

should be rather coarsely ground. Mix it thoroughly in a large bowl, with one pint of fresh milk, and don't imagine because it seems so thin, that I have made a mistake. Put in what salt is necessary, and into the batter, break one fresh egg, and with a kitchen fork beat the whole together quickly and thoroughly. Have your oven pretty hot, but not scorching. Into a splay-sided round tin pan, of say four inches diameter at the bottom, and two and a half to three inches deep, pour your batter (which will about half fill the pan,) and put it into the oven instantly. It ought to bake, if the oven is perfectly regulated, in about half an hour. It must be perfectly *done* to be good. Don't be discouraged with the first attempt; it requires some practice to *hit it* precisely. It is to be eaten hot, before the upper crust falls.—*Ex. Paper.*

**TO MAKE HAIR OIL.**—Take a teacupful of fresh hog's lard and a teacup of water, simmer them together until the water is all gone; then cool; beat the white of an egg to the froth and add to the lard, mixing them thoroughly, and perfume to suit your liking.

**AN EASY SEWING CHAIR.**—A delightfully easy sewing chair can be made in a few hours from an old cane seat chair, from which the canes have been broken away, by sawing off the front legs about two inches, the back ones three or four; stretch a bit of old strong carpeting, canvas, or something of the kind, across the seat; make a curtain of an old small-figured dress, or of pretty print, fasten it to fall around the sides of a chair, fit a cushion to the back and one to the seat, cover it with the same, and you will have a comfortable and pretty chair in which you can rest while you work.

**TO MAKE GOOD WASHING FLUID.**—Three quarters of a pound of lump lime, one

pound soda ash, five quarts soft water. Slake the lime (hot water is best,) then add the water and soda ash. Stir frequently until well dissolved, let it stand until it settle clear, and then dip off. It is made best in an iron vessel.

**ANTIDOTE FOR POISON.**—Sweet oil, according to the *American Artisan*, is an antidote for poison. It says that "a poison of any conceivable description and degree of potency, which has been swallowed, intentionally or by accident, may be rendered instantly harmless by swallowing two gills of sweet oil. An individual with a very strong constitution should take twice the quantity. This oil will neutralize every form of vegetable or mineral poison with which physicians and chemists are acquainted."

**TO ICE A CAKE.**—Having whipped up the whites of three eggs to a froth, add to them a pound of doubly-refined sifted sugar, and three spoonsful of orange-flower water. Beat these all thoroughly together, and, when the cake is taken out of the oven, spread the icing mixture all over it with a wooden spatula, like a paper-knife. When this is done, let it stand at the mouth of the oven to dry thoroughly; but it must on no account be allowed to get discolored. Lemon-juice, instead of orange-flower water, is rather an improvement, as it makes the icing very white, and also gives it a pleasant flavor. Or beat the whites of three eggs to a strong froth; beat a pound of almonds very fine with some rose-water, and mix the almonds and eggs lightly together, then, after beating it very fine, put a pound of loaf-sugar in by degrees. When the cake is baked enough, take it out, lay on the icing, and place it at a proper distance before a clear fire, and keep turning it continually that it may not turn color. A cool oven is, however, best, where an hour will harden it.

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## Editorial and Correspondence.

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### EDITORIAL ITEMS.

—According to promise, we give in this number the particulars of Mr. Boyd's ingenious system of Local Telegraphy by sound and light. His explanations are very clear and merit attention.

—We call attention to the map of Abyssinia, which has been Leggotyped expressly for the *Dominion*. That country; hitherto so little thought of, has become interesting, as being the seat of the war brought on by King Theodore's cruelty and obstinate unreasonableness. This map,