

HUMOROUS.

A gentleman standing over a register in a Cincinnati store, attracted general attention to himself by observing to his wife, "Marian, I guess I'm agoin' to have a fever, I feel such hot streaks a running up my legs."

"That bed is not long enough for me," said a very tall, gruff Englishman, on being ushered into his bedroom by an Irish waiter at one of our hotels. "Faith, an' you'll find it plenty long, sir, when you get into it," was the reply; "for then there will be two feet more added to it."

A man who had recently been elected a major of militia, and who was not overburdened with brains, took it into his head on the morning of parade to exercise a little by himself. The field selected for this purpose was his own apartment. Placing himself in a military attitude, with his sword drawn, he exclaimed: "Attention, company! Rear rank, three paces, march!" and he tumbled down into the cellar. His wife, hearing the racket, came running in, saying, "My dear, have you killed yourself?" "Go about your business, woman," said the hero; "what do you know about war?"

"Sir," said an astonished landlady to a traveler who had sent his cup forward for the seventh time, "you must be very fond of coffee." "Yes, madam, I am," he replied, "or I should never have drank so much water to get a little."

A man who had been drinking more than was good for him, undertook to walk home alone, when he came with a bang against one of the many trees along the street. "I beg your pardon," he said to the imaginary individual against whom he had jostled, and continued his walk, when he came with another crack against a tree on the opposite side of the street. "A thousand pardons," quoth Eubiosus, again resuming his journey, and forthwith he ran against another tree. For some time he caromed against the limes in this way, till at last he came to a seat. "Ah," he said, with a sigh of relief, as he flung himself down upon it, "I think I'll wait till the procession gets past."

A man in Yates county, New York, who has been an inveterate smoker for fifty years, has suddenly and permanently given it up. He knocked the ashes off his pipe into a keg of blasting powder.

A man went into the post office in Dundas and asked, "Is there a letter here for Mike How?" "No," angrily replied the clerk, "there isn't a letter here for anybody's cow."

A few nights ago, as a Detroit policeman was passing a certain house in that city, he saw a man drop from a window, and heard smothered cries inside. Supposing the man to be a burglar who was escaping, he seized him, but he soon found out that it was the owner of the house whom he had arrested. "Well," said the officer, "it looked suspicious to see you drop out of a window in that way." "Well," replied the man, heaving a sigh, "when the old woman gets her dander up, I ain't particular about what road I take to get out of the house."

A soldier on trial for habitual drunkenness was thus addressed by the magistrate:—"Prisoner, you have heard the charge of habitual drunkenness; what have you to say in defense?" "Nothing, please your honor, but habitual thirst."

A Sabbath School superintendent asked the scholars if any of them could quote a passage of Scripture which forbade a man's having two wives; whereupon nearly the whole school cried out, "No man can serve two masters."

The other day a little boy, who had cut his finger, ran to his mother and cried:—"Tie it up, ma; tie it up quick; for the juice is all running out!" The same urchin, on one of the hot days last summer, appealed to his mother for help, saying:—"Ma, do fix me, for I'm leaking all over."

An exchange thoughtfully remarks: "Delinquent subscribers should not permit their daughters to wear this paper for a bustle. There being so much due on it, there is danger of taking cold."

Why is the letter "g" like the sun? Because it is the centre of light.

Vick's Chromo.

The illustration on this page represents the rough outlines of Vick's chromo for 1875. It is much larger than any previously issued, the size being 19x24. Some of the colors are beautifully blended, forming a very handsome picture. We will send this beautiful chromo to any one who will hand us in four new subscribers, accompanied with the amount of subscription. This is such a handsome ornament that we are sure it will be prized by all who obtain it. If the picture is found to be otherwise than what we represent it, we will return the subscriptions to the agent, and send the paper to the four subscribers for one year, free of charge.

Minnie May's Department.

Recipes.

APPLE PUDDING.

Dear Minnie May,—Wishing to add a little to your valuable column, I send a few good recipes, which if you think worth putting in please do so.

A NICE STEAMED PUDDING.

Take 2 eggs; 1 cup of sugar; 2 cups sour milk, or butter milk; 1 teaspoonful soda; 1 cup currants, or raisins; and flour to make rather stiff. Put into a two quart pan, and set in the steamer and steam two hours.



VICK'S CHROMO FOR 1875.

A NICE NEW YEAR'S CAKE.

Beat to a cream $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. butter; add 1 lb. flour; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sugar; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. dried currants; 4 well beaten eggs; $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful soda; $\frac{1}{2}$ pint milk; spice to suit and bake with care.

APPLE PUDDING.

