

## An Ancient Toast.

It was a grand day in the old chivalric time, the wine circling around the board in a noble hall, and the sculptured walls rang with sentiment and song. The lady of each knightly heart was pledged by name, and many a syllable significant of loveliness had been uttered until it came St. Leon's turn, when lifting the sparkling cup on high:

"I drink to one," he said,  
 "Whose image never may depart,  
 Deep-carven on the human heart,  
 Till memory is dead.  
 To one whose love for me shall last  
 When lighter passions long have passed,  
 So holy 'tis and true;  
 To one whose love hath longer dwelt,  
 More deeply fixed, more keenly felt,  
 Than any pledged by you."  
 Each guest upstarted at the word,  
 And laid a hand upon his sword,  
 With fiery flashing eye:  
 And Stanley said, "We crave the name,  
 Proud knight, of the most peerless dame,  
 Whose love you count so high."

St. Leon paused, as if he would  
 Not breathe her name in careless mood  
 Thus lightly to another;  
 Then bent his noble head, as though  
 To give that word the reverence due,  
 And gently said, "My mother!"

## Selected Receipts.

**POTATO BALLS.**—Moisten two cupsful of cold mashed potatoes with one half cupful of hot milk, and when softened, stir in two salted well-beaten eggs. Drop carefully from a spoon into flour or egg and crumb them. The mixture should be very soft, and brown either in hot butter or boiling fat.

**EGG PLANT FRITTER.**—Pare the egg-plant and cut into slices about one inch thick, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Beat two eggs without separating, add to them one cup of milk, half teaspoonful salt, and one cup flour. Beat well, add one level teaspoonful of baking powder, beat again. Cut each slice of egg plant into quarters, dip in the batter and fry in smoking hot fat.

**A HEALTHY AND COOLING DRINK.**—An old summer drink, recommended by physicians for cooling the blood, both of children and adults, is made by taking a teaspoonful of cream of tartar and dissolving it in a tumbler of water, sweetening to taste. You will be surprised to find how pleasant it is, being hard to detect it from lemonade. It can be made in a quantity and kept on the ice. It is slightly laxative.

**A RECIPE FOR "CLARET CUP."**—One bottle of claret, one pint of soda water, one wine glass of brandy, half a wine glass of lemon juice, half a pound of lump sugar, a few slices of cucumber; mix in cracked ice.

But if one desires a cool and pretty (to look at) drink, which is better than any of the store mixtures and has no objectionable element in its composition, she should mix in a glass pitcher the following fruits, vegetables, and herbs. To one glass of old fashioned lemonade add two slices and a length of cucumber peel, half a slice of pineapple, three strawberries, and a quarter of a glass of seltzer. With this mixture artistically sandwiched between pieces of chopped ice, you need not fear the heat. Indeed, it is only necessary to look at it and your temperature will fall.

## Gardening Notes.

Globe artichoke is a vegetable which is too rarely seen in our gardens. Few persons who have once tried it would care to do without it, and almost everyone relishes its delicate flavor. It is of easy culture, a quick forced growth of the flower head, the part eaten, being the only requirement.

The New Zealand spinach is a variety which remains in good condition for a long time. In favored localities it may be grown the year round. This variety is not as good in flavor as the older kinds, but its ability to endure heat and drought and the fact that it does not go to seed as quickly as the older sorts will make it a prime favorite.

The Sandwich Island salsify is a new comer of value. It grows more evenly, and is not so apt to branch and fork as the old variety. In my exper-

ience it is better for lifting and storing for winter use, and will remain dormant longer in an ordinary cellar.

Many varieties of lettuce have been introduced in the last few years. Except for forcing, the demand is for a close-heading cabbage lettuce. The Deacon, Onondaga, Boston Cabbage and others of that strain are preferred to the Cos or other non-heading varieties. It is surprising that the Cos lettuce finds so little favor among gardeners; but this may be explained by the fact that it is usually grown in the same manner as the other varieties, instead of being blanched as it should be to obtain its perfection.

## Poultry Notes.

If water must be provided, give it in the morning, fresh, and be careful to clean out the fountains or troughs in order to guard against disease. The roup and cholera are always spread through the flock by each member being compelled to drink from the same source as the sick fowls.

We hope the fanciers have not omitted to breed some cross-bred fowls for the coming Ontario show next January, of which due notice has been given several times by the secretary of that show. This is the fowl that the farmers and the government are interested in, and no doubt for the market and eggs will fill the bill.

If you have not the time to do so yourself, it will pay to hire a man to whitewash the hen houses. Clean up the floors, and put a good coat of the wash on the walls and the ceilings. You will not only greatly improve the appearance, but get the advantage of the lice. While there are more or less lice on the premises the entire year, it must not be forgotten that the month of July is the time when they become the most prolific, and it is high time that something be done to get ahead of them. Clean up—if you have cleaned up, do it again.

There is no trouble to raise chicks with hens during the summer if you provide plenty of shade. I find that by making coops about 2x2½ feet there is plenty of room for a hen and her brood, and if these coops are placed in an orchard, say a coop under each tree, there would be no trouble to get the necessary shade and the chicks would do very well. Besides the chicks will keep down the crop of bugs which do so much damage to the trees. It will pay to raise chicks the whole year round, as the prices for summer broilers and roasters are very good during these months.

You must not forget to put in an extra crop of vegetables for the chickens while you are doing your farming. Remember that lettuce, cabbage, onions, turnips, beets and all such kinds, make the very best feed for stock in winter. And, of course, all the small potatoes and refuse pumpkins can be used. In New Jersey some of the poultrymen cut sweet potatoes in two and let the fowls eat them raw. Cooked they are too fattening. Considerable of this stuff can be stored away for winter use, and such as lettuce can be given in season when the fowls are confined to yards.

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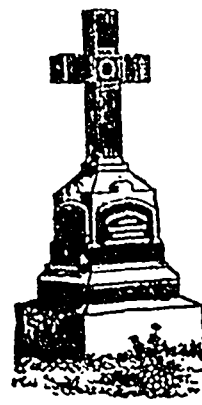
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