

The Messenger Almanac.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, High Tide, and Low Tide. Rows list days from 1st to 31st 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.

TREATMENT OF HOUSE PLANTS.

Plants intended for house culture in winter must be treated differently from those only to be preserved in a dormant state until the coming spring.

Bulbs of tulips, hyacinths, ixias, iris, crocus, amaryllis, and narcissus planted in jars, boxes, or bottles are left in the dark to favor the putting forth of roots, and then brought into the house can occupy the window sill, and bloom early and beautifully.

CORN-COB MEAL FOR STOCK.

The amount of nutrition in corn-cobs is very small, inasmuch that if they were ground alone after the corn is taken off, cattle, unless very hungry, could not be induced to touch the light tasteless stuff; but as pure Indian meal is liable to cloy and not furnish sufficient distension to the stomach of ruminant animals, of course stock fed upon highly concentrated and rich food, should have something coarser and bulky to give proper distension to the walls of the stomach.

FORCING RHUBARB.

Rhubarb will grow almost anywhere, provided the temperature is above freezing point. Any family who has a warm kitchen or cellar in which to set the plants may have plenty of rhubarb in winter if they will only take the trouble to put a few roots into large pots, boxes or tubs in the fall, and store them where they can be had when required.

or until spring, and a further supply will not be required.—Rural New Yorker.

HOUSEHOLD.

The culinary art forms a part of the education of the women in Germany. The well-to-do tradesman, like the mechanic, takes pride in seeing his daughter object the girl, on leaving school, which she does when about fourteen years of age, goes through the ceremony of confirmation, and then is placed by her parents with a country gentleman or in a large family, where she remains one or two years filling what may also be termed the post of servant, or doing the work of one.

THE DISH CLOTH.

There is nothing better than the tops of old stockings. Cut off the soles, sew the tops together, on the sewing machine, if convenient, so as to have it double, and you have a dish cloth that will wear better than anything and is easier kept clean.

SCIENCE.

RECENT TESTS OF THE TELEPHONE.

Some interesting trials of the articulating telephone were lately made in England through Dr. Muirhead's artificial cable. This artificial line, says the Telegraphic Journal, offers the closest approximation to the electrical conditions of an actual cable that has been hitherto attained.

NEW METHOD OF PRESERVING FISH.

The flesh of fresh fish, either raw or boiled, is cut in thin slices and plunged in a bath of water strongly acidulated with citric acid. After two or three hours soaking, the fish is removed and dried; either in the air or under moderate heat.

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