Make a nice light paste with sour milk and soda, with a little lard added, as for cake, and line a pie-dish and fill with apples; put in sugar and spice; roll out a cover and press round tightly and place in a steamer and steam three hours, if large.

MINCE MEAT—VERY NICE.

Take 3 lbs. of currants; $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of raisins; $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of apples; 1 lb. of sugar; 2 lbs. suet, shred as fine as possible; 1 lb. sugar; 1 lb. beef, minced; the peel and juice of 1 lemon; $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of wine; 1 gill of brandy; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. mixed spice; mix all well together.

MINCE MEAT.

Take 2 lbs. of raisins; 3 lbs. currants; 3 lbs. beef suet; 1 small nutmeg; 1 pottle of apples chopped fine; the rind of two lemons, and juice of one; $\frac{1}{2}$ pint brandy; mix well together; this should be made a little time before wanted for use.

JOHNNY CAKE WITH EGGS.

Two cups of sweet milk; half a teaspoonful of sugar; two eggs well beaten; a small teacup of white flour mixed with a teaspoonful of baking powder, and corn meal enough to make a batter. Sometimes I begin with the meal and scald it, and then use only one cup of sweet milk and no baking powder, with no definite proportion of white flour—enough to make the batter right. The batter should always be thicker when the meal is scalded

than when it is not, because in the latter case you must allow for the meal to swell some. Of course, the milk should be added to cool the scalded meal before the eggs are put in, or the hot mush would partially cook the eggs.

Economical Hints for Farmers' Wives.

Every housekeeper, says a lady in the "Rural New Yorker," may not know of what they are capable in the line of keeping their tinware in order. For the benefit of such, I will say that it is easier to solder such things than to pay a traveling tinker two prices for mending them. Take a sharp knife and scrape the lead until it is bright, so that the solder will stick. Then sprinkle on a little powdered rosin; (they have liquid solder to sell, but rosin will do as well) lay your solder on the hole, and with your soldering iron melt it on. Do not have the iron too hot, or the solder will adhere to that. After two or three trials you can do a job that you will be proud of. If you do not own a soldering iron, procure one by all means; but when hard pressed I have used the knob on the end of the fire shovel or a smooth piece of iron, or hold a candle under the spot to be mended. Anything is better than stopping leaking pans with bees wax or rags. Try it, young housekeepers, and see how independent you will feel. Your pans should be dry when you take them in hand.

Spring is the season when those who believe in painted floors generally repaint. An enterprising housekeeper who depends on herself to accomplish a great many things which she cannot wait for the head of the house to get around to, can buy the materials and mix her own paint, and give herself better satisfaction, both in price and quality, than if she buys the paint already mixed at a shop. Boiled oil, japan for drying, and French yellow are the ingredients commonly used. The addition of a small quantity of white lead improves the color and makes the paint hard and durable. The paint should be well mixed, and not too thick, and two coats are always better economy than one. Paint over one coat and the next day paint it again, and, if possible, keep off from it then until it is well dried.

To make paper go on smoothly, and not blister and wrinkle upon the wall, use boiled starch instead of flour paste. The starch is made in the usual way and put on the paper cold. If possible, have a board a little longer than your lengths of paper, but no wider. You will see the reason when you put on the starch. Measure your paper the proper length, and cut them by a carpenter's square so that they may be even. Prepare five or six at once, and lay them all on the board and apply the starch to the top one.

Then lap the bottom back on a foot or so for convenience, and take hold of the top end of your paper and fit it to the wall. Use a little brush broom; brush first a little way, lightly through the middle, then sideways alternately. After you get it half way down satisfactorily, pull down the piece that was lapped up from the bottom and brush it all through the middle first. In this way you will have to be to some trouble to avoid wrinkles, and when your room is finished, everyone who sees it will wonder what professional paper-hanger did it.

JELLIES.

In making jellies of apricots, quinces, peaches, apples or plums, peel, remove the stones or cores, cut in pieces, cover with water, and boil gently till well cooked; then strain the juice gently through a jelly bag and add a half pint of sugar to a pint of juice. For berries, a pound of sugar to a pint of juice; boil till it ropes from the spoon, or from fifteen to twenty minutes. In making raspberry jelly use one-third currants and two-thirds raspberries.

It is said that the bark of a willow tree burnt to ashes; mixed with strong vinegar, and applied to the parts, will remove all corns and excrescences on any part of the body.

FOR SPRAINS AND BRUISES.

Take a half a pound each of beef tallow, bees-wax, rosin and stone pitch, and one pint of lard oil. Boil together for half an hour, remove the scum and pour into cups. For use spread it on kid and apply. It gives immediate relief, and is as good also for domestic animals as it is for man,

Talk

Very frequently visit from our southern country, and their with their observations must be interesting.

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