

The Messenger Almanac.

FEBRUARY. New Moon, Feb. 2nd, 4h. 3m. morning. First Quarter, " 10th, 9h. 2m. Full Moon, " 17th, 7h. 2m. Last Quarter, " 23rd, 10h. 58m. afternoon.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, High Tide, and Low Tide. Rows list days from 1st to 28th with corresponding times.

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

FOR THE LENGTH OF THE DAY.—Add 12 hours to the time of the sun's setting, and from the sun subtract the time of rising.

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THE HOUSEHOLD.

BREAD.—The old way of raising bread but once makes much sweeter bread, retaining the true sweetness of the wheat, than when sponged or raised twice or three times before baking.

Scauld one pint of milk, then cool it either with one pint of cold milk or cold water. Pour it, when milk-warm, on two quarts of sifted flour, into which stir one even tablespoonful of salt.

BATTER BREAD.

Soak half a cup of bread crumbs in a pint of milk, add two cups of Indian-meal, one tablespoonful of lard or butter, a teaspoonful of salt, two eggs, beaten very light; add eggs last, and then beat the whole together thoroughly.

LAMPS, CHIMNIES AND WICKS.

Many chimneys are broken by carelessness in trimming the wick. It is strange that any one should find difficulty in cutting a wick perfectly true, making it exactly even with the tube.

USEFUL KNOWLEDGE.

- A man walks three or four miles an hour. A horse trots seven. Steamboats run eighteen. Sailing vessels make ten. Slow rivers flow four. Rapid rivers flow seven. Storms move thirty-six. Hurricanes eighty. A barrel of flour weighs one hundred and ninety-six pounds.

collect the circulation of air is obstructed, and a disagreeable oily smell makes the room unpleasant.

OYSTER FRITTERS.—Beat two eggs, stir in one-half cup of strained oyster juice, one-half cup of milk and a pinch of salt; add flour enough to make a batter, having previously sifted a half teaspoonful of sea foam through the flour.

Indian dysentery remedy: Roots and leaves of blackberry bush boiled down; a gill before each meal and before going to bed.

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

RECIPES FOR CLEANING.—When a room is to be papered, fill all the crevices where the plaster has fallen off with plaster of paris mixed with cold water.

For cleaning mica, there is nothing equal to fine sand. For cleaning zinc, nothing is so good as kerosene; after using, kerosene rub with whiting.

To strain honey first run it through a colander set in a pan upon the back even; afterwards strain through a cloth. To make wax fill a small strainer-bag with rough cloth, which dip in hot water.

AGRICULTURE.

One prolific cause of the failure of house-plants is that insufficient attention is given to keeping the earth in the pots warm. The plants often get sun enough, but the pots are covered with moss or fancy work, through which the warming sun rays never penetrate.

A SYMBOLIC MIRROR.—Many men would recoil from themselves, if they could see what shriveled wheat, what musty corn, what blighted grapes, what bitter plums, would be yielded every year if nature were not better, in its order, than they are in their human relations.

O, if a miser could only see what a poor, gnarled, pinched crab-apple tree he would turn into if his spirit should sink to the rank he has taken; if the fretful and morose man could look at the prickly pear, that is his equivalent; or if a man of depraved principles could have a fair view of the deadly nightshade, or the blistering upas he might turn into, no more burning sermon could be preached than to force a man to look thus into a symbolic mirror of himself.—Rural Home.

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