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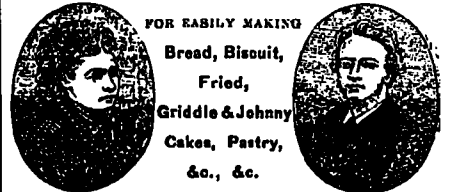
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### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

#### ALXANDER.—Your sketch is received, and is under consideration.

#### GRACE.—Please wish to know why the reverse of new also is called "Mater-in-law." We really cannot tell unless that "it is old and bitter."

#### LOTTIE HAYTON.—Your composition is defective, your writing is careless and your ink is bad. When asked for an opinion we give it.

#### ADAM.—Pearl Powder is made with oxide of bluish, which is poisonous, and consequently injurious to the hair.

#### MINKIE EMBRY asks us if we could recommend her to a suit for a wig, as her hair became prematurely grey from the effects of a fever. Certainly not, let her dye her hair.

#### MAMIE.—The name of bridegroom was formerly given to the newly-married man, because it was customary for him to wait at table on his bride and friends on the wedding day.

#### W. W. R.—An anagram consists of a transposition of letters of some word or sentence. Thus, of the word Mississippi you can make "mind his map," of Cardinal Wiseman, "Sin, Malice and War," of Old England, "Golden Hand."

#### T. O. P. wants to know the derivation of the word Grog. It is a sea term for rum and water, and originated from Admiral Grogan's first introduced on board ship. He was called by the seamen "Old Grog" for his wearing a grogan coat in bad weather. Although we repeat this for the addition of W. W. R., we suspect he knows about as much as we do on the above head, and we are inclined to believe that he has given us only part of his name, which, since he writes so much interest on the subject, he would be glad to tell.

#### C. E. G. says it's of no use trying, but we say to him "Nil Desperandum," and perhaps the Chinese give the best illustration of Perseverance. One of their countrymen who had been making great efforts to get into the city of Canton, and at last succeeded in getting in, he was asked by a friend who had been waiting for him to see what he had done, and he said "I have got it small enough. The patience of the aged woman provoked him to make another trial, and he succeeded in obtaining the rank of one of the first writers of the Empire."

### MARKET REPORT.

#### HEARTHSTONE OFFICE.

Market active and firm, at an advance of 10c to 20c per barrel as compared with rates of yesterday.

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### POPPING THE QUESTION.

I recollect, in former days, I loved a maiden with blue eyes; Her style was gentle, and her hand Exactly formed the proper size.

Her voice in cadence had the sound An eddy makes in mazy brook, And when she spoke to me I thought, With slightly excited interest shook.

This drawing of sweet love began— Delighted trembling in my chest Foretold the bliss to come at noon, When all the truth had been confessed.

One charming day when larks were high, And we were on the walk alone, I thought that Providence had marked The hour respecting our own.

I told her in few words my love; She answered with accepting tear; And I, with happy heart, said to her, "What's your income, dear?"

### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

#### COOKING WILD DUCKS.

—As this is the season for these birds, we give directions for cooking them, obtained from an old campaigner. Put the ducks in a sauce pot, cover with water, and add a few sliced onions for each duck. When about half-done remove from the water, stuff with mashed potatoes and beaten eggs (two to each fowl), seasoned with onion, sage, salt, and pepper, and broil until thoroughly done, frequently basting them with their own gravy. Serve with brown gravy in which is stirred parsley chopped fine and fried in butter.

#### POTTED SHAD.

—Cut a fine shad into three or four pieces, discarding the tail and head; place a piece in a small stove, sprinkle well with salt and whole allspice and whole pepper-corns; fill up the jar in this manner and cover the shad with sharp edged vinegar. Cover the jar with a stiff paste and bake in a slow oven for three or four hours. If the vinegar is strong it will dissolve all the small bones of the shad, and the large one should be removed before baking. This will keep, in a cool place, if tightly covered, for five or six weeks; so it is well to put three or four shad at once. It is a delicious relish for either breakfast or tea.

#### POTTED BEEF.

—Take eight pounds of lean rump steak, put it into a stone jar, with a tencup of boiling water, a level table-spoonful of salt, a teaspoonful of pepper, and a few whole allspice and onion-chopped fine. Cover with paste and bake for three hours. Turn out all the liquor, and take out the meat into the chopping-bowl. Pound it fine with the pestle, and mix with half a tencup of catsup, onion, sage, salt, and pepper, and mix with half a tencup of catsup, onion, sage, salt, and pepper. When perfectly fine press into molds, or small cups, and if desired to be kept for six weeks cover the tops with melted butter so thickly that no air is seen. Cut off the middle of eggs with water, and the beef will turn out in form.

