

The Messenger Almanac.

JULY.

First Quarter, July 7th, 4h. 6m. morning
Full Moon, " 14th, 6h. 40m. "
Last Quarter, " 22nd, 5h. 1m. "
New Moon, " 29th, 5h. 26m. afternoon

Day	SUN.	MOON.	High Tide
F.W.	Rise, Sets.	Rises, South. Sets.	at Halifax
1 M.	4 23 7 44	5 32 1 10	8 48
2 Tu.	4 23 7 44	6 50 2 6	9 22
3 W.	4 23 7 44	8 8 2 58	9 48
4 Th.	4 23 7 44	9 24 3 48	10 12
5 Fr.	4 23 7 44	10 39 4 37	10 35
6 Sa.	4 23 7 44	11 54 5 25	10 56
7 Su.	4 23 7 44	12 59 6 15	11 20
8 M.	4 23 7 44	1 29 7 8	11 47
9 Tu.	4 23 7 44	2 29 8 2	12 1
10 W.	4 23 7 44	3 45 9 0	12 26
11 Th.	4 23 7 44	4 59 9 59	1 5
12 Fr.	4 23 7 44	6 54 10 56	1 58
13 Sa.	4 23 7 44	7 39 11 52	2 58
14 Su.	4 23 7 44	8 13 12 4	3 52
15 M.	4 23 7 44	8 38 0 43	4 54
16 Tu.	4 23 7 44	9 0 1 30	5 55
17 W.	4 23 7 44	9 19 2 14	6 55
18 Th.	4 23 7 44	9 37 3 55	7 55
19 Fr.	4 23 7 44	9 54 4 35	8 55
20 Sa.	4 23 7 44	10 12 5 14	9 55
21 Su.	4 23 7 44	10 33 5 57	10 55
22 M.	4 23 7 44	10 58 6 25	11 55
23 Tu.	4 23 7 44	11 29 7 1	12 55
24 W.	4 23 7 44	12 1 7 11	1 55
25 Th.	4 23 7 44	12 30 8 2	2 55
26 Fr.	4 23 7 44	1 57 8 59	3 55
27 Sa.	4 23 7 44	3 59 9 57	4 55
28 Su.	4 23 7 44	5 56 10 56	5 55
29 M.	4 23 7 44	7 53 11 53	6 55
30 Tu.	4 23 7 44	9 49 12 49	7 55
31 W.	4 23 7 44	11 40 1 14	8 55

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southings gives the time of high water at Pictou, 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. At Charlottetown, 2 hours 50 minutes later. At Westport, 2 hours 54 minutes later. At Yarmouth, 2 hours 20 minutes later.

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.

KEEPING ROSES IN BLOOM.—As soon as they have formed their first flowers in the open ground, pinch off the end of the first shoot, and as soon as the rose is fully opened, pick it off. No rose should be left to fade upon the bush, as when so left it exhausts the plant in the formation of seed. As the plant grows, pinch back the ends of the shoots when they have grown six inches, and rub out all puny shoots, thus keeping the plants in a rounded open bush form. If strong shoots alone are left to grow, they will soon control the strength of the plant and the flowers will be few and often of imperfect form. Should the season be hot and dry, a mulch of fine, fresh grass or sawdust, or moss from the woods, should be placed all over the soil, three inches deep, and at night watered thoroughly, not sprinkled, but wet like a day's rain.
—Cultivator.

FARMING UNDER THE SEA.—The fact is not generally known that within three hours' ride of Boston a large and profitable business has been carried on ever since 1849, along the sea-shore, and which is nothing more nor less than "farming under the sea." Everywhere upon the coast of Eastern New England may be found, about ten feet below water-mark, the lichen known as carrageen—the "Irish moss" of commerce. It may be torn from the sunken rocks anywhere, and yet the little seaport town of Scituate is almost the only place in the country where it is gathered and cured. This village is the great center of the moss business in the country, and the entire Union draws its supplies from those beaches. Long rakes are used in tilling this marine farm, and it does not take long to fill the many dories that await the lichen, torn from its salty, rocky bed. The husbands and fathers gather the moss from the sea, and the wives and daughters prepare it for market. Soak it in water, and it will melt away to jelly. Boil it with milk, and a delicious white and creamy blanc-mange is the result. The annual product is from ten to fifteen thousand barrels, and it brings \$50,000 into the town, which sum is shared by some 150 families. Its consumption in the manufacture of lager beer is very large, and the entire beer interest in the country draws its supplies from Scituate beaches, as the importation from Ireland has almost ceased. It is generally known that the moss, as an article of food, is called "Sea Moss Farine."

