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MOTH POWDER.—Get two or three pounds of borax; if necessary untack the carpets around the edges; sprinkle plenty of borax all around the outer edges of the carpet, and with a feather or brush try to push as much as possible under the edges, and let the borax remain. It will not injure the carpet.

STEWED OVSTERS.—One quart of fresh oysters; one quart of milk; one tablespoon-ful of butter; salt and pepper to taste. Drain the liquor from the oysters into a saucepan and bring to a boil; at the same time put the milk in another saucepan over boiling water. When the liquor boils up add the oysters and stew until they begin to ruffle at the edges; then stir in the butter, and when this is dissolved, pour the stew into a tureen. Add the milk boiling hot. Most people boil the milk with the oysters, which is wrong, for by so doing the fine flavour of the shellfish is destroyed. CURING LEAKY WALLS.—Often the east STEWED OYSTERS .- One quart of fresh

the shellfish is destroyed. CURING LEAKY WALLS.—Often the east wall of the house leaks during driving storms. It need not. There is a way to fix it so it won't. Get Portland cement—not the com-mon stuff—mix it in an ordinary tin wash-basin to the thickness of cream and apply it to the exterior of the wall with a large paint or whitewash brush. The mixture should be constantly stirred while using. The small basin is used because but little should be mixed at a time. The colour is should be mixed at a time. The colour is just right, being a soft neutral tint. It is not expensive. Apply on a damp day. Brush in well, and use your own judgment as to whether one or two coats should be applied.

TEA OMELET.—Materials : six fresh eggs, six dessert-spoonfuls of pulverized sugar, three of sifted flour, and a glass of raspberry jam. Place an omelet-pan or a "spider" upon the stove, where it will become moder-ately hot. Beat the yolks and whites separ-ately. Add to the yolks the flour and sugar, mixing thoroughly. Place a tablespoonful of nice butter in the pan or spider, and when it is bubbling hot, but by no means scorch-ing, stir the whites of the eggs lightly and quickly into the yolks, and pour the mixture into the pan. When the omelet "sets," gently remove the pan to the oven to brown it on top ; then slip it upon a warm plate, spread it with raspberry jam, fold it once, cover it with a napkin, and ring the tea-bell !

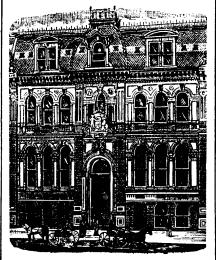
THE VALUE OF SUN FLOWERS.-These gaudy flowers of the cottager's garden are easily cultivated, and their value is scarcely known. The seed forms a most excellent known. The seed forms a most excellent and convenient food for poultry, and it is only necessary to cut off the heads of the plant when ripe, tie them in bunches, and hang them in a dry situation, to be used as wanted. They not only fatten every kind of poultry, but greatly increase the quantity of eggs they lay. When cultivated to a con-siderable extent, they are also capital food for sheep and pigs, and for pheasants. The leaves, when dried, form a good powder for cattle; the dry stalks burn well, and form an abundance of alkali; and, when in bloom, the flower is most attractive to bees. SODA IN COOKING.—There has been

the hower is most attractive to bees. SODA IN COOKING.—There has been much said by good common-sense people, as well as by physicians, against the use of much soda in cooking. There is no doubt that it is of great injury to health when used as constantly as it is by many cooks. Phy-sicians very generally agree that its frequent use debilitates and relaxes muscular strength, and in gravitable injury on the direction use debilitates and relaxes muscular strength, and is peculiarly injurious to the digestion, and greatly weakens the tone of the bowels, often ending in acute inflammation. Dr. Alcott has no hesitation in expressing his belief that the habitual use of soda is one great cause of the great mortality, particularly among the young, from bowel complaints. The coats of the stomach and bowels are so weakened by the use of this alkali that they have no power to resist the debilitating effects of the intense hot weather.

THE EAR.—Mr. James Hinton has writ-ten a physiology for practical use, in the course of which he affirms that the passage of the ear does not require cleaning by us. Nature undertakes that task, and in the healthy state fulfils it perfectly. Her means for cleansing the ear is the wax, which dries up into thin scales, which peel off and fall away imperceptibly. In health the passage of the ear is never dirty, but an attempt to clean it will infallibly make it so. Washing the ear out with soap and water is bad; it keeps the wax moist when it ought to become dry and scaly, and makes it absorb dust. But the most hurtful thing is the introduc-tion of the corner of a towel screwed up, and twisting it around. This proceeding irri-tates the passage and presses down the wax and flakes of skin upon the membrane of the tympanum, producing pain, inflammation, and definese THE EAR .- Mr. James Hinton has writtympanum, producing pain, inflammation, and deafness,



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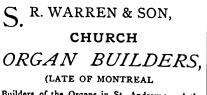
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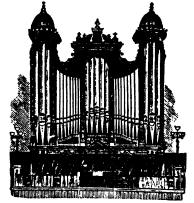
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