



MINNIE MAY'S DEPARTMENT.

ICE CREAM.

The warm days of the present and coming months naturally suggest ice cream. We think that there are many of our readers who would like good and simple directions for making it. Such are the following which we cut from the *Country Gentleman*. The patent freezers spoken of are comparatively unexpensive, and are much more convenient than the wooden pail. For the cream the best possible mixture is a quart of pure sweet cream, a pint of new milk, a half-pint of sugar, and tablespoonful of vanilla, or any flavoring extract you may prefer. It must be made very sweet, as a portion of its sweetness freezes out; therefore it should be sweeter than is palatable before it is frozen, and let it not be cooked.

ICE CREAM WITH EGGS AND MILK.

While butter is so high-priced sweet cream is not always come-at-able, and a very nice substitute can be made with two quarts of new milk, boiled into which two tablespoonfuls of corn-starch, well dissolved in cold milk, is stirred and allowed to boil ten minutes; add to it the whites of six eggs beaten to a stiff froth; stir them rapidly in for three or four minutes. A pint of white sugar should be added as soon as the milk is put on to boil. Flavor when cooling with lemon or vanilla.

MILK CELLARS.

At this time of the year we have our hottest weather. Every dairyman understands the value of good milk cellars; and the cellar may be ever so well constructed, ever so nice and cool, and will not be fit to receive milk unless entirely free from all effluvia arising from decaying vegetables, including barrels, boxes, &c. There should be a perfect renovation, and with this several good coats of whitewash.

No disinfectant is better calculated to sweeten a cellar than lime. Use it freely overhead and on the sides, and sprinkle over the bottom of your cellar, and then see that the ventilation is good, and that there are no foul smells on the outside of the building. If you desire to make good, sweet butter, and the most contained in your milk, these hints should be followed.

COOKING SWEET CORN.

That sweet corn may retain all its rich flavor and sweetness it should be cooked in the following way:—

Loosen the husks at the small end of the ear, and remove all the silk that can be conveniently got at. Then replace the husks, tying them with a string; put the ears into water that is boiling, being careful not to put so many into the kettle at a time as to essentially reduce the temperature of the water. It is a good thing to place a little white sugar on the corn when the husks are loosened.

PUDGING.

Here is a pudding that I think is very nice, because you can make it in the morning and let it cool for dinner. For a small family, take one pint of milk, the yolks of two eggs, three crackers rolled fine, and bake. Use three-fourths of a cup of granulated sugar, and the whites of two eggs, beaten to a stiff froth for frosting. When the pudding is done, spread the frosting over it and set it back in the oven for a few minutes to brown a very little, and your pudding is ready for the table.

KEEPING BUTTER IN SUMMER.

A simple mode of keeping butter in summer where ice is not handy, is to invert a common flower-pot over the butter, with some water in the dish in which it is laid. The orifice at the bottom may be corked or not. The porousness of the earthenware will keep the butter cool.

SIMPLE CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.

Boil a small potful of potatoes and bathe the part affected with the water in which the potatoes were boiled, as hot as can be applied immediately before going to bed. The pains will be removed, or at least alleviated by the next morning.

Some of the most obstinate rheumatic pains have lately been cured by one application of this novel and simple remedy.

Can any of my friends tell me of some sure way of banishing the troublesome flies. I have a great many of them in my house; I have the rooms darkened, and spend ever so much time brushing about with a cloth, trying to drive them away, but instead of going away they come all the thicker. I read in some paper that carbolic acid in a room would drive them away. I tried that, but instead of driving the flies out, it nearly drove out the inhabitants. The smell was so very disagreeable we could not stand it. Now, if any of my numerous readers know of any way of killing them, or getting rid of them by not killing them, and will send word right away how to do so, they will greatly please and oblige

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UNCLE TOM'S COLUMN.

MY DEAR CHILDREN:

I have a capital little nephew whose name is Willie, and who hails from Millbank. Almost every month I get a letter from him. He has a very curious question to ask:—

103.—What was to-morrow and will be yesterday?

