

**SCRAP-BOOK PASTE.**—Mix a quantity of corn starch in water, stirring it until a thin smooth paste, free from lumps; place it on the stove and let it boil slowly, stirring it frequently; boil as starch; this makes an excellent paste that will keep well, and is useful for many purposes.

A LADY in the country was unwise enough to fit out her boy of five with fishing tackle. Soon she heard a shout from the barn-yard; and found that one of her very best huns had swallowed the hook and was fast winding up the line in her crop. Of course she was greatly troubled, but all the comfort she got from the young fisherman was this: "Don't worry, mother; I guess she'll stop when she gets to the pole."

**SUN PRINTING.**—Boys and girls, if you wish to astonish any members of the family or any coming guests by some day allowing them to discover their initials neatly printed on a pear, peach or apple, as it hangs on its branch, this is the way to carry out your plan: Just before the fruit ripens, cut the desired letters from a sheet of thin, tough paper, and paste them on the side of the fruit most exposed to the sun. When, in the course of time, you remove the paper from the ripe surface, you will find the letters distinctly marked upon it. There are other ways of printing fruit, but this is the most simple.

THE leading question in Wisconsin is "How's hops?"

In Pennsylvania: "How's your coal mine?"

In Michigan: "How's iron and wheat?"

In Iowa: "How's cheese?"

In Virginia: "How's terbacker?"

In Delaware: "How's peaches?"

In Indiana: "How's corn?"

In Kentucky: "How's hemp?"

In New York: "How's the canal?"

In Maine: "How's timber?"

In Minnesota: "How's Injuns?"

In Montana: "How's the snow?"

**THE VALUE OF GOLD AND SILVER.**—One ton (2,000 lbs avoirdupois) of gold or silver contains 29,163 troy ounces, and, therefore, the value of a ton of pure gold is \$602,799.21; and a ton of silver, \$37,701.81. A cubic foot of pure gold weighs 1,218.75 pounds avoirdupois; a cubic foot of pure silver weighs 656.25 pounds avoirdupois. One million dollars gold coin weighs 3,355.8 pounds avoirdupois; one million dollars silver coin weighs 58,929.9 pounds avoirdupois. If there is one per cent. of gold or silver in one ton of ore, it contains 291.63 ounces, troy, of either of these metals. The average fineness of the Colorado gold is 781 to 1,000, and the natural alloy, gold, 781; silver, 239, copper, 10; total 1,000. The calculations of the mint are made on the basis of 46 ounces of standard gold, or 900 fine (coin), are worth \$1800; and 11 ounces of silver, 900 fine (coin), are worth \$12.80.

**QUICK TIME.**—A gentleman had occasion to call on the Rev. Dominic Thomas Campbell when he was at Glasgow. "Is the dominie in?" he inquired of a portly dame who opened the door. "He's in the yard, sooperintending Sauners, the carpenter. Ye can see him the now if your business is vera precise." The gentleman walked into the yard, where he beheld a carpenter briskly planning away to the air of Maggie Lauder, and the dominie standing by. Unwilling to intrude on their conversation, he stepped aside, and heard, "Sauners, I say! Can ye no hear me?" "Yes, minister, I hear ye. What's your wull?" "Can ye no whistle some mair solem and golly tune while ye're at your wark?" "A weel minister, if it be your wull, I'll e'en do it." Upon which he changed the air to the Dead March in Saul, greatly to the hindrance of the planing. The dominie looked on for some minutes in silence, and then said, "Sauners, I hae another word to say till ye. Did the gudewife hire ye by the day's darg or by the job?" "The day's darg was our agreeing, minister." "Then on the whole, Sauners, I think ye may just as weel gie back to whistling Bonnie Maggie Lauder."

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