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Horse-Radish Sauce.-Grate a quan tity of horse-radish, boil it in sufficient wate o give it the consistency of 'sauce, add piran salt and two or three tablespoonfuls ftarragon vinegar, then stir in, of the fire, gill of cream, beaten up with the yolk of an egg.
Ginger Cake.-One pound flour, one half-pound brown sugar, half a pint of trea cle, one-half pound of fresh butter beaten to a cream, three ounces ground ginger, half a ceaspoonful carbonate of soda, five eggs well-beaten; mix well, fill a buttered mould three parts; bake in a moderate oven for three parts; bake in a moderate oven for
nearly four hours, taking care not to let it burn before it is well done in the middle; let it cool in the tin.

Mince Meat.-Mix together four pounds of lean beef chopped fine, nine pounds of apples chopped fine, one and a half pounds of suet chopped fine, three pounds of raisins, two pounds of currants, half a pound of cit ron sliced fine, five pounds of sugar, thre leaspoonfuls ground cloves, ten teaspoonfuls ground cinnamon, five teaspoonfuls ground mace, six tablespoonfuls of salt, two quart cider, and one quart of molasses. To this add the juice and grated rinds of two lemons.
The Treatment of Diphtheria.-A correspondent writes: "I have been in practice twenty-eight years, and have seen diphtheria, It hink, in all stages. I am satisfied that the only treatment that can be depended on here, at least, is nitrate of silver o the throat, when ulcerated; when not, chlorate of potash internally, with coal oil or anything else externally that will keep it a little irritated; with mercurial enough to make the secretory organs act, and all the quinine the system will bear.'
To Clean Furs.-Ermine and minever can be cleaned with a piece of soft flannel and flour or bran. Rub the fur well against the grain, then dip the flannel into the flour and rub it gently until it is snowy white; shake off the flour and rub it with another piece of flannel until the flour is removed. Sable, chinchilla, mink, and squirrel, can be cleaned by warm bran heated carefully in a pan so that it will not scorch. Rub it well into the fur with a soft brush, then shake it until all the bran is removed. Brush it softly, and repair the moth-eaten holes.
Effect of Imagination.-The records of medical practice are full of illustrations of the influence of the imagination, for good or evil, over the functions of the body; and philosophy finds in them a key to the wonderful persistence of many popular superstitions. The firm belief that any disastrous physiological result, even death itself, will surely follow a given act or occurrence, is very apt to bring about the dreaded calamity; and every repetition of the seeming sequence of cause and effect tends to confirm and strengthen the mischievous belief. As a means of counteracting this tendency of perverted imagination, charms for averting evil often play a really beneficial part. The protection is as imaginary as the dreaded evil; but, assuming a belief in the fictitious danger-a belief.strongly tending to make the danger real, the charm substitutes a more hopeful belief, and the danger ceases. A curious illustration of this action of the mind is reported from San Francisco, in connection with a case of transfusion of blood. An aged negro, at the point of death, was saved by this operation, the blood-about eight ounces-being taken from his wife's arm. The man recovered, but the woman went into a curious decline, against which tonics and nourishing food were of no avail. At last the patient confided to the doctor the secret of her ailment, which kept her from resting day or night. "I tell you, doctor," she said whisperingly, "it's that blood of mine the old man is carrying about inside of him ; and, doctor, when that old man comes back, I want you to give me my blood back." The doctor, seeing that the woman would not be appeased unless he complied with her request, promised to return the next day, first informing her of the dangers of the operation, and that it was resorted to only in no explanations, but demanded that the operation be gone but demanded that the accordingly gone the next day, the was accorngly dhe the the thotor taking from the man about half an ounce of blood and transfusing it into the woman's veins. After the operation the woman brightened up perceptibly, saying, "I'll be
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