

HEALTH HINTS.

CURING WEAK EYES.—Bathe your eyes daily in salt water; not salt enough though to cause a smarting sensation.

RHEUMATISM.—Rheumatism, like gout, is a consequence of dietetic abuses. Counter-irritants, hot baths, etc., can effect a brief respite, but the only permanent specific is fasting.

BURNS AND SCALDS.—Loose cotton slightly moistened with linseed oil has an almost magical effect in relieving the pain of severe burns.

INDIGESTION.—Among our vegetables are those containing sulphur such as onions, leeks, water-cresses, radishes, mustard and cress, etc.

SCROFULA.—A scrofulous taint is in some cases hereditary, and yields only to years of dietetic reform.

HOUSEHOLD.

POTATO PIE.—Boil half-a-dozen potatoes (peeled) until done; mash them through a colander; beat four eggs light, and cream one cup of sugar and half-cup of butter, add these to the potatoes, beating all until perfectly light.

SODA SCONES.—In baking scones, take two breakfast-cupfuls of flour, a pinch of salt, one large spoonful of sugar, one teaspoonful of carbonate of soda, and mix together in a basin.

GINGER SNAPS.—One cup butter, one cup sugar, one cup molasses, one third cup ginger, one teaspoonful soda, flour to make stiff dough.

Soaking a ham over night before boiling takes away much of its saltiness and rancidity. It will also cook in less time and have a better flavor than if not previously soaked.

LEMON BUTTER.—Grate two lemons, add two cups of sugar and a piece of butter the size of an egg; add three eggs, beat well, then stir until thick enough.

FARM AND GARDEN.

HORSE MAXIMS.—Never allow any one to tickle your horse in the stable. The animal only feels the torment and does not understand the joke.

Change the litter partially in some parts and entirely in others every morning; brush out and clean the stall thoroughly.

To procure a good coat on your horse, use plenty of rubbing and brushing. Plenty of 'elbow grease' opens the pores, softens the skin and promotes the animal's general health.

Use the curry-comb lightly when used roughly it is a source of great pain.

Let the heels be well brushed out every night. Dirt, if allowed to cake in, causes grease and sore heels.

Whenever a horse is washed, never leave him till he is rubbed quite dry. He will probably get a chill if neglected.

When a horse comes off a journey, the first thing is to walk him about till he is cool, if he is brought in hot. This prevents him from taking cold.

Let his legs be well rubbed by the hand. Nothing so soon removes strain. It also detects thorns or splinters, soothes the animal and enables him to feel comfortable.

Let the horse have some exercise every day; otherwise he will be liable to fever or bad feet.

Let your horse stand loose, if possible, without being tied up to the manger. Pain and weariness from a continued position induce bad habits and cause swollen feet and other disorders.

Look often at the animal's legs and feet. Disease or wounds in these parts, if at all neglected, soon become dangerous.

DRIVING FENCE POSTS.—Much needless labour used to be performed in digging post holes for fences. On almost all land every purpose can be served by sharpening the ends of posts and driving them down the required depth.

Tomatoes raised on a poor, light soil will ripen from a week to ten days earlier than those grown on rich soil. The latter will give a rank growth and large, showy fruit.

Scald the milk for calves having the 'scours' says the Prairie Farmer. It checks the complaint gradually and does no harm to digestion.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.—Now is the time to look ahead to the summer garden. Every plant of Geranium, Heliotrope, Fuchsias, and Coleus will furnish half a dozen cuttings or more, and be all the better for giving them.

The best plan I have ever followed for rooting cuttings is this: Take soup plates and fill with clear sand. Saturate this sand thoroughly. You must keep it wet all the time but not muddy.

Never give enough water to make the cuttings rot before roots form. Insert the cuttings in this wet sand, and set the plates in a warm place. It need not be a shady one—indeed, I generally select a sunny one, on account of the heat thus obtained—but any warm place will do.

VARIETIES.

'My lady's little feet are my boast,' was what a bard attempted to sing, but the proof-reader thought he had made a mistake, and changed it to 'My lady's little feet are my boots.'

An English correspondent of Harper's sends the following: 'Our minister, Rev. Mr. S—, was preaching a kind of farewell sermon before leaving town for a few weeks' holiday.

'Oh! my!' exclaimed little Edith, upon her first entrance into the roller-skating rink. 'They are all on casters; Aint they?'

'How do you pronounce 's-t-i-n-g-y?'' asked the teacher of the dance of the class. The boy replied, 'It depends a good deal on whether the word refers to a person or a bee.'

A gentleman met an uncertain acquaintance, who said: 'I'm a little short, and should like to ask you a conundrum in mental arithmetic.' 'Proceed,' replied the gentleman. 'Well,' said the short man, 'suppose you had ten pounds in your pocket, and I should ask you for five pounds, how much would remain?' 'Ten pounds,' was the prompt reply.

AT THE KINDERGARTEN.—'Now children, what is the name of the meal you eat in the morning?' 'Oat meal,' replies a precocious member of the class.

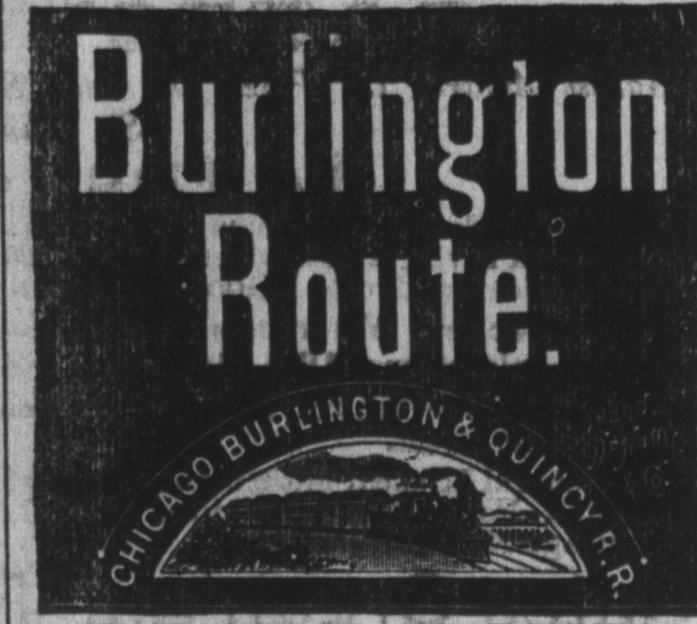
A lady lately offered four prizes to the scholars of the Boston schools, for the best historical essays. Three of these prizes were taken by girls in the Latin and High Schools.

A young lady informed her friend on the train, the other day, loud enough for others to hear, the depth of the hem on her graduating dress for next June. It is well to decide important matters in time.

There is an inscription on a tombstone in the old cemetery in Newport, R. I. reading:—'The human form respected for honesty and known fifty years by the appellation of Christopher Ellery began to dissolve in the month of February, 1789.'

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