

The Messenger Almanac.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, High Tide, and Low Tide. Rows list dates from Sept 11 to 30 with corresponding astronomical data.

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 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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SCIENCE.

WHY THE SKY IS BLUE.—Prof. Tyndall has recently been engaged in some interesting experiments in the endeavour to explain the cause of the blue colour of the sky.

TO KEEP BACON HAMS.—Place them in some dry place until the outside becomes thoroughly dry; then put them into a stout paper sack, tie them up tight, and bury them in ashes, the deeper the better.

Paint brushes that are as hard as a bone can be cleaned perfectly, and made soft and silky, by putting into soft soap for a day or two, when the paint can be washed out.

Dr. MacEwan, at the meeting at the Stockwell Orphanage, told an anecdote of a Scotch clergyman who usually preached one of Mr. Spurgeon's sermons.

Goats cannot fly, but come as near to it as any other fourfooted animal that we know of.

INDIAN DYSENTERY REMEDY.—Roots and leaves of blackberry bush boiled down; a gill before each meal and before going to bed.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

We make a cottage cheese which is much relished by some. Place a tin pan on the stove with five or six quarts of clabber in it; when it is hot and the whey separates from the curd put it in a thin muslin bag to drain.

Stew fruit the evening before you wish to use it. Apples, cherries, gooseberries, pieplant, etc., can be prepared and placed in jars in the cellar, where they will remain good for several days if covered closely.

A SERVICEABLE WATER-FILTER may be readily made as follows: Take a common earthenware flower-pot, about 9 inches in diameter and 10 inches in depth.

COOKING FOOD.—In Dr. Bellows' book, "How not to be Sick," he says: "Cooked meats, fish, potatoes, carrots, turnips, or any other food, animal or vegetable, in a steamer in which the steam and flavor are all distilled back and saved, and compare the taste of them with that of the same food cooked so that all these elements are lost, and you will be astonished at the difference in flavor and digestibility imparted by it.

OATMEAL AND INDIANMEAL.—These are seldom boiled sufficiently, and consequently are not good or wholesome. A cup and a half of oatmeal in three quarts of boiling water; stir frequently at first; boil two hours and a half, the lid off the rest of the time.

If brooms are wet in boiling suds once a week, they will become very tough, and always sweep like a new broom.

AGRICULTURE.

The Annual Provincial Agricultural Exhibition will be held this year at Kentville, King's County. Permanent Exhibition Buildings of an extensive and convenient character are now in course of erection.

The Exhibition Grounds and Buildings will be opened on Monday, October 1st, 1877, at 9 o'clock, a. m., for the reception and arrangement of exhibition articles and animals.

Live animals, cut flowers, and perishable articles will be received on Tuesday morning, from sunrise up to 9 o'clock. Unavoidable delays to be dealt with at the discretion of the Committee.

The Exhibition will be open to the public on Tuesday, the 2nd, at 2 o'clock p. m., when an opening address will be given. The grounds and buildings on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 10 p. m.

At the present time, Nova Scotia is the only potato country in the world that is not bothering itself with Colorado bugs. In America these spoilers are now marching eastward through the New England States.

Thirteen years ago there was not a single thorough-bred animal of the cattle kind or pedigree in the Province of Nova Scotia. To-day we give a list of 337 registered pedigreed animals, all either imported or raised in the Province from imported stock since 1864.

Manuring clover with gypsum should be done early in the spring, but the fall is the best time to apply a little well-rotted manure, which besides fertilizing the ground, will act as a mulch to protect the roots which are often injured by alternate freezing and thawing in winter.

A market-gardener had a very fine cow that was milked week after week by hired men. He observed that the amount of butter he carried to market weighed about a pound more on each alternate week.

The King of Holland is going to exhibit at the Paris Exposition a collection of 40,000 tulips. By removals of the plants at intervals of twenty days, the space occupied by these brilliant flowers is to be kept one bright mass of colour during the entire duration of the Exposition.

It is reported that many of the wheat fields in the vicinity of London, Ont., will yield as high as thirty bushels to the acre.

Use bicarbonate of soda, better known as the common cooking soda, for burns or scalds. The relief is instantaneous.

Of all mistakes, the greatest is to live and think life of no consequence.

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