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PRESERVING CURRANTS.

The preserve kettle should be of a shallow form, those made of porcelain are the best, and a tightly fitting cover is very desirable.

CURRENT JELLY.

Pick fine, red, ripe currants from the stems; bruise them with a pestle or meat pounder, and strain through a thin flannel or cotton bag.

ANOTHER METHOD.

Pick the fruit from the stems, weigh it and put it into a stone pot; place it in a kettle of boiling water, and let it remain there until the berries are thoroughly heated.

PRESERVED CURRANTS.

Take ripe currants, free from stems; weigh them, and put three quarters of a pound of white sugar to every pound of berries.

CURRENT JAM.

Free the currants from the stems; take eight pounds of sugar to ten pounds of berries. Strain the juice from half of the currants; then crush the rest with the sugar; pour the juice over them, and boil in a porcelain kettle until it is a smooth, thick mass.

SPICED CURRANTS.

Five pounds of currants taken from stems; four pounds of white sugar; one pint of vinegar; three tablespoonfuls of ground cinnamon; two ditto of ground cloves; half a teaspoonful of salt. Mix all well together, and boil slowly for an hour, skimming thoroughly.

DRIED CURRANTS.

Take seven pounds of currants, washed and picked over, to one pound of sugar; boil until the currants can be easily crushed; strain through the calender; boil the juice for thirty minutes; add the currants, and cook until it is as thick as possible without burning it.

A NICE DISH FOR DESSERT.

Gather large ripe clusters of the Cherry currant; dip them into the unbeaten white of an egg, and roll in pulverized sugar until perfectly coated with it. Serve in a glass dish.—Cultivator.

CISTERNS.

A cistern five feet in diameter will hold a fraction over five barrels for each foot in depth; six feet, a fraction over six barrels per foot; seven feet, nine barrels per foot; eight feet eleven barrels per foot; nine feet fifteen barrels per foot; ten feet, eighteen barrels per foot. The last named figure is quiet a large size for a family cistern, and ten feet in depth is as much as we often find; and the contents of such a one, according to our estimate, would be ten by eighteen—two hundred and eighty barrels—and yet how many of our readers have had to pay for "three hundred barrels" cisterns of a smaller size.

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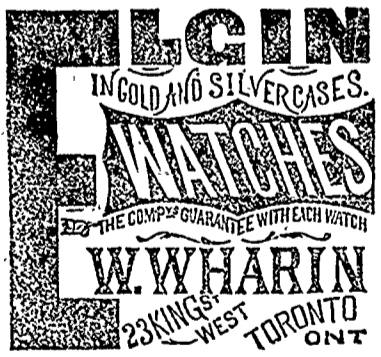
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