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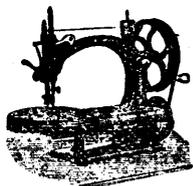
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POTATO SOUP.—Peel, wash, and slice thin a quart of potatoes, set on the fire in two quarts of water, adding two large sprigs of parsley, a little thyme and sweet marjoram cut fine. As soon as the potatoes are cooked rub through a fine sieve with the aid of a wooden spoon. Then return to the fire and stir until near the boiling point, add half a pint of cream and a tablespoonful of butter. It is now ready to serve with the addition of some thin toast, cut into small neat squares.

STINGS.—The pain caused by a sting of a plant or insect is due to the acid poison injected into the blood. The first thing to be done is to press the tube of a small key from side to side to facilitate the expulsion of the sting and its accompanying poison. The sting, if left in the wound, should be carefully extracted. The poison of stings being acid, common sense points to the alkalies as the proper means of cure. Among the most easily procured remedies may be mentioned soft-soap, liquor of ammonia (spirits of hartshorn), smelling-salts, washing soda, quicklime made into a paste with water, lime water, the juice of an onion, tobacco juice, chewed tobacco, bruised dock leaves, tomato juice, wood ashes, tobacco ash, and carbonate of soda.

CLIMATE AND CONSUMPTION.—A writer in the "Medical Journal" makes some definite assertions concerning the influence of climate on pulmonary diseases. No zone, he declares, enjoys entire immunity from pulmonary consumption; moreover, the popular belief that phthisis is common in cold climates is fallacious, and the idea, now so prevalent, that phthisis is rare in warm climates is as untrue as it is dangerous; the disease causes a large proportion of deaths on the sea shore, the mortality diminishing with elevation up to certain point; altitude is inimical to the development of consumption, owing chiefly to the greater purity of the atmosphere in elevated situations, its freedom from organic matter and its richness in ozone; moisture arising from a clay soil, or due to evaporation, is one of the most influential factors in its production; dampness of atmosphere predisposes to the development of the disease, but dryness is of decided value.

HOW TO TELL A HORSE'S AGE.—Eight to fourteen days after birth the first middle nippers of the milk-teeth are cut; four or six weeks afterward the pair next to them; and finally, after six or eight months, the last. All these milk-teeth have a well-defined body, neck, and shoulder fang, and on their front surfaces grooves or furrows, which disappear from the middle nippers at the end of one year, from the next pair in two years, and from the incisive teeth (cutters) in three years. At the age of two the nippers become loose and fall out; in their places appear two permanent teeth, with deep, black cavities, and full, sharp edges. At the age of three the next pair fall out; at four the old corner teeth fall out; at five years old the horse has his permanent set of teeth. The teeth grow in length as the horse advances in years, but at the same time his teeth are worn away by use about one-twelfth of an inch every year; so that the black cavities of the nippers below disappear in the sixth year; those of the next pair in the seventh year; and those of the corner teeth in the eighth year; also the outer corner teeth of the upper and lower jaws just meet at the eighth year of age. At nine years old cups leave the two centre nippers above, and each of the two upper corner teeth have a little sharp protrusion at the extreme outer corner. At the age of ten the cups disappear from the adjoining teeth; at the age of eleven the cups disappear from the corner teeth above, and are only indicated by brownish spots. The oval form becomes broader, and changes, from the twelfth to the sixteenth year, more and more into a triangular form, and the teeth lose, finally, with the twentieth year, all regularity. There is nothing remaining in the teeth that can, afterward, clearly shew the age of the horse, or justify the most experienced examiner in giving a positive opinion. The tusks, or canine teeth, conical in shape, with a sharp point and curved, are cut between the third and fourth years; and their points become more and more rounded, until the ninth year, and after that more dull in the course of years, and lose, finally, all regular shape. Mares have frequently no tusks, or only very faintly indicated.—*Exchange.*