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FAMILY MATTERS.

REMOVING STAINS.—If you have been picking or handling any acid fruit, and have stained your hands, wash them in clear water, wipe them lightly, and while they are yet moist strike a match and shut your hands around it strike a match and shut your hands around it so as to eatch the smoke, and the stains will disappear. If you have stained your mustin or gingham dress, or your white pants, with herries, before wetting with anything clee poor boiling water through the stains, and they will disappear. Before fruit-juice dries it can often be removed by cold water, using a sponge and towel if necessary. Rubbing the fingers with the insidu of the parings of apples will remove most of the stain caused by paring.

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Boiling Vegetabless.—Why should soda be boiled with freems, cabbages, proceed and turning greens? Because the oil which all these vegetables contain, more or less, the soda extracts, and leaves the greens sweet and wholesome; but the water is, after boiling the greens with sods, most unwholesome, horhaps poisonous. How wrong, then, it is to eat greens not cooked with sods. A plece of sods, libert size, is sufficient for a very large saucepan of boiling water. Turnips greens have scarcely any oil in them, but are, nevertheless, much more wholesome for esting when cooked with a little sods. From the seed of cabbage the colza oil is manufactured. Why should turnips be cut across the fibre in riogs of less than half an inch in thickness. For three reasons:—First, the turnip need only be peeled very thin, instead of in the usual manner, thickly and wastefully; secondly, by so cutting them the fibres are cut across, so that however old the turnip is, it is never stringy; thirdly, they require only fourteen minutes to boil in plenty of beiling water and sait, and thus the delicate flavor of the turnip is preserved, also they can be more easily mashed. The thinner the circles of turnip as out, the quicker they ocak and the less fibre they will have.

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HOW TO WASH SUMMER SUITS.—Summer How TO WASH SUMMER SUITS.—Summer suits are nearly all made of white or buff linen, plque, cambrie, or muslin, and the art of preserving the new appearance after washing is a matter of the greatest importance. Common washerwomen spell everything with soda, and nothing is more frequent than to see the delicate washerwomen spoil everything with soca, and nothing is more frequent than to see the delicate times of lawns and percales turned into dark blotches and muddy streaks by the ignorance and vandalism of a laundress. It is worth while for Isdies to pay attention to this, and insist upon having their summer dresses washed according to the directions which they should be prepared to give the laundress themselves. In the first place, the water should be topid, the scap should not be allowed to touch the fabric; it should be washed and rinsed quick, turned upon the wrong side, and hung in the shade co dry, and when starched (in thin boiled, but not boiling starch) should be folded in sheets or towels, and ironed upon the wrong side, as soon as possible. But linen should be washed in water in which hay has been boiled, or a quart leg of bran. This last will be found to answer for starch as well, and i-excellent for print dresses of all kinds, but a handful of salt is very useful also, to set the colors of light cambrics. unseful also, to set the colors of light cambries, and dotted lawns: and a little bullock's gail will not only set, but brighten yellow and purple tints, and has a good effect upon green.

HINTS TO FARMERS.

FLAX.—Some of the Oregon flax was zome FLAX.—Some of the Oregon flax was zome time ago forwarded to be tested at the Belfast manufactories, Ireland. It has just been returned in the shape of a hatchelled flax ready for the spinner. At the Belfast works it was pronounced of excellent quality, and capable of being manufactured into as fine linen as the world produces. The test was made with the view of introducing cotton into Oregon.

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RASPINO HORSES' FERT.—A correspondent of the Canada Furmer says: "Rasping down the feet nicely, as they call it, is quite a passion with some people. I hav often rasped the hoof, and the owner of the large standing by to tell me when it would suit him. This rasping on the hoof that happens to be a little ill-shaped, until it will spring under your fluger, is far too dangarous a plan for making things look well. This rasping takes the strong surface off the hoof, and nature, trying all she can do to make up for the evil done by injudicious hands, forms a hard, glossy surface to protect the feet. This glossy surface takes the place of the previous horn, and at the next shoeing the feet will probably split a little at the nails, and not unfrequently the nail punches a place out before it."

