

The Messenger Almanac.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, High Tide, and various astronomical data for June.

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

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SCIENCE.

AMERICAN INVENTIVE PROGRESS.—Under the above heading the Scientific American of May 7th has a long and interesting article, from which we make the following extracts:

To show with what rapidity inventors made improvements on inventions embodying original principals, says the writer, it may be noted that in the early days of the sewing machine 116 patents were granted for improvements thereon in a single year; and out of the 2910 patents issued in the year 1857, 152 were for improved cotton-gins and presses, 164 for improvements on the steam engine, and 198 for novel devices relating to railroads and improvements in the rolling stock.

And curiosity here leads us (adds the editor) to review our own work, back, say, twenty years, or to 1857 a period during which 170,745 patents have been issued.

A sensation has been caused in the Sandwich Islands by the occurrence of a remarkable submarine volcanic outbreak, on the 24th of February, in Kealakeakana Bay, near the entrance to the harbour.

The Papier Zeitung remarks that it would be an advantage if wall-papers could be had which would adapt themselves to the degree of illumination of the room in which they are hung, becoming darker with a greater brightness, and brighter as the darkness increased.

WHITE-WASH THAT WILL NOT RUB OFF: Slake lime in the usual way; mix one gill of flour with cold water, taking care to beat out all the lumps, then pour on boiling water, enough to thicken to the consistency of common starch.

A GOOD CEMENT.—Pound burnt oyster-shells, sift the powder through a very fine sieve, and grind it on a stone slab till reduced to the finest powder; then take the whites of eggs (according to the quantity of powder), beat them well, and having mixed them with the powder, form the whole into a kind of paste.

When fowls appear to be out of order and lose their appetite, the food given to them, should be mixed with a little pepper. If convenient, keep a few oyster shells before them, especially in the laying season.

AGRICULTURE.

TO MAKE FLOWER SEEDS GROW.—In sowing flower seeds great difficulty is often experienced in getting them to come up well, especially in this case if it continues dry after they are sown.

PLOWING OR BURNING.—The Ohio Journal of Agriculture says: "The time was when it was thought that everything on the top of the ground should be plowed under, and that a crop of weeds, grass and dilapidated corn stalks would materially benefit the soil.

VEGETABLE MANURES.—These are applied in a green or dried state. Green manuring is the turning into the soil, of vegetable matter which is growing.

Root crops to be successful, must be planted on rich land, or on land that has been highly manured. The land must be rich enough to stimulate a rapid and large growth.

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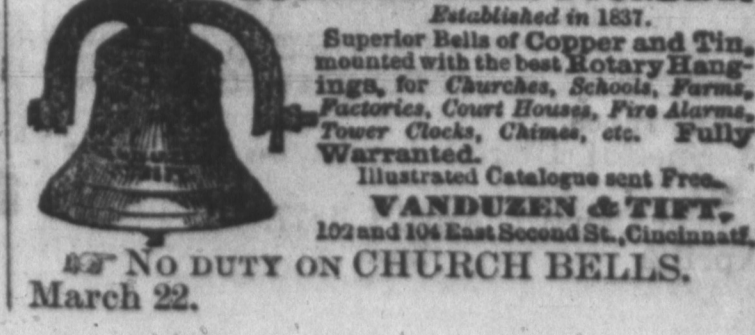
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