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#### CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

#### ing appreciated, and will not long be THE HOUSE. THE FARM. tolerated. Some way will be advised to turn it to better account. Borax is better than soap in CORNTALKS AND STRAW FOR FUEL THE cleansing the hands, and it softens -A story told by Eli Perkins has USEFUL HINTS .- If your coal fire the skin. For washing the hair, some interest for Northwestern is low, throw on a tablespoonful of cleansing brushes and combs, in exfarmers :-salt and it will help it very much .--tracting dirt from clothes without The smartest-man I've met in In icing cakes, dip the knife frerubbing, in driving away ants and Iowa is a farmer near Fort Dodge. quently into cold water .- In boiling roaches, it is the housekeeper's His name is Bill Ruggles. He has meat for soup, use cold water to exfriend. a 400 acre farm, a splendid dairy, tract the juices. If the meat is a coal mine under his farm, and a quired. Apply to wanted for itself alone, plunge STEWED CLAMS .-- Of clams and fine belt of hard timber within sight in boiling water at once .--- You can how to stew them, "Bob the sea get a bottle or barrel of oil off any of his house. Cook" writes thus enthusiastically : carpet or woolen stuff by applying When I went into Mr. Ruggles' "Take a quantity of them and scrub d-y buckwheat plentifully and faithlarge sitting-room I noticed a very the shells well, and put them in a fully. Never put water to such a large stove. It was the shape of a clean iron pot, stirring them occasparallelopipedon-about four feet grease spot, or liquid of any kind .-ionally, when they will open of their Broil steak without salting. Salt long, three high, and the same own accord ; take out the meat and draws the juices in cooking; it is debroad. It heated the sittingroom put them on a strainer, and pour a sirable to keep these in if possible. and hall very nicely. little cold water on them, because, Cook over a hot fire, turning fre- each, \$15 per dozen. Special terms to

"I see you burn wood Mr. Ruggles," I remarked as I held my hands up to warm them. "No, sir-I can't afford to burn

wood; its too much work to cut

"Then coal I suppose ?" I continued.

"No sir-too much work to dig coal. I'm burning something that beats coal or wood-cheaper than either of them, though I have both coal and wood on the farm." "Well, what can you burn cheaper than coal or wood?" I asked, desiring to solve the problem. "Why, I burn constalks, sir

Cornstalks are the cheapest and best fuel on earth. It is ten times as easy to gather cornstalks and tie them into bunches as it is to cut

do what you may, a little sand and grit will remain if you don't do this; then take a stew-pan and put in that a quarter of a pound of butter, some chopped parsley, some cracker dust, a little pepper, not much salt, and the juice of a lemon, and when it is right hot, then put in your clams and cook just five min utes.

#### FLOWER SEED IN POTS .- A few general rules are applicable to all seeds sown in pots :---

1. All pots and pans used for seeds sowing should be well drained in the ordinary way, and, as fine soil is much employed in seed sowing, a layer of dry moss or of roughish soil should separate the drainage and the fine soil above. down those trees. Why, I can go into the cornfield with two men and in a day bundle up cornstaiks all pots, pans, &c., used for seed sowenough to warm my house all ing, should be finely pulverized by sifting. "Let me see you put some corn-3. Good sandy loam may be taken as the basis of all soils used for seed and the substance thoroughly dried. stalks into the stove," I said. Mr. Ruggles stepped to the doo: growing, but it shoud always have and brought in a bundle of cornstalks at least half its buck of finely purabout two feet through. They were verized leaf mould, peat, or some bound tightly together. The bundle vegetable soil in it, and fully one weighed about thirty pounds. Then, fourth of the whole should be sand. lifting the top off the stove, he laid 4. The soil should be made perthem in upon the glowing embers fectly fine and firm in the pots, and closed up the front damper. "How long will they burn?" I seeds.

