a warm place to sprout, and plant for latter, and good.

Radishes may be sown very early, frame.

Squashes.—Summer Crookneck is the best bush. Hubbard, and Butman, are favorite late sorts. A few for early may be started under glass in pots or on sods.

Tomatoes .-- Sow in hot-bed and transplant to boxes or another hot-bed, or where there are but a few, to small pots. Canada Victor for early, and Trophy for the rest of the season.

Turnips.—Get in the early sorts as soon as the ground is ready.

In the Flower Garden the work is now mainly that of preparation. In the greenhouse propagation should be pushed, to give a full supply of bedding plants for the borders.

Laugh at a cheese diet as you will, Prof. Peck says that in this country, were cheese is used least, it requires one physician to every five hundred persons, and in Switzerland and toreign countries, where it is used most, it only requires the practice of oue physician for ten thousand persons.

#### SCIENCE.

A CHEAP SMOKE-HOUSE.-A writer in the Rural New Yorker suggests the following plan of a cheap smoke-house: Dig a narrow pit twelve to eighteen inches deep, throwing the earth all out on one side; from near the bottom of this pit dig a trench of the length of one or two joints of stovepipe at such an angle as will bring the end away from the pit to the surface of the ground. Over the end of this pipe set a common flour barrel or large cask, as may be needed, and having removed both heads, bank up around it with the loose earth, so that no smoke can escape at the bottom.

Hang in the hams, shoulders, etc., using something like a broom handle to run through the strings. Putting a cover on top of the sticks will leave enough for draught, to let the smoke pass freely. Build a smoke fire of corncobs, damp hard wood sawdust, or fine chips, and you will have a cheap, safe, and efficient smokehouse with very little trouble.

A SUN IN FLAMES .- Strange news has recently reached us from the starwider in each way than the frame, star made its appearance on November which is placed upon the top. A more | 24 last in the constellation of the Swan, economical use of the manure is to dig not far from the star Rho of that cona pit, 21 feet deep, and of a size to fit stellation. The new-comer was then the sashes; this is planked up, the rear of the third magnitude. If a star just side to 12 inches above the surface, beyond the limits of ordinary vision and the front towards the south, 4 had increased in brightness until it inches above the surface, 6 inches of shone as a star of the third magnitude, good soil may be put on, or if boxes that would show that one among the are used, only enough to cover the suns which people space had suddenly manure. The heat is at first violent; blazed out with twenty or thirty times its former lustre. But in reality, something far more terrible than this would seem to have happened. Most probably it was only a few weeks ago a star of a magnitude below the twelfth, in which case it was shining last November with seven or eight hundred times its former lustre. It had suddenly, from some unexplained cause, been excited to an intense degree of heat, a change which must have been accompanied by most disastrous effects, if that sun, like ours, was the centre of a scheme of circling worlds. When the catastrophe happened we do not know. But a sun, constituted apparently of very much the same chemical substances as our own, has suddenly assumed a brilliance which implies an enormous addition to the intensity of its heat as well as its light, so that its planets-if it has any, and if they were previous to this conflagration the abodes of life—are probably now undergoing combustion themselves, while the inhabitants have ceased to be .- Spectator.

A CONCRETE WALL.-The United States Government has built a concrete wall at Minneappolis, Minn, for the protection of St. Anthony's Falls. The wall which cost \$900,000 is 1,875 feet long, 40 feet high, 7 feet wide at the base, and 4 feet at the top.

Charcoal has been discovered to be a sure cure for burns. By laying a small piece of cold charcoal upon the burn the pain subsides immediately. By leaving the charcoal on one hour, the wound is healed, as has been demonstrated on several occasions.

To DO UP WOUNDS.—I have just early as soon as the frost is out. Alpha cut my foot with an axe for the fourth and Snowflake are new and very early. time in my life, and yet I have never Early Vermont and Early Rose a little lost an hour's work. The secret is in ceived the most flattering preference in doing up the wound. I close up the the treatment of all rheumatic complaints. wound in the blood as soon as possible, in open ground, or may be forced in a by winding flax or tow around the part cut; fill that with copal varnish, and in eight days undo the same and find it as sound as ever.

> A French lady who was in the habit of consulting her physician, Dr. Z., daily between the hours of two and three. The doctor was a witty and charming man, and they talked of every subject imaginable. One day, however, the doctor came and was denied admittance. He thought there must be some mistake, and ordered the servant to announce him again. This time the lady sent down a very polite message, informing the doctor that she was grieved beyond measure at being obliged to deny herself the pleasure of his company, but she was very ill."

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We read in the Bible thirteenth chapter of I Samuel, nineteenth verse, that "there was no Smith found throughout all Israel."

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