

Poetry.

Papa, Please Let Me In!

In the following lines a bereaved father tells the story of a beloved child—a boy who will touch a chord in the hearts of other parents, as they think of little ones who have knocked at their doors, and whose love they would give the world to be able once more to sleep in their arms!

Archdeacon Sinclair's Anecdotes of Old Times in Scotland.

We take the following extracts from "Sketches of Old Times and Distant Places," by John Sinclair, M. A., Archdeacon of Middlesex and Vicar of Kensington, and published by John Murray, London:—

"Having mentioned Cardinal Wiseman, I am reminded that Sir William more than once referred with warm approbation to certain arguments which the Cardinal, in one of his earlier works, had made use of in proof of Christianity, and which Sir William thought I might expand with advantage into a sermon or lecture. I expressed surprise at the quarter from which my arguments were to be derived. 'But surely,' he said, 'on the main question, that of evidence, you will not refuse the aid of even an Ultramontane Papist.'

"When Sir William published his attack on Oxford in the Edinburgh Review, I expressed surprise that, having gained the highest honours which his venerable Alma Mater had to bestow, he did not treat her with more filial indulgence. 'Indulgence!' he exclaimed, 'Oxford does not require indulgence; and that is the very reason why I chose Oxford as the subject of my article. There is hardly any University against which I have not more to say. I am not so great a coward as to select the weakest antagonist.'

man as Dr. Gordon should not see the danger of his now allies; for whatever may be affirmed of a moral necessity, a mechanical necessity is subversive of religion and morality."

Acceptance by Mr. Baxter of the Montreal Call.

DUNDEE, (SCOTLAND) U. P. PRESBYTERY. At a special meeting of this Presbytery held for the purpose of disposing of the call from the Stanley Street congregation, Montreal, Canada, to the Rev. John Cansh Baxter, minister, Wishart congregation, Dundee, to become their pastor. Rev. Dr. M. Gavin was Moderator; and there was a large number of Mr. Baxter's congregation present. Rev. Mr. Eadie, of Glasgow, and Rev. Dr. Wilson, Dundee, appeared as commissioners in support of the call; and Dr. McEwan, Mr. David Nichol, and Mr. J. B. Third appeared as commissioners from the Wishart congregation.

position in the world, and that would be a weighty consideration in his mind if a call were addressed to him from across the Atlantic. It must, he thought, impress itself on the ministers of every Church, and on the mind of Mr. Baxter, that that was a most important sphere of labor, and, to his mind, of unspeakable greater importance than any ministerial work in Dundee. (Applause.)

Mr. David Nichol, on behalf of Wishart Church congregation, then addressed the Court. He said they were desirous to retain the services of their respected pastor. He had labored amongst them for a quarter of a century, and during that time had been most faithful in the discharge of his duties. The congregation were willing to support him in the future as they had done in the past, but if he decided to accept the call that had been placed in his hands they wish him God speed—(applause)—and they accompanied that with their earnest prayers that he might be long spared to build up the infant church in Montreal. (Applause.)

Scientific and Useful.

