

The Messenger Almanac.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, High Tide, and Low Tide. Includes dates for First Quarter, Full Moon, Last Quarter, and New Moon.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Position gives the time of high water at Parrboro, Cornwallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport, and Truro.

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THE HOUSE.

THE BEST WOOD TO USE.—The fuel question is one of a good deal of moment not only to city and village folks, but also to the farmer. Some people will give a dollar or more a cord for this wood in preference to any other variety offered in the market, but it is far from being the most economical.

HOME MADE CONFECTIONERY.—Pop-corn balls are easily made by boiling some molasses until it will harden in cold water, then pour it over the pop-corn, take it into a cool room, butter your hands and roll the corn into the proper shape.

White candy, take one quart of granulated sugar, one pint of water, two tablespoonsful of vinegar, boil just as you do molasses candy, but do not stir it: you can tell when it is done by trying it in cold water.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW.—House-keepers are often greatly troubled and perplexed by mildew from damp closets and from rust. By putting an earthen bowl or deep plate full of quicklime into the closet the lime will absorb the dampness, and also sweeten and disinfect the place.

A little ginger put into sausage meat improves the flavour. Broil steak without salting; salt draws the juices in cooking.

Beef having a tendency to be tough can be made very palatable by stewing gently for two hours, pepper and salt, taking out about a pint of the liquid when half done, and letting the rest boil into the meat.

The skin of a boiled egg is the most efficacious remedy that can be applied to a boil; peel it carefully, wet, and apply it to the part affected, and it will draw off the matter and relieve the soreness in a few hours.

GUM ARABIC WATER.—Put one ounce of gum into a jar, with two ounces of sugar candy and one pint of water. Set in a saucepan of water, and stir until dissolved. This is excellent for consumptive patients as a night drink, for hectic cough, etc.

Nausea can frequently be prevented, so it is said, by holding the hands in water as hot as can be borne, letting it extend over the wrists. A piece of beef is much more tender and juicy when the animal has been fed on roots than beef made where no roots have been fed.

SCIENCE.

The Prall Company proposes to warm towns by means of superheated water. In New York recently this company gave a dinner to the Society of Civil Engineers for which all the viands were cooked by means of superheated water.

That gorgeous ornament of old-fashioned gardens, the sunflower, seems to be coming into favor again. The seed is highly recommended as food for poultry, both for giving a brilliant and glossy appearance to the plumage and for stimulating the production of eggs.

Socrates said that there are two sciences which every man ought to learn—first the science of speech, and second, the more difficult one of silence.

A singular surgical operation has been performed successfully by M. Koberle. It is the amputation of no less than two metres of the smaller intestine. The subject was a young woman of twenty-two.

Last year two French students were much burned about the face by the explosion of a retort filled with boiling sulphuric acid. They were at once taken to a druggist, M. Alanoer, who covered their faces 2 mm. thick with a soft paste made of calcined magnesia and water.

HEALTH HINTS.

HOW I TREATED MY BABY.—A mother writes to a Health Journal as to how she treated her baby, or rather how she didn't treat him. In the first place before he was three years old, he didn't have several teaspoonfuls of sugar and water, nor anything else, forced into his tender stomach; and he never has tasted catnip tea or any other kind of tea.

FOR DYSPEPSIA IN ANY FORM.—One half pound carbonate soda, one ounce bismuth, one ounce pepsin, one half ounce Jamaica ginger. Add one quart of water, cork tight. Shake well before using. Dose, one tablespoonful after eating. Be careful about diet, eating no grease or rich sauce till the stomach regains its strength.

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