

The Messenger Almanac.

DECEMBER.

Last Quarter, Dec. 6th, 3h. 29m. A.
New Moon, " 13th, 6h. 50m. M.
First Quarter, " 20th, 7h. 2m. M.
Full Moon, " 28th, 0h. 2m. A.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, High Tide. Rows for days of the month from 1st to 31st.

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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THE HOUSEHOLD.

STUFFED CODFISH.—People get into ruts with cooking, and because we mostly boil codfish it is supposed that there is not any other way of cooking it. What is the reason we shouldn't stuff a codfish just as you do a bluefish? I have not invented it, for it was shown me by a French cook that worked on a steamer between London and a port in Norway. He called it Morue a la Royale but it is stuffed cod all the same. Take a four-pound fish, clean, and leave the head on; get some stale bread, rub it smooth, and mix it with about an ounce of beef suet; add a whole teaspoonful of chopped parsley, a pinch of thyme and marjoram, salt and pepper, and the white and yolks of two eggs. If you have an anchovy or two handy, chop them up too, for the filling or stuffing—I say stuffing; melt a quartet of a pound of sweet butter, and put it in the pan; put the stuffing in your fish, and let it bake in a moderate heat for forty minutes. Watch it and don't let it get too dry, or burn; keep basting if necessary. Just before you serve it squeeze a lemon over it. It's nice, now, mind I tell you. Serve in a hot dish, or, if you ain't proud, in the pan it was baked in.—Bob the Sea Cook in New York Times.

OATMEAL BREAD AND BREAKFAST CAKES.—Bread: One quart fresh oatmeal, two of water; let stand half a day or over night; when ready to bake add one quart of fine flour, half a cup of sugar, one tablespoonful of fine salt, two tablespoonfuls of baking powder; mix with a spoon; no kneading is required; if too stiff add water. Breakfast Cakes: One pint of fresh oatmeal, one quart of water, let it stand over night; in the morning add one teaspoonful of fine salt, one tablespoonful of sugar, the same of baking powder, and one pint of fine flour. If the above proportions make a batter too stiff for griddle cakes add more water.

USING CITRON.—To prevent citron from getting to the bottom of a cake or pudding rub the citron well with flour after cutting, and it will neither sink nor mass together the same applies to other fruit.

USEFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT.—To be able to solder basins and pots and pans is an accomplishment well worth the trouble of boys and girls to acquire, and the tools necessary for the work are few and inexpensive.

CLEANING TINWARE.—The best thing for cleaning tinware is common soda. Dampen a cloth and dip in soda, and rub the ware briskly, after which dry. Any blackened or dirty ware can be made to look as well as new.

SQUASH PIE.—Stew the squash as usual with a little salt; rub it through a colander, and have it perfectly smooth mix the squash with sweet milk; if you have cream it will be all the better; make it about as thick as batter, adding the yolks of two eggs; sweeten with pulverized sugar to taste, flavor with rosewater or with nutmeg; line a pie dish; fill with squash, and bake for half an hour; if you do not want a pie, make fritters and fry brown with good butter; when about to serve, sprinkle a little sugar on them; squash does not require much sweetening.

CURE FOR COLDS.—Boil two ounces of flaxseed in one quart of water; strain and add two ounces rock candy, one-half pint syrup or honey, juice of three lemons; mix and let all boil well; let cool and bottle. Dose, one cupful before bed, one half cupful before meals. The hotter you drink it the better.

To CURE HAMS.—To each 20 pounds of green meat make a mixture of one fourth of a pound of brown sugar and a desertspoonful of ground saltpetre; rub this well by hand into the meat; then with coarse salt cover the bottom of a barrel, say to half an inch; put in hams and cover with half an inch of salt, and so on until the barrel is full; hams should remain in a cool place four weeks; when salted, wipe and dry them, and get some whole black pepper, which you must grind yourself, and pepper thoroughly, especially about the hock and bone; let the hams lie for two days; then smoke for eight weeks.—New York Times.

A woman may wear her hat knocked into any conceivable shape, and both herself and hat are pronounced perfectly lovely; but just let a man jam in one side of the hat he wears, and he is at once pronounced a first-class rowdy.

VARIETES.

Customer: "What did you think of our pastor's sermon on Sunday, Mr. Wigsby?" Hairdresser: "Well, really, sir, there was a gent a sittin' in front o' me as 'ad his 'air parted that crooked that I couldn't 'ear a word!"

Mr. Crabb Robinson and a lady in the same carriage—"O, Mr. Robinson, you are an antiquarian." "Madam, I am a noun, and not an adjective. An antiquary, if you please."

A little boy was one day asked by a clergyman if he knew what an implicit, child-like faith was. He thought he did. Being asked to describe it, after thinking a moment, he said, "When my mother says a thing is so, I must believe it is so, if it ain't so."

An inveterate wag, seeing a heavy door nearly off its hinges, in which condition of neglect it had been for some time, observed that when it had fallen and killed some one it would be hung.

"Edward, what do I hear?—that you have disobeyed your grandmother, who told you just now not to jump down these steps?" "Grandma didn't tell us not to papa; she only came to the door and said, "I wouldn't jump down those steps boys; and I shouldn't think she would—an old lady like her!"

A certain Scotch country minister removed from one parish to another, and on Sunday, "exchanged" with his successor in his former charge. At the close of the service an elderly woman inquired what had become of her "ain minister." "Oh, we're exchanging," he replied; he's with my people to day.

"Indeed, indeed," said the matron, "they'll be gettin' a treat to day."

An old gentleman who had provoked the hostility of a fashionable lady, whom he had known in boyhood, was asked by his wife what he had done to incur the lady's displeasure. "Nothing at all," replied the innocent old man; "on the contrary, I was very cordial to her, and spoke of the time when I used to carry her to school, nearly half a century ago." His wife threw up her hands in amazement, and murmured, "How stupid men are!"

SCIENCE.

To take grease out of marble? Mix sal-soda with two parts of quick-lime in powder, moisten the mixture with soft cold water, coat the marble with this, and let it remain twelve hours. Then wash with water and a little soap if necessary.

Where on the globe will the new year 1880 be greeted or welcomed first? A. In New Zealand most probably; possibly a little earlier at some English missionary station in Polynesia. Eastern Siberia is ruled out of the reckoning by the Russian calendar; and the Alaskan islands by their taking their time from San Francisco.

The prize of \$100 offered by Stillman B. Allen, of Boston, to the boy of York county, Maine, who should raise the greatest amount of corn on one eighth of an acre this year has been awarded to Joseph Milliken, Jr., of Biddeford, who raised 1,404 pounds.

THE SAHARA.—A new Cunard steamer is being built on the Clyde and is to be ready for sea in March 1881. The following are its dimensions:—

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