

The Messenger Almanac.

MARCH.

New Moon, March 3rd, 11h. 3m. afternoon.
First Quarter, " 11th, 11h. 46m. "
Full Moon, " 18th, 4h. 52m. "
Last Quarter, " 25th, 0h. 35m. "

Day	SUN.	MOON.	High Tide
W.	Rise.	South. Sets.	at Halifax
1 Fr.	6 41 54	4 41 10	27 3 13
2 Sa.	6 40 55	4 1 11	4 4 17
3 Su.	6 38 45	4 19 11	50 5 21
4 M.	6 36 55	4 36 10	52 6 22
5 Tu.	6 34 50	4 53 9	54 7 23
6 W.	6 32 50	5 10 8	56 8 26
7 Th.	6 31 52	5 27 7	58 9 29
8 Fr.	6 29 53	5 45 6	60 10 32
9 Sa.	6 27 54	6 0 5	62 11 35
10 Su.	6 25 56	6 17 4	64 12 38
11 M.	6 23 57	6 34 3	66 1 41
12 Tu.	6 21 58	6 51 2	68 2 44
13 W.	6 20 59	7 8 1	70 3 47
14 Th.	6 18 6	7 25 0	72 4 50
15 Fr.	6 16 6	7 42 0	74 5 53
16 Sa.	6 14 6	7 59 0	76 6 56
17 Su.	6 12 6	8 16 0	78 7 59
18 M.	6 10 6	8 33 0	80 8 62
19 Tu.	6 9 6	8 50 0	82 9 65
20 W.	6 7 6	9 7 0	84 10 68
21 Th.	6 5 6	9 24 0	86 11 71
22 Fr.	6 3 6	9 41 0	88 12 74
23 Sa.	6 1 6	9 58 0	90 1 77
24 Su.	5 59 6	10 15 0	92 2 80
25 M.	5 57 6	10 32 0	94 3 83
26 Tu.	5 55 6	10 49 0	96 4 86
27 W.	5 53 6	11 6 0	98 5 89
28 Th.	5 51 6	11 23 0	100 6 92
29 Fr.	5 49 6	11 40 0	102 7 95
30 Sa.	5 47 6	11 57 0	104 8 98
31 Su.	5 45 6	12 14 0	106 9 101

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southings gives the time of high water at Parrsboro, Cornwallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport, and Truro.

High water at Pictou and Cape Tormentine, 2 hours and 11 minutes LATER than at Halifax. At Annapolis, St. John, N.B., and Portland, 3 hours and 25 minutes LATER, and at St. John's, Newfoundland, 20 minutes EARLIER, than at Halifax. At Charlottetown, 2 hours 56 minutes LATER. A Westport, 2 hours 54 minutes LATER. A Yarmouth, 2 hours 20 minutes LATER.

FOR THE LENGTH OF THE DAY.—Add 12 hours to the time of the sun's setting, and from the sum subtract the time of rising.

FOR THE LENGTH OF THE NIGHT.—Subtract the time of the sun's setting, from 12 hours and to the remainder add the time of rising next morning.

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AGRICULTURE.

HOW TO GROW THE GERANIUM TO FLOWER IN WINTER.—There is perhaps no plant better suited for prolonged flowering during the winter months than the geranium if handled in the following manner:—Procure young plants of the varieties you wish about the middle of May. Put them in four inch pots, this being the best to keep them in for the next four months. Use well decayed sod, adding about one-third cow manure. Mix thoroughly together, but do not make too fine, as the geranium delights in rather a rough compost. Place them in a shady situation, first putting about four inches of ashes under the pots. This will have the effect of keeping worms and other insects out of the pots. Keep them on the dry side, as you do not want to encourage growth. Should any flowers appear pinch them off, also the leading shoots to keep them in shape. Towards the end of September repot them in six-inch pots, that is six inches in diameter, in the compost recommended above. They will now commence to grow freely. About the 10th of October put them in their winter quarters, selecting the window where they will get most sun and light. Plants treated in this manner will flower the whole winter.—*Globe*.

THE CALLA LILY.—The calla lily, when properly treated, is a beautiful plant for house-growing. The *Scientific Farmer* gives the following directions for growing the roots: The best method we tried is to procure an earthen jar—suitably decorated on the outside if desired, by painting or pasting on of frieze or flower pictures, or by paper open-work covering. In this place rich mould, some five or six inches deep, and in this set the calla plant. Now put on the top of this mould a layer of clean, coarse sand, about two inches deep, and on top of this some small pebbles. Then fill the jar with water, and replace as evaporated, so as to always have the water several inches deep above the pebbles. Place in a warm and sunny window, and the plant will throw up large and luxuriant leaves, to be followed by the magnificent bloom. What is still better, the flower-stalks will be sent up in a succession, so as to afford a nearly continuous series of flowers. A few minnows introduced into the water will usually thrive without further care, and afford a pleasing study.

