

Miscellaneous.

The Absurdity of Drinking.

It has become a sort of popular amusement, that if one is not happy unless he drinks. Among certain classes—such as you are by no means exclusively the largest—drink is the beginning and end of everything. The very name of liquor is held to be synonymous with enjoyment; and the desire the liquor the more it is prized and coveted. Yet every man who is not a downright drunkard, is well aware that the pleasures of drinking are beyond a certain point, a mockery, a delusion and a snare. I put it to any one who has stood half the night at a bar or saloon, drinking, smoking and lancing reckless talk, if the enjoyment of such an evening has been anything like that of a few quiet hours spent at home with a book or newspaper? The evil influence of tavern pleasure on the health is too obvious to be denied by any one, and the illusory nature of the pleasures themselves will be undeniably seen in the persons who indulge in them, don't deceive themselves and put the train out of sight.

No one ever brought any good out of drinking about you. It is a short feverish spasm of animal enjoyment, which leaves nothing behind but torpor, rage, bad temper, self-reproach and headache. I should like to tell you, sir, if you say your prayers when you come home in that state? No you don't. You are ashamed to say them. You postpone them until you have purged yourself, your mind, and your lips by more sober and rational behavior. Next night when you pass the hours quietly at home with a book or friend, you feel that you had real enjoyment, and that the time passed pleasantly, that you have not injured your health. You are not ashamed to say your prayers, and you get up next morning with a clear head, a good appetite, and an increased relish for work and enjoyment of life.—*All the Year Round.*

Agricultural.

The Best Time for Cutting Grafts.

In several publications we notice that the cutting of grafts in the fall, "or before the sharp cold of winter injures their vitality," is highly recommended. Directions are thus given how they are to be preserved through the winter. They may be packed away in boxes of fine damp moss, damp sawdust, or buried in the earth or sand. There is a great deal more added which we do not think worth quoting. This mode may be a very good one, but we have never tried it, and just now do not seem in the mood to do so. We have done most of our own grafting, and have been successful. We never cut our grafts before February, and if the ground is not frozen stick them in at the foot of the tree, then the variety is known without labeling. If the ground is frozen they are tied up, the bunch labeled and buried under a shed or in a rather dry place. We have set seventy of these grafts (pears) at one time and *ad eundem*, come *one of whom died*. The following spring we thought to try our own hand at it, and set sixteen (plums) in a tree fifteen years planted, the grafts cut as usual in February, and eleven of them grew. This we thought was doing pretty well with plums. If the grafts are carefully preserved and properly set, it makes no difference whether cut in fall or spring.

But the most difficult season to grow is that of the cherry. We have employed experienced grafters—distrusting our own skill—to set cherry grafts, and on one occasion not one grew in the lot, some twenty-five in number. We have succeeded ourselves in two out of three; but this is not enough where persons have only a few stems to operate on.

The want of success is to be ascribed to two causes. The first is a lack of care and good tools in setting the scions; but the second, and principal is the *late period* of which the scions are cut. When the cherry bud is once swollen it is very difficult to get it to grow. They should therefore be set before there is any sign of swelling—and that time is generally during this month of April. They should be buried in the ground deep enough to be beyond the influence of the sun, whence they can be taken out and used when needed throughout the grafting season. Some persons, we know, preserve grafts of all kinds in ice-houses, cellars, buried in sand or tied up in moss, &c., and these modes answer very well; but in our experience we find that the best保存 in a moist atmosphere when buried in the ground as we suggest. This is also true of grapes and other cuttings, though we know that other modes are practicable, especially by incrustation.—*Germania*.

Recipe, &c.

GLAZING FOR LAVAS.—Add a teaspoonful of salmié and one of finely-scraped white soap to a pint of starch.

BEEF KIDNEY.—Should be parboiled; cut in small pieces; sautéed highly with pepper and salt, and fried at the liver, serve with gravy.

QUICK BATTERS.—One pint of butter-milk, one pint of sifted flour, one egg, one tablespoonful of melted lard, a large tea-spoonful of soda. Send them to the table as fast as baked. They are very good and light while fresh, but spoil very soon if permitted to stand.

DRIED PEAS.—Soak several hours in water; pick out all objectionable ones; put them in hot water; boil until tender; add with butter, or boil with a piece of pickled pork; drain from the water through a colander before adding the butter. Salt to taste.

TO BAKE A FISH BEEF BONING.—Parboil it in very little water, just enough to cover it, two hours. Take it up, cover it with the yolk of an egg, then roll over a thick coat of fine breadcrumbs, lay it in a pan, pour in a thin layer of the broth in which it was boiled in, bake, basting well with butter.

BRADY'S CHAPRED HANDS.—Take out some of this chapred peal and mix with 1/2 a pound of oil with sweet almonds and the yolk of an egg, rubbing a little linseed oil on so as to form a thin cream, pour and a few drops of oil of caraway. It is to be rubbed on the hands as often as you like.

VEGETABLES.—In cooking vegetables, remember that soft water should be used. If hard water only can be had, a tablespoonful of carbonate of potash may be added. They should always be boiled by themselves, not kept closely covered. Throw in a little salt with the vegetables. For potatoes, only water sufficient to cook them clean is necessary. Vegetables of the same size are preferable. Onions must be thoroughly boiled until tender.

WATER AND BUMPS ON HORSES AND OTHER ANIMALS.—May be speedily removed by rubbing on a folded cloth well saturated with the juice of hickory ashes. Keep them moist a few days, and they will disappear. Also, the oil for fire of live coal, will cool and set at a positive temperature, will destroy and heal the wound.

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