

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.

Yes! her home is still there. The fire has come and gone but left only blackness and ashes in its wake.

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.

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 goods to a great advantage, as it improves the color, and the boiling drives off all odor.

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 dampness.

That the government harness dressing is as follows: One gallon of neatfoot oil, two pounds of Bayberry tallow, two pounds of beeswax, two pounds of beef tallow. Put the above in a pan over a moderate fire.

That baking soda gives instant relief to a burn or scald. Applied 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.

That Javelle water, often met 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.

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 deadly poison, it will be hard to get from the druggist in most cities.

Things worth knowing.—That a little water in butter will prevent it from burning when frying.

That pennyroyal distributed in places frequented by roaches will drive them away.

That wild mint will keep rats and mice out of your house.

That five quarts of boiling water poured on a package of pearlina will make an excellent soft soap. Let it remain over night to harden.

That lime sprinkled in the fire places during the summer months is healthful.

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

RASPBERRY VINEGAR.—Fill a stone crock with ripe raspberries, just cover with pure cider vinegar, cover, and let stand a week.

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.

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 apples in twenty minutes.

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 form, so that the box can be turned downward without disturbing the contents.

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.

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SCIENCE.

Science in her own province is a 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 by heating red hot, covering it with 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 scintillating star is coming rapidly towards us, with a velocity of more than fifty miles per second, or about 3,000 miles per minute, 180,000 miles per

hour, 4,320,000 miles per day. It may be travelling in a mighty orbit of many years' duration, or approaching us at this speed. But, should it continue to approach at 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, but it is entirely feasible to teach them patrol mines as detectors of the presence of fire-damp or natural gas.

Some one has been making a calculation that, if it were possible to take a journey to the nearest fixed star—Alpha Centauri—and were to travel at the rate of sixty miles an hour, it would take nearly fifty million 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 sick-room: Take of rosemary, wormwood, 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 couleurs). 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. It is very aromatic and refreshing in the sick room, so, if 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 cows in this way: "Before milking, put two or three handfuls of water upon each teat as hot as the hand will bear. After giving the teats a thorough soaking, wipe lightly with a dry cloth or strip with the hand until there is no danger of the water dripping into the pail; then milk at once." By this means a hard milker can be milked in half the usual time.

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 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.

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