

There is Hope For Erin.

There is hope for Erin. While in ten thousand cells, Where devotion ever dwells...

There is hope for Erin. While monk and saintly priest, Offer up the Sacred Feast...

There is hope for Erin. Her sons to the world's end, By their holy actions send...

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EXECUTION OF DOWD.

ST. ANDREW'S, N.B., January 14. DOWD got out of bed this morning about six o'clock and dressed...

Dowd then, in a firm hand, signed the petition to the Governor-General which was drawn up at his request...

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Poultry Notes.

Steaming is preferable to boiling for tough fowls. Remove the threads before sending roasts fowl to the table.

In winter kill poultry three days or a week before cooking. Poultry and game are less nutritious, but more digestible than any other meats.

Sing with alcohol instead of paper—a tea-spoonful is sufficient for either a turkey or a chicken. Remember, most of the skill of roasting poultry in the best manner depends upon basting faithfully.

To give roast birds a frothy appearance, dredge, just before they are done, with flour and baste liberally with melted butter.

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Household Hints.

To CLEAN PAINTED WALLS.—Use oxgall fluid. To KEEP HINGES FROM CREAKING.—Rub them with soap.

To KEEP MILK SWEET.—Put in a spoonful of grated horseradish. RANCID BUTTER.—Rancid butter may be sweetened by being washed in lime water.

To PREVENT MOLD ON BLACK INK.—Cloves in black ink will prevent mold from collecting on it. GREASY SILK RIBBON.—Rub with magnesia or French chalk on greasy silk ribbon, hold near fire, and brush off grease.

STAINS IN LIGHT GOODS.—Chloroform is very useful in removing great stains from light silk and poplin. French chalk is also very good.

To CLEAN BLACK CASHMERE.—Wash in hot suds with a little borax in the water; rinse in blueing water—very blue—and iron while damp. It will look equal to new.

To RESTORE COLORS, ETC.—Hartshorn will restore the color of woolen garments without injury. Turpentine removes grease or paint from cloth—apply till paint can be scraped off.

To CLEAN BLACK LACE.—Squeeze softly and often in skimmed milk; when it seems clean put it in clean skimmed milk, squeeze again, lay it on sheets of stiff paper, draw out scollops and edges with finger, cover with stiff paper and a heavy weight.

PEELING POTATOES.—All the starch in potatoes is found very near the surface; the heart contains but little nutriment. Ignorance of this fact may form a plausible excuse for those who cut off thick parings, but none to those who know better. Circulate the injunction, "pare thin the potato skin."

To REMOVE INK.—The following methods are said to be infallible: "To extract ink from cotton, silk and woolen goods, saturate the spots with spirits of turpentine, and let it remain several hours; then rub it between the hands. It will crumble away without injury to the color or the texture of the article. To extract ink from linen, dip the stained part in hot tallow; when cool, wash the garment in soapsuds, and the ink will disappear."

Domestic. CLEAR LIME WATER mixed with as much lard oil as it will cut; shake the bottle before applying; wrap the burn with cotton wadding saturated with the lotion; wet as often as it appears dry, without removing the cotton from the burn for nine days, when new skin will probably have formed.

LAMP CEMENT. Where the tops of lamps have become loosened, it is not an easy job to mend them, and many have been disappointed in attempting to cement them on by the use of plaster-of-Paris. It is said that by boiling three parts of resin with one part of caustic soda and five parts of water, and mixing with one-half its weight of plaster-of-Paris, one will make a cement which is not permeable by petroleum. It sets firmly in a short time, and is not a good conductor of heat.

PICKLED TONGUE. For one dozen tongues make a strong brine sufficient to cover, add one teaspoon pulverized saltpetre and a half pound sugar, keep a weight on them so that they may be covered with brine. Let them remain two weeks, then hang up to dry or smoke if you like.

TO CEMENT BROKEN CHINA. Beat lime into the most impalpable powder; sift it through fine muslin; then tie some into a thin muslin, put on the edges of the broken china some white of egg, then dust some lime quickly on the same, and unite them exactly.

A FRUIT CAKE. A lady says the following is good, and she knows it.—One pound brown sugar, one pound browned flour, three pounds seedless raisins, two pounds currants, one pound citron, three-fourths pound butter, one cup molasses, two teaspoons mace, two of cinnamon, one of cloves, one of black pepper, one nutmeg, one teaspoon soda, twelve eggs, one-half cup currant jelly melted in one-half cup hot water. This cake will keep for years.

EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE. Fresh air and a glass of spring water are thought of with delight; and yet the latter has killed in an hour, and the former has caused weeks and months of sickness and suffering. They are only good in their places both being dangerous to one who is in a profuse perspiration.

Useful Receipts. SCOTCH BROTH.—Remove the fat from a gallon of meat broth: that in which any meat, either salt or fresh, has been cooked will answer. Mix half a tea-cupful of oatmeal into a smooth paste with a little of the liquor and add to it a small onion chopped fine. When the broth is boiling, stir in the paste; season to taste with pepper and salt boiled for twenty minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent lumping and burning.

PANCAKE FRITTERS.—Boil six medium sized parsnips until tender, then mash them smooth with a lump of butter and pepper and salt to taste. Add two beaten eggs, three even table-spoonfuls of flour, and half a cupful of sweet milk. Heat some nice drippings and a little butter in a frying-pan and drop the mixture by teaspoonfuls into the hot fat. When nicely browned on both sides, lay them on whitish brown paper folded in a plate, and set them for five minutes in the oven, then serve on a hot dish in which is laid a folded napkin, and garnish with curled parsley.

