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But the mop never stops, though the mother's heart bleeds for her suffering babes. Stroke follows stroke, and the baffled flames die sullenly away, leaving acres and acres in its track covered with smouldering debris. The sun has gone down. The chills of night have settled around her. Two little boys, all grime and dust, are heavily sleeping. But the mother keeps on Her task must be done, all done. The stars come out, and the earth grows black. At last the fire is all out. It is a dark cold night. The woods look gloomy and forbidding, as that lone woman, tired as few women are ever tired, wakes up her sleeping boys, gath ers the younger to her bosom, and slowly drags her homeward way.

Yes! her home is still there. The fire has come and gone but left only blackness and ashes in its wake. Another cannot follow. She has con-

This tale is true. I knew her long and well who fought that fire. I know and love her still. I was one of those boys .- Golden Rule.

#### HOUSEHOLD.

FACTS WORTH KNOWING AROUND THE LAUNDRY .- That by adding two parts of cream of tartar to one part of oxalic acid, ground fine and kept dry, in a bottle, you will find, by applying a little of the powder to rust stains while the article is wet, that the result is much quicker and better. Wash out in clear warm water to prevent injury to the goods.

That cold rain water and soap will take out machine grease, where other means would not be advisable

on account of colors running, etc. That turpentine in small quantities may be used in boiling white drives off all odor. Resin in soap is quite another thing; it injures and discolors some goods, and shrinks woolens. Soap men argue that on account of the turpentine in the resin it assists in the washing. is used for a filler and to make the on the consumer.

That kerosene will soften leather belts or boots that have become hard from exposure or use around the wash room. Good for the harness when hard from rain or dampgrease with good animal oil or dressing like the following.

That the government harness dressing is as follows: One gallon of neatsfoot oil, two pounds of Bayberry tallow, two pounds beeswax, two pounds of beef tallow. Put the above in a pan over a moderate fire. When thoroughly dissolved add two quarts of castor oil, then while on the fire stir in one ounce of lampblack. Mix well and strain through a fine cloth to remove sediment, let cool, and you have as fine a dressing for harness or leather as

either dry or wet to the burned part immediately, the sense of relief is magical. It seems to withdraw the heat and with it the pain. Keep it in the ironing room.

can be had.

with in works or articles on cleaning and dyeing, is made of one gallon of water and four pounds of ordinary washing soda. Boil for five or ten minutes, then add one pound of chloride of lime. Let cool, and keep corked in a jug or tight vessel.

That when acid has been dropped on any article of clothing. liquid ammonia will kill the acid, and then by applying chloroform you will restore the color in most cases.

That "cyanide of potassium" will remove all indelible inks whose base is nitrate of silver. Being a Turpentine or alcohol rubbed in hot removes the new inks, using soda and soap freely in hot water afterward.—National Laundry jour-

THINGS WORTH KNOWING .- That a little water in butter will prevent it from burning when frying.

That pennyroyal distributed in drive them away.

mice out of your house.

is healthful.

That leaves of parsley eaten with a little vinegar will prevent the disagreeable consequences of a tainted breath by onions.

Summer drink.

RICE FRITTERS.—Two eggs, one pint of milk, half-pint of boiled rice, two table-spoonfuls of butter, sufficient flour to make a thin batter. Beat the eggs separately; put the and serve at once.

MAKING APPLE JELLY .- THE Editor of the Maine Farm thus describes methods and results in an apple jelly factory which he visited in Halifax, N. S., last fall:-

A water power and building used portions of the year for the manufacture of short lumber and chair stuff, is changed to drive a cider mill of sufficient capacity to grind 100 bushels of sick-room: Take of rosemary, wormapples in twenty minutes. From a tank goods to a great advantage, as it beneath the press it is pumped up into improves the color, and the boiling another on the floor above it, from whence it is conveyed in a pipe to an adjacent building, and into an evaporator such as is used for evaporating sap or sorghum juice, except it is of copper instead of iron. The evaporator is twelve feet long, and by working the day and making a long evening, 30 barrels of cider can be condensed. soap hard and cheap. It is a fraud | Apple jelly is simply condensed cider, the bulk of the water being removed by evaporation, and all other substances remaining. No sugar is used in this manufactory, though it can be added if desired. As here manufactured it takes the place of the old-fashioned cider apple sauce, only it is purer and better. ness. Wash with warm water, then We prefer it without the sugar, and manufactured without it, it is much

The jelly as it comes from the evaporator is about the consistency of good thick syrup. It is drawn off into buckets or boxes and soon assumes the jelly top downward without disturbing the contents. The cider must be evaporated before fermentation takes place. The apples we saw were native fruit, and of no value except for feeding to stock or conversion into cider. The proprietors paid ten cents per bushel delivered. Ten bushels of such apples will make a barrel of cider, and seven barrels of cider one of jelly. The That Javelle water, often met here are cheaply made, and each holds half the usual time. 61 rounds net. Six of these are put into a cheaply constructed crate, and the product is thus sent to the market.

#### SCIENCE.

glorious and welcome revealer of God's truths. Let her only be rightly, cautiously, and reverently interpreted.—Roden Noel.

Good cast steel will harden by being plunged into cold water while red hot. If the steel is decarbonized steel it may be casehardened deadly poison, it will be hard to get | by heating red hot, covering it with from the druggist in most cities. powdered prussiate of potash, and plunging into cold water.