#### SPICED VEAL.

—Chop three pounds of veal steak, and one thick slice of salt pork, as fine as sawdust; add to it three Boston crackers rolled fine, three well-beaten eggs, half a tencup of tomato catsup, a tencup of catsup, a tencup of onion-chopped fine, and one grated lemon. Mold it into the form of a loaf, in a small dripping-pan; cover with one rolled cracker, and baste with a tencup of catsup and onion-chopped fine, two table-spoonfuls of the butter. Bake for three hours, basting every little while (this makes it moist). Make the day before it is desired for the table; slice very thin, and garnish with slices of lemon and bits of parsley.

#### VEAL BREAD.

—Every housekeeper knows that it is no always possible to procure the supply to the demand, that there shall not sometimes be on hand a loaf of stale bread, which economy requires shall not be wasted. Our French friends have contrived many ways of utilizing the stale loaf into a delicious dish, and among them is the following: From the half of a common loaf of stale bread, cut off all the crust. This is put into a slow oven and dried, and then the bread is broken into crumbs with a rolling-pin. Cut the bread into slices an inch thick, and these into pieces about two inches square. To each piece of bread sprinkle a tablespoonful of bread into a bread pudding-dish, and pour over them the milk and egg. When the bread is thoroughly moistened, mix with the milk and egg to pieces, dip each piece into the dried crumbs of the crust. Then drop into boiling lard, and brown like dumplings. When done, dust with fine white sugar and cinnamon, and serve with a little "bread" for a delicate dish for tea. With the addition of a hot wine-sauce, into which has been stirred half a pint of Zante currants, it makes an excellent dessert.

#### MODE OF ROASTING COFFEE.

—M. Joly has lately published an essay upon the proper mode of roasting coffee, and remarks that the roasting is not a simple matter, coffee may be distinguished into three very different classes: first, green; second, yellow; and third, the tender. Among the green coffees are the including Bourbon, Java, and Rio de Janeiro. Porto Cabello, Guaymas, St. Mark, Cape Hayton, Port-au-Prince, etc., the last four being all Haytons. Under the yellow are embraced the Java, Bourbon, Demarary, and Rio de Janeiro. The tender or the Jerome—the last two also Haytons. As tender coffees, Mr. Joly enumerates the Mocca and Bourbon. Although there are other varieties used in commerce, these are believed to be the most generally employed.

#### A special process of roasting is necessary for each kind of coffee, according to M. Joly. For the first, a small amount of coffee is needed, these coffees readily assuming a reddish color, and it becomes necessary to moderate the fire and remove them when all the grains are chestnut-colored. For coffees of the second class the fire must be less intense, and kept at a uniform heat. These coffees, although more tender, require a longer and more delicate roasting, and it is necessary to remove them when done to a light chestnut-color. Coffees of the third class are exceedingly delicate, and it becomes necessary in roasting them, as in less than a minute they lose all their aroma, if allowed to remain over the fire without stirring. The roasting must, therefore, be necessary, and they must be removed whenever all are of a dark rufous brown. When the operation is complete, the coffee must be cooled as promptly as possible, as the longer it remains on the fire, and it constitutes the greater part of its force and aroma.

### FARM ITEMS.

#### High cultivation means deep and thorough working of the soil, through pulverization, liberal manuring, clean culture and bountiful crops of all kinds. High cultivation, coupled with good judgment, seldom disappoints the expectation of the farmer.

#### Cauliflowers.

—A French gardener claims that branches of elder placed among his cauliflowers plants will protect them from the ravages of caterpillars. The elder is so common in many parts of this country that it would perhaps be worth while to try if the disagreeable smell is a preventive against these pests of the gardener.

#### Soil affecting quality of potatoes.

—No one fact is better established than this, that potatoes are so affected by the soil that a variety that does flourish on one soil may be worthless on another, therefore it will not do to discard a potato as worthless because it is not adapted to our soil. And more, we should endeavor to find those varieties that are adapted to our soil. Quality is the first importance in the potato, quantity next. A poor potato is of little value. We believe that such potatoes are unhealthy food.

#### Give Your Poultry Lime.

—Do not expect your poultry to make egg-shells without something to do it with any more than you would ask a mechanic to build a house with no materials. We have seen it gravely urged that as wild birds do not eat oyster shells or old mortar, therefore tame ones need not. It is true that the egg-shells of wild species appear to be always of a normal thickness, but it must be remembered that they only lay a normal number. It will never do to reason too closely from nature, for none of our domestic animals are in a state of nature. We advocate for hens home-dust, burnt bones, raw bones crushed, or pounded oyster or clam shells.

#### It is related of an English farmer that the condensed his practical experience into this rule—"Feed your land before it is hungry, rest it before it is weary, and weed it before it is foul." These words should be written in the heart of every man who desires to farm, and may go far to answer, in his mind, the

question so frequently and so anxiously asked, Does farming pay? The rule and the condensed his practical experience into this rule—"Feed your land before it is hungry, rest it before it is weary,