THE HOUSEHOLD.

The Editress is propared to answer all question ners connected with this Department

(Specially prepared for THE Post and TRUE WMXESS.

The following menu for Friday is taken from the New York Freeman:— Oyster Soup. French Baked Rice.

Broited Rock Fish. Boiled Onions. White Potatoes. Macaroni with Tomatoes. Lobster Salad Fig Pudding, or Biscuit and Apple Jelly. OYSTER SOUP.

Take 100 oysters -or less, according to strain it, put it back in the stew-pan, and add the oysters. As soon as it begins to boil, add a teacupful of cream, and a little grated cracker, rubbed in one ounce of butter. As soon as the cysters are plum, serve them. PRENCH DAKED RICE.

Put a small cup of rice on to boil with a pint and a half of milk. When it is cooked quite soft and as stiff as it can be stirred turn it cut, sweeten, put a tiny plach of salt to it, a large teaspoonful of vanilla extract, the grated rind of a lemon, and when it is a little cooled the yolks of two eggs beaten. It should now be about as thick as mush. Butter a small shallow pan, square or oblong, cover it with bread crumbs and put in the rice, smoothing it over on the top. It should be in a layer about an inch and a half deep; or, oil a little butter (over the tea-kettle) and pour over the top, slanting the pan so that it will cover the rice equally. Sift fine augar thickly over the top, and put into the oven to bake a light brown. Let it get cold in the pan. Then cut it into strips of an inch broad and two or three inches long, like a delicate cake. To make it very dainty, chopped almonds may be strewed into the augar of the top before baking.

BROILED ROCK FISH. When thoroughly cleaned and dried, split open so that when laid flat the back-bone will be in the middle; sprinkle with sait and lay on a buttered grid-iron, over a clear fire, with the inside downward until it begins to brown, then turn over. When done, lay on a hot dish and butter plentifully.

BOILED ONIONS.

Cut off the tops, wash, remove the outer layer of akin, and boil fifteen minutes in fresh hot water. Drain this off, cover the onions with milk and hot water, in equal proportions, salt slightly, and cook ten minutes after the boil recommences, or until the onions are tender. Drain, barely cover with hot cream, or rich milk, in which a lump of butter has been melted, salt and pepper, and send to

COILED POTATOES.

Pare or merely wash them, as preferred. and put them in a covered saucepan of cold water, with a teaspoonful of sait; boil them till they are done (which can be ascertained by running a fork into them) and begin to break a little; then pour the water from them, and hold the saucepan, with the lid off, over the fire for two or three minutes, shaking well at the end of the time; but the lid loosely on so as to allow the steam to escape, and aprinkle a very little salt over them ; let them stand till wanted (the sooner the better), but they may remain in this way, inecessary, half an hour or more. Time, wenty to thirty minutes, or longer if very latge.

MACARONI WITH TOMATOES.

Stew the macaroni until tender; put a yer of it in your baking dish, then a layer of bread crumbs and tomato, with bits of butter, pepper and sait; macaroni on top.

LOBSTER SALAD.

Boil the lobster over half an hour : remove For dressing take three or four tablespoonfuls of made mustard and the yolks of two hard boiled eggs. Mix these ingredients well with the mest from the body of the lobster. Make a salad of lettuce and chopped red beets.

three-quarter pound broad-crumbs, add three tablespoonfuls of augar, two ounces butter, his pict milk and two eggs. Butter a mold, sprinkle with fine bread-crumbs, pour in the pudding and steam three hours. Serve with a lemon and augar.

DISCULTS. Bran or " sea foam ' biscuits make a nice dessert with apple jelly.

APPLE JELLY.

Wash, quarter and core, but do not peel, a quantity of the best sour apples; put in a porcelain-lined kettle and pour on water to nearly, but not quite, cover the apples, which should be quite firm (and only such for jelly); if at all mellow use less water. Boil until tender, strain through a flannel jelly-bag, but do not squeeze if you desire the most delicate jelly, as by equeezing enough pulp will be forzed through the bag to give the jelly a cloudy appearance, though the flavor will not be at all injured. Measure the juice and return to the kettle; boil tive minutes and then add one pint of ersnulated sugar for every pint of juice and holl again; test by dropping from the end of spoon into cold water; if it goes to the hottom it has boiled long enough (usually about fiteen minutes); remove from the fire the instant it jellies, as too much boiling is ruinous; pour into molds and seal as soon as This is a very delicate and delicious ielly, which can be made at any time during the fall and winter months, after the hurry and rush of summer canning.

