

RECIPES.

To Wash a Black Lace Veil.—Mix bullock's gall with sufficient hot water to make it as warm as you can bear your hand in. Then pass the veil through it. It must be squeezed, not rubbed. It will be well to perfume the gall with a little musk. Next rinse the veil through two cold waters, tinging the last with indigo. Then dry it. Have ready in a pan some stiffening, made by pouring boiling water on a very small piece of glue. Put the veil into it, squeeze it out, stretch it, and clap it. Afterwards, pin it out to dry on a linen cloth, making it very straight and even, taking care to open and pin in the edge very nicely. When dry, iron it on the wrong side, having laid a linen cloth over the ironing-table blanket. Any article of black lace may be washed in the same manner.

Preservation of Books.—A few drops of any perfumed oil will secure libraries from the consuming effects of mouldiness and damp. Russian leather, which is perfumed with the tar of the birch-tree, never moulds; and merchants suffer large bales of this article to lie in the London docks in the most exposed manner, knowing that it cannot get any injury from damp.



EDITORIAL.

We make our Editorial salutations to the patrons of the *Maple Leaf* at the commencement of a new volume. It may be well to mention that the work is especially intended for family reading. While its articles are all written, or selected with reference to the varied tastes and feelings which find place in the home circle, it will be found suited to the general reader, and interesting from this variety. We intend to give information, as well as afford amusement; and we hope to succeed in this respect. The size of the Magazine precludes the idea of lengthened discussions on any subject, and we shall trust most to a skilful selection of topics to please.

Articles delineating events and scenes which have transpired in the Province, will be welcomed. Touches from pens which love to trace the early stages of progress in a community, and enliven their sketches by bringing to light incidents and legends relating to the wonderful past, will find a corner for such tracery in our Magazine.

Hints on scientific subjects, the discoveries and improvements of the age, or the wonders of nature, will be well received, and find place in the pages devoted to the "Useful and Agreeable."

Nearly all the articles in the present number have been written expressly for it. We thank our contributors for their promptness in sending their articles. Several new names will be noticed, among whom we gladly number the writer of the pleasing "Sketch of the Aztec Empire."

Seated at our table, we are taking a mental observation of the country; and our heart beats quickly as we think of the many kind and indulgent friends our little Magazine already numbers. We learned in our childhood some such sentiment as this—that if we wish to love a country or people, or take an interest in any good cause, we must try and do something for that country or people, or contribute to the advancement of good. The truth stood out, like all such truths, in a kind of skeleton distinctness before our reverential gaze; but it is clothed now, and enshrined in our affectionate apprehension! Experience is an excellent teacher.