

The Messenger Almanac.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, High Tide, and various astronomical data for September.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southing 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, 30 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 sun subtract the time of rising.

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SCIENCE.

A PECULIAR MOVEMENT OF HERRING.—A fact of very great biological importance has occurred this year in the return of the above-named fish to the coasts of Sweden after a long interval of absence. A hundred years ago no industry of that country was so prominent as that connected with the fisheries, more than 1,000,000 barrels of herrings being preserved annually, involving the employment of a large portion of the population in their capture and preparation. Enormous establishments scattered along the coast and on which a vast amount of capital had been invested, have long been abandoned and are in ruins. Should the promise of this year be continued, the probability is that the former prosperity will be fully restored. Scientific men are at a loss to account for this apparently capricious change in the course of the fish. Our readers are doubtless aware that it breeds in incalculable numbers, and that, when on its periodical migrations, it moves in shoals of countless myriads, extending frequently for miles in each direction. Useful as it has been found as an article of food for man, it is equally appreciated by the denizens of the deep and many seabirds. Each shoal is followed by crowds of large fish and flights of birds, which continually prey on the helpless animal. Man discovers the shoal, and comes with his nets and captures millions. But those combined enemies are incapable of making more than a slight impression on the immense numbers. Then what could have induced the herring to change its course? This is a question which seems unanswerable, as the disturbing causes indicated above appear insufficient to account for it, more especially as they would exist in any new direction taken by the fish. A special commission, consisting of Profs. Sars and Smitt has been appointed by the king of Sweden to consider the whole subject. The change of location seems to have taken place at the expense of the coast of Norway, which, for the first time in many years, has not been this year visited by the herring.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

THE NEW GOLDEN CREAM SOUP is made by boiling raw meat in water in which squash has been previously stewed. The squash after it has been cut in pieces should stew gently in a small quantity of water, just sufficient to cover it well. When it is very thoroughly done—so much that it has begun to float off into the water—take it out and set the water to become cold. The meat—beef or mutton—in the proportion of a pound of meat to a quart of water should be put in when the water is cold and should simmer gently for three or four hours; if it is a large piece of meat it will require five or six hours. Take care that the boiling goes on steadily but slowly; too hard boiling causes the meat to become tough and hard, and its juices are not given out. Skim off the fat as it rises to the top, but keep the pot tightly covered, except as you raise the lid to skim it occasionally. Remove from the fire, strain it and set it away. It may be eaten at once, but will be better the second day. If desired a very little thickening may be made by adding corn starch mixed with water. The golden cream soup has a rich, yellow colour and a certain sweetness and creamy smoothness. It is generally preferred without the addition of vegetables, except rice or vermicelli.

FOR BOILING FRESH COD.—If put in cold water a good sized cod will not need more than twelve or fifteen minutes cooking after the water begins to boil. If put into boiling it will need from twenty-five to thirty minutes. We like the flavor better when put into boiling water. Put salt and grated horse-radish in the water in which it is cooked.

"Why do ducks put their heads in the water? For divers reasons. Why do they take them out? For sundry reasons. Why do they take them out again? To liquidate their little bills. Why do they take them out again? To make a run on the banks."

Some people are as careful of their troubles as mothers are of their babies; they cuddle them, and rock them, and hug them, and cry over them, and fly into a passion if you try to take them away.

Somebody pities the pupil of the eye because it is always under the lash. Possible here is an explanation of blood-shot eyes.

AGRICULTURE.

SEMMER PRUNING.—It is very useful to give a little attention, at the proper season, to the summer pruning of fruit trees and bushes. The too rampant growth should be pinched back and the too crowded branches thinned, which will give increased strength to what is allowed to remain. Raspberry bushes have been sending up their sprouts, which are to bear the fruit of next year; only as many should be allowed to grow as are wanted for next year's crop, and these should be pinched back at the ends to ensure ripening of the wood. Pear trees can also be pruned in summer and apple trees, and will suffer much less than if the limbs are allowed to grow large and then sawed off, leaving a large wound to be healed. Stone fruit will not bear the saw so well as the apple and pear, and will be especially benefited by judicious pinching of the green wood.—Mass. Ploughman.

A very simple process is being extensively employed for freeing woodland newly brought into cultivation from the stumps of trees. A hole about two inches in diameter and eighteen inches in depth is bored in the stump about autumn, filled with a concentrated solution of saltpetre, and closed with a plug. In the following spring a pint or so of petroleum is poured in the same hole and set on fire. During the course of the winter the saltpetre solution has penetrated every portion in the stump, so that not only this, but also the roots, are thoroughly burnt out. The ash is left in situ, and forms a valuable manure.

A capital plan of protecting horses and cattle from the tormenting attacks of flies in hot weather, is to wash their coats in the morning with a decoction of walnut leaves, the peculiar smell of which effectually keeps the would-be marauders at a distance. The decoction is said to have the further power of destroying any eggs that may have been already deposited in the skin.

For years we have been troubled with burdocks, and notwithstanding repeated mowing during the summer, they would form seeds in the fall. After many experiments, a certain and speedy remedy for the pests has been discovered in kerosene oil. If a small quantity be poured into the hearts of the plants, directly after cutting, they will disappear entirely, roots and stalks, leaving no trace of their former existence save a small hole in the earth where they stood. This may be styled by Gen. Noble, a crude idea, but refined or crude oil will accomplish the purpose equally well.

TAR-WATER.—A correspondent of the Chicago Tribune says:

For the past five years I have not lost a cucumber or melon vine or cabbage plant. Get a barrel with a few gallons of gas tar in it; pour water on the tar; always have it ready when needed, and when the bugs appear give them a liberal drink of tar water from a garden sprinkler, or otherwise; and if the rain washes it off and they return, repeat the dose. It will also destroy the Colorado potato beetle, and frighten the old long potato bug worse than a thrashing with a brush.

Five years ago this summer both kinds appeared on my late potatoes, and I watered with the tar-water. The next day all Colorados that had not been well protected from the sprinkle were dead, and the others, though their name was legion, were all gone, and I have never seen one of them on the farm since.

I am aware that many will look upon this with indifference, because it is so cheap and simple a remedy. Such should always suffer, both by their own and their neighbors' bugs, as they very frequently do.

An Iowa editor thus acknowledges a present of grapes: "We have received a basket of grapes from our friend W., for which he will accept our compliments, some of which are nearly two inches in diameter."

If horses are rubbed, morning and noon, with a handful of smart-weed, the flies will not trouble them in the least through the day.

CORN BREAD. Two cups of Indian, one cup wheat, One cup sour milk, one cup sweet; One good egg that will you beat, Half a cup molasses too, Half a cup sugar add thereto; With one spoon of butter new, Salt and soda each a spoon, Mix up quickly and bake it soon; Then you'll have corn-bread complete, Best of all corn bread you meet.

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