

to you. If the army of the North are composed of such men, the quicker we give up the better."

"That's just what I think," said one of the Confederates.

"Better come on our side," remarked Capt. Bob, laughing.

"It is too late now," said the Col.; "but may I ask you one question?"

"You may," answered our brave hero.

"Are you Capt. Bob?"

"I am."

"Capt. Bob, if you ever come my way, when the North is not at war with the South, do not fail to make my house your home, and you will find that Col. Mix and his daughter Helen will make you welcome."

"Col. Mix," said Capt. Bob, "one thing I wish to say to you: When you wish a lesson of bravery, your daughter by your side is as able to teach you—more able than I am. She faced a villain and overpowered him. She will tell you all about it. Thank you Col.; good day."

Our hero turned upon his heel, and went back to his company.

The war closed. Capt. Bob—or as it was then—"Col. Bob,"—went home. But before he left the South, he had wooed and won the beautiful Helen Mix, who had become his wife.

"Mother," he said, after he had introduced his wife; "I never surrendered to the enemy, but I was captured by the enemy's daughter."

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HOW TO FORTELL THE WEATHER.

Mr. A. J. DeVoe, of Hackensack, N. J., sends to the Farmers' Club of the American Institute, the following ten short rules, by the use of which, it is said, one in any part of the Northern Hemisphere (north of latitude fifteen) can form an accurate opinion of how the wind and weather are progressing for a hundred miles around him:—

1. When the temperature falls suddenly there is a storm forming south of you.
2. When the temperature rises suddenly there is a storm forming north of you.
3. The wind always blows from the region of fair weather towards a region where a storm is forming.
4. Cirrus clouds always move from a region where a storm is in progress, towards a region of fair weather.
5. Cumulus clouds always move from a region of fair weather, towards a region where a storm is forming.
6. When cirrus clouds are moving rapidly from the north or north-west, there will be rain in less than twenty-four hours, no matter how cold it may be.
7. When cirrus clouds are moving rapidly from the south or south-west, there will be a cold rain storm on the morrow if it be summer, and if it be winter there will be a snow storm.
8. The wind blows in a circle around a storm, and when it blows from the north the heaviest rain is east of you; from the south the heaviest rain is west; from the east, the heaviest rain is south; from the west, the heaviest rain is north of you.
9. The wind never blows unless rain or snow is falling within 1,000 miles of you.
10. Whenever a heavy white frost occurs a storm is forming within 1,000 miles north or north-west of you.

Preachers err egregiously who trust to the excellences of discourses to weigh down minute defects.

HOUSEHOLD.

CORN BREAD.

To one pint of sweet milk add one wellbeaten egg, two table-spoonfuls of sugar, one teaspoonful of salt, two table-spoonfuls of melted butter or lard, one tea-cupful of flour mixed with two tea-spoonfuls of Royal baking powder, and corn meal enough to make the mixture a little thicker than griddle cake batter. Fill a common tin piepan half full and bake in quick oven.

BOILED BEETS.

Wash, but do not cut them, as this would destroy their sweetness; put them on to boil in water enough to cover them, and let them boil for two or three hours, or until they are perfectly tender; then take them up, peel and slice them, and pour melted butter over them, and vinegar, if liked. The root is excellent as a salad, and as a garnish for other salads it is desirable, not only on account of the brightness of its colour, but also on account of its sweetness.

CHERRY PUDDING.

A delicious cherry pudding is made in this way: make crust as for baking powder biscuit; roll it out about two-thirds inch thick. Stew enough cherries, so that when they are spread on the crust they will cover it and be deep enough to make a good layer of fruit; roll the crust up then taking care to keep the cherries from falling off. Wrap cloth around it, sew loosely with coarse thread. Allow room for crust to rise. Lay it on a plate and set in a steamer; steam for 1½ hours; serve in slices with sauce. The object in stewing the cherries before using them is that the juices may not be soaked into the crust.

PRESERVED GRAPES.

The fruit should be mature, at not soft or broken. Catawba makes a good preserve. Wash and allow to drip; pick carefully, rejecting the bad ones. To every pound of grapes take one-half pound of white sugar; use no water; put grapes first in pan, then layer of sugar, then layer of grapes; cook slowly on moderate fire; stir continually and strain through a sieve when hot; then put it up in air-tight vessels.

SOME PRETTY THINGS FOR THE HOME.

Buy cheese cloth at 6c. a yard for window draperies; edge with narrow lace; loop with ribbon; shirr upon a ribbon at the top. Dinner table cloths are pure white; therefore napkins should be spotless. Lunch or breakfast cloths are embroidered in colors, napkins may be ornamented to match. The cheap Japanese fans given away by advertising firms make very pretty fans if covered neatly with satin or plush, and edged with lace; the satin may be hand-painted. A pretty wall ornament consists of a palm-leaf fan gilded with gold paint, with three peacock's feathers passed through it. A cracked looking-glass may have its deformity removed by painting spray of flowers or foliage across it. An old gilt picture frame may be restored by washing with strong solution of soda, rubbing with fine paper, and then applying coat of liquid gold paint. Wool baskets of wicker work are now seen in all sitting rooms whose habitues do fancy work, and are now to be lined with cretonne, satin or surah, according to taste, and randyke valence outside headed by pleated satin ruche. Tennis cloth, a moderately heavy goods, one

yard wide, with cross stripes in bright color on cream colored ground, is used for window draperies, being only one shilling a yard and quite novel in style. Gather grasses and grains for winter bouquets; a few light stalks of oats tied into a sheaf with a blue satin ribbon makes a very pretty decoration when neatly fastened to the wall. —Ex.

AGREEABLE MEALS.

It is impossible to estimate properly the immense influence which is exerted upon a household by the atmosphere of the family table. If it is true that one does not come out of a room the same person he went in, the mind ever after retaining an impress of what affected it there, what great results must be achieved from the meeting in the dining room, from the conversation indulged in, and the sentiments expressed there.

A neat, well-covered table is in itself a lesson to the children. I have noticed that a sensitive child almost invariably better manners when dressed in his best, and have seen with surprise the effect produced upon a certain small boy of my acquaintance by handsomely dressed ladies who are polite to him. To the inviting table, where there should always be something attractive, however simple the meal may be, most children will come prepared to behave properly. It is really worth while, and when philosophically considered, is a matter of great importance, to lay aside as far as possible all thoughts of hard work done before or to be done after the meal, and to allow no vexatious questions to be discussed at this time.

The habit of brooding over our work and exhausting ourselves by going over it all in our minds is one to be studiously avoided. There is nothing takes from one's energy so much as this, and it is frequently a cause of insanity.

Food digests better when we are in agreeable company. It was something more than pleasant that made a friend remark that he could not have his wife and children spend the summer vacation away from him, as it gave him the dyspepsia. The poor child who comes to grief at the table, and is sent away from it with his dinner half-eaten, and who suffers the whole afternoon with an undigested lump of food in his stomach is to be pitied, and it is a wise plan to explain to children that in this way they will be punished for bad conduct at dinner table.

It follows then that pleasant surprises in the way of preparing dishes, that good taste and painstaking in arranging all the appointments of a table and dining room, rise above a mere ministering to the animal existence, and effect the fine issues of life. Good behaviour and cheerfulness ought to accompany each meal as naturally and unwaveringly as bread and butter. The happy laughter which distributes

nervous force, and calls the blood from the brain, allowing the stomach to get its share, should be heard more frequently at our tables. No one should feel at liberty to say one word that is not kind and thoughtful, any more than he would go without a sufficient quantity of food. These facts need more careful consideration than they usually receive.

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