

The Messenger Almanac.

September.

New Moon, Sept. 7th, 8h. 46m. morning.
First Quarter, " 14th, 6h. 54m. "
Full Moon, " 22nd, 11h. 21m. "
Last Quarter, " 30th, 2h. 6m. "

Table with columns for Day, SUN., MOON., and High Tide at Halifax. Rows list days from 1st to 30th with corresponding times.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southing gives the time of high water at Farnborough, 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.

EXERCISE FOR THE TEETH.—M. L. Holbrook, M. D., in the Herald of Health, says:—" There is very little doubt but the human teeth have become through successive ages of civilization more fragile and liable to decay than is either pleasant or profitable. Just how much of this is due to lack of care and cleanliness, and just how much more to food, no one can tell; but it is evident these causes are among the chief, and it would seem reasonable that man in civilization should do something to prevent it."

Speaking of dentists, let me remark that a good New York dentist told me the other day that the teeth of boys brought up in New York were much worse than those of country boys. The jaws are smaller, the teeth are softer, and not always covered over with enamel.

Stroke is not necessarily produced by the direct rays of the sun, or even by a high temperature, except as compared by that which has just preceded. Undue exercise after sudden changes in the weather from very cool to very warm, is attended with special danger to weak organisms; and all persons predisposed to apoplexy or heart disease, should observe caution.

Before the drought of 1864 Los Angeles, County Cal., was renowned for the number of her cattle. During 1864 hundreds of thousands of cattle died of starvation. The disappearance of these cattle inaugurated the era of farming in Los Angeles.

ECONOMICAL PAINT.—Skim milk, 2 quarts; fresh slacked lime, 8 ounces; linseed oil, 6 ounces; white Burgundy pitch, 2 ounces; Spanish white, 3 pounds. The lime to be slacked in water, exposed to the air, and mixed in one fourth of the milk.

A TWO FOOT CHEAP RAILWAY.—The two feet gauge railroad between Billerica and Bedford is making good progress, and will be soon finished. The passenger cars, now building at Laconia, N. H., will be a decided novelty, as they will have a row of single seats on each side.

AGRICULTURE.

HOW TO MANAGE CUTTINGS.—In reply to a correspondent, the Floral Cabinet gives the following directions in regard to the making and managing of plant cuttings: In selecting a cutting, a great deal depends upon a judicious choice; if the slip is too young and full of fresh sap, it will fade away from too much evaporation; if it is too old—hard and woody—it will take a great while to strike root.

The Omaha Indians in Nebraska, numbering 1,000, raise this year 9,000 bushels of wheat, 600 bushels of oats, 5,000 bushels of potatoes, 27,000 bushels of corn, and 850 bushels of vegetables.

A farmer at Mount Sterling, Ky., has obtained a fine sample of sugar from the bloom of the common poplar tree. It is granulated in appearance and snowy in color.

Good fences pay better than law-suits with neighbors.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

SOME CAUSES FOR POOR BUTTER.—Among the causes which injure the quality of butter I will name, first, disease in the cow; fright also has an injurious effect upon the milk; breathing foul gases or odors often leaves its taint upon the milk; it is also affected by whatever the cow lives upon.

A GOOD MOLASSES CAKE.—Two eggs, one cup molasses, one cup brown sugar, large spoonful of lard or butter, one teaspoonful soda, large spoonful mixed cloves and spice, one and one-half pints buttermilk, and flour enough to make a rather thick batter.

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