OYSTER SAUCE.—Put two dozen oysters with their liquor into a saucepan and place it on the fire. Bring it to a full boil, remove immediately and drain off the liquor. Put an ounce of butter into a saucepan and when it melts stir in half an ounce of flour: when smooth add by degrees the oyster liquor, and stir until the mixture is thick and smooth, then put in two tablespoonfuls of sweet cream and season to taste with pepper and salt. Cut each oyster into four pieces (removing the hard portions) and stir them into the sauce; when well heated and ready to be served set the saucepan off the fire and add a few drops of lemon juice. Do not cook after this as it will be liable to curdle.

QUINCE PRESERVES.—Pare and quarter the quinces, and reserve the skins, cores and imperfect pieces for jelly and marmalade. Allow three quarters of a pound of sugar for each pound of fruit. Boil the quarters in just enough clear water to cover them, until they can be easily pierced with a straw then remove them directly from the water to the hot syrup, which should be ready clarified in another kettle. To prepare the syrup, allow a tea-cupful of cold water to every pound of sugar and the white of a beaten egg added with each quart of water. Boil and skim until no more scum rises; when the quinces have boiled up once in the syrup remove them to the jars and seal tightly.

AGRICULTURAL.

Hints for the Farm.

SEEDS.—Overhaul the stock; if in doubt as to the vitality of any, there is time to test them by sowing in a pot or box of earth in a warm room.

KEEP OUT THE COLD.—The old-fashioned method of banking up the house is not the best one. It is better to have double windows in the cellar, and the cellar wall properly pointed. If this has not yet been done, it may yet be on a warm day.

A curdy comb or card and brush freely used will help to keep the cows, calves, and other cattle, as well as horses, in good health and comfort. If there is doubt about this, a short trial will convince any one that the practice is a profitable one.

A barrel of plaster should be kept in a handy place in every stable and manure cellar. Where this is used constantly, there will be freedom from the usual strong odor of stables and fermenting manures and a saving of valuable material which would otherwise escape.

TAKE CARE OF THE ASHES.—Many fires occur through careless disposal of ashes. The ash-house should be at a safe distance from any other buildings. A safe way is to keep the ashes in an iron can or holder until cool and then throw them into the box or receptacle provided for them. Wood ashes are too valuable to waste and coal ashes make an excellent absorbent in the earth closet and are very good for making hard footpaths.

CARE OF PRODUCE.—Up to the middle of December, the problem has been, not to protect our crops from the frost, but to keep them dormant. In such mild weather, the nights are appreciably cooler, and the root cellar should be left open at night and closed during the day. Roots and celery in trenches should have only sufficient covering to keep off the sun, and it would be better if this were done by means of boards raised sufficiently to allow the air to circulate beneath them.

SWINE.—Pork is lower than for many years past. There have been about 10,000,000 pigs marketed within twelve months. That this vast number should have been disposed of at any price is an extraordinary fact. It proves that the market is practically unlimited, if the price is low enough. The aim must be to provide pork as cheaply as possible. The way to do this, is to keep only the best, and have pigs heavy enough for pork, without wintering them over. A pig of the best breeds may be made to weigh 300 pounds within a year. Only such pigs will pay at present, and poor stock won't pay at all.

Concerning Horse Plants. The best temperature for horse plants is from 48 degrees at night to 70 degrees during the day. Water thoroughly, but not too often. Give air on every warm, sunny day. Shower all smooth leaved plants frequently. Wash the leaves of English ivy with clean, cold water and a sponge—nothing else. In giving liquid manure—a heaping table-spoonful stirred into a water pail full of water is enough. Fix up all plants neatly. Clip off all dead or dying leaves. The oleander, calla lily and hydrangea may have water standing in the saucers under the pots. Vines should be watered more frequently than other plants. To kill green fly or plant louse—smoke the plants with tobacco. Very weak lime water will kill worms in the pots. Red spiders may be gotten rid of by frequently wetting the foliage and keeping the atmosphere moist. A pinch of flour of sulphur, sprinkled now and then on the leaves, will keep off mildew. Don't forget to send your flowers to your sick neighbors. They do a world of good, and your plants thrive all the better for having the blossoms picked. Teach the children to take an interest in the plants. It is a good plan to name a plant for each boy and girl of the family. If your plants should at any time get nipped with frost, shower them with very cold water, and keep them in the shade a day or two. Furnace heat is the worst for plants, and that from a wood stove the best. Keep the air moist—a pan of water kept on the stove, or a damp towel hung on the register, will do this. If you want your plants to bloom well in winter, don't let them bloom in summer. All plants need rest after blooming—set them away in the shade. Use water of the same temperature as the room. A few drops of ammonia added to a pail of water, and applied once a week, will prevent the earth in the pots from getting sour. The mealy-bug, which looks like little more than a bit of dirt, must, like the scaly-bug, be removed by hand-picking. Grasses and heliotropes should be repotted as soon as the roots touch the sides of the pots. Don't be discouraged at one failure; but keep trying, until your windows are a living protest against frost and snow, and your room a bower of living green, that will never let the memory of summer days go out of your heart.

How Farmers Lose Money. [From Colman's Rural World.] By not taking one or more papers. Keeping no account of farm