WATER AS A PREMEMENTE OF BUTTER.—After

WATER AS A PRESERVER OF BUTTER.—After being duly pecked water-tight, the packages may be placed in good, cold water, such as is found in good wells and springs anywhere. Any such good well of water may be used for this purpose, only be sure the package is completely under the water always; and if under water several feet deep it is no detriment, but probably an advantage. It is not necessary, but probably best, that the packages should not rest on the clean ground at the bottom of the well—not that any harm would happen to the butter, but the cutaile of the packages might get soiled and muddy. A deep tank, kept full of water from a flowing spring and continually flowing, may be the most desirable reservoir for keeping the butter in, if the tank is well covered and kept from freezing. No one need be surprised if butter stored in this way may be kept for WATER AS A PRESERVER OF BUTTER.—After

years as good as when packed. Possibly lard and some other articles of food may be stored in this way.

THE POULTRY YARD,-The great value of the THE POULTRY YARD.—The great value of the poultry is for the family use, and not in its market value. And the family should have it. Better he short of sugar, tea and coffee than to be short of eggs and poultry. The farmer who sends the eggs and poultry to market is blind to his own interest, and is abusing his wife and children. I have been in a great many farminouses, and have always noted that, where the wife is composited to exchange the care and children. I have been in a great many larmhouses, and have always noted that, where the wife is compelled to exchange the eggs and poultry for groceries, the husband spends a large sum annually in tobacco and whisky. To reform such a practice appears nearly out of the case, for the use of these stimulants appears to duil the appetite to the more delicate taste of soft-boiled eggs, roast chicken, and the fults, and he is content with baked pork and beans, fried bacon, and greasy potatoes, and forgets that his wife and children do not fully appreciate such food on all occasions.

Notwithstanding all that is said against the inordinate use of pork and lard, they continue to be largely used on the farm, and among nearly all the laboring classes. This is not from any partiality to this food, but mainly for its cheapness. The farmer's wife must have lard to cook with, as it saves the butter that must be sent to market. For one, I prefer to send the lard rather than the butter to market.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A Sr. Louis lady is opposed to female clerks, because it dustroys the romance of shopping.

An Illinois couple, who were divorced nearly haif a century ago, were re-married last week the husband having been twice made a widower in the meantime.

At the recent wodding of a Bavarian army officer, 181 of his brother officers claimed the right to kiss the bride. She responded to each smack, and wasn't tired the least bit.

Wilks one learns that the United States contains 14,000 drug stores, each of them dispensing on an average a score of prescriptions a day, the only wonder is that so many people die natural deaths.

BARNUM is in Boston, and a paper there says:
"When you overtake an acquaintance drifting
down Columbus avenue with his coat talk full of pine splinters, it is safe to ask him how he liked the circus."

Multitudinus matrimonial engagements in the sonior class at Utica are rendering prudent parents and guardians doubtful about the ad-vantages of admitting students of both sexes into the same college.

THE "wild man" has made his appearance THE "Wild man" his made his appearance in Florida. He has been chased to a cave in Occola, where he bids defiance to his pursuers. He is described as a man of gigantic proportions, ranging apparently from six to seven feet in height, covered with long, whitish hair of bristly stiffness, and so singular withnias to still beare the new year in doubt as to whother he is eave the pursuers in doubt as to whether he is man or beast.

Firs.—These grand promotors of indigestion may be considered an "institution" in America. A single New York bakery claims that it produces nine hundred pies an hour from one of its ten capacious evens, and a total of fifty thousand pies daily, the year round, forcing the supsand pies daily, the year round, fercing the sup-ply occasionally up to sixty-five thousand—pro-bably on Fourths of July or other festal occa-sions. Let the reader bisy himself with imagining the total production of pies by this and all other bakeries of the country during a twelvementh!

THE VALUE OF TIME.—Hang this in your library, parlor, office, store, shop, or some other place where it will be seen:—"What does it matter if we lose a few minutes in a day?" Answer.—Time-table (days in a year, 313; working hours in a day, 5):

Days, h. m.