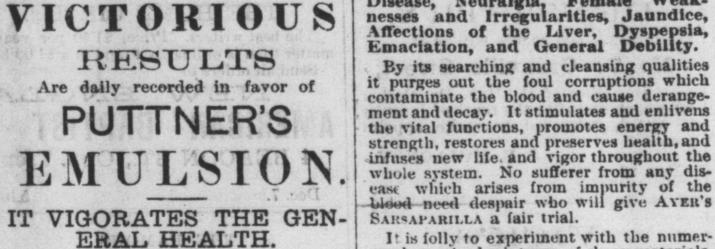
quently, searing on both sides. Place on a platter; salt and pepper to taste -Beef having a tendency to be tough can be made very palatable by stewing gently for two hours, pepper and salt, taking out about a pint of the liquid when half done, and letting the rest boil into the meat. Brown the meat in the pot. After taking up, make a gravy of the pint of liquid saved. A small piece of charcoal in the pot with boiling cabbage removes the smell.-Clean oilcloth with milk and water; a brush and soap will

ruin them.-Tumblers that have had milk in them should never be put in hot water .- A spoonful of stewed tomatoes in the gravy of either roasted or fried meats is an improvement.

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5. All seeds sown in pots, frames, "Three hours. I don't let them or houses, require shading during a heavy percentage in the use of other burn with a flame. My stove sunshine, and it is particularly ne- kinds. closes air-tight. I let them burn cessary for the smaller seeds on the slowly without flame. I get all the surface. heat there is in them. The stove is

large, with an immense radiating SWILL BARRELS.—A swill barrel surface. It doesn't have to be very on the farm, where every waste substance is thrown to sour and rot, "Now," said Mr. Ruggles,"five such is a piece of furniture we have little bundles a day keep my sitting room respect for. There is no place for warm-or 600 bundles for the winit in the house, nor in the dairy ter. I can bind up 600 bundles of room, nor in the barn, it is far betcornstalks in two days alone. I ter to abolish it entirely or else couldn't chop the wood to warm keep enough swine to consume all this room in a week. Then is the the waste of the kitchen, dairy, and spring I have a load of strong ashes farm in a fresh condition. for my wheat field, while my neigh-

bors have to cut up the same cornstalks in the spring to get them pint of new milk, one cup of sugar. away from the harrow. It makes scant half cup of shortening (I use me smile when I hear about these equal parts of lard and butter), idiots up in Minnesota who have two thirds cup of good yeast, one fifty acre corn-fields, and still go egg, mix up hard with patent procold or buy coal. Why, I'd rather cess flour, let it rise over night, or burn cornstalks than cut maple wood until perfectly light, then roll out, cut in shapes, and place on a cloth How would wheat straw do ?" I sprinkled with flour (the cloth, of course, laid on a board), let them "Just as well, only the stove rise until very light and puffy, then would have to be twice as large. fry in hot fit, two-thirds lard and I'd have it made of sixteenth-of-anone-third suet. They are nice, and inch boiler iron, four feet long and as healthy as doughnuts can be, for

### VARIETIES.

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four feet high, with one little damp- they do not soak fat. er, which could be closed air-tight." These stoves can be made of NORFOLK DUMPLINGS. - Make a sheet iron. Any timer can make very light dough with baking powthem. They should be large air- der, as if for bread, with milk or tight vats, with little pipes, and one water and salt added. Have ready little damper, which can be closed a large stewpan of boiling water. tight by drawing a piece of sheet Make the dough into balls the size iron over it. These stoves can be of a medium dumpling, throw them made three-cornered, and set in the | in and boil them for twenty minutes corner of a room out of the way. without taking off the lid. To To keep them from burning the ascertain when they are done partition, put a layer of mortar or a enough stick a fork into one and if row of bricks between the stove it comes out clear it is done. Beand the partitions, also have brick fore serving tear them apart on the

and mortar under them. This thick top with two forks, as they become brick and mortar will serve as a heavy by their own steam. Serve reservoir of heat, and one hot will with butter, sugar, or syrup.

remain hot for hours. One man in Minnesota showed SKIM MILK, being really the lifeme a stove for burning straw, which sustaining and most valuable part was built of brick. It was set into of the milk, will not always be the side of the house so as to warm wasted as it is at present. It will two rooms and was fed from a third be utilized as human food and room, which was the wood-shed. acquire an increased value, and this Thus the dirt, ashes, and straw all while it will enchance the income of littered up in the wood shed, while the producer, can not fail to have a the clean heat came in the house. bearing on other dairy products. On each side of the stove, between | Considerable advances have already the stove and the partitions, were been made in this direction. The layers of brick a foot thick, which enormous waste of flesh forming Saxon- And are you the oldest?' Pat, acted as heat-reservoirs.

had robbed his client.' The attorney sat down, amid the laughter of the spectators.

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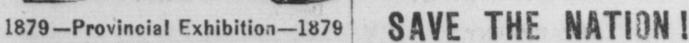
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