

the edge of the pan, hold the knife well under the outer edge of the pan and pinch it between the thumb and finger right on top of the pan. A rolling-pin is best not to be washed; scrape the dough off well and rub with a dry towel. In this case it will always be dry, and if well floured it will never stick.

Cut up a part of the pumpkin, wash, and boil with the rind on until well cooked. Run through a colander to separate rind from pumpkin.

To make two pies, take a quart of the pumpkins and mix with it the following:

Two eggs.

Two-thirds of a cup of granulated sugar. One teaspoonful of cinnamon.

A pinch of salt.

Enough sweet milk to bring whole to the right consistency.

Pour on crust in tins and bake in moderate oven, until nicely browned.—Grandma Phelps's recipe for pumpkin pie.

### The Household.

A few grains of rice in the salt shakers will prevent the salt from caking, and cause it to sprinkle out freely.

To keep the color of parsley, dip it for a minute or two in boiling water, then shake off the water and chop fine for soup or sauce.

If a lamp gets overturned water will be no use in extinguishing the flames. Earth, sand or flour thrown on will have the desired effect.

To clean nickel, scour with pulverized borax, use hot water and very little soap; rinse in hot water and rub dry with a clean cloth.

Dripping, if carefully clarified with boiling water and melted into a firm cake, is said to make as good pastry for pies and tarts as butter.

### Religious Notes.

#### THE ARABIC BIBLE IN COURT.

The Arabic Bible has been before the courts in Egypt in a curious case. The Egypt General Mission has a bookstore in Suez. Outside of the door a Bible is kept in an open case for passers-by to read. Last summer some Mohammedan lads, for a joke and as an expression of their contempt for Christians, tore out leaves from this Bible, and threw dirt upon it. The bookseller, Salim, thereupon complained to the police, and the young hoodlums were arrested.

In a Mohammedan country it is a very serious offence to show disrespect to a holy book. The Koran everywhere speaks of the Pentateuch, the Psalms, and the Gospels as holy; consequently these young fellows were in pretty serious plight on being taken before the court. The lawyer who defended the lads made the point that the Bible is not holy. The one spoken of in the Koran having become lost, this Bible is an ordinary book which none are bound to respect. Upon this, Salim, the bookseller, who is himself a converted Mohammedan from

Zanzibar and well educated in Mohammedan law, addressed the court. He used his opportunity for all that it was worth, telling the Mohammedan judges what the Bible teaches, and why it is to be accepted as the Book of God. All were much interested. The presiding judge gave judgment in favor of the Bible, and sentenced the unhappy young fellows to three months' imprisonment, although the bookseller begged for mercy to be shown them on account of youth and ignorance. Such a decision from a Mohammedan court is interesting. Since this episode no one has molested the Bible that stands outside the bookstore in Suez; many a Mohammedan, however, has stopped to read it.—Bible Society Record.

#### GERMAN MEDICAL MISSIONS.

The publishing house of C. Bertelsmann, of Gutersloh, has this year brought out a twenty-page bimonthly magazine, entitled 'Die Arztlche Mission, the first magazine of any size to be issued in Germany in the interests of medical missions.

The first number supplies us with a detailed list of all the medical missionaries representing the German societies. There are 2 in India, 6 in China, 6 in Turkey, 4 in Africa, 2 in Sumatra, 1 in Labrador, 1 in Leh (British Tibet), and 1 in Alaska—23 in all. Of these 5 represent the Basel Missionary Society, 5 the Rhenish Society, 3 the Moravians, 1 the German Baptists, 1 the Leipsic Evangelical Lutheran Mission, 3 the German Orient Mission working at Urfa and Diarbekir, 2 the General Evangelical Protestant Missionary Union working at Kiau-chow, and 3 the German Helpers' League for Armenia. The missionaries have 13 hospitals, with about 400 beds in all, and the sum of the in and out-patients is about 60,000 per annum.—'Missionary Review.'

The Rev. R. B. S. Hammond who is conducting a most successful mission work amongst the non-church going population of Sydney, N.S.W., has a very successful way of dealing with unimportant or controversial questions addressed to him during the course of his open-air services. Replying to a reporter of the 'Christian World,' he said: 'Am I ever in theological difficulty? It is my practice to invite questions, but I am satisfied to discuss a clean life, and the reality of salvation from sin. When faced with a difficult question, my reply always is: "If I answer that question, will you accept Christ as your personal Saviour?" On a refusal, I assure the questioner that that's very evidently not his difficulty (though an interesting problem), and that I am only there to remove stumbling-blocks in the way of men coming to Christ.'

A news item from England announces that Mr. John Crowle, recently deceased, left a legacy of \$1,250,000 to the Wesleyan Methodist Church of England to be used for temperance work on the condition that the Church raises an equal amount within five years for the same work. The 'Advocate' says: 'We hope that the Church will raise the amount required, and that other Englishmen of wealth will follow John Crowle's example. We also hope that the example and precedent set by John Crowle will be followed by many American millionaires. Another late news item states that a bequest of \$52,000 for prohibition work is announced under the will of the Hackley estate of Muskegon, Michigan.'

Light in the darkness indeed is the work of the Marcy Home in the Ghetto of Chicago. It is named in honor of Mrs. Elizabeth E. Marcy, one of the most active workers in the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is carrying on its work in the very forefront of the battle. Surrounded on all sides by the lowest classes of indrifting foreigners and the dregs of a sinking city population, it has yet unlimited supply of fresh material on which to work, for according to the 'North-western Christian Advocate' there is 'no danger of race suicide here. It seems as if every mother has at least a half dozen clinging to her skirts. Six large schools, with a total attendance which

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