KEEPING MEAT.—With Farmers and families living away from towns or villages it is of great importance that they should be able to keep meat from spoiling in warm weather. The most foolish waste, is to eat more of it than you need, with the idea of "saving it," the doctor's bill that may result from over-loading the digestive organs is not so good a show of economy, as the fresh eggs you might coax from the hens by feeding them any excess of meat. The meat should first be wiped clean and dry. Some sprinkle it well in all parts with salt. Others use black pepper plentifully (washing and wiping it well before using it to remove the pepper or salt), and then hang it in the coolest place possible—some in the well, others in a cellar. Perhaps the best precaution is to wrap it in a dry cloth, and cover it with charcoal-dust. Some say that wood ashes will answer about as well as charcoal. By experience I have found that charcoal will even remove a slight degree of taint. I am told that mutton is improved, as well as preserved, for a short time, by wrapping it in a cloth wet with vinegar, and laying it on the bottom of a dry cellar. All kinds of meat, including fish and fowl, may be preserved in brine for a longer or shorter time.

"What can you do on a farm?" inquired a farmer of a man who wanted work. "Do you know how to build a stone wall?" "Oh! yes. Any fool knows that. You just have to set one stone on another." "No you don't!" thundered the farmer. "You have to set one stone on two. You can go."

A curious case reported from France in which the buyer of a cow put the payment in paper upon a post, and the animal, which he held by a halter, devoured whether the buyer or seller of the cow should be the loser. The Judge has decided that the former, having taken possession by holding the rope, was responsible for the misdeeds of the beast.

Beet juice is commonly estimated to contain from 8 to 10 per cent of sugar.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

RICE WAFFLES.—Put three pints of flour and one pint of rice boiled soft into a large bowl. Beat the yolks of four eggs into it, with a little salt; put to this one quart of new milk; beat all very thoroughly till the rice and flour are well mixed and free from lumps, then add half a pint more of milk to thin it. Beat the whites of the four eggs till very stiff, then add to the batter and beat all well together till perfectly light, then bake.

TO PICKLE CAULIFLOWERS.—Cut off each cluster from the main head, leaving on as much of the stem as you can. Wash carefully; and for a peck of the clusters sprinkle over a full half pint of salt. Keep them in the salt all night or full twelve hours, when all the salt must be shaken off, taking care not to break the clusters. Throw in a dozen pepper-corns, and cover with scalding hot vinegar. Cover closely, and set aside for use. They will be ready in a few weeks.

ODORS FROM COOKING PREVENTED.—Put one or two red peppers, or a charcoal, into the pot where ham, cabbage, etc., is boiling, and the house will not be filled with the offensive odor.

WEAK EYES.—Light is the food and stimulus of the eyes, as food is for the stomach, and air for the lungs. And though the glare of light, that producing pain, should be avoided, it is safe to expose the eyes to as much light as may be comfortably borne.

If inflamed, tepid water may be used as a bath, or wet cloths may be applied at night. Do not strain them in the act of seeing, or use them when pain is caused. Do not compel them to see, but simply open them and let them see; never put any wash into them when its use uniformly causes pain, but in all respects treat them gently, since it is safer to do nothing for them—only to rest them, or use them carefully—than to treat them ignorantly.

TO REMOVE STAINS FROM IVORY HANDLES.—If assafetida be applied with a little friction, all stains from ivory handles disappear.

TO MAKE COURT PLASTER.—Take one ounce of French isinglass; one pint of warm water; stir till it dissolves; add ten cent's worth of pure glycerine, and five cents' worth of tincture of arnica; lay a piece of white or black silk on a board, and paint it over with the mixture.

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 raspberries; 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 dry as you can from the fruit. The last time pass it through a canvas bag, previously wetted with vinegar to prevent waste. Put the juice into a stone jar with a pound of sugar to every pint of juice, stir it, and when melted, put the jar into a sauce pan of water, let it simmer a little, skim and remove from the fire. When cool, bottle off.

VARIETIES.

AFRICAN USE FOR A FRIEND.—Stanley had a great many curious experiences in Africa, but none more than this which follows: One of his servants was so attached to him that, in order adequately to express his friendship, he begged the explorer to kill, cook, and eat him. It is only genuine friendship which is willing to offer itself in the shape of steaks and cutlets. When we of a higher civilization profess friendship, it means that we are willing to receive presents or borrow money. "What are friends good for except to be used?" we ask; but the African asked, "What are friends good for except to be eaten?"

England may be "mistress of the Cs," but she has never yet been able to fairly master the Hs.

Pat says that "nothing can be asier than to repale the union of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. It is only necessary," says he, "to transpore two letters, and they will become untied kingdoms at once."

"Bill," said Bob, "why is that tree called the weeping willow?" "Cause one of the sneaking, plaguy things grew near the school-house, and supplied the master with switches."

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