- CASHEW OIL is an excellent thing to soft-soak leather.
CREAM of tartar rubbed upon soiled white kid gloves cleanses them well.
A SOLUTION of cyanide of potassium is the best poison to kill insects of any kind.
A MIXTURE of mustard seed put in a barrel of cider will preserve it sweet for several months.
LINEN can be glazed by adding a teaspoonful of salt and one of finely-sieved white soap to a pound of starch.
A MIXTURE of oil and ink is a good thing to clean kid boots with; the first softens and the latter blackens them.
A SIMPLE remedy for removing freckles is a pint of sour milk, and a small quantity of horse-radish. Let the mixture stand over night, and use it as a wash three times a day until the freckles disappear.
PULVERIZED alum possesses the property of purifying water. A tablespoonful sprinkled into a hoghead of water (the water being stirred at the time) will so purify it that it will be found to possess all the freshness and clearness of the finest spring water.
THE leaves of geraniums are an excellent application for cuts, when the skin is rubbed off, and other wounds of the same kind. One or two leaves must be bruised and applied on linen to the part, and the wound will become cicatrized in a very short time.
ALL sorts of vessels and utensils may be purified from long-retained smells of every kind, in the easiest and most perfect manner, by rinsing them out well with charcoal powder, after the grosser impurities have been scoured off with sand and potash.
LEMON PUDDING. One-half pound of apples, grated; one-half pound of fine sugar, six ounces of butter, eight eggs, omitting the whites of four; rind and juice of three lemons; with or without pastry. Bake three-quarters of an hour. To be eaten cold.
HASTY BREAD PUDDING. Put one quart of milk in a porcelain kettle, set it over the fire until slices of bread and crumble in until thick, beat three eggs, add sugar and flavoring as for custard; when the milk is hot pour in the eggs, stir well, take up and serve.
CRACKED HEELS. According to Land and Water, often arise from derangement of the digestive organs, and in many cases may be easily cured by giving the horse a few carrots, and keeping the sores free from dirt. A good liniment to use is glycerine, four ounces; iodide of potassium, two drachms. Grosse or oil should be avoided. A little sulphur—say half an ounce—and about a scruple of iodide of sulphur may be given daily mixed with the food.
PATRON'S FRUIT CAKE. The day before you make the cake stew two cups of dried apples till soft, chop fine and simmer in two cups of molasses from one to two hours. Next morning add one cup of sour milk, two small teaspoonfuls of soda, one cup of sugar, one nutmeg grated, one teaspoonful each of cloves and cinnamon, but the size of an egg, and flour enough to make as stiff as gingerbread; raisins improve it. Bake with a steady fire. Time improves it, and icing will keep it from drying and getting hard.
RICE WITH SAUCE. One and one-half cups of rice, butter, sugar, strawberry or raspberry preserve. Steam the rice and salt it. When it is about half done add some milk, and cook until the rice is very tender. Do not stir it with a spoon. Shake the pan gently instead. Take it from the fire and put it in a mould. Set it on ice. Make a cold sauce of sugar and butter rubbed to a cream. Add to it a generous quantity of strawberry or raspberry preserve. Stir well. In summer use fresh berries in the place of the preserve.
ROAST HAUNCH OF VENISON. The flavor of venison is improved by being kept as long as possible, and yet remaining perfectly sweet. Choose a haunch with a clear, bright and thick fat. The more fat the better the meat. Wash it in warm water and dry it well with a cloth; butter a sheet of white paper and put over the fat; lay the venison in a deep baking-dish with either a closely fitting lid or a coarse paste one-half inch thick. Cook in a moderately hot oven from three to four hours, according to the size of the haunch. About twenty minutes before it is done quench the fire, remove the paste or the dish cover, dredge the joint with flour, and baste well with butter until it is nicely frothed and of a fine delicate brown color. Garnish the knuckle-bone with a frill of white paper, and serve with a gravy made from its own drippings—from which the fat has been removed—placed in a tureen. Current jelly always accompanies venison.
SOLDERING WITHOUT FIRE. Take one ounce of sal-ammoniac and one of common salt, an equal quantity of calcined tartar, and as much of bell metal with three ounces of antimony. Pound well altogether and sift it. Put this into a piece of linen and enclose it well all around with fuller's earth about an inch thick. Let it dry; then put it between two crucibles over a slow fire to a heat by degrees. Push on the fire till the lump becomes red hot and melted altogether; let the whole cool gradually and pound into powder. When you want to solder anything put the two pieces you want to join on a table, approaching their extremities as near as you can to one another, making a crust of fuller's earth, so that, holding to each piece and passing under the joint, it should open on the top; then throw some of your powder between and over the joint. Have some borax, which put into hot spirits of wine till it is consumed, and with a feather rub your powder at the joint; you will see it immediately boil. As soon as the boiling stops the consolidation is made. If there be any roughness grind it off on a stone. Recharge.