

The Messenger Almanac.

AUGUST. First Quarter, Aug. 5th, 9h. 5m morning Full Moon, " 12th, 8h. 2m. aftern. Last Quarter, " 20th, 11h. 53m. New Moon, " 28th, 1h. 45m. morn.

Table with columns for Day, SUN. Rise, Sets, MOON. Rise, South, Sets, at Halifax, High Tide. Rows 1-31 for August.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southings gives the time of high water at Fairsboro, 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 minutes later, and at St. John's, Newfoundland, 20 minutes earlier than at Halifax.

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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AGRICULTURE.

CELERY CULTURE.—Those who love this succulent and delicious vegetable do not need to be told that it is an excellent "nerve," good for palpitation of the heart, an excellent relish and aid to digestion. They want it and eat it—when they can get it—because they like it.

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Set eight inches apart, using plenty of water, and pressing fine earth carefully yet firmly around the roots with the hands—the best garden "implements" for this purpose yet devised.

The soil should be kept loosened and free from weeds, as the growth goes on, and an occasional dressing of ashes is very beneficial. Many prefer to wait until the plants are nearly full-grown, and blanch at once; but we prefer two or three hillings, which should always be done when the plants are dry, and care taken to hold the stalks snugly together with the hand, to prevent dirt from getting into the centre, and causing rust.

RASPBERRY VINEGAR.—Put one pound of very fine raspberries in a bowl, bruise them well, and pour upon them a quart of the best cider vinegar; next day strain the liquor on a pound of fresh ripe strawberries. Bruise them also, and on the following day do the same, but do not squeeze the fruit, or it will make it ferment—only drain the liquor as cry as you can from the fruit.

PILLOWS IN THE SUNLIGHT.—Do not put your pillows or feather-beds (if so fortunate as to have feather-beds) into the sun to air, but in a shady place with a clear, dry wind blowing over them. If it is cloudy—but not yet damp—and the wind strong, it is all the better. This, if practiced often, will keep well-cured feathers always sweet.

A VALUABLE RECIPE.—The Journal of Chemistry publishes a recipe for the destruction of insects, which if it be one-half as efficacious as it is claimed to be, will prove invaluable. Hot alum water is a recent suggestion as an insecticide. It will destroy red and black ants, cockroaches, chinch bugs, and all the crawling pests which infest our houses.

SCIENCE.

REMOVING SPOTS FROM CLOTHS.—Spots of Sugar, Glue, Blood, Albumen.—On white goods, on dyed tissues of cotton and wool, and on silk, simple washing with water.

Spots of Grease.—On white goods, soap water of alkalies; on dyed tissues of cotton, hot soap water. Ditto of wool, soap water or ammonia. On silk, benzine, ether, ammonia, magnesia, chalk, yolk of egg.

Colors of Varnish, Resins.—On white goods, and on dyed tissues of cotton and wool, turpentine, benzine, then soap. On silk, benzine, ether, soap; rub with care.

Stearine, Tallow.—On white goods; and on dyed tissues of cotton and wool, and on silk, alcohol at 95°.

Vegetable Colors, Wine and Fruit Stains, Red Ink.—On white goods, vapors of sulphurous acid; hot bleaching powder solution, weak. On dyed tissues of cotton and wool, wash with warm soap water, or ammonia. On silk, same; rub softly and carefully.

Alizarine Ink.—On white goods, tartaric acid; more concentrated as the spot is older. On dyed tissues of cotton and wool, weak solution of tartaric acid if the color allows. On silk, same, with care.

Rust, Black Ink.—On white goods, warm solution of oxalic acid; weak muriatic acid. On dyed tissues of cotton, repeated washings with citric acid if the color is well dyed. Ditto of wool, same; weak muriatic acid if the wool is of the natural color. On silk, no remedy.

Lime, Lyes, Alkalies.—On white goods, simple washing with water. On dyed tissues of cotton and wool, and on silk, weak nitric acid poured drop by drop, and rub with the finger the spot previously moistened.

Acids, Vinegar, Fruit Acids, Mould.—On white goods, washing with water or hot solution of bleaching powder, weak. On dyed tissues of cotton and wool, and on silk, ammonia, more or less, according to the tissue and the color.

Tannins, Walnut Shell Stains.—On white goods, Javell water; concentrated tartaric acid. On daed tissues of cotton and wool, and on silk, chlorinated water more or less dilute, according to tissue and the color, and alternately washing with water.

Tar, Wagon Grease.—On white goods, soap, turpentine and jet of water alternately. On dyed tissues of cotton and wool, rub with pumice stone, then soap, then let stand; wash alternately with turpentine and water. On silk, same, but use benzine, and let a jet of water fall from a height upon the back of the spot.—Scientific American.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

CORNBREAD.—Soyer wove a cook book into a novel, or, vice versa—why not a cook book in a rhyme?

Two cups of Indian, one cup of wheat, One cup sour milk, one cup sweet; One good egg, that well you beat, Half a cup molasses too, Half cup sugar add thereto;

That a husband home can bring, Warning up the human stove, Cheering up the hearts you love; And only Tyndall can explain The links between cornbread and brain.

VARIETIES.

The Duc de Morny's definition of a polite man is the hardest to realize of any ever given. "A polite man," said he "is one who listens with interest to things he knows all about, when they are told by a person who knows nothing about them."

Conversation at the breakfast table.—Smith—"Aint John late in bringing the mail this morning?" Jones—"I guess there is something on the postal cards he does not understand. He's probably reading them over twice."

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