

The Messenger Almanac.

APRIL.
New Moon, April 2nd, 5h. 0m. afternoon.
First Quarter, " 10th, 10h. 40m. morning.
Full Moon, " 17th, 1h. 43m.
Last Quarter, " 24th, 4h. 10m.

Table with columns: Day, SUN., MOON., High Tide. Rows 1M to 30TU.

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

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AGRICULTURE.

THICK SEEDING.—Farmers of late years are using more grass seed than they were in the habit of sowing to the acre. Many sow eight quarts of Timothy, and the same of clover seed to the acre, and others exceed this quantity.

PROVIDE RYE PASTURAGE.—Cows pastured on rye will fatten and give a greater quantity of milk than they will when pastured on the wild range or fed corn in the ear.

CELERY.—Celery is the greatest food in the world for nerves. Persons doing much brain work find it invaluable. In cities, where the brain and nerves are called to severe exercise, people hunger for it.

Only yesterday, says a correspondent the Utica Herald, one of our most intelligent and successful farmers informed me that when he took possession, some years ago, of the farm which he now works, he found it impossible to raise good oats.

SMUT IN GRAIN.—A correspondent of the Colorado Farmer gives the following remedy for preventing smut in grain: "Dissolve from one to two pounds of blue vitriol in water to every ten bushels of wheat, and pour it on the floor, where it can be stirred back and forth for twenty four hours, until the grain is swelled to one-third more than its natural size and is colored completely throughout.

SCALLOPED ONIONS.—Place a layer of cracker crumbs in a buttered bake dish, then a layer of onions sliced very thin; season with bits of butter and a sprinkle of pepper and salt.

POTATO PIE.—One pound of mashed potato, rubbed through a colander; one-half pound of butter rubbed to a cream with two cupfuls of white sugar; six eggs, the whites and yolks beaten separately; the juice of one lemon, squeezed into the potato while hot; one teaspoonful of nutmeg, the same of mace.

SCIENCE

ABOUT BONES.—Dr. Wilkes, in his recent work on Physiology, remarks that, "It is estimated that the bones of every adult person require to be fed with lime enough to make a marble mantle every eight months." It will be perceived, therefore, that in the course of about ten years each of us eats three or four mantle-pieces and a few sets of front-door steps.

EXPLOSIVE GELATINE.
M. Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, has recently discovered a new explosive substance still more powerful than that. He has given it the name of "explosive gelatine," on account of its aspect, which closely resembles gelatine.

Sound moves about thirteen miles in a minute, so that if we hear a clap of thunder half a minute after a flash, we may calculate that the discharge of electricity is six and a half miles off.

DIPHTHERIA AMONG THE NEW ENGLANDERS.—A comparison of ancient records with modern observations tends to show that diphtheria is an old disease with a new name. It made great havoc in New England, especially in New Hampshire and Maine, at three different epochs, 1735-8, 1786, 1832.

A TELEPHONE FOR BOYS.—Take two empty oyster cans and a stout, smooth string. Let a small hole be made in the bottom of each can, through which the string is passed and secured.

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