# The Messenger Almanac.

October.

Acroner.
New Moon, Oct. 6th, 5h. 44m, afternoon. First Quarter, "13th, 11h. 28m. Full Moon, "22th, 3h. 17m. morning- Last Quarter, "29th, 10h. 7m.  MOON High Tide
Last Quarter, 29th, 16th. 11th.  Blay SUN. MOON. High Tide W. Rise. Sets. Rises. South. Sets. at Halifax
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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 minates LATER, and at St. John's, Newfoundland, 20 minutes EARLIER, than at Halifax. At Charlottetown, 2 hours 56 minutes LATER. A Yarmouth, 2 hours 20 minutes LATER.

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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#### THE HOUSEHOLD.

To CAN CORN .- Cut off the corn as for drying; pack very closely with the potato smasher into quart tin cans; put on the covers. Have a wooden frame to fit the bottom of the boiler; let the frame be about five inches high; put in the cans; lay a smooth board over them with a weight on top. Let them boil four hours, being careful not to let the water boil over the cans, and the superabundant salt thoroughout the renewing it as it wastes with boiling soil. A gentleman in the Michigan water. Take out one can at a time, wipe dry, and seal as other fruit.

jar and pour upon them one quart of 1875. He gave hasty orders to his hired vinegar; let it stand for twenty-four man to scatter the salt on each of his hours, then strain it, but do not press fields, which would have been at the the berries; pour the same vinegar rate of one ton to ten acres; but the over two quarts of fresh rasberries, and repeat the same process; then to bottle and seal tightly.

TO CLEAN BLACK CASHMERE .a weak solution of borax water-a rince off with clear hot water. If ne-LATER. A Westport, 2 hours 54 minutes cessary press with a hot iron on the wrong side.

> CHERRY PUDDING .- Take one pound of cherries, remove the pits, lay them in a hair sieve, place the sieve over an earthen dish to collect the juice; sprinkle over them one-half pound sugar. In the morning make a rich batter of eggs, milk, and flour, stir in the cherries, without the juice; it will take one hour to bake, or two to boil. When ready, heat the juice, add a little butter and sugar to suit the taste, and, use it as sauce to the pudding.

To CLEANSE A NURSERY CARPET .-Have a pail of very warm water; throw in it a tablespoonful of powdered borax; then, with a clean scrubbing-brush and and very little of any soap, scrub well the soiled places, rinse with clean hot water, and rub very dry with a clean soft cloth; if possible, open the windows to dry quickly.

## SCIENCE.

GROWTH OF THE HUMAN HAIR AF TER DEATH .- Dr. Caldwell, of Iowa, states that in 1862 he was present at the exhumation of a body which had been buried two years before. The coffin had sprung open at the joints, and the hair protruded through the openings. On opening the coffin the hair of the head was found to measure eighteen inches, and the hair on the breast five to six inches. The man had been shaved before being buried. In in Mercer county, Pa. In digging skeleton of a man that had been buried ten years. The hair was as firm as during life, and had grown to a length of eleven or twelve inches.

CARRIER PIGEONS FOR THE ENGcontains no Opium in any form. It is LISH HERRING FISHING. - Messrs. away of the nail itself, rendering the Moir and Son have a number of pigeons pretty regularly employed for the purpose of bringing early intelligence of the results of the herring fishery, and the experiment has been very successful. One of the birds, says the Aberdeen Free Press; is taken out in each boat in the afternoon, and after the nets have been hauled on the following morning and the extent of the catch ascertained, the pigeon is despatched with a small piece of parchment tied round its neck, containing information as to the number of crans on board, the position of the boat, the direction of the wind, and the prospects of return journey, etc. If there is no wind to take the boat back, or if it is blowing in an unfavorable direction, a request is made for a tug; and from the particulars given as to the bearings of the craft, she can be picked up easily by the steamer. The other advantages of the system are that, when the curers are apprised of the quantity of herrings they may expect, they can make preparations for expediting the delivering and curing of the fish .- Land and Water.

> thinned with turpentine will stain a yards long. beautiful black walnut color. It must be varnished over.

#### AGRICULTURE.

THE MANURIAL VALUE OF SALT .-From three to ten bushels per acre is found the most profitable amount to apply. An experiment made in England some time ago acemed to prove that sixteen bushels of salt to an acre was sufficient to kill all existing vegetation and to prevent further growth until cultivation and the action of rain had disseminated Farmer relates an experience which will upset all previous theories as to the amount of salt that land will stand. RASBERRY VINEGAR.—Put two A carload (ten tons) of salt arrived just quarts of ripe rasberries in a covered as he was leaving home in the fall of man misunderstood, and actually put the whole ten tons of salt on an unforeach pint of this vinegar put one pound | tunate ten acres of rye-that is, one ton of sugar; let it stand so that the sugar to the acre. The farmer, on returning can dissolve gradually; put it into a and being told what had been done, stone jar into a kettle of water; boil made up his mind that the field was for one hour; skim it well; when cold ruined for five years at least. It was too big a joke to laugh at, and he was at the same time curious about the result. He noticed that the rye did not grow First give it a thorough dusting and during the fall, and it made very little brushing; then sponge it all over with show in the spring, but he harrowed it and rolled it, and let the crop grow if teaspoonful of powdered borax to a it would. This field had been tile quart of hot water. If grease spots are drained, all the drains leading into one to be removed, add more borax, and main outlet. In the spring following use a brush with a very little soap; the application of salt water came from Paradise—M. E. Marshall. the drains was so impregnated with salt it could be tasted in the water very distinctly. The rye was late, and so late that the timothy in many places got the start of it. But the rye grew and yielded a good fair crop, the straw being very strong. Seeing that the St. Mary's Bay, Digby Co.—Chas. McNeill, Esq. timothy was growing in the spring, he New Ross—James Lantz. timothy was growing in the spring, he sowed the field with clover seed to the usual amount and also let it take its chance. The timothy was so large amongst the rye that it made the crop difficult to cure, and the mixture of rye straw and timothy grass was almost as valuable for feed as if the whole had been timothy grass. The rye was followed by a fine second growth of timothy and clover. This year the result Do., has been one of the finest and largest cuttings of timothy and clover hay that has ever been taken off any field on this farm. Another point was the entire absence of insect life on the soil. Neither grub, wire-worm, nor earthworm or maggot could be found in the field, and even the grasshoppers and other insects seemed to have left it.

Of course it does not follow that such an amount of salt would not be prejudicial elsewhere. The field in question was of a very loose, sandy, and porous nature, and thoroughly drained and, as the story shows, parted with the excess of salt freely. But it is possible that there are some valuable lessons to be learned from the occurrence.

DRIVING NAILS .- Every farmer who has had occasion to drive a nail into seasoned oak posts knows its liability to bend and break. If the point 1847, a similar circumstance occurred be moistened in the mouth it will drive more kindly. Oil is still better, but grave, the workmen came upon the then it is inconvenient to dip each nail separately into it.

Another point observed is that boards become loose eventually from the rusting of the nails, which, communicating to the wood causes not only an enlargement of the nail hole, but the wearing fence or the building shakey and inse-

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