

Scientific and Useful.

PEACH CAKE.—Bake three layers of sponge cake, cut ripe peaches into very thin slices; prepare some sweet cream by whipping, sweetening and flavouring it; spread the peaches, with the cream poured over, between each layer as also over the top of the cake.

CRAMP IN THE STOMACH.—Opium and other powerful remedies often fail to relieve cramp in the stomach. Hot water sweetened with brown sugar and taken freely, rarely fails to relieve this painful trouble. Swift remedies are always most desirable, as they do not disorganize the system or cause reaction.

JOHNNY CAKE.—To a half pint of meal add warm water enough for a thin batter, half a teaspoonful of melted butter, half a teaspoonful of cream-of-tartar, a little soda and salt. If convenient add an egg. This makes an excellent cake, and to those who have not a full allowance of milk and cream it will prove a great help.

GATHERING FERNS.—Fern-gathering parties are now in order, and ladies and children in many places may already be seen taking short drives into the country and to the water-courses and wild spots along the hills, for the purpose of making cozy homes still more attractive during the fall and winter months by carefully stocked Wardian cases, and the gracefully bending dried fronds. The chief obstacle to pressing ferns for indoor decoration is their disposition to curl up as soon as picked. It is best, therefore, to carry to glen and brake a folio made of white porous paper covered with stiff pasteboard. The ferns should be carefully placed between the pages as gathered, and the stiff cover will hold them in their natural shape.

CROWS.—In defiance of what we were taught in our boyhood regarding the villainous character of the crow, and the almost universal belief that he is an enemy of the husbandman, we treat him with kindness whenever he chooses to visit our grounds. When the time arrives for putting in corn we put up no "scarecrows," but scatter soaked corn over the field, allowing them to take all they want. A few quarts of soft corn, scattered every few days, until the growing crop is too large for the crows to pull, is a better and cheaper protection than any scarecrow, and it encourages the crows to visit the field to hunt for worms, grubs, and noxious insects later in the season. If all our insectivorous birds were encouraged to visit the grain-fields and orchards, there would be less occasion to fight insect pests by more expensive methods. —*Weekly Sun.*

SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE.—The Bible declares scientific truth far in advance of its discovery, far in advance of man's ability to understand its plain declarations. Take a few conspicuous illustrations: The Bible asserted from the first that the present order of things had a beginning. After ages of investigation, after researches in the realms of physics, arguments in metaphysics, and conclusions by the necessities of resistless logic, science has reached the same result. The Bible asserted from the first that creation of matter preceded arrangement. It was chaos; void, without form; darkness; arrangement was a subsequent work. The world was not created in the form it was to have; it was to be moulded, shaped, stratified, coaled, mountained, valleyed subsequently. All of which science utters ages afterward. The Bible did not hesitate to affirm that light existed before the sun, though men did not believe it, and used it as a weapon against inspiration. Now we praise men for having demonstrated the oldest record. It is a recently discovered truth of science that the strata of the earth were formed by the action of water, and that the mountains were once under the ocean. It is an idea long familiar to Bible readers: "Thou coverest the earth with the deep as with a garment. The waters stood above the mountains. At Thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of Thy thunder they hasted away. The mountains ascend, the valleys descend, into the place Thou hast founded for them." Here is a whole volume of geology in a paragraph. The thunder of continental convulsions is God's voice; the mountains rise by God's power; the waters hasted away unto the place God prepared for them. Our slowness of geological discovery is accounted for by Peter: "For of this they are willingly ignorant, that by the Word of God there were heavens of old, and land framed out of water, whereby the world that then was, being overflowed by water, perished." We recognize these geological subsidences, but we read them from the testimony of the rocks more willingly than from the testimony of the Word. —*Recreations in Astronomy, by Dr. H. W. Warren.*



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