

may avail himself of this hint, even if he has not a garden to grow them in. The process is simple, and may be performed by the children of a family, and the tin bread-grater, which is the only instrument necessary, is of trifling expense. Perhaps an estimate of the expense between the prices of potatoes at the present time, and an equal weight of wheat

flour, would be an useful addenda to this paper, thus :

Five hundred weight of potatoes, to produce one hundred weight of flour, would cost,

One hundred weight of fine wheat flour, at the market price.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

DE GUZMAN.

### VARIETIES.

#### CURE FOR A CONSUMPTION.

In the month of May, gather the flowers from the thorn bush—boil two bunches of the blossom in half a pint of milk—let it stand till it is about as warm as milk from the cow—drink it the first thing in the morning, and take a walk immediately afterwards, if the weather is favourable, and a cure will soon be effected. This recipe has performed a perfect cure on many persons ; and one thing must strongly recommend it, which is, the impossibility of its being injurious to the complaint, or to health, and therefore well worth trying.—The flowers will keep good, and be fit for use all the year, if they are well sprinkled with salt, then put into an earthen pan, or preserving jar, and tied down tight to keep the air from them.—*London Mirror.*

#### FECUNDITY OF FISHES.

It is asserted of the herring, that if suffered to multiply unmolested, and its offspring to remain undiminished during the space of twenty years, it would show a progeny many times greater in bulk than the whole earth ! And that a single cod-fish will produce at a birth, if they escaped depredation, a number equal to the whole population of England.—*The Book of Nature Laid Open.*

#### FIXING BLACK LEAD PENCIL WRITING.

PROCURE a pot of printers' ink, and lay about half a teaspoonful on a sheet of tissue paper, and iron it over with a moderate heated iron, similar to ironing linen ; then cut the paper to

the size of your memorandum book, and lay it under the sheet you write on, and the impression will be similar to ink-writing, and as permanent. Common writing-paper prepared in the same way will answer as well.

#### THE DOCTOR OUTWITTED.

SOME years since, during the great floods, a farmer's wife was taken in labour, and no person competent to assist her, living nearer than seven miles, the good husband rode with the utmost speed to the doctor, whom he begged instantly to go to his wife. The doctor being a knowing one, declared, though his usual fee was two guineas, at such a distance, when no danger appeared ; " yet now, (said he,) as I must go at the imminent hazard of my life, I shall not budge one foot, unless you agree to give me ten guineas." The farmer in vain remonstrated on his inability to perform such a demand ; the doctor was inflexible.—The honest countryman's love to his Joan rose above every objection, and he at last engaged to raise the money : they got to the farm-house, through much difficulty, and in an hour or two the doctor presented the master of the house with a fine boy, and demanded his exorbitant fee, which the farmer immediately gave him ; and they drank each a glass of grog to the boy's future welfare. By this time the flood was much increased, and real danger threatened the doctor in his return ; on which (not being at all acquainted with the way) he entreated the farmer to lose no time in conducting him back.—" My