As the result of a number of observations on the star Arcturus, made at Greenwich, by a new method of Dr. Huggins for measuring the approach and recession of the so-called "fixed" stars in direct line, the Astronomer Royal concludes that this brilliantly scintilplaces frequented by roaches will lating star is coming rapidly towards us, with a velocity of more than fifty That wild mint will keep rats and | miles per second, or about 3,000 miles per minute, 180,000 miles per

That five quarts of boiling water hour, 4,320,000 miles per day. It poured on a package of pearline may be travelling in a mighty orbit will make an excellent soft soap. of many years' duration, or ap-Let it remain over night to harden. proaching us at this speed. But, That lime sprinkled in the fire should it continue to approach at places during the summer months | this rate, it will be 93,000 years before it arrives.

A correspondent of the Scientific American suggests that dogs may not only be made profitable in mines by being taught to draw small carts, RASPBERRY VINEGAR .- Fill a stone | but it is entirely feasible to teach crock with ripe raspberries, just them patrol mines as detectors of cover with pure cider vinegar, cover, the presence of fire-damp or natural and let stand a week. Then pass | gas. A dog of 16 or 20 inches high | "Nova Scotian," from London, a large through a fine sieve, carefully press- is recommended as likely to be most | variety of ing out all the juice, and to each serviceable in the work, but he should pint of this liquid add a pound and be trained by the watchman so as a half of granulated sugar, and let to be always ready to make rapidly it heat until the sugar is dissolved. the rounds of the mine before the Skim, take from the fire, let cool, watchman starts. The plan is to bottle and cork tightly. Two or send the dog through the mine. If three spoonfuls of this vinegar added he returns it will be known that the quered. Her little home and crops are to a glass of water, make a delicious mine is safe. Failure of doggy to come back indicates danger from gas. Rather hard on the dog; but after all a man is of more value than a brute.

> Some one has been making a calculation that, if it were possible to butter in the milk and warm until take a journey to the nearest fixed the butter melts; add the yolks of star-Alpha Centauri-and were to the eggs, rice, flour and other in- travel at the rate of sixty miles an gredients. Drop a large spoonful hour, it would take nearly fifty milat a time in boiling lard, fry brown, lion years to reach it; and at the rate of one penny per mile, the cost of a ticket for the whole journey would be the entire National Debt of England multiplied one hundred and fifty times.

#### HEALTH HINTS.

A VALUABLE RECIPE.—The following recipe makes a delicious, refreshing and cooling wash for the wood, rue, lavender, sage and mint a large handful of each; place in a stone jar, and turn over it one gallon of strong cider vinegar, cover closely, and keep near the fire for four days; then strain, and add one ounce of powdered camphor-gum; bottle and keep tightly corked.

There is a French legend connected with this preparation (called vinaigre a quatre volours). During the plague at Marseilles a band of robbers plundered the dying and dead without injury to themselves. They were imprisoned, tried and condemned to die, but were pardoned on condition of disclosing the secret whereby they could ransack houses infected with the terrible scourge. They gave the above recipe. Another mode of using it is to wash the face and hands with it before exposing one's self to any infection. form, so that the box can be turned It is very aromatic and refreshing in the sick room, so, it it can't accomplish nothing more it is of great value to nurses.

### FARM AND GARDEN.

HARD MILKERS .- A correspondent of the Mirror and Farmer applies the "hot water cure" to hard milking apples for a barrel of jelly cost the cows in this way: "Before milking, That baking soda gives instant | manufacturer \$7, and the jelly made | put two or three handfuls of water upon relief to a burn or scald. Applied from seven barrels of cider of 32 gal- each teat as hot as the hand will bear. lons each, 71 cents per pound, the pre- After giving the teats a thorough soaksent wholesale price, is worth \$26.40. ing, wipe lightly with a dry cloth or At this rate the jelly men are getting, strip with the hand until there is no the lion's share of the profits, after danger of the water dripping into the reckoning the expense of manufacturing pail; then milk at once." By this boxing, and marketing. The boxes means a hard milker can be milked in

> Do TOADS DO HARM?-Strange as it may appear, all do not recognize a friend in the toad, for we are asked, " if they do any harm in the garden?" Under the writer's front stoop there is Science in her own province is a a shelter for several toads, and it is great amusement to watch them as they come out towards night for their evening meal. An insect is seen, and then he is not. One can not, at first sight, follow the rapid motion of the tongue of the toad, as it whips up the insect with the rapidity of a wink. The ancient belief that the toad's head contained a "jewel," must have had reference to that tongue of his, which is indeed a "a jewel" in the way of an insect destroyer. Harris, the entomologist, states that he fed a toad with some black caterpillars, about three-fourths of an inch long. When he had fed a hundred he was tired, but the toad was not, but was ready for more. Toads are welcomed in our garden, but snakes, which sometimes come in from the woods near by are not, but only because they prey upon toads. By all means encourage the toads, and discourage the snakes.

> > Our boys should all be gentlemen; Now don't misunderstand, And think I mean that they should all Be polished, stiff and grand.

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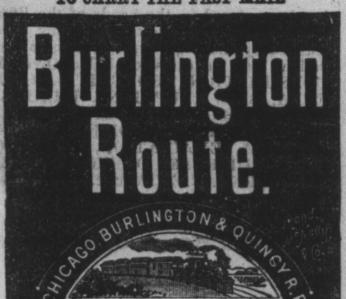
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