

The Messenger Almanac.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, High Tide, and Low Tide. Rows include dates from July 1st to 31st.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southings gives the time of high water at Farnborough, 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.

We must always bear in mind that a high temperature is necessary to grow plants from slips. They will seldom strike root when the thermometer marks below 60 deg., and that is probable why so many fail.

A Writer in the Southern Farmer says that his cow gives all the milk that is wanted in a family of eight, and that from it, after taking all that is required for other purposes, 260 pounds of butter were made this year.

HORSES HUGGING THE LINES.—To prevent the horse from hugging the lines under his tail, the best remedy that I know of is one of my own invention, which proved effectual with a horse who was a dangerous animal to drive on this account.

The Rural World says: "In planting trees, shrubs and vines, place no manure in contact with the roots. Many persons think they are doing a nice thing for their trees to sprinkle manure among their roots in the progress of planting, but, instead, they do harm.

TO DESTROY WORMS ON LAWNS.

A correspondent of the Journal of Forestry makes the following statement in the current number.—Dissolve one oz. of corrosive sublimate (poison) in a pint of hot water, adding two large handfuls of salt.

A correspondent of the American Farmer spins the following yarn:—

We have ten-months-old white calf that has been wet-nursing a pair of motherless lambs the past six weeks. They took to her after the death of their mother, and tugged away until they brought her to milk, and seem to thrive as well as any of those nursed by their natural mothers.

The largest strawberry farm in the world is said to be that of John R. Young of Norfolk, Va., which yielded, last season, over 500,000 quarts.

SCIENCE

PROGRESS OF THE GREAT TUNNEL.

—A recent report of the inspector of the great St Gothard tunnel through the Alps states that the irregular character of the formations pierced by the tunnel has entirely ceased, and that the work is now progressing through uniformly regular strata.

HOME-MADE CHLORIDE OF LIME.

Professor Nash gives the following directions for making this very useful disinfectant and fertilizer: "Take one barrel of lime and one bushel of salt in as little water as will dissolve the whole, slack the lime with the water, putting on more water than will slack it, so much that it will form a very thick paste; this will not take all the water; put on therefore, a little of the remainder daily until the lime has taken the whole.

TAKE TIME TO EAT.—Oatmeal, cracked wheat, and similar boiled breakfast dishes often become more or less indigestible from being "bolted" in the usual Yankee style.

Some of the monasteries of Italy and France have sent very curious inventions to the Paris Exhibition. A Florentine friar has constructed a watch only a quarter of an inch in diameter. It has not only a third hand to mark the seconds, but a microscopic dial which indicates the days of the week and month, and the proper dates.

NEUTRALIZING POISON WITH SWEET OIL.

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In England a horse-shoe made of cowhide—three thicknesses placed together—is being adopted as greatly superior to iron or steel, as it will not injure the hoof and is said to be more durable. It also improves the movement of horses.

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