

THE HOUSE.

TEMPERATURE FOR KEEPING APPLES.—Apples need to be kept as cool as possible without freezing; they will endure a little frost much better than too warm a temperature, 30° to 34° is best; when it rises above 40° they don't keep well, and a temperature over 50° will speedily spoil them.

GREEN FOOD FOR POULTRY.—As a rule, with the single exception of onions, which should be given once a week, it makes but little difference what kind of green food is supplied, the price and keeping qualities alone being considered.

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are lovely rooms in which there is not one piece of fine furniture, a bit of elegant upholstery, but where the taste of the occupants has found beautiful expression in calico, and ingrain wood-engravings and such resources as bounteous nature bestows on us all—ferns and flowers and sunshine and domestic pets.

SCIENCE.

A New York paper states that recent discoveries in electricity will work a revolution in telephones, and put a man in New York in condition to converse with a person in London, Paris, Vienna, etc. It says: "Quiet experiments have succeeded in demonstrating that the human voice can be distinctly heard at least one thousand miles, and the inventor of the submarine system proposes to apply a new system of repeaters which will render transmission over any distance on the sea as easy as on land."

Dr. Wood, professor of chemistry in the Medical Department of Bishop's college, Montreal, reports in the Canadian Medical Record a number of cases in which acute rheumatism was cured by fasting, usually from four to eight days. In no case was it necessary to fast more than ten days. Less positive results were obtained in cases of chronic rheumatism. The patients were allowed to drink freely of cold water, or lemonade in moderate quantities if they preferred. No medicines were given. Dr. Wood says that from the quick and almost invariably good results obtained by simple abstinence from food in more than forty cases in his own practice he is inclined to believe that rheumatism, is after all, only a phase of indigestion, to be cured by giving complete and continued rest to all the viscera.

VARIETIES.

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