And another—

104.—Why does a miller wear a white hat?

Annie Canning, Markham, gives this one:

105.—A riddle, a riddle, alive at both ends and dead in the middle. Name it.

I told you some time since about Frank and Levi, of Altona, having dissolved partnership. Now, I find that Frank has another partner, and this time it is a little girl. Good for you, Frank. Some day I will go up there and find out all about this affair. Let me know next time is Lydia a nice looking girl, and has Levi got another partner too?

Thomas J. Scott sends a very good answer to puzzle 87. Maggie McNulty, of Atherly, sends in answers and new puzzles. Let me hear from you again, Maggie.

My niece, Iola Miller, of Markham, writes me a very nice letter. She says she has now paid me off for neglecting her, but how she will neglect me no more if she can help it. That is right, Iola, and I shall always look out for your letters, so I will call you my No. 1 assistant. Now, girls and boys, who will be No. 2? Iola says she loves me, so No. 2 must do so too. Here are some of her puzzles:

106.—Beech, birch and maple, all begins with—what?

107.—Why is a dog's tail a great novelty?

108. Spell mouse trap in three letters?

My niece, Mollie Good, sends answers to the puzzles, and she writes so nicely that I would like to have more from her. Write a funny letter for my little girls next time, Mollie, and your uncle will thank you.

109.—I went to the bush and got it, and brought it home in my hand, because I could not find it. THOS. FREETHY.

Clara Boake, Newmarket, sends the following hidden cities:

110.—O ma Hannah is washing to no use at all. (2 answers.)

111.—Is that a new bed for Dan or me?

112.—How pert he is for a boy of his age.

Emily Ann Allen, Ingersoll, is welcomed into Uncle Tom's Column, and gives us the following:

113.—My first in your face has a prominent place, My next in a smile you appear; A bundle of sweets my whole will complete When Flora bedizens the year.

Nellie V. McGannon is one of our old friends. She is one of my nieces who has helped well at

Uncle Tom's Column. Here is a puzzle from her:

114.—No book is without me, of that I am sure, A person I am, often seen at the door; It's certainly funny, but still it is true, There never was one but what there were two, And two are a portion of every tree; You'll find it correct when the answer you see.

Where is LALLIE these times? There has been no letter from her since Uncle Tom sent the prize pictures.

Do any of you know my niece, Maggie Stewart. I got the nicest little letter from her some months ago, but have not heard from her since. I will have to put up a notice:

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN!

One of Uncle Tom's large small family.

These are some of her puzzles:

115.—In my first my second sat; my third and fourth I ate.

116.—There is something of which, though the whole be taken away, some will still be left.

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Annie P. gives the following recipe for having fun:

"Invite half a dozen boys and girls to your house when your pa and ma are away; put a shilling in a dish with molasses an inch deep in it, and offer it to the boy who gets it with his mouth." The boys would be apt to repeat the lines from Burns:

"The sweetest days that e'er I spent Were spent among the lasses O."

The following story is told of one of my 7-year-old nephews:—He went into a barber shop in this city and ordered the barber to cut his hair as short as shears could do it. When asked if his mother ordered it in that way, he said: "No, school commences next week, and we've got a school ma'am that pulls hair."

S. B. Williams sends the following

GEOGRAPHICAL PUZZLE:

118.—When I was a young (island in the Irish Sea) I proposed to my brother (a f-r-t at the head of Lake Superior) that we should go (island in Lake Huron) hunting, so he said he was ready to go at once, but we would be very (country in the southern part of Europe) if we did not shoot anything (city in the north of Italy) to eat. So I told sister (an island in the North Pacific Ocean) to (city in the south of Russia) (a island in Detroit River) and (distinguished navigator) it, and to make some (a descendant of Noah) (plural of a Canadian town); also, to boil a sufficient quantity of (a lake in Ontario). My brother said this would be sufficient along with the (city in Michigan) which we would find on the way. We bid sister (a cape in south of Greenland). She said she had (cape in Africa) that we would have (mountains on the coast of British Columbia).

