

The Messenger Almanac.

Table with columns for Day, SUN., MOON., High Tide at Halifax. Rows for Last Quarter, New Moon, First Quarter, Full Moon, and days of the week.

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 23 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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AGRICULTURE.

A PRETTY WAY TO TRAIN FUCHIAS.—When a slip has grown six or eight inches high, nip out the top down to the last set of leaves; it will then throw out branches on each side.

My father planted a bed of asparagus about thirty years ago. Each spring hen and stable manure, mixed with good garden soil, were used freely, and the bed dug as deep as the asparagus roots would allow.

SHEEP HUSBANDRY.—Mr. A. R. Perkins, of Vermont, a well-known breeder of sheep, read a useful essay before the Vermont Board of Agriculture, from which we make a few extracts:

Good sheep husbandry costs less than poor, and pays threefold more. Good sheep husbandry consists in a great measure in doing the right work at the right time. Thus, if we shear sheep, we do it in season; do not let them wear their fleece a month after it has become burdensome to them.

A flock of sheep require but little care during the Summer months, except that they have plenty of good feed and salt, and are seen to that none of them are sick or diseased.

Nearly all kinds of low lands and swamp hay are good sheep hay, if cut in season and well cured. Sheep prefer a variety of good hay, instead of being confined to one kind only.

Lambs should be weaned when three or four months old, and turned into good feed. If they are fed daily, in addition to good grass and hay, one pint of oats apiece, until they are turned out to grass next Spring, they will have a good start toward making sheep with a good constitution.

ASHES are also healthy and are essential for breeding ewes.

Sheep should be turned out upon the ground daily, as soon as there is a spot bare that is large enough for them to stand upon, for the air in their pens and stables is generally impure, and no amount of good feed will supply the lack of good air and exercise.

A NEW FOOD FOR HORSES.—A new kind of mash for horses is now coming into use. It is thus described by the California Farmer:

It is composed of two quarts of oats, one of bran and a half pint of flax seed. The oats are first placed in the stable bucket, over which is placed the linseed; add boiling water, then the bran, covering the mixture with an old rug and allowing it thus to rest for five hours; then stir the mass well up. The bran absorbs while retaining the vapor, and the linseed binds the oats and bran together: a greater quantity of flax-seed would make the preparation too oily and less relished. One feed per day is sufficient; it is easily digested, and is especially adapted to young animals, adding to their volume rather than to their height, giving substance to their frame.

The mechanic who wishes to do his work well must first sharpen his tools.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

A SERMON TO GIRLS ON COOKING.—Cooking-classes, says the Sabbath School Times, have been popular among fashionable young ladies of late years. But there is no cooking class which quite equals in its opportunity for excellent information that which you may find at home.

Wherever the cook goes she takes her welcome along. One may tire of the sweetest singing, of the loveliest poetry, of the finest painting, and of the most witty conversation, but of good cooking, never. Yet I will be sorry to have you contented to be only a cook, only a domestic machine. That is not my meaning or intention. Be artist, poet, inventor and well-bred woman: be the most and best that you can, and add, as a matter of course, ability to keep house well and to do all that good house-keeping includes.

HOW TO COOK DRY PEAS.—Choose the green, wrinkled peas; soak a pint of them over night; set them on the stove early in the morning with cold water enough to cover them well; simmer very gently, adding cold water as they evaporate. Do not let them boil, and they will come to the table whole and sound. Do not salt until they are done, and they will be as tender as June peas. A little butter is all the dressing they will need.

BREAKFAST CAKES.—One pint of sweet milk; two teaspoonsful of butter; one heaping teaspoonful of baking powder, worked thoroughly through, flour enough to make a batter not very stiff. Bake in gem pans in a quick oven.

EGGS FOR BREAKFAST.—Break ten eggs into a tin plate, add one large spoonful of butter, some salt and pepper; put the plate on the stove and allow the eggs to cook until the whites are done, then slip the tin plate into a china one, and send hot to the table.

TO KEEP LEMONS.—Lemons can be kept a long time in silver sand perfectly dried. Place the stem of the lemon down and have them three inches apart; keep in a cool place.

GLOSS ON SHIRT BOSOMS.—Take two ounces of fine white gum arabic powder, put in a pitcher, and pour on it one pint of boiling water, cover it and let it stand all night. In the morning pour it carefully from the dregs into a bottle; use one tablespoonful to a pint of starch made in the usual manner; use a polishing iron also.

TO RID A HOUSE OF RATS.—Wet a few pounds of unslacked lime with strong lye made from potash: let it be quite soft; spread it around the holes so that the rats cannot avoid treading in it; let it remain a week or so, and if it gets dry scrape it off and moisten again. The mixture burns their feet and they will not be likely to make a second visit. Do not let it come in contact with oil-cloth or paint.

SUGGESTIONS ABOUT BREAD.—The quicker bread rises the whiter it will be, and it is far nicer to mould it on a large towel or an old table-cloth folded, with a little flour sifted over it, than on a moulding-board.

He that runs fast will not run long.

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