

The Messenger Almanac.

JUNE.
First Quarter, June 7th, 11h. 40m.
Full Moon, " 14th, 7h. 37m.
Last Quarter, " 22nd, 3h. 1m.
New Moon, " 30th, 8h. 16m.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, High Tide, and Low Tide. Rows list days from 1st to 30th of June with corresponding times.

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

THE COMING OF THE GRASS.

Whence cometh the grass,— The sudden, secret grass? From what deep world invisible, What subterranean citadel, What armory of elfin land, Comes forth that swiftly-matched band That vision of unwarlike spears, Innumerable as the heavenly years?

How cometh the grass,— The irresistible grass? We know not how, we cannot tell The moment of that miracle; We know not when, we know not how; We know the earth was bare, and now That pleasantly our footsteps pass Above the yielding emerald of the grass.

Where cometh the grass.— The all-abounding grass? Along the hills, the meadow sweet, The river side, the village street; In forest nooks its tassels wave; Its patient green enfolds the grave; Beside the cottage home doth press The tender, faithful grass with mute caress.

Why cometh the grass,— The bright, untiring grass? That down the ages doth repeat With every year its idyl sweet? To teach the truth declared for thee By gracious lips in Galilee: "He careth." Then, when doubts harass, Heed thou the wise, soft whispers of the grass. Illustrated Christian Weekly

TRANSPLANTING.—The object of transplanting is to check the growth of the foliage and promote that of the root, and is the best done while the plants are young, so that when they are finally planted out, there will be sufficient root to support a vigorous upper growth.

AMMONIA FOR PLANTS.—I had been using spirits of ammonia to cleanse some fabric; it was diluted in soft water, and wishing to empty the dish, I turned it on a scarlet geranium that I brought out of the sitting-room (as it looked as if it was struck with death or old age) and set it in the kitchen window. It was a pretty strong dose, but I thought I would see what it would do. It operated like a life elixir; the buds began to swell, and to-day it is as fresh and vigorous, with a thick foliage of leaves, as a young thrifty plant.

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Hanging baskets often used on verandas dry out very rapidly, especially those of wire work lined with moss. Every few days they should be placed in a pail or tub of water and soaked thoroughly.

Of what color is grass when covered with snow—Invisible green.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

TO MAKE SILVER-PLATE BRIGHT.—Silver-plate, jewelry and door-plates can be beautifully cleaned and made to look like new by dipping a soft cloth or chamois-skin in a weak preparation of ammonia-water, and rubbing the articles with it.

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

Plunging pots of plants may often be done with advantage to decorate the grounds. Put the rim of the pot just level with the ground and place a layer of coal ashes under the bottom to keep out worms.

CHEAP PAINT.—Mr. C. Byrne, Friendville, Penn., highly recommends a cheap paint made by placing two quarts of cement in a pail and adding two quarts of skim-milk; mix well, and stir occasionally while putting on. Apply with brush to fence or outbuilding. He says it is light drab in colour, preferable to whitewash; and enough to cover a large barn may be had at a cost of fifty cents.—N. Y. Tribune.

COCKROACHES.—A mixture of red lead, Indian meal, and molasses will be eagerly eaten by them, and will soon exterminate them. Paris green, phosphorus, or arsenic are sometimes used, but are very dangerous. Borax, to which cockroaches have a great antipathy, will drive them away.

CREAM DRESSING FOR SALAD.—Beat together thoroughly three raw eggs and six table-spoonfuls of melted butter, one table-spoonful of salt, one of mustard, one half of black pepper, and one half cupful of vinegar. Boil, stirring it constantly, until it thickens like boiled custard. If it boils it will curdle. Let it cool, then mix with salad.

TO REMOVE STAINS.—To restore linen that has long been stained, rub the stains on each side with wet brown soap; now expose the linen to the action of the sun and air. The stains will be pretty sure to disappear in two or three days; if not, rub off the mixture and repeat the process.

VARIETIES.

"What is money?" asks an exchange. Money is the missing link between several hundred of our subscribers and the editor.

An editor out West, speaking of a blind sawyer, says, "Although he cannot see he can saw."

The following complicated accident is vouched for as having recently occurred at Biddeford, Maine. A lady was descending a flight of stairs, when she fell, dislocating her shoulder. She landed on a large dog at the foot of the stairs, which rose in a fright and threw her into an enjoining room, where she fell upon a hot stove, and would have doubtless been seriously burned had not a man who happened to be in the room suddenly pulled her away, in doing which he brought her arm back into place again. So happily, no harm was done, though much was threatened.

Cultivate the virtue of humility, and appropriate the lesson inculcated by the sable poet:

"De big sunflower may rise above De modest 'tater vine, An' brag about its Sunday clothes, An' put on airs so fine; But when de winter howls around, An' de snow lies at de doah, De big sunflower, O! whar am he? De 'tater hez de floah!"

An obliging gentleman, who thinks that personal favors do not cost much, while they make friends, was applied to by a negro for a certificate of character, by which he might get a situation. The testimonial proving to be more complimentary than Scipio himself expected, that worthy, on recovering from his astonishment, exclaimed; "Say, Mr. —, won't you gib me something to do yourself on dat recommendation?"

A cultivated ear—an ear of corn. True to the last—A well-made boot. A quack doctor is not a "duck of a man. A good thing to put in practice—A young lawyer. Which way does the bean stalk wind in growing! An unsatisfactory meal—A domestic broil.

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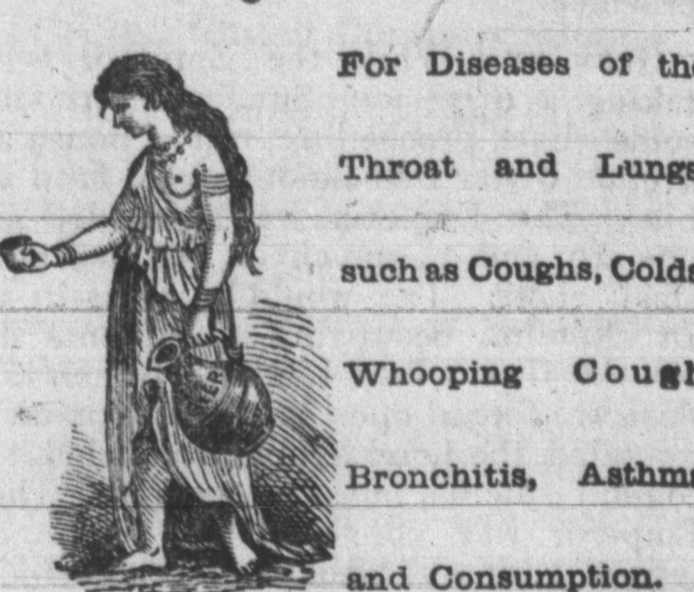
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