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5 minutes lost each day is, in a year... 3 2 5
10 minutes lost each day is, in a year... 6 4 10
20 minutes lost each day is, in a year... 12 8 20
30 minutes lost each day is, in a year... 19 4 30
60 minutes lost each day is, in a year... 39 1 00

We trust that the above will touch the hearts of those who call in to see you "just for a minute."

GOLDEN GRAINS.

THE love of women is gold that is tried in the fire. The love of man is too often alloyed with basor metals.

Satish-In fishionable circles, general as tire, which attacks the fault rather than the person, is unwelcome; while that which attacks the person and spares the fault is always accept-

It will afford sweeter happiness in the hour of death to have wiped one tear from the cheek of sorrow than to have ruled an empire, to have conquered millions, or to have enalayed the

HABITS influence the character preity much as under-currents influence a vessel, and whether they speed us on the way of our wishes or retard our progress, their power is not the less important because imperceptible.

QUR world has been called "a vale of tears," and human life a bubble, raised from those

tears and inflated with sighs, which, after float-ing a little while, decked with a few gaudy colors, is touched by the hand of Death, and dissolves.

If you cannot be a great river, bearing great vessels of blessings to the world, you can be a little spring by thodusty wayside of life, singing merrily all day and all night, and giving a cup of cold water to every weary, thirsty one who

That man who attempts to bring down and depreciate those who are above him, does not thereby clevate himself. He rather sinks himself, while those whom he traduces are rather bonefited than injured by the slanders of one so

Timere are cases in which a man would be ashamed not to have been in raid upon. There is a confidence necessary to human intercourse, and without which men are often more injured by their own suspicious than they could be by the perfidy of others.

GoD's word is like God's world-varied, very rich, very beautiful. You nover know when you have exhausted all its secrets. The Bible, like nature, has something for every class of mind. Look at the Bible in a new light, and straightway you see some new charms.

DESPAIR is a sin exceedingly vile and contemptible; it is a word of eternal reproach, dishonor and confusion; it declares the devil a conqueror, and what greater dishonor can be done to Christ than for a soul to proclaim, before all the world, the devil a crowned conqueror.

THERE are many fruits which never turn sweet until the frost has lain upon them. There are many nuts that never fall from the boughs of the forest tree still the frost has opened and ripened them. And there are many elements of life that never grow sweet and beautiful until softman comes. sorrow comes.

EDUCATION begins with a mother's or a fa-ther's nod, with a sister's gentle pressure of the hand, or a brother's noble act of forbearance; with pleasant walks in shady lanes; and with thoughts directed, in sweet and kindly tones and words, to nature, to beauty, to acts of beno-volence, to deeds of virtue, and to the source of all good, to the Almighty himself.

LOVE-MAKING.—Young love-making—that gossamer web! Even the points it clings to—the things whence its subtle interlacings things whence its aubtle interlacings are swung—are exarcely perceptible; momentary touches of finger-tips, meeting of rays from blue and dark orbs, unfinished phrases, lightest changes of check and lips, faintest tremors. The web itself is made of spontaneous beliefs, and indefinable joys, yearnings of one life towards another, indefinite trust.

HAPPINESS between hu-band and wife can HAPPINESS between hteband and wife can only be accured by that constant tenderness and care of the parties for each other which are based upon warm and demonstrative love. The heart demands that the man shall not sit reticent, self-absorbed, and silent, in the midst of this family. The woman who forgets to provide for her husband's tastes and wishes, renders her home undesirable for him. In a word, everpresent and ever-demonstrative gentleness must reign, or else the heart starves.

HUMOROUS SCRAPS.

WHAT the young lady said to the dentist-Draw it mild.

It is suggested that Poe's hird must have had the delirium tremens, as he was raven on a hunt.

It is said that iron is a good tonic for debilitated young ladies. That may be so, but ironing is a better one.

A COUNTRYMAN at Dyersburg, Tenn., was noticed the other day gravely setting his watch by a painted sign in front of a Joweller's.

THE confectioner who a few years ago taught his parrot to say "pretty creature" to every lady who entered his store, is now very rich.