COTTAGE or "POT CHEESE."-Heat sour milk until the whey rises to the top; pour it off, put the curd in a muslin bag and let it drip six hours without squeezing it. Put it in a wooden bowl, chop tine with a wooden stoon. Salt it to taste and work until it is loss as putty. A little ercam or butter will improve it at this stags. Mould it with your hands into round balls and keep in a cool place. "Pot cheese" is delicious with brown bread and butter and just a suspicion of red pepper on top.

How TO ROAST BEEF. - Save all the drippings-one has no idea without trying how useful they are, and so handy for all kinds of homemade pastry and most varieties of cake for family use. Beef, lamb and pork, \$30,000. indeed pork drip is preferable to lard. In a roast of beef, especially if fut, there will frequently be a teacup full of clear grease, so good for shortening, quite equal to but ter for making biscuit, especially if the batter be poor or strong. In rousing beet, say a roast of four or five pounds, have the ven quick when first put it; use hot water inficient to cover the bottom of the pan to wash the roast; rub it all over with a good, unarmed.

handful of fine salt and put to cook. Baste often with the drip in the pan but do not move from its hot place. Use a long-handled basting spoon. Cook from two to three hours, according to the degree of heat and size of the roast, If rare beef is desired watch the progress of cooking, as it soon becomes overdone. Thrust a long-timed fork to the centre of the rosat when nearly done and if the red gravy follows it is right. Remove to a warm platter, and pour the superfluous grease from the pan. Scatter a handful of dry flour over the bottom of pan (the water is all cooked out by this time), and mix with the brown gravy, pour in a little hot water and allow to boil up and thicken with constant stirring to make smooth and even. This sauce is reliehed by some, while others prefer dish gravy. Let each individual pepper his own meat. As Monday is the American day of days for washing from Maine to California, the Sunday roast should be calculated to circumstances—out of the liquor. To half of the liquor add an equal quantity of water. Boil it with one teaspoonful of crushed allspice, a little mace, some cayenne pepper and salt. Let it boil twenty minutes, then with warmed up grave. Warm biscuits with warmed up gravy. Warm biscuits will be in order for tea. Put two quarts of four in the mixing pan, add four even tablespoonfuls of the beef drip, one teaspoonful of sods, and one of salt. Rub the ingredients through the flour until smooth, then aid two teacupfuls of sour milk. Mix up siff, roll out and bake in a quick oven filteen or twenty minutes. If sweet milk is used, add a teaspoonful of cream of tartar to each cup

of milk. BAKED PLUM PUDDING-It is said to be the most wholesome and to defy dyspepsia. Mix well in a large pan half a pound of seeded fine rasins, the same quantity of currants, half a round of bread crumbs, half a ront of boiling milk, half a pound of finely chopped suct, the yokes and whites of three well-beaten eggs, a quarter of a pound of moist white sugar, an ounce of candied lemon and citron, half a grated nutmeg with a tablespoonful of orange sherbet. Bake for one hour in a slow oven in a well-buttered mould

In cleaning silver, kerosene may be used to

Carpets may be brightened by dusting with a damp flannel mop.

Egg stains can be removed by rubbing them with common table salt

Rub soiled furniture with a woollen cloth satarated slightly with oil.

Stains on wood can be removed with strong vinegar or salts of lemon.

Plain wood frames are the rule in the framing of small etchings.

Leather chair seats may be revived by rubbing them with well beaten white of egg.

Sandpaper will whiten ivory kuife handles that may become yellow with use or age. White paint that has become discolored may

be nicely cleaned by using a little whiting in the water for washing. A small spirit lamp will enable one to get, with little trouble, a cup of hot coffee, tea or

chocolate at picnics. A good cement for china is ordinary carriage varnish; if put together neatly the fracture will be hardly perceptible, and it is not affected by

Galvanized iron pails are not desirable re-ceptacles for drinking water. The zinc coating is quickly affected by the water, forming a

poisupous exide of zinc. For cleaning brasses belonging to mallogacy furniture, use either powdered whiting or scraped rottenstone mixed with sweet oil, and rub or with a chamois skin.

