

The Messenger Almanac.

Table with columns for SUN, MOON, and High Tide, listing dates from 1st to 30th of June.

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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DROPPING CORN.

Little Katie went with the gray old squire, ("Who was he?" Child, he was your grandsire.)

Crow and blackbird came fluttering 'round. The cut-worm wriggled beneath the ground.

As five smooth kernels, every time, Little Katie dropped, with the sing-song rhyme,

"One for the blackbird, one for the crow, One for the cut-worm, and two to grow."

The old squire covered the grain with soil.

"Now see," he said, "they will have their spoil— That's sure; but still we shall get our share,

If you always count, as you drop, with care. "One for the blackbird one for the crow, One for the cut-worm and two to grow."

When kernels sprout and the green blades grow, The crow and blackbird and cut-worm know.

Thus do we plant with our older hands, In wider fields and o'er broader lands, Since for good seed sown by land or sea, In the air or earth may be—

"One for the blackbird one for the crow, One for the cut-worm and two to grow."

ABOUT BARN.—E. M. Jones writes to the Litchfield Enquirer an account of a visit to the Echo Farm. Here is what he says about the barns:

The barns are a sight worth seeing, yet there is very little about them which cannot be carried out on a smaller scale by any farmer.

While I admired the interior arrangements, a man approached, wheeling a car that ran so noiselessly, I inquired the cause, and I found that the wheels were of rubber.

To heal a cut without waiting for it to stop bleeding, press the edges of the lacerated flesh together, and apply immediately a plaster made of soot and cream, binding it firmly on, not to be removed till healed, unless cleanliness requires it.

at noon, each cow receives a quarter of a bushel of roots, principally mangolds. No warm or steamed food is ever given.

FOR GAPES IN YOUNG CHICKENS.—On damp days feed with corn-meal, mixed with a little water—say just enough to make it stick.

TO START TUBEROSES IN WINTER. Plant them in old tomato cans, without punching any holes for drainage, set them on the shelf over the kitchen range, and keep warm and wet.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

NOSE BLEED.—The Scientific American gives the following novel plan for checking bleeding at the nose: The best remedy for bleeding at the nose, as given by Dr. Gleason in one of his lectures, is in the vigorous motion of the jaws, as in the act of mastication.

PRESSED VEAL OR CHICKEN.—Put four pounds of veal, or two chickens, in a pot, cover with water, stew slowly until the meat drops from the bone, then take out and chop it.

TO BRIGHTEN GILT FRAMES.—Take sufficient flour of sulphur to give a golden tinge to one and one-half pint of water; boil in this water four of five onions; strain, and when cold wash with soft brush any part that requires restoring; when dry it will come out as good as new.

To take out grease, dry buckwheat flour, if repeatedly applied, will remove entirely the worst grease spots on carpets or any woolen cloth, and will answer as well as French chalk for grease spots on silk.

TO THOSE WHO BURN KEROSENE.—Kerosene oil is one of the products derived from refining crude petroleum as it comes from the well. The oil is always more or less dangerous, according to the amount of volatile gases left in it.

CREAM BEER.—Two ounces of tartaric acid, two pounds of white sugar, the juice of half a lemon; boil five minutes, and when nearly cold, add the whites of three eggs well beaten, one-half-cup of flour, one-half ounce of winter-green essence.

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The following is highly recommended as a home-made court-plaster. To one ounce of French isinglass add ten cents worth of tincture of arnica; lay a piece of white or black silk on a board and paint it over with the mixture.

To keep the hands smooth, take glycerine and ammonia, equal parts; wash the hands clean, and, without wiping, pour a little in one hand and rub well over till dry.

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