

APPLE JELLY.—Pare, core, and quarter any quantity of good apples: cover them well with water, and let them boil till soft; drain them through a sieve into a pan, and in the meantime have ready a syrup made by boiling the rinds and cores in water; strain it off, and boil it with a sufficient quantity of sugar to make it rich. Take as much of this as of the juice which passes through the sieve, and boil it thoroughly; then add the jelly, and boil all together eight or ten minutes. This jelly should be kept covered with paper dipped in brandy, like all others made of fruit.

BACONS AND BEANS.—When you dress beans and bacon, boil the bacon by itself, and the beans by themselves, for the bacon will spoil the colour of the beans. Always throw some salt in the water, and some parsley nicely picked. When the beans are done enough, which you will know by their being tender, throw them into a cullender to drain. Take up the bacon and skin it: throw some raspings of bread over the top, and if you have an iron make it red hot and hold it over it to brown the top of the bacon; if you have not one, set it before the fire to brown. Lay the beans in the dish, and the bacon in the middle on the top, and send them to table with parsley and butter in a sauce-boat.

SHEEP HUSBANDRY.—1. If the production of wool is the object, take the Merino and Saxon, and, if possible, procure Rambouillet and Paular rams to cross on the first, as they are the largest and most superior class of animals we know, they being originally derived from the same source, viz: the Merinos of Spain.

2. If delicate mutton is wanted, with a medium fibre of wool, take South Downs.

3. If larger mutton, with somewhat coarser quality of wool than the last, though much longer and more of it, is desired, procure Cotswold, Leicester, Bakewell, Lincoln, or New Oxford.

4. Many of those who have crossed the South Downs with the Leicester and the other longwoolled sheep, prefer these, for the reasons stated in No. 2.

5. Others greatly prefer a cross of the Leicester with the Merino, half and half, and then breeding those grades together. Their reasons in favour of this cross are these:—1st, It gives a large sheep with plenty of mutton.—2d. A large fleece of wool, and of sufficient fineness for all purposes of domestic manufacture, and gets rid of the trouble some length of the pure Leicester.—3rd. This animal is in good shape, good constitution, thrifty, hardy, and comes to maturity one year sooner than the Merino, has nothing of his rugged appearance, and has little or no gum in his wool.

Crofton Croker, the author of *Legendary Tales of Ireland*, had all the wit of his countrymen. The writer once called upon him at the Admiralty office; and after ascending and descending innumerable stairs, and traversing passages without end, found him. On taking leave he said, "Mr. Croker, I shall scarcely find my way out." On which he called to a herculean attendant, "Sam, see this man safe out of our premises."

LIFE versus MARRIAGE.—A lady meeting a girl who had lately left her service, inquired, "Well, Mary, where do you live now?" "Please, ma'am, I don't live now, I'm married," replied the girl.

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