

Three in the Evening

By Father Ryan. O Heart of Three in the Evening! Thou nearest a thorn-crowned Head...

HOME READING.

LYNN RICE CAKES. One pound of ground rice, two teaspoonfuls of Borwick's baking powder...

SOUP MAIGRE. Four carrots, two leeks, one turnip, two large potatoes, and a handful of dried peas...

OMELETTE. Break three eggs into a basin, add a spoonful of cream, and a little piece of butter, pepper and salt...

WHITE TURNIP SOUP. Scrape and peel and cut up turnips according to the quantity of soup required...

BRITANNY POTATO SOUP. Take potatoes and half as many onions (say twelve and six), boil in a quart of water till quite in pulp...

SAVORY BISCUITS. Take twelve eggs, and their weight of good crushed sugar, also take the weight of seven eggs of flour...

WAFFLE CAKES. Roll out puff paste nearly one quarter of an inch thick, and with a small saucer or tin cutter of that size, cut it into round pieces...

American and French Breakfasts. American housewives have not studied the art of cooking the various kinds of meat in the most economical and palatable modes...

Things Worth Knowing. 1. That fish may be scaled much easier by dipping into boiling water about a minute...

Among the Hurons and Iroquois. Catholic Progress. (The first half of the seventeenth century.) It was no easy task to instruct the Indians of Canada in the faith...

What is the difference between a certain Roman Emperor and a drunken man? One's Titus an Emperor, the other's tight as a brick.

Talk about Vanderbilt's four tracks from Albany to Buffalo, said a newly arrived tramp, "why, I've got as many as sixteen thousand between Syracuse and Utica."

Little Johnny says: One time a lion met an elephant and the elephant said: "You better go and get your hair cut."

"See here, captain," said a sharp boy, who was seeking employment from an old seafaring man, "first father died, and then my mother married again; and then my mother died and father married again; and somehow or other, wherever I don't seem to have no parents at all, nor no home, nor no nothing."

This naval joke is going the rounds. A midshipman who recently joined his ship was interviewed by the captain, who made the trite remark: "Well, I suppose, as of old, they have sent you the biggest fool of the family."

When a Hartford woman patted her friend's seven-year-old youngster on the head and said, "I should like to have such a little boy as you are," he looked up into her face, and replied: "Well, I guess you can. I don't believe God's lost the pattern of me."

The circus is coming and once more we will have the pleasure of witnessing the cheerful spectacle of seven church members taking one little two-year old child "to see the animals."

ACCIDENT TO A CANADIAN LADY.—The following will be read with painful interest by many in London. The Field says: "A painful accident occurred soon after the meet near Kilbride Hill (Co. Dublin, Ireland), where a carriage horse managed to slip off his bridle and injured one or two people, a lady sustaining a bad fracture of her leg."

Then hurrah for our Zulu foes, For their solid and deep array, For the whelming crescent's close, And the whizzing assegai.

IMPORTANT USE OF NATURAL GAS.—The petroleum product of Pennsylvania now reaches the immense sum of sixteen millions of pound sterling, while the exportation runs to about twelve millions. Until recently, or at least within a few years, but little use has been made of natural gas, which has discharged into either the open air or been burned in huge torch lights through the oil regions.

AMERICAN HONEY.—American enterprise has discovered a means of getting yet more work out of "the busy bee." Sets of small boxes are placed in the upper part of the hives, which can be drawn out when filled and fresh boxes inserted, so that the poor insects never arrive at the end of their labours.

The Empress and Mr. Kavanagh. The Empress of Austria was filled with wonder on meeting Mr. Kavanagh, M. P. for the County Carlow, with the Kildare hounds. He was born without legs or arms. In place of legs he has six inches of muscular thigh stumps, one being about an inch shorter than the fellow, while his arms are dwarfed to perhaps four inches of the upper portion of these members, and are unfurnished with any terminal approaching to hands.

AGRICULTURAL. Hints for the Month of April. These hints are intended to suggest thoughts which may be made helpful in the study of farm work and the learning of the best practice, and not a list of orders to do this or that at any particular time.

