

The Messenger Almanac.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, Rise, Sets, High Tide, and Low Tide. Rows list days from 1st to 31st.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southings 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.

FOR THE LENGTH OF THE NIGHT.—Subtract the time of the sun's setting, from 12 hours and to the remainder add the time of rising next morning.

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AGRICULTURE.

THE CROPS IN WESTERN CANADA.—A correspondent of the London Free Press, writing from Armor, in the Magnetawan country, says:—The crops are really great in this country this season.

BLOAT REMEDY.—An English farmer writes:—I used to be a Cheshire (England) dairyman and had a stock of nearly 100 cattle. Growing many acres of turnips, choking of the cows was very frequent and the simple remedy was a stick of hardwood about a foot long and an inch and a half square, put in the mouth as a bridle-bit, a string from each end tied to each horn to keep it in place.

WORMS IN FLOWER POTS.—Every amateur gardener knows what damages are done to potted plants and flowers by worms finding their way into the mould. The Journal d'Agriculture Pratique states that these can always be got rid of by using for the plants water to which tenth part of grated horse-chestnut has been added.

Within fifty years the number of varieties of tomatoes has increased from three to one hundred.

A TREE THAT RAINS.—The Consul of the United States of Columbia in the Department of Lereto, Peru, has recently called the attention of President Prado to a remarkable tree which exists in the forest adjoining the village of Moyobamba.

SCIENCE.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.—The Russian Government, it appears, is turning attention to the electric light as an illuminator for military purposes. In some experiments recently made at St. Petersburg, with the special object of increasing the distance to which the light produced by electricity may be thrown, it was found that the power of the light is greatly augmented by covering the carbon burner with a thin sheet of copper.

HOW TO MAKE A TELEPHONE.—A telephone can be made in a few minutes by any one, by means of which conversation in an ordinary tone may be carried on between parties a hundred yards or more apart.

INSECT DESTROYER.—The Journal of Chemistry says that hot alum water is the best insect destroyer known. Put the alum into hot water and let it boil till all the alum is dissolved; then apply it hot with a brush to all cracks, closets, bedsteads and other places where any insects are found.

PRESERVING RAWHIDES.—Mix glycerine with a little carbolic acid. This mixture keeps the hides raw and green, and if afterwards you want to tan them, or dry them for washers, strips, ropes, etc., you have only to rinse them thoroughly in water to remove the glycerine and carbolic acid.

SIZING FOR SIGN WORK.—One of the best mordants or sizing for sign work is made by exposing boiled linseed oil to a strong heat in a pan; when it begins to smoke, set fire to the oil, allow it to burn a moment, and then suddenly extinguish it by covering the pan.

RED MITES ON CANARIES.—Put a small piece of flannel in the cage and leave it overnight. Then scald it to kill the mites which have collected on it, and put it back. Do this as long as red mites can be found upon it.

CARRIER PIGEONS AS SMUGGLERS.—Carrier pigeons have recently been used in France to smuggle tobacco over the border. One individual employed eighty birds, each one carrying from a third to a half ounce of tobacco as its load per trip.

WILLOW BARK.—An infusion of the bark of any native willows (of which there are many found in Canada) is good as a tonic, febrifuge, and anti-periodic, and is often used in the place of quinine. The drug "salicine," so called from salix, the botanical name of the willow is obtained from the willow bark.

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