The only game of any kind we saw the first two days was a (sea in the south of Europe) (island in the Arctic Ocean), which, with great trouble, we killed. The next day being (a lake in the route to Red River), we did nothing. The day after was (a cape in the south of Ireland), and we proceeded on our way. The road was very (mountains in the United States). After hunting a few days more, I thought we were staying away (town in France) from home, and as the weather was getting very (state in South America), we made a (point at the south of England) for home. A violent (bay north of Van Diemen's Land) arose, and a flash of lightning (a cape north of Vancouver's Island) a large (island in the North Pacific Ocean) into a (Islands in the St. Lawrence River) pieces. Without any further adventures we returned home.

ANSWERS TO JULY PUZZLES.

92.—Alphabet. 93.—A sieve. 94.—They never do anything without *cave*. 95.—Toulon and Toulouse (too long and too loose). 96.—Berlin, because it is always on the *Spree*. 97.—Cassio and Desdemona (cash I owe and there's the money). 98.—To keep the peace (piece). 99.—That would be making *game* of him. 100.—Yellow Sea. 101.—I X Q Q U. 102.—"Oh, on old towers, &c."—insert the letter O where needed.

Miscellaneous.

CEREBRO SPINAL MENINGITIS.

This disease prevails to a very considerable extent in Brantford and its vicinity. It is a very dangerous disease, usually terminating in death in from three to ten days. It is a new disease. It prevailed as an epidemic in Russia, Poland and North Germany some three or four years ago. It is simply an inflammation of the meninges or membranes that cover the brain and spinal chord, and no age seems to be exempt from it. Some of the ablest and most accurately observant medical men believe that meningitis arises from poison in the blood, but how the poison gets there they cannot explain. It will probably forever remain a mystery, just as the cause of cholera has for so long remained a subject of discussion amongst the most learned M. D's. The symptoms of meningitis are somewhat varied in different patients, but cannot be mistaken by any well educated physician, and from the very fact that the disease is of an inflammatory character, the proper treatment and the one most likely to result in recovery will at once suggest itself to every medical man.—*Ex.*

PERMANENT WHITEWASH.

With the annual recurrence of house-cleaning comes the annual crowd of inquiries for the best out-door whitewash. As nothing better has come up than the oft-before published recipe, we here repeat it:—

Take half a bushel of freshly burned lime, slake it with boiling water, and cover it during the process to keep in the steam. Strain the liquid through a fine sieve, and add to it 7 lbs. of salt, previously well dissolved in warm water; 3 lbs. of ground rice, boiled to a thin paste and stirred in boiling hot; 4 lb. of powdered Spanish whiting, and 1 lb. of clean glue, which has been previously dissolved by soaking well and then hanging over a slow fire in a small kettle within a large one filled with water. Add five gallons of water to the mixture, stir it well, and let it stand a few days covered from dirt. It must be put on quite hot. For this purpose it can be kept in a kettle on a portable furnace. About a pint of this mixture will cover a square yard.

RHEUMATISM.

Those who are suffering from this distressing complaint should give the following remedy a fair trial. It is one used by an eminent physician for many years with marked success, and is now given to the public with the assurance of its effectiveness. We believe that poke-berries are now kept at the drug stores—if so, they can be had at any time. Take poke-berries two ounces, best gin one pint. Let stand long enough for the spirits to extract the virtues of the berry, then for an adult the dose is a tablespoonful three times a day. This simple remedy generally effects a complete cure in a few weeks.

SUCCESS in bee-keeping depends mainly on the quality and extent of the pasture for the bees. If the locality is poor in honey-producing plants, or overcrowded with stocks of bees, success need not be expected, and in such cases it is quite likely that the keeper having the strongest and most numerous colonies will succeed better than his neighbors who have fewer and weaker swarms.

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