

FLOATING ISLAND.—Beat the yolks of six eggs with the juice of four lemons, sweeten it to your taste, and stir it into a quart of boiling milk till it thickens, then pour it into a dish. Whip the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth, and put it on the top of the cream.

FRENCH CUSTARD.—Take one quart of milk, flavor it with the peel of about half a small lemon pared very thin, and sweetened to taste with white sugar. Boil it, and leave it to get quite cold. Then blend with it three dessertspoonfuls of fine flour, and two eggs well-beaten. Simmer it until it is of the proper thickness, stirring it the whole time. Pour into cups, or a custard-dish.

YEAST.—One handful of hops, boiled half an hour in two quarts of water; ten good potatoes boiled half an hour, and mashed very fine. Strain the water from the hops on to the potatoes, very hot; stir in two tablespoonfuls of salt, and one pint of flour; set it to cool. When lukewarm, add one pint of good brewers yeast, and let it rise six hours. Strain all through a cullender or sieve; put into a stone jug stopped tight. It will keep three weeks in winter, and one in summer.

CRACKING GLASS BY SUDDEN HEAT.—Pro-

bably more articles of glass in daily use are broken by being suddenly heated than by blows or other acts of carelessness. Glass is a very poor conductor of heat, and when hot water is poured suddenly into a tumbler or goblet, it is almost certain to break unless the glass itself is quite warm. Tepid water should be first used, or a little cold water be poured into the glass on which the hot water may be drawn. Lamp chimneys frequently crack when placed upon the lighted lamp, especially if taken from a cold room. The proper remedy is to turn up the flame slowly or by degrees.

LOOSENING GROUND-GLASS STOPPLES.—Sometimes the ground-glass stopples of bottles become, from one cause or another, fixed in the neck, and cannot be removed by pulling or torsion. An effectual method is to wrap a rag wet with hot water around the neck, and let it remain a few seconds.

The heat will expand the neck of the bottle, when the stopple can be removed before the heat penetrates the stopple itself. Or, wind a string once or twice around the neck, and, holding the bottle between the knees, pull alternately on one and the other end, thus creating friction, and consequently heat. Or a little camphene oil dropped between the neck and stopple of the bottle will often relieve the stopple.

Editorial and Correspondence.



EDITORIAL.

The first number of the second volume of STEWART'S LITERARY QUARTERLY MAGAZINE has come to us from St. John, N.B. It contains sixty-four pages, devoted to light and entertaining literature, the matter being entirely original. This number has, among other articles, a paper by the late Hon. T. D. McGee, entitled "The City of Colleges," which is of much interest. The price of the *Quarterly* is 10 cents a number, or 40 cents per annum in advance. This publication, which is a very creditable effort to introduce periodical literature and draw out our

home talent, is well deserving of support.

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- "A Scene in Gaspé."
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- "Alas! but thou."
- "The Forest in Summer."
- "The Wasp and the Butterfly."