# The Messenger Almanac.

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.  Day Sun. Moon. High Tide  Rise Sets, Rises, South, Sets. at Halifax
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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 Tormen-

tine, 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. LATER. A Yarmouth, 2 hours 20 minutes

FOR THE LENGTH OF THE DAY, -Add 12 hours to the time of the sun's setting, and rom the sum subtract the time of rising. FOR THE LENGTH OF THE NIGHT.—Sub-

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## THE HOUSEHOLD

For the Christian Messenger. Kindling a fire with green Wood.

It is very poor economy to burn green wood, if you can help it. But, if you cannot help it, or are in circumstances that you need a fire, and have nothing but green wood, you can do it if you know how. Of course you are supposed to have an axe and a sharp knife. Now then, chop and split your wood. Split a small quantity of it as fine as you can possibly split it with the axe. Then take your knife and reduce a few sticks still nearer down to nothing. Finish the whitling process by shaving a handful or so as thin as you can possibly shave them. Now strike your match, and apply it to these thin shavings. They will blaze at once. Now whitlings, and they will take fire, and you can then apply coarser ones. Your fire is now fairly started, and you can keep it going by adding finely split wood, increasing the size till you can put on as large logs as you choose, and you may then hang up an ox, and build your fire around it, and roast and eat it at your leisure. Set yeur boys-who are always fond of making fires-when it is play and not work, try the experiment on a small scale, and they shall have the recipe GRANDFATHER.

OATMEAL PUDDING .- Put in a basin a fourth of a pint of cold milk and mix At Charlottetown, 2 hours 56 minutes a fourth of a pint of cold milk and mix into two ounces of finely ground oatmeal; then add to it a pint of boiling milk-mixing it this way prevents lumps-put it on the fire and let it boil ten minutes; have some dried bread crumbs, and taking off the oatmeal, mix in the crumbs until the whole is rather stiff; chop two ounces of suet; cut up as fine as possible one small onion, beat up the whites and yolks of two eggs and a sprinkle of sage and marjoram, and mix these with the cold porridge; butter a pan put in your mixture, and bake for an hour. When roast beef is scarce, oatmeal pudding. with a little gravy, ekes out the

> LABOR-SAVING BORAX .- The washerwomen of Holland and Belgium, so proverbially clean, and who get up their linen so beautifully white, use refined borax as a washing powder, instead of soda, in the proportion of a large handful of pulverized borax to about ten gallons of boiling water. They save in soap one-half. All other large washing establishments adopt the same mode. For laces, cambrics, etc., an extra quantity of the powder is used, and for crinolines required to be made very stiff as follows, "Admit bearer and one a strong solution is necessary. Borax wife." being a neutral salt does not in the slightest degree injure the texture of the linen; its effect is to soften the hardest water, and it should be kept on every toilet table. To the taste it is rather sweet, is used for cleaning the hair, is an excellent dentrifrice, and in hot countries is used with tartaric acid and bicarbonate of soda as a cooling beverage. Good tea cannot be made from hard water; all water can be made soft by adding a teaspoonful of pulverized borax to an ordinary sized what I said. kettle of water, in which it should boil. The saving in the quantity of tea used will be at least one-fifth.

CHICKEN FRICASSEE .- Divide the fowls, wash well and lay in a flat-bottomed vessel, with the bone side down, and cover with equal parts of milk and boiling water; let it simmer until tender, skim off the fat that rises to the top season with salt and white pepper. Pile the chickens nicely on the serving dish, and keep hot. Put into the gravy a onion, a blade of mace, a gil! of thick cream, the yolks of two eggs, and one spoonful of butter, rubbed to a cream in two spoonfuls of flour. Let all boil a few minutes. Take out the parsley and mace, and pour the gravy over the chicken. This is most delicious.

Fried Chicken No. 1.- Have some lard very hot; sprinkle the pieces of chicken well with flour; put them in and cover tightly for a while; cook as fast as you can without burning. After a little while take off the lid; season with salt and pepper, and if brown, turn the pieces and brown again as fast as possible. We think the meat is more tender and much more juicy than if allowed a longer time over a slow fire.

Fried Chicken No. 2 .- Fried chickens with cream dressing are good, served with cauliflower on the same dish, with the same sauce poured over both. A boiled chicken is generally served in a bed of boiled rice.

A row of baked tomatoes is a pretty garnish around a roast chicken.

It is now quite fashionable to servesalads with chickens .- Country Gentle-

## SCIENCE.

CHARCOAL AS AN ABSORBENT .-- The absorptive power of charcoal is well known in the arts. Its capacity in this direction in most remarkable. Accurate experiment has proved that in twenty-four hours it would absorb ninety times its own volume of ammonical gas, eighty-five times its volume of muratic acid gas, and sixty-five times its volume af sulphurous acid gas. It is this remarkable quality that makes it so valuable in destroying odor, color, taste in many substances, and preserving meats, vegetables and fruits, from put on first the smallest of the small rapid decay. Its use as a filter in cisterns is well known, and its value here depends upon the same quality. It separates and appropriates to itself the decaying matter and other impurities in water, rendering it pure and sweet. If placed on the surface of the soil, it will gather from the air moisture and gases, and impart them to the growing plants. On the same principle its value in the barnyard, stable and hogpens, as an absorptive agent, is incalculable. When used for this purpose to form the basis of manure. it should be in the powdered state. - Ohio Farmer.

> THE FOOD TO MAKE FLESH.-In general we do not think health is prois no advantage in ignorance. Here is a hint from the Toledo Blade:

Sugar, syrup, fresh cheese, wheaten grits, hominy, juicy meats, are the food to make flesh. Almost any woman will get plump on brown bread and wheaten grits, or oatmeal twice a day, with meat and vegetables in plenty at breakfast and dinner, and a supper of brown biscuit, with sweetmeats, cheese and cream, or coffee drank with plenty of sugar and milk. It is not necessary to eat largely if the appetite does not call for it, but the food must be tempting, and if hunger is keen, one who would be plump and spirited must not be afraid to indulge it. Unrelishing distasteful food, though it may be considered healthy, will not nourish and stimulate like what is piquant and savory, and changed in variety day by

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Professor: "Mr-, you have a wonderful faculty for learning to forget." Student (aside): " Not so much that I learn to forget, as that I forget to learn."-New York University Quar-

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