It is not known to every woman, but it is a fact, that matting can be sawed together. A stout thread is needed, and the edges must not be drawn too close together, as, of course, there must be no seam, but simply a joining of the edges.

ONTARIO'S FINANCES.

HON, MR. ROSS DELIVERS HIS BUDGET SPEECH IN THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE,

ONTO March 15 -In the House Hon. Mr. Ross (Huron), provincial treasurer, of one-inch strips and covered with cot-made his budget speech. He submitted ton or muslin. These are convenient statements showing the assets and liabilities and can be provided at small cost. at present payable and the estimated re-ceipts for the year 1887. The assets were as

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Assessment of counties, re removal

2,000 00 Having liberally provided for the expenditure be did not expect a deficiency in 1887 of over

Women are so fond of trimmings and finery that they even have their tempers ruflled

once in a while. The woman you can call a poem is not the woman you call early in the morning to get breakfast.

Twenty widows own twenty adjoining farms in Greene County, Ohio. A single the depth of a quarter of an inch. Do not man does not dare to approach the locality

THE FARM.

EXPERIMENTAL PARMS.

The first bulletin of the experimental farm at Ottawa has been issued by Mr. Saunders, the director, and it will be read with some interest by farm rs generally. All farmers can obtain the builetin free, on application at Ottawa. The following extract will be found of value,

SEED TESTING .- This department is now ready for work. It has been undertaken for the purpose of determining the value of the agricultural seeds which are sold to farmers from year to year, and to save them from some of the losses to which they are annually subjected by using old and inferior seeds. Every farmer in Canada will have the privilege and the right to send to the experimental farm samples of any seeds of which he may desire to know the germinating power, and it is hoped that all will avail themselves freely of the advantage offered. A suitable glass structure has been erected for this work of a sufficient size to admit of the testing of a very large number of samples at one time.

The returns of the germinating power of seeds will not be based upon a single test, but every sample will be tested in duplicate, once in the soil and again out of the soil in the most approved form of apparatus devised for this purpose. Small seeds will also be examined for impurities, such as sand, dust, foreign seeds, chaff, &c., and the proportion of these given.

The samples sent should be a tair average of the whole of the seed from which it is taken. The quantities which should be forwarded will vary in proportion to the size of the seed. Of large seeds such as corn, peas, oats, &c., about four ounces will be required, while of the smaller seeds such as grass, clover, turnip, carrot, &c., from half an to an ounce will be sufficient. The larger seeds nay be put into small cotton bags each marked with the name of the seed, and these smaller bags enclosed in a larger canvas bag provided with a tag on which the address may be written. The smaller seeds may be folded in stout paper, each p reel marked and the whole enclosed in a strong envelope. Packages and communications should be addressed: "Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Canada." All mail matter will be carried free to and from the Experimental Farm within the limits of the general postal regulations as to the size and weight of packages. All seeds received will be entered in the order in which they arrive and the returns made as promptly as possible.

The great importance of encouraging and stimulating tree planting among the farmers. especially in the Northwest Provinces, is beyond dispute. It is telt also that this can only be accomplished on the scale of magnitude required by the planting of suitable forest tree seeds, which can be gathered from the native trees growing in the Provinces or purchased at a small cost. This leads us to add a few words of advice on the general treatment of forest tree seeds.

Many of the tree seeds which mature early

are better sown soon after they are gathered. This applies especially to the several varieties of elm and to the soft maple. The hard maple, box elder and ash seeds keep well over winter, provided they are stored in a cool place and not allowed to get too dry. Acorns, nuts and stone fruits are most successfully planted in the autumn, but if kept over winter should be mixed with moist sand and exposed to frost and planted as ealy as possible in the spring, taking care that they are at no time left in masses under conditions so as to heat. Many failures with seed arise from not sowing it in partial shade. If seeds are exposed alternately to hot sunshine and cold, while they are swelling, they will frequently rot before they appear above the surface. The requisite shade may be obtained by the use of brush wood, or a light layer of corn stalks or straw, removing this as soon as the seedlings are up and fairly established. Many nurserymen enclose their seedbeds with wooden frames, on which are laid light fro Smedlings of evergreen trees grow slowly and require to be shaded and kept moist during hot weather all through the first year of their growth, and sometimes longer. Seeds take some time to swell their

