

Wallingford Birks. [There is much common sense in this receipt. The oil coating doubtless destroys and prevents the development of the eggs of the insects, which, in all cases of this kind, are mostly to be found deposited on the outer coating of the seed-vessel.]

SCANDAL.—A great proportion of human suffering arises from the misrepresentations of others. Many of the most painful moments of our lives might have been spared, had we ceased to have been judged, and others to condemn. The blast of calumny has too often withered the fairest flower; and the smooth stream of domestic fidelity has been too often ruffled by unhallowed interference. Had the time wasted in idle curiosity, upon the affairs of others, been devoted to personal investigation, we should have found but one delinquent—self; and we should have been too much absorbed in the recollection of our own irregularities, to have found time for idle speculation, or intemperate animadversion. Too eager a desire to be made acquainted with the concerns of those around us, is a prevailing evil; and some dispositions are made continually unhappy, because a veil of obscurity hangs over certain circumstances, which their most strenuous exertions cannot remove. Our stores of knowledge, if they are only derived from such unhappy sources, will become rather burdensome than useful; for we shall be continually employed either in avoiding circumstances which are painful to our recollection, or in gaining information which will expose us to contempt.

Chastisement does not always immediately follow error, but sometimes comes when least expected.

Whoever wishes another harm will, if the opportunity offers, endeavour to bring him down.

Human heads are like hogsheads; the emptier they are, the louder report they give of themselves.

RECIPES.

Apple Jelly.—Take seven pounds of good, ripe, boiling apples; and without peeling or extricating the cores, taking out the stalks and eyes only, cut them in pieces and boil or bake in two quarts of water, until the whole is reduced to a pulp. This pulp, which thickens in cooling, is to be poured into a jelly-bag placed near the fire, and left till all is run through. When clear, add to each pint of the pulp eight ounces of white or loaf sugar, with the strained juice of a lemon, and the peel chopped very fine. Then boil the whole until it becomes a tolerably stiff jelly (which may be ascertained by cooling a small quantity on a plate,) strain it once more through the bag or a piece of muslin, and pour it into moulds or pots. If the rinds

of the apples be red, the jelly will be of a rich color: it will keep good for two or three years.

It is worth remembering that dips are the candles which best bear carrying about when alight. Moulds and composition candles generally should not be moved while burning, as they are very liable to gutter and look unsightly.

Use of Candle Snuffs for cleaning Glass.—Candle snuffs are generally thrown away as useless, they are, however, of great utility for cleaning mirrors and windows, especially the former. For this purpose take a small quantity of burnt snuffs, and rub them with a soft cloth upon the surface of the mirror; in a short time a splendid polish will appear, superior to that obtained by other means. We know those who clean the whole of the windows in a large house with snuffs; and we are told that, not only are the windows cleaned much better, but also much quicker than by the ordinary methods.

Beet-root Pickle.—Wash the beet well, but be careful not to cut off the shoots, boil it till quite tender, then peel and cut it in very thin slices: add cold vinegar, cayenne and white pepper to your taste. This a cheap and useful pickle.

To Clean Silks or Merinos, &c.—Grate two or three large potatoes, add to them a pint of cold water, let them stand a short time, and pour off the liquid clear, or strain it through a sieve, when it will be fit for use. Lay the silk on a flat surface, and apply the liquid with clean sponge, till the dirt is well separated, dip each piece in a pail of clean water, and hang up to dry without wringing. Iron whilst damp on the wrong side. Should the silk be of more than one color, it is desirable, to wet a small piece first, lest the dress should be spoiled, by moisture causing the colors to run: but for self-colored silks, the direction is an excellent one; and satinettes, even of light colours, if not greased or stained, make up again nearly equal to new.

A Razor Strop Paste is also made of candle-snuffs, and answers very well: it consists in simply rubbing a small quantity of snuffs upon the strop, this imparts a keener edge to the razor then when no such paste is employed. Mecke's Celebrated Magic Razor Strop is certainly an excellent article, but we question whether it be much superior to the ordinary and common place substance now recommended.

Remedy for Chilblains.—Cut an onion in thick slices, and with these rub the chilblains thoroughly, on two or three nights before a good fire, and they will soon disappear.

A country poet, after looking about over life, has come to the following rhyming conclusion:—

“Oh, I wouldn't live for ever—I wouldn't if I could;
But I needn't fret about it, for I couldn't if I would.”