

The Angel Ferry.

From the N. Y. Star.

Oh! when shall the boatman ferry me o'er
To the friends who wait on the farther shore?
Along a wild and tollsome way,
I have journeyed for many a weary day,
O'er the graves of early hope,
And my misfortune's thorny slope,
Till my mortal sun has passed its noon,
And my heart beats time to a ceaseless tune;
When shall the boatman ferry me o'er
To the friends who wait on the farther shore?

Through the wrecks of many a fairy dream
I come to the banks of the mystic stream;
I have waited so long for a fairy sail,
I can feel my strength begin to fail;
And while I faintly call and pray,
My wind-swept locks are turning gray.
But I know he is true, and will come ere quite
My deepening day shall sink to night,
And I walk the sands till he bear me o'er
To the friends who wait on the farther shore.

He is fair and beautiful, I know,
And his shining robe is white as snow,
And the tender love of his starry eyes
Is caught from the glory of other skies,
And his silver-sandaled feet have trod
The banks of the crystalline rivers of God!
Oh! boatman, haste from the Land of Rest,
And pillow my head upon thy breast!
Speed thy swift shallop, and bear me o'er
To the friends who wait on the farther shore.

The shadows deepen one by one,
The sun is set, the day is done,
And like a star on my growing sight
I can see at last the signal light.
And swiftly toward the margin glides,
I can hear the rush of that spirit barque,
And mellow splendors pierce the dark!
Adieu, dim world! ere I'm wafted o'er
To the friends who wait on the farther shore!

Household Receipts.

Five-inch pots will grow almost any plant as large as you care to have in a window, provided they have good drainage, fibrous soil, are watered with stimulative mixtures twice a week, have the leaves sprinkled before the sun is on them daily, and keep them from the glaring sun.

A fruit salad for desert may be made of sliced bananas and strawberries or raspberries arranged in layers, sprinkled with powdered sugar and covered with whipped cream. Another is made with successive layers of sliced orange, finely-grated coconut, with the top layer of coconut.

FROZEN FRUITS.—Frozen fruits are preferred by many people to either ice cream or water ice. Strawberries, raspberries, pineapples, oranges, peaches and cherries are the fruits which give the best results served in this manner. Raspberries and strawberries are improved by the addition to the fruit of the juice of a lemon.

ORANGE CAKE.—Two cups sugar, one-half cup butter beaten to a cream, one cup of sweet milk, three eggs, three cups flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. *Frosting:* Whites of two eggs, eight teaspoonfuls of sugar. Save out enough to frost the top, to the remainder add the juice and grated rind of one orange, spread on layers.

BAKED BANANAS.—Allow one tablespoonful of sugar and one teaspoonful of hot water for each banana. Pare the bananas and cut in halves. Place them on a shallow dish. Melt one tablespoonful of butter in the hot water and pour over the fruit. Mix a little salt, and spice or lemon juice, with the sugar, sprinkle it over the top and bake twenty minutes, or until brown.

BANANA SHORTCAKE.—One pint of flour, one large teaspoonful of good baking powder, one-third cupful of shortening made moist with milk. While baking, slice bananas in the proportion of three to one orange: grate the outside of the orange peel and mix with one cupful of sugar. Split the freshly-baked cake, butter and fill with the fruit. Four tablespoonfuls of sweet cream, beaten stiff, and added to the fruit, is an improvement. This is a delicious cake.

WATER ICES.—Water ices are inexpensive, delicious and seasonable. They are a trifle more troublesome to make and require a much longer freezing, but their lesser cost is more than

compensation. A lemon ice, with the variations of a little less sugar and of different fruits, may be used with either orange, pineapples, raspberries, strawberries, cherries or currants. The following receipt for a strawberry sherbet, may be made, and is used in preference to the water ices: Mash to a paste a quart of fresh berries, to which add the juice of one lemon and three pints of water. Let it stand for three hours, then strain it into three quarters of a pound of white sugar. Stir until the sugar is thoroughly dissolved, when strain a second time, and keep in ice for a few hours before using.

Dairy Notes.

The cow that stops chewing the cud and pricks up her ears when being milked can not be depended upon to give all of her milk.

Very few cows get too much exercise. It is what they get in getting it that does the mischief. Standing at the stable door waiting to be let in, is not exercise.

Feed the skim milk while it is still sweet, for souring detracts from its value every time. All changes in the natural product toward, or to an acid condition detracts from its value for food just in proportion to the change.

Spring calves will do better kept in the barn through their first summer than if turned to pasture. We have proved this many times. Dry hay seems better suited to go with their feed of milk than does the watery grass.

A dairyman who was milking a large herd of average cows took five of the best and five of the poorest ones, and, keeping an accurate account of the cost of feed and care, found that while the five good ones were paying a fine profit the other five were actually costing him \$7. per head annually over and above the value of the milk they yielded. Individual test is the only means of ascertaining the profit and loss in the dairy.

An Important Decision.

Surrogate Abbott, of Kings County New York, on June 23, decided that little two-year-old Dorothy Annan shall be reared as a Catholic.

Dorothy is the daughter of the late Major Edward Annan, of Brooklyn who died while undergoing a surgical operation on January 23 last. Her mother was Maude Earl, a sister of the proprietor of the Bristol Hotel, of this city. Mrs. Annan died in July, 1891.

Upon the death of Major Annan, Mary Earl, the maternal grandmother and a Catholic, applied for the custody of the child, while Charlotte S. Richardson, the paternal aunt, a Protestant made a similar request.

Surrogate Abbott holds that there was an ante-nuptial agreement that the wife should be allowed to observe her religious duties as a Catholic and that her children should be raised in that faith. The Court appoints the two applicants joint guardians to have the custody of the child half the time and to see that the infant is brought up in the Catholic faith.—N. Y. Irish American.

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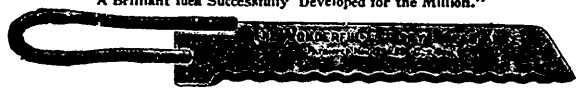
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