coats after being placed in the ground, hence, if planted dry, they should be sown as soon as soil can be had to cover them. Germination may be hastened, especially with seeds of a hard texture, by pouring hot water on them and allowing them to soak for twenty-four hours before sewing. Seeds sometimes fail to grow from being planted too deep. The larger nuts and accouns should be covered with soil about as deep as

the seed is thick; other smaller seeds should not be covered with more than half an inch of mellow soil, pressed gently with the back of a spade so as to make the earth firm around them, and when the young seedlings appear they should be carefully weeded. Occasion-Surplus of assets after deducting liabilities presently payable... \$6,680,339 78 ally seeds will remain in the ground till the The total receipts for the year 1886 were following season without germinating. Should any fail to grow by the time spring is over, and, on examination, the kernels are found sound, the seedbads should be kept weeded and shaded until next season. NOTES.

If a hog is worth having on the farm, then he is worth feeding until he is at his best. Constant change of stock gives you no opportunity to realize the full value of any reed, however good.

Experiments show that the native thick skinned grapes are better winter keepers than cur improved varieties.

Nobody has seen ground harrowed too much for the preparation of wheat, for it is hardly possible to get too fine tilth.

Under like conditions young animals make greater gain, in proportion to food eaten, than those that are fully matured.

Do not use fertilizers too lavishly on potted plants. A small quantity applied frequently is better than a full allowance at one time.

It is an easy matter to have a garden so arranged as to cultivate it with a horse hoe, but the best results are usually obtained on small plots well manured and worked by 65,000 00 hand.

The overfeeding of any kind of breeding stock is calculated to impair fertility and that species of thriftiness which prompts to activity and the full working powers of all the vital organs. A good sharp fodder cutter, used at every

feeding will save more than its cost, as well as pay for the labor of cutting every season. All the coarse food should be passed through the fodder cutter.
Wheat ground with the bran is the mos

complete grain food of all the differents sorts ranking next to milk as a perfect food. When cheap, as it is at present, it may often be fed to advantage to the farm animals.

It is not good policy to dry hay to brittleness before drawing it from the meadow, for that causes wasto in handling and reduces quality. Grass is well cured when it will rattle lightly in the handling, and then is the time to store it.

Blue grass has the advantage of not running as long as it receives a top dressing of manure annually. It does best on limestone.

soils, but is grown in nearly all sections Orchard grass is a variety that gives early pasturage, and can be grown where many other grasses will not flourish.

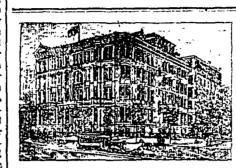
The English people-who, it need not be said, have a great love for fine plants and flowers-prize our native American plants higher than we ourselves do. From this fact let planters take the hint-if they have no money to invest for nursery plants to make their homes beautiful, let them go to the woods and fields and dig some.

REMEDIAL AND REPRESSIVE.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR IRELAND. LONDON, March 17 .- The Daily News says the Government has assured the Unionist Liberals that it intends to introluce concurrently in parliament remedial and repressive Irish proposals. The remedial measure is to be divided into two parts, one dealing with pressing matters, such as the inclusion of leaseholders in the operations of the Land Act and suspension of evictions. The other, to be introduced at next session, dealing with the land purchase and local government questions.

PARNELL'S INTENTIONS. LONDON, March 16,-Mr. Parnell will oprose any Irish land purchase bill based upon the existing judicial rants, which, it is geneasily admitted, are at least 25 per cent. too During the Easter recess Mr. Parnell will abstain from political work.

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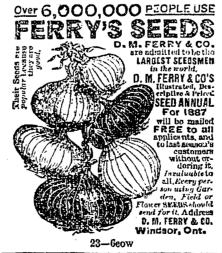
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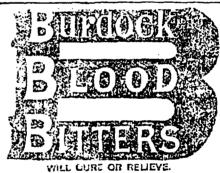
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