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Record of Temperatures observed at Sackville, N. S., during the severe weather of the past winter.

1864.		9 a.m.		1 p.m.		1865.		9 a.m.		1 p.m.	
Dec. 17,	23°			Jan. 1,	39°		34°				
" 18,	30°	27°		" 2,	10°		14°				
" 19,	14°	20°		" 3,	20°		22°				
" 21,	6°	16°		" 4,	22°		38°				
" 22,	32°	32°		" 6,	30°		32°				
" 23,	0-3	0-4		" 7,	45°		46°				
" 24,	0°	16°		" 8,	4°		8°				
" 25,	15°	26°		" 9,	24°		38°				
" 26,	73°	40°		" 10,	39°		42°				
" 27,	40°	44°		" 11,	36°		30°				
" 28,	39°	44°		" 12,	14°		18°				
" 29,	42°	50°		" 13,	30°		32°				
" 30,	35°	32°		" 14,	38°		39°				
" 31,	34°	34°									

J. W. L.

DOMESTIC RECEIPTS.

(Selected from various sources.)

THIRD SERIES.

EELS, FRESH.—Skin and cut them into lengths of four to five inches; fry gently for seven to ten minutes; have some parsley chopped fine, which mix with some butter, and put a little in each piece, and serve very hot. They may also be egged and bread crammed, or with plain sauce.

CINNAMON WAFERS.—1 lb of sugar, 1-4 lb. butter, three eggs, 1-2 teaspoonful of soda, 1 tablespoonful of cinnamon, and flour enough to roll out; to be made the same as ginger snaps.

GOOD BISCUIT.—Two teaspoonfuls cream tartar, one of soda, half do. of salt, rubbed fine, and well mixed with one quart of flour. Rub in a piece of butter the size of an egg, mix up soft with thick scum milk or butter-milk, and bake quickly.

BEEF STEAK, WITH SEMI-FRIED POTATOES.—Rub and semify your steak, adding thin slices of potatoes, letting them lie in the pan while the steak is doing; turn them as often as you do the steak, serve round with gravy, to make which pour half a gill of water in the pan under the steak, the moisture of the potatoes will cause some of the gravy to come out of the meat but it will be found very good.

A FRIED TOAD IN THE HOLE.—Take a steak of the size required, and partly fry on both sides; have ready a pint of butter; remove the steak for a minute, add more fat in the pan, put in the batter when it is beginning to become as thick as paste, place the steak in the middle, raise the frying pan a sufficient height from the fire, so as to cook gently; turn it over; or put the pan in the oven; when well set it is done; serve on a dish the bottom uppermost.

CARE FOR DESSERT.—Mix 4 eggs, 2 qts. sweet milk, 1 teaspoonful salt, 1-2 teaspoonful of soda, and 3 teaspoonfuls of flour. Spread it thin in tins and bake 15 or 20 minutes. To be eaten with butter and sugar.

MISCELLANEOUS GLEANINGS.

A LARGE HERN.—Colonel Playfair, British Residency, Zanzibar, recently sent to the Edinburgh Botanic Garden, the fruit of a palm called "Moallie," found in the Pangani River, East Coast of Africa. It has no arborescent stem. The leaves spring out of the ground, and are of immense length. The leaf-stalks make rattles upwards of 30 feet in length. The fruit is produced in clusters in more than 100.

NEW WATER LILY.—Mrs. Bain, Hillside, Montrose, sent to the same garden, specimens of a small flowered and leaved variety of the white water lily (*Nymphaea alba*). She states that it occurs in the greatest profusion in Lochalsh, the waters being entirely covered with it. It is exceedingly beautiful and delicate, and quite different from the normal form. It should be carefully compared with the small North American form of *N. odorata*.

CALIFORNIA PEARS.—Mr. Kerr exhibited recently to the Botanical Society a photograph of a cluster of 50 pears on a branch 8 inches long, and weighing 19lb. The pears were raised in Briggs' Orchard, Marysville, California.

FLAX CULTURE IN IRELAND.—At a recent meeting in Dublin in honor of the appointment of Lord Wolchouse as Viceroy, his Lordship stated that flax culture was proceeding with giant strides. In 1857, there were 100,000 acres of flax—in 1864, 300,000. The soils and climate of Nova Scotia are as suitable for flax as those of Ireland.

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