

The Messenger Almanac.

JANUARY.

New Moon, Jan. 3rd, 9h. 49m. morning. First Quarter, " 11th, 2h. 32m. afternoon. Full Moon, " 18th, 7h. 56m. Last Quarter, " 25th, 1h. 35m. morning.

Table with columns: Day, SUN., MOON., High Tide. Rows for days of the month with sunrise, sets, and tide data.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Position 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.

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.

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AGRICULTURE.

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—Winter, after a successful season of sowing and harvesting, is a welcome resting "spell" to the farmers; the long winter evenings give time for reflection upon the last season's labors, and thought; ideas and plans will be worked over in the mind, with the help of good agricultural papers and books for improvement of operations another season.

Definite plans in the mind and on paper will find the farmer ready to go ahead without hesitation when time for action arrives. This is the true way to forward work, no backward steps; plans are definite; no lost time, no waiting; a satisfactory day's work, pleasant to both employer and his men.

Do all the work that can be done through the winter that will advance the spring work and find you in readiness on the opening of spring with no back work on your hands to interfere with immediate work in progress.

DIMINUTION OF LIVE STOCK IN BRITAIN.

—The London Times is apprehensive of coming evil to British farmers from the fact brought out by recent agricultural statistics, that not only is the area of land in the United Kingdom under arable crop undergoing annual diminution, but that the number of head of live stock is also decreasing.

These figures indicate either that British farmers are discontinuing sheep and cattle raising, or that there has been excessive mortality among their flocks and herds—either of them a sufficiently serious affair.

June grass, or blue grass, is a valuable grass for permanent meadows.

But would not be desirable in a rotation system, for the reasons, first, that it has creeping roots, like the Canada thistle, and is therefore very hard to eradicate, and, second, because it requires two or three years before it gets well set.

Milk can be preserved indefinitely by condensation, that is, by driving off part of the water.

The milk is put immediately after drawing into perfectly clean cans or bottles which are filled quite full. These cans are then placed in water not to cover them, but almost so. The water is then heated up to 160 or 170 degrees, great care being taken not to go beyond the latter figure, and allowed to remain at that heat for varying times, and then hermetically sealed.

Exporting oatmeal from Canada to Scotland would on the face of it, seem to be about as wise as "sending coals to Newcastle."

Still, the experiment has been tried, and successfully, and the trade seems likely to grow into large and profitable proportions.

Peas and oats together make one of the best cleaning crops known for turning under before fall wheat.

Peas alone are somewhat difficult to bury, but with oats the ploughing is much easier.

In Manitoba unimproved lands sell at from 30 cents to \$1; improved farms on the rivers from \$5 to \$10.

To fatten geese, an experienced practitioner says: Put up two or three in a darkened room and give each bird one pound of oats daily, thrown on a pan of water.

In fourteen days they will be found almost too fat. Never shut up a single bird, as geese are sociable and will pine away if left alone.

SCIENCE.

PREVENTION OF SEA-SICKNESS.—The Union Medicale recommends the following simple method for the prevention of sea-sickness.

A few drops—say from three to eight—of the nitrate of amyle are applied closely to the nose by means of a handkerchief. The inhalation must be rapid, care being taken to prevent the mixture of atmospheric air in any great quantity.

A NEW MILITARY ARM.—THE TORPEDO HUNTERS.

—A correspondent of a German journal, writing from Erzeroum, gives the following account of the new corps of divers which has been organized by the Turkish government for the purpose of removing the torpedoes laid down by the Russians in the Danube and on the shores of the Black Sea.

The divers are Mohammedan from Lazistan, and a certain number of them are attached to each of the Turkish squadrons cruising in the Black Sea. When the ships arrive near a spot where the existence of torpedoes is suspected two of the divers row to the place in a very light boat, drawing so little water that there is scarcely any danger of its striking against the torpedoes.

The galvanic current is due to acids in action on metals, a fresh surface of the one must be exposed constantly to the dissolving agency of the other.

So much thought and fact stand in constant reaction, the evolved force is to be abundant and effective.—Prof. Bascom.

VARIETIES.

A young scapegrace, notorious for his pranks and practical jokes, who came of age the other day, awoke the family at midnight by loud cries of "Man in the House!"

Athletic sport for ladies: jumping at conclusions; walking around a subject; running through a novel; skipping full descriptions.

La Nature says that when the whale in the Westminster Aquarium, London, died, all the living eels, which had been put in the tank as food for the monster, at once attacked the body and attempted to devour it.

"We all know," said the school committee man to the new teacher he was examining for her position,

"that A, B an' C is wovels, but wot we wants to know is wy they is so."

The man who calls a woman charming has both felt her charm and believes himself to be the object of an intention to please.

The praise of moral and intellectual excellence may be bestowed without this condition, but there is always a subtle affinity between the interesting man and the person interested, between the charming woman and the person charmed.—Saturday Review.

While we are erecting tombstones over dead martyrs and placing laurel wreaths on the brows of living heroes,

don't let us forget to drop a tear on the grave of the man who conceived the idea of putting a potato on the spout of a kerosene-can.

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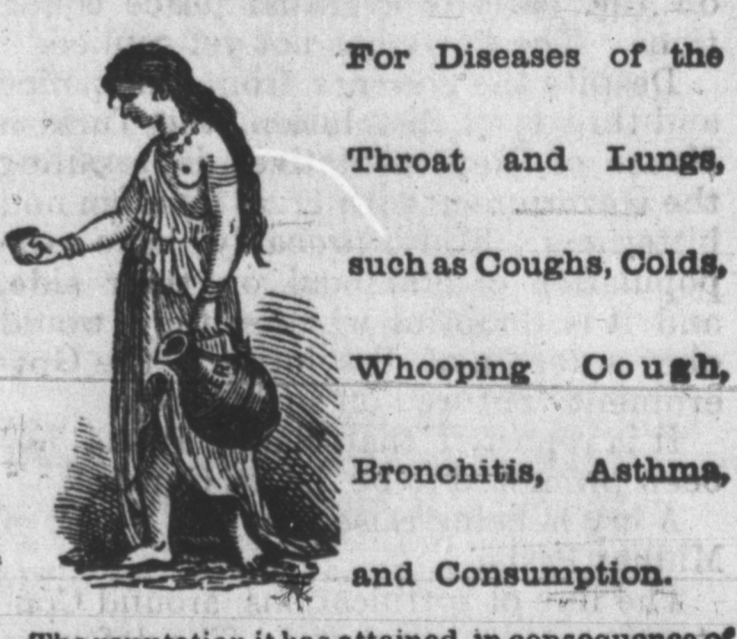
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