

The Messenger Almanac.

Table with columns for Day, SUN., MOON., High Tide. Rows for Feb. 1st to 28th.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southing gives the time of high water at Parrsboro, Cornwallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport, and Truro.

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SCIENCE.

SCARLET FEVER.—A correspondent of the London Lancet writes that he has obtained remarkable success in treating this disease by anointing the patient twice daily with sulphur ointment, and administering five to ten grains of Sulphur in a little jam three times a day.

BREAD AS NOURISHMENT.—Bread contains 80 nutritious parts in 100; meal, 34 in 100; French beans, 92 in 100; common beans, 89 in 100; peas, 93 in 100; lentils, 94 in 100; cabbages and turnips, the most aqueous of all vegetables, contain only eight pounds of solid matter in 100; carrots and spinach produce fourteen pounds from the same quantity; whilst 100 pounds of potatoes contain twenty-five pounds of solid matter.

To RESTORE BLACK MERINO.—Soak the goods in strong soft-soap suds two hours, then, having dissolved one ounce of extract logwood (which is the amount required for one dress) in a bowl of water, add sufficient warm—not hot—water to cover the goods, which are to be taken from the suds without wringing.

Hall's Journal of Health, advises over-stout people not to seek to reduce flesh by drinking vinegar or smoking, but to maintain as perfect a digestion as possible and avoid fat-making foods, such as starch in the shape of potatoes, flour, bread, and rice.

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION, it is said, has never occurred among waste and rags where petroleum was used as a lubricant. While hundreds of cases can be given, from well authenticated sources, of fires caused by matter saturated with one or another of the animal or vegetable oils, not a single case has thus far been recorded of such a fire originating from petroleum.

PENNSYLVANIA has a law which forbids the placing of chairs, stools or benches in the aisles, or any obstacles to ready egress, in any of the passages of a public hall or church.

VARIETIES. The Punjab may boast of having the smallest horse in the world, if the following be true:—His highness the Nawab of Laharoe sent a remarkably diminutive Nepauli pony, which is only 8 inches high, as a present to the young Maharajah of Puttiala.

A Kentish paper announces the death of the "Swanley Fat Boy Richard Beenham." He was twelve years and four months old, stood 5 feet in height, weighed 25 stone, (14 lbs. to the stone,) and measured 69 inches around the waist.

LOOK FIRST ON THIS PICTURE.—A company of U. S. women suffragists held a meeting to prove that woman is man's superior in point of courage, but some profane person introduced a live mouse into the room, and those members who couldn't climb upon the table dropped out of the window, and the meeting was broken up.

Now LOOK ON THIS.—Miss Gilmour, daughter of Rev. J. Gilmour, of Doe Lake, Ontario, while out in a canoe late in the autumn, saw a large deer in the water, upon which she immediately gave chase, and after more than an hour's pursuit, she succeeded in capturing him. When weighed he was found to be over 200 pounds. The young lady was only seventeen years of age.

AGRICULTURE.

CALIFORNIA VEGETABLES.—The rapid growth of most plants and shrubs is something wonderful, and the continual growth for ten months in the year doesn't seem to account for it. Hard, solid heads of cabbages, forty-five to fifty-three pounds each, are sometimes grown, and whole fields of fifteen and twenty pounds to the head are common.

The largest squash grown in California was 260 pounds, and the vine which bore it had several others of over 100 pounds apiece and the total weight was over 800 pounds! In 1857 a squash vine in Yuba county bore 130 squashes, weighing in all 2,640 pounds! The largest Onion weighed 47 ounces, and measured 22 inches in circumference.

The largest mangold, a variety in beet, weighed 118 pounds, and was 5 feet long and a foot in diameter. It was three years old. The first year it grew to 48 lbs., and it was left standing to go to seed. But it wouldn't go to seed, but kept on growing next year, and got up to 68 lbs., and the next or third year to 118 lbs. A common white turnip grew to 26 lbs., a carrot to 10 lbs., a watermelon to 65 lbs., a tomato to 26 inches in circumference.

Experiments are being made in Ireland with a new potato-raiser called the Aspinwall. At a recent trial the Downpatrick Recorder saw the potatoes raised clear on the top of the ground in a track immediately behind the machine, none of them being covered with the soil, or damaged by the action of the revolving fork. In less than half-an-hour, the machine raised as many potatoes as twenty women could gather for the remainder of the evening.

CONDENSED EGGS.—The London correspondent of the Glasgow News writes:—The latest novelty put upon the market comes from China, and consists of condensed eggs. We have all heard of eggs in the form of condensed meat, but this notion of condensed eggs is the reduction of compressed nutriment to its ultimate essence. The eggs are taken fresh laid from under the hens, the liquid is evaporated from them by some process known to John Chinaman, and they are then canned and hermetically sealed—all this being done in the immediate vicinity of the place where they are produced.

SPRING CHICKENS ALL THE YEAR ROUND.—It is stated that chickens are hatched by steam at the Vennelyst poultry farm, Pentwater, Mich. The hatching house has been built in the form of a cross, giving five rooms each 12 feet square, in each story. The first floor is devoted to hatching, and the incubator stands in the room looking towards the east. It is not a very pretentious looking piece of mechanism but it will hatch 300 or 400 chickens at a time. Spring chickens all the year round—"tis not a bad idea."

It has claimed that the Western locusts would not eat the Castor bean plant, consequently farmers in the infested regions could grow this crop with impunity, if no other; but it now turns out that while the locust do not trouble the leaves, they eat the flowers off, thereby preventing the productions of the beans, which is just as bad as though they ate up the entire plant, especially if the "hoppers" came during blooming time.

The shipment of American beef to England is becoming a large and growing business. Two Liverpool steamers took over four hundred dressed cattle a few days ago.

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