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HOW TO PREPARE COFFEE.

French cooks say good coffee cannot be made by boiling; it must be leached; the aroma and flavor of the coffee goes off in the steam if it is boiled.

CHANGE OF SEED.

The American Agriculturist answers a correspondent by saying: With all other grains than corn a change of seed now and then is considered advisable.

INDIGESTION.

"Plain water, as it is the most natural, so it is the most healthy beverage for the purpose of diluting the contents of the stomach; but where the powers of digestion are feeble, even that should be taken sparingly, as by diluting the gastric juice its activity is necessarily impaired.

HOME ORNAMENTS.

A pretty mantel-piece ornament may be obtained by suspending an acorn by a piece of thread tied around it, within half an inch of the surface of some water contained in a vase, tumbler, or saucer, and allowing it to remain undisturbed for several weeks.

IMPURE WATER.

Public attention can not be too often called to the danger of using impure water in households. The origin of typhoid fever, which so frequently runs through families in city and country, is oftener in wells and springs than is supposed.

The congregation of the Middle Parish Church, Paisley, have introduced a novelty in the election of a member by ballot. On Sunday, the Rev. Mr. Martin, who is minister of one of the burgh churches, intimated from the pulpit that the election would be made by ballot on Tuesday evening; but the Rev. Mr. Dodds, who is minister of the second charge of the Abbey Church, and who officiated in the afternoon, declined to make any such intimation on the grounds of it being an innovation not recognized by the Church Courts.

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