What Fertilizers to Use.—For grass, 150 lbs. of Rectified Peruvian Guano per acre is often useful, and so may be the same quantity of complete grass manures made for this purpose. Those who cannot procure these easily can use 100 lbs. of gypsum per acre, with 250 lbs. of fine bone dust and as many wood ashes as possible up to 40 bushels per acre.

Harrowing Winter Grain is a practice now generally adopted, and there are many good harrows made especially for this purpose, with teeth that slope backwards, or that may be reversed for ordinary work.

Sowing Clover.—From considerable experience the writer prefers to delay sowing clover until the ground has become settled and the weather warm. A warm spell earlier may start the seed and a strong frost afterwards kill the young germs.

Fodder Crops.—No farm where animals are kept can be profitably worked without a provision for some green fodder, such as oats, peas and peas mixed, and barley mixed, or other crops to be sown later. Earliness is indispensable, and the first work of this month should be to prepare the ground and sow seed for fodder.

Soft and Hard Wheats.—The millers are generally opposed to what they call "soft wheats," and refuse to pay full price for them. This may be a just discrimination, because hard wheats are more profitable to them.

Oats.—From 50 to 60 bushels of oats should be the least satisfactory yield, and the aim should be to have the ground in a condition to produce this instead of the 25 or 30 which is now usual harvest. The whole secret is in the fertilizing of the soil.

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most profitable when its cost is considered. After much observation, the writer finds no difference in the crop from small and large seed. Of course there is a limit, and potatoes as small as hickory nuts are not referred to.

Flax.—This crop promises to become a staple, East as well as West, as flax manufacturing is becoming established. Low, moist ground, newly cleared swamp or meadow-land suits flax exactly. In the West, fresh prairie is suitable. 1 bushel of seed per acre should be sown this month.

Sheep.—Lambs and sheep intended for sale should be pushed as fast as possible with safety. But most haste in this respect often secures least speed. Ewes that have raised lambs and that are to be sold, should be fed so as to be out of the way by June.

Cows.—There is no better feed as a steady diet for cows, than grass; but there may be cases in which some stimulating food may be used with benefit. Early grass is not healthful, being immature and too laxative. It would be better to follow the old English practice in this respect, and not turn cows to grass until May. May-day is an ancient farmer's holiday on this account in England, and we might well follow their practice.

Horses.—As the coat begins to loosen, the skin is often irritable. This may be corrected by giving in the food daily one ounce of an equal mixture of sulphur and cream of tartar for a few days. Good grooming with a soft brush and a blunt curry-comb should not be neglected. If the gums are swollen, rub them with a corn-cob dipped in powdered borax. Cleanliness is a great preventive of disease.

Brood Mares.—As foaling approaches, brood mares should be turned into a loose box. The extra exercise is beneficial and they rest more at ease. Their work should be lightened. The most gentle treatment should be exercised; the temper of the colt often depends upon this.

Pigs.—Pork is looking up, and pigs are worth more than they were a few months ago. While prices are low, the cost of feeding should be reduced. Pigs can be kept most cheaply upon grass in the summer, and an orchard is a good place for them; they will do service in destroying insects.

Sundry Matters.—Poultry should be kept free from vermin; dig up the ground in the runs and clean the houses and so escape gapes. Provide good coops for young chicks, and let them run in the garden or orchard. Clean up everything about the house and barns and burn the rubbish; numerous eggs and chrysalids of insects will be burned with it. Put all the tools and implements in order, and whitewash pig-pens, poultry-houses and sheep-pens. Look well to fences before cattle find the weak places; if these are once found, they are always dangerous. Pile up all loose manure; it may thus be made into good condition for corn or roots next month.

Cattle Raising. It is not easy to estimate the effect which the enormous additions to the grain producing and cattle-raising areas of the West will have upon the older portions of Canada, the Middle and Eastern States, and upon the markets beyond the sea. The depressed condition of English agriculture has given rise to a discussion of its probable future, and in the statement of the problem American competition plays an important part.

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