TO DRAIN A HOLLOW.—To drain a depression in a field where a clayey or hard pan subsoil prevents the sinking of rain water and the lay of the land is unfavorable for ordinary methods of drainage, first dig a hole as if for a well, through the impervious stratum at the bottom hollow, fill it up to the brim with refuse stones, remove the excavated earth so as to allow the surface water free access to the pit, and standing water will never injure the grass or grain crop in that part of the field.

TESTING THE PURITY OF MILK.—A German paper communicates a plan of testing milk, which possesses the merit at least of simplicity. A well-polished knitting needle is dipped into a deep vessel of milk, and immediately withdrawn in an upright position, when, if the sample be pure, some of the fluid will be found to adhere to it, while such is not the case if water has been added to the milk, even in the smallest proportions.

VARIETIES.

A correspondent of the *Times* suggests that the patron of Llanfairpwllgwnwglogerbwldysillogog might do well to consider the claims of a clergyman who had a few vowels to spare, like the Rev. Piaratanissatarrunah, who, in 1872, was introduced to the Duke of Edinburgh in New Zealand.

"For what did God make the lilies?" asked a lady of a Sunday-school child in Bethnal-green the other day. "Please mum, to be patterns for artificial flowers," was the child's reply.

An old gentleman bought himself a residence near the burying-ground, "so as to have quiet neighbours, who'd mind their own business."

"Angelina, when will there be only twenty-five letters in the alphabet?" "Oh, Frederick! I could never guess that." "Why, it's when you and I are made one." What a nice conundrum Fred! Do you know any more?

A sky-terrier—The dog-star.

SCIENCE.

OIL OF EGGS.—Extraordinary stories are told of the healing properties of a new oil which is easily made from the yolk of hens' eggs. The eggs are first boiled hard, and the yolks are then removed, crushed, and placed over a fire, where they are carefully stirred until the substance is just on the point of catching fire, when the oil separates, and may be poured off. One yolk will yield nearly two teaspoonfuls of oil. It is in general use among the colonists of South Russia as a means of curing cuts and bruises, etc.

BOILED CABBAGE.—Pick the cabbage to pieces, leaf by leaf; and rinse in cold water; put it into a preserving kettle with two quarts of water and a spoonful of salt; boil till soft, drain it through the colander, put it in a deep dish and put on a generous slice of butter and a cupful of vinegar; keep hot in the oven till needed for the dinner table. Some think this is the nicest way it can be cooked.

Under the new army regulations every Prussian soldier carries in his left trousers pocket the plaster, lint and bandage necessary for the first dressing of a wound, so that in an emergency each can help himself or a comrade.

A tolling machine has been erected at Ealing cemetery at the cost of \$30, and seems to give universal satisfaction. It was calculated that this method of doing things would (at 300 funerals a year) be in the long run cheaper than paying a man threepence an hour to ring the bell. Thus we mourn for the departed.

TO MAKE THE HANDS SOFT.—Take equal portions of glycerine and alcohol; mix well; before retiring at night wash the hands in warm water, and rub well with the lotion.

Professor Wise, the veteran balloonist, says balloons may be made of boiler iron, if built large enough. He says it is a battle of cubes and surfaces. When the surface is doubled the cube is quadrupled, and a balloon 400 feet in diameter, of copper plate, would lift up a man-of-war vessel and sail away with it. He predicts great achievements for meteorology when ballooning reaches its fuller development.

A Frenchman has analyzed the dust and debris of the streets of Paris and Florence, and has found that 35 per cent of that collected from the roadway is iron given off by horses' shoes, and that from 30 to 40 per cent of that taken from the sidewalks is glue. He proposes to utilize both the iron and the glue.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

APPLE MARMALADE.—Take good tart apples, remove the skins and cores, and cook in as little water as possible, letting it simmer slowly to a thick pulp. Then to each pint bowlful of the pulp, take 1 pound of sugar, and melt it in as little hot water as possible; add it to the pulp, but not until it has boiled to a thick syrup. Stir them well together, and boil for 10 or 15 minutes very slowly. When nearly cool, put into small bowls, but do not cover them until the marmalade is perfectly cold. It should be cut into thin slices when served. Quince marmalade made in this manner is very delicious, and if half apples and half quinces are used, the flavor is very fine.

BAKED BEETS.—We have tried them and like them, as they are much sweeter and richer than the boiled. It requires three or four hours to bake them—varying, of course, with the size of the beets—with a good, steady fire.

POTTED BEEF.—Take a piece of lean beef weighing five pounds and free it from the skin and gristle; put in a covered stone jar with a half teacupful of water and stand the jar into a kettle of boiling water to boil from five to six hours; see that the water does not boil into the jar. When done, take it out and cut it in shreds; then pound in a mortar with a seasoning of pepper, salt and ground cloves. When smooth and like paste, mix with it ten ounces of clarified butter; press into little jars, pour butter over the top and tie down for use.

BUTTER TAFFY.—Two cups of white sugar; three quarters of a cup of vinegar, not too strong; three quarters of a cup of butter. Boil until brittle; pour into buttered pans.

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