A WATERPALL 2,000 feet high, or more than twelve times the height of Niagara, has been discovered in British Guians. The lady's name

A NEW YORK minister, preaching the funeral sermon of a famous skater, the other day, said he had "gone where there is no ice." That was capable of a very serious interpretation.

The reason an urchingave for being late at school, on Monday, was that the boy in the next house was going to have a dressing down with a bed-cord, and he waited to near him how.

ANEW JERSEY man has succeeded in raising some very fine bananas—from the cellar of a neighboring fruit dealer, and says the climate of this country seems well adapted to this fruit

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So. Triple Accostic.—Egbert, Harold, Ernest, thus: Enc-Hafe. Gibraltar, Bourbon, Elope, Rills, Tribent.

A Man out West, who married a widow, has invented device to cure her of " eternally" praising her former husbral. Whenever she begins to descent on his noble qualities, this ingenious No. 2 merely says: "Poor dear man! How I wish he hadn't died!" and the lady immediately thinks of something else to talk about.

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Book as follows: "Man that is born of woman is full of trouble, and hath but a short time to live." The astonished, bridegroom suddenly exclaimed, "Sir, you mistake, we come to be married." Well," teplied the clergyman, "if you insist I will marry you; but believe me my friend, you had better be buried?"

my friend, you had better be buried in PRESENCE of mind is a good thing to have in cases of emergency. Our friend Atkinson had it in an diarming form. Ho was out sailing one day in a skiff with another man, and a storm came up. The other man accidentally fell overbard. "He swam up and seized the side of the skiff," said Atkinson, " and made violent efforts to climb in. I was in momentary danger of being upset, but fortunately I had the presence of mind to crack him over the fingers with an ear, and so he let go and sank, and I got in to shore all safe and sound." A very little of that kind of presence of mind would satisfy most people. people.

OUR PUZZLER.

95. CHARADES.

A young man courts a pretty giri, He don't wish to offend her, But asks her to become his wife A week before December.

But when the question's put to her, A blush runs o'er her check; She evidently feels my tirst, And therefore cannot speak.

My so ond on most doors is found, For safety I would say;
My whole will name a character
In one of Shakespero's plays,

My first is dazzling to the eye, So rich, supero, and grand; And every one has felt its power, In this and every land.

My second may be termed a veil, Which overspreads the earth; It renders everything obscure, And hide's true nature's worth.

My whole it is a canopy,
Oft borne by indies fair,
When they go out to promenade,
Or pleasure any where.

W. TYRRELL

90. ENIGMA.

Three Irish boys, Mick, Pat, and Bill, Were standing close beside a hill, The top of which was very high, And looked as though it reached the sky.

Pat made a bot with Mick and But To have a race right up the hill.

And he who first on me should sit,
Would win the prize—and I was it.

They started off, when down fell Pat, And Bill went tumbling o'er his hat; But Mick, the luckiest of the three, Got up the hill, and sat on me.

And now bold Pat and luckless Bill, Have managed to get up the hill; On me sits Mick so full of glee At his success in winning me.

Although you'll find me on the hill,
You'll find me with Mick, Pat, and Bill;
And now, a little more to tell,
Poor Paddy's hat upon me fell. THUMAS LIDGERTON.

97. QUARTETTE OF IRISH TOWNS.

1. A month and a vowel.

2. A proposition, and a man's name.
3. An industrious insect, and the edge.
4. A female name, and a place with a corpo-SHYLOCK.

98. METAGRAM.

Whole, I am found on every shore, And seen in every street;
Put head to tail, I go before
Brave armies when they meet
Behead, curtail, and new confess
A heavy weight you've got;
Reverse that weight, whate'er you guess,
You'll find that it is not Five letters whole; of two bereft,
How strange that only one is left.
B. A. IGOLESDER.

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MARAH	RAVEN	WALES
ALIVE	ALIVE	ADELA
RIVER	VICES	LEXAX
A V KRT	EVENT	ELAND
HERLS	et e a k	SANDS
SO, ENTOYA	Trunk.	