

through which the fire or smoke penetrates, the aperture may be completely closed in a moment with a composition consisting of wood ashes and common salt, made up into a paste with a little water, and plastered over the crack. The good effect is equally certain, whether the stove, &c. be cold or hot.

No 282. *Dairy secret for increasing the quantity of Cream.*

Have ready two pans in boiling water; and on the new milk's coming, take out the hot pans, put the milk into one of them, and cover it over with the other. This will occasion, in the usual time, a great augmentation of the thickness and quantity of the cream.

No 283. *Tincture for the Teeth and Gums.*

Mix six ounces of the Peruvian bark with half an ounce of sal ammoniac.— Shake them well a few minutes every time before the tincture is used. The method of using it is, to take a tea spoonful and hold it near the teeth; then with a finger dipped in it rub the teeth and gums, which are afterwards to be washed with warm water. This tincture not only allays the toothache, but preserves both the teeth and gums, and makes them adhere to each other.

No 284. *An admirable beverage for a weak Constitution.*

Boil as much pearl, or Scotch barley, in pure water, as will make about three pints, then straining it off, and, having in