

The Messenger Almanac.

Table with columns for Sun, Moon, and High Tide. Includes dates from 1st to 31st of August and corresponding times for sunrise, moonset, and high tide.

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

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THE HOUSEHOLD.

OATMEAL is as desirable for the student as for the laborer, and for the delicate lady as her hard-working sister; indeed, all classes would be greatly benefited by its use, and dyspepsia, with all its manifold annoyances, can be kept at a distance.

HOW TO COOK CORNED BEEF.—Don't boil it, for corned beef should never be boiled. It should only simmer, being placed on a part of the range or stove where this process may go on uninterruptedly from four to six hours.

The best way to boil eggs is not to boil them at all. Put them in a tin dish, and pour on boiling water; cover the dish tight, and set back where the water will merely keep hot; let it stand from fifteen minutes, according to the size of the eggs, or to the preference of the eater for "hard" or "soft."

To cure a felon, break a hole in an egg sufficiently large to admit the finger. Insert the finger and let it remain several hours and a cure is effected.

A good whitewash for walls is made by adding to fresh slacked lime and water, a solution of starch, a little salt and a few drops of dissolved indigo or bluing.

VARIETIES. A Pennsylvania Dutchman, who married his second wife soon after the funeral of the first, was visited with a two hour's serenade in token of disapproval.

A couple applied to a clergyman in Quincy, Ill., to be married, got him to take \$3 out of a counterfeit \$20 bill for his fee, and then departed, and some of the household who watched them were astonished to see the bride remove her dress in an alley and come forth a young man.

An indulgent father urged an indolent son to rise. "Remember," said he, "that the early bird catches the worm." "What do I care for worms?" growled the youth; "mother won't let me go fishin'."

A corps of soldiers out West go by the euphonious title of the Pippin Guards. It would not be in bad taste to call the company an apple-core.

Why do not printers succeed to the same extent as brewers? Because printers work for the head and brewers for the stomach; and where twenty men have stomachs, but one has brains.—Printers' Register.

SAVING TO GIVE.—Frugality is good, if liberality be joined with it. The first is leaving off superfluous expenses; the last is bestowing them to the benefit of others that need. The first without the last begets covetousness; the last without the first begets prodigality.

An Illinois sensationist preached on "the funeral of Judas Iscariot." Handbills were placed 'round town on Saturday. A jovial brother appended to one of the handbills: "Relatives and friends of the deceased are cordially invited to be present." The house was full.

The new Paris paper, the Other World is black, the letters are white, and a skeleton heads each of its departments.

SCIENCE.

THE HISTORY OF CAST STEEL presents a curious instance of a manufacturing secret stealthily obtained under the cloak of an appeal to philanthropy. The main distinction between iron and steel, as everybody knows, is that the latter contains carbon.

In 1760 there lived at Attercliffe, near Sheffield, a watch-maker named Huntsman. He became dissatisfied with the watch springs in use, and set himself to the task of making them homogeneous.

"If," thought he, "I can melt a piece of steel and cast it into an ingot, its composition should be the same throughout." He succeeded. His steel became famous. Huntsman's ingots for fine work were in universal demand.

Feigning to be worn out with cold and fatigue, the poor fellow sank upon the floor, and soon appeared to be asleep. That, however, was far from his intention. He closed his eyes apparently only. He saw workmen cut bars of steel into bits, place them in crucibles, and thrust the crucibles into a furnace.

CLOUDS.—Nothing in nature is so immaterial and delicately changing as the clouds. It is worth while to spend a day in observation, to note what exhaustless possibilities of change lie in a few hours' time.

It is probable that a "postal-card ink" may come into general use. A solution of nitrate or chloride of cobalt, or chloride of copper, mixed with a little gum or sugar, makes a good invisible ink.

No mere culture is complete that does not include the determination which gives strength to character. A prize was once offered in a large college for the best answer to the question, "What is the secret of success?"

GRAVITY OF WOOD.—The woods which are heavier than water are Dutch box, Indian cedar, ebony, lignum-vitæ, mahogany, heart of oak, pomegranate, vine. Lignum-vitæ is one third heavier, pomegranate rather more. On the other hand, cork, having a specific gravity of .24, and poplar, .383, are the lightest woody products.

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