

employment of three ounces of fresh roasted coffee, whilst the other parts of the house were permanently cleared of the same smell by being simply traversed with the coffee-roaster, although the cleansing of the pit continued for several hours after. The best mode of using the coffee as a disinfectant is to dry the raw bean, pound it in a mortar, and then roast the powder on a moderately heated iron plate, until it assumes a dark brown tint, when it is fit for use. Then sprinkle it in sinks or cesspools, or lay it on a plate in the room which you wish to have purified. Coffee-acid or coffee-oil acts more readily in minute quantities.

#### TO KEEP BLUE CALICO OR LAWN FROM FADING.

Put an ounce of sugar of lead into a pailful of cold water; in this solution soak the material to be washed for two hours, and let it dry before being washed and ironed. All shades of blue may thus be kept from fading when washed.

#### CHEERFULNESS IS A CHARMING CHARACTERISTIC.

Who does not love a blithesome spirit, with its nimble footsteps and cheery tones, its unclouded brow and radiant smile, its warm, genial nature? We all can cultivate cheerfulness. By it I do not mean festive gaiety, with its giddy mirth and song—but serenity, that exquisite state that so reminds one of the bright and glowing spring, the fresh and sparkling morn. Not only will it brighten our own lives, but it will cast halo of light around the lives of others.

#### HOW TO SECURE TENDER MUTTON.

The *Practical Farmer* says: "Conversing recently with a prominent sheep breeder of New York, who had travelled extensively in England and on the Continent, we inquired his opinion as to the superiority of the English and continental mutton over what is usually found in the American market. He had been struck with this himself, and made it a point of especial attention in visiting large flocks, to enquire as to the utmost approved modes of feeding and management of sheep.

"The answer to our question was all comprised in a single sentence—'they feed turnips,'—and with their aid a three or four years old wether, (an age which in this country would require near a twelve hours' stew to make it eatable), eat as tender as chickens.

"Now we want to impress this fact upon sheep breeders, that if they want to collect a crowd around their stalls, and get a reputation for tender and juicy mutton, they must raise ruta bagas and turnips—a practice which they are about as free from being guilty of, in this section, at least, as raising flax or hemp."

#### TAPPING MAPLE-TREES.

The rapid wasting away of the forest trees, especially of the sugar maple, has induced greater circumspection on the part of the owners of sugar orchards than during the early settlement of the country. Then a tree was regarded as something to be gotten rid of, and as the sugar-