

RECIPES.

(From Mrs. Webster's Improved Housewife.)

GINGER NUTS.—Take one quart of molasses ; mix one pound and there quarters of sugar, one and a quarter of butter, seven of flour, four ounces of ginger, a nutmeg, and a little cinnamon.

GRAHAM BREAD. — To be sure of having a good article, send good, clean wheat to mill ; have it ground rather coarsely, without bolting ; and keep the meal in a dry cool place. Sift it through a common hair sieve, he before using it. This will sufficiently separate the grosser particles. Take six quarts of this wheat meal one teacup of good yeast, and six spoonfuls of molasses, and mix them with a pint of milk, warm water and a teaspoonful of saleratus. Make a whole in the flour, and stir this mixture in the middle of the meal till it is like batter. Then proceed as with fine flour. Make your dough when light enough, into four loaves. Make it hotter than for common bread ; and bake it about an hour and a half. It is an excellent article of diet for the dyspeptic and the costive, and for sedentary persons, and for children.

CRACKERS.—Rub six ounces of butter into two pounds of flour ; dissolve two teaspoonfuls of saleratus in a wine glass of milk, and strain it on the flour ; add a teaspoonful of salt, and milk sufficient to roll it out. Beat it with a rolling pin for half an hour, pounding it out thin ; cut it into cakes with a tumbler bake them about fifteen minutes, and then take them out of the oven. When the rest of your things are baked enough, take them out, set in the crackers again, and let them remain till baked hard and crispy.

FAMILY CAKE. — Take rice and flour, of each 6 ounces, 9 well beaten eggs, half a pound of pounde and sifted lump sugar, and half a pound of caraway seeds. Beat all well together one hour, then bake an hour in a quick oven.—This is a very light cake, and is very suitable for young persons and delicate stomachs.

PRESERVING LARD.—Take lard in the leaf excluding all bloody or lean pieces, then salt it down as you would pork. When wanted for use, try out enough lard to last a few weeks. This mode is communicated by a gentleman who has had much experience in this business, and he prefers this mode as the lard keeps perfectly sweet through the year.

TO TOUGHEN NEW EARTHEN WARE.—It is a bad plan to put new earthenware into boiling hot water ; it should first be plunged into cold water, and placed over a fire, where it will heat moderately to the boiling point, and then be permitted to cool again. This process greatly promotes the toughness and durability of common earthenware, which is generally objectionable for domestic uses, on account of its fragility. The glazing on this kind of ware will remain uninjured by the boiling if a handful of rye or wheat bran be added to the water, and prepare it to withstand successfully, and for a long time, the action of acid or salt.

GOLIAH OF GATH.—The following account of this Giant is extracted from Malcolms Bible dictionary : "Goliath of Gath was 11 feet and five inches in height ; his brazen helmet weighed 15 lbs., his target or collar, affixed between his shoulders to defend his neck, about 30 ; his spear was 26 feet long and weighed 58 lbs., his head weighing 33 lbs ; his sword 40 lbs. ; his greaves on his legs 30 lbs ; and his coat of mail 126 lbs ! Making in all 223.

IMPORTANCE OF A SINGLE VOTE.—One single vote sent Oliver Cromwell to the Long Parliament, Charles Stuart to the scaffold, revolutionized England, and made Great Britain free. Four votes in the city of New York, made Thomas Jefferson President of the United States. One vote gave us the Tariff of 1842, and one vote made the Tariff of 1846. One vote gave us Texas, made war with Mexico, slew thousands of our People and purchased California — turned thither the tide of emigration, and will change the destiny of the world !—*Day Book.*

QUEEN OF GREECE.—The Queen of King Otho of Greece, is said to be the most beautiful Queen in Europe. She is the daughter of the Duke of Oldenburg — is about 30 years of age, her figure elegant, fair hair, lovely blue eyes, clear complexion, and a most winning smile. She is a Lutheran, but the King is a Catholic.

A GREAT DINNER. — The Greatest Dinner ever given in was that of Lord Romney to the Kent Volunteers, when George the Third reviewed them near Maidstone. The tables were seven miles and a half long, and the boards for the tables cost £17,000.


THE WORLD. — The world contains nine hundred and seventy two million of Inhabitants. Of these six and half millions are Jews, one hundred and fifty millions Mahomedans, one hundred and seventy-five and a half millions Christians and six hundred and forty millions Pagans.

GENERAL WOLFE.—It appears that a Packet, containing twelve original Letters, written by Wolfe to a very intimate Friend and brother Officer, have been lately discovered amongst the papers of a relative of that friend in Glasgow. They embrace the period between 1749 and 1758, a space of nine years, and will appear in the next number of the New York Albion.—*Quebec Gazette.*

AMBITION.—There are few men who are not ambitious of distinguishing themselves in the nation or country where they live, and of growing considerable among those with whom they converse. There is a kind of grandeur and respect which the meanest and most insignificant part of mankind endeavor to procure in the little circle of their friends and acquaintance. The poorest mechanic—nay, the man who lives upon common alms, gets him his set of admirers, and delights in that superiority which he enjoys over those who are in some respects beneath him. This ambition which is natural to the soul of man, might receive a very happy turn ; and, if it were rightly directed, contribute as much to a person's advantage, as it generally does to his uneasiness and disquiet.

THE INHABITANTS OF SPITALFIELDS.—Not a few of the inhabitants are the descendants of the unfortunate Huguenots, who fled from France in 1685, during the reign of Louis, the Fourteenth to avoid the cruel persecution which followed the revocation of the Edict of Nantz. To that proscription, as impolitic as it was barbarous, we owe the foundation and establishment of the silk manufacture in England.

TELEGRAPH UNDER WATER.—There are there lines of submarine telegraph wire in working operation under the Hudson river, four under the Connecticut, two under the Delaware, and eight under the Harlem river, all coated with gutta percha. And one, we learn from the Chicago Journal, on O'Reilly's line, under the river at Chicago.—*Tribune.*

 Water contained in old cisterns, if it be covered, and some years old, is better than new water.