

Painting a Bunch of Grapes.

The most truly artistic efforts of the Japanese artists are those which display the simplest moles of delineations, and are generally executed in Indian ink only.

AGRICULTURE.

The Mexican persimmon is a small tree presenting no appearance whatever of our common species. In size and general appearance of trunk and limbs it looks almost exactly like the grape myrtle growing in our yards or on our lawns; and it inclines to grow in clumps near the grape myrtle.

THE HISTORY.—According to a popular writer it has never been acclimated in any of our first domesticated plants.

THE SUPPLY OF CATTLE.—It seems to be the opinion of those who have examined this matter pretty thoroughly, that a considerable decrease will be found in the stock of the United States and territories, after this year's shipments are over.

How to Eat.

The notion that appetite is a low degree of hunger, and hunger an intense form of appetite, does not seem to be borne out by facts.

There are certain evil consequences of the civilized mode of feeding by appetite on the basis of habit, which it may be useful to point out.

When the shrewd small boy who is left alone in the house during the evening makes a meal of his rice on the pie-closet that is bound to be noticed when his parents return, he hies him to his room, puts a pillow in his bed to represent himself, extinguishes the gas and gets under the bed.

An extraordinary freak of nature. A singular and beautiful freak of nature was shown in a marble mantel at the Cincinnati Exhibition.

DOMESTIC.

HERE are some ambrosial pancakes fit for the gods: Put four eggs, a pinch of salt, and one of sugar and three tablespoonfuls of flour in an earthen pan, beat it all up with one quart of milk until very thick.

OMEAL contains three times as much brain-feeding element and more food for muscles than any other food.

Dieters should always be rinsed in clear water after having been washed in soap-suds. Nothing is more unpleasant at the table than to notice a certain stickiness that sometimes, likely as it may be, is due to a sanitary point of view.

How to Make Hens Lay.—A correspondent informs us that, while on a visit in the fall to a friend, he was surprised to see the number of eggs daily obtained.

APPLE FRUIT CAKE.—Soak two cups dried apples overnight in the morning drain and chop fine in chopping bowl; add one cup of molasses and let it boil slowly on back of stove three or four hours.

LEMON SYRUP.—The lemon syrup bought at the stores can be made at home much cheaper.

RISE CAKES.—Boil rice until it is soft, and while it is cooking mix into it a quart of milk, a little butter, a beaten egg, and then roll in Indian meal till thoroughly coated.

BARLEY SOUP.—Wash half a pint of pearl barley, put it into a stew pan with three pints of milk, a quarter of a pound of sugar and a little nutmeg at the corner of the stove.

LAVENIA PUDDING.—One quart of milk, five eggs; five tablespoonfuls of flour; bring the milk to a boil, reserving enough to wash the flour; then stir in the wet flour while the milk boils.

TOMATO BUTTER.—Sixteen pounds nice tomatoes, quart of vinegar eighteen pounds of sugar.

A GOOD DRINK FOR THE LEGS.—Wash clean a few pieces of Irish moss; put it in a pitcher, and pour over it two cups of boiling water.

WHEN a Denver deacon forgets himself and remarks to the man himself and remarks to the man himself.

A dog frequently worries a cat, but man, who is nobler than the dog, worries himself.

HUMOROUS.

A GALVESTON man met a gentleman from northern Texas, and asked how a certain mutual friend was coming on.

A FEW facts not so generally known as they should be: A watch fitted with a second-hand need not necessarily be a second-hand watch.

A LITTLE fellow of five going along the street with a dinner pail is stopped by a kind-hearted gentleman, who says: "Where are you going, my little fellow?"

SOME people have a fashion of confusing excellent remedies with the large mass of "patent medicines," and in this they are guilty of a wrong.

WHEN Quin was at a certain dinner party there was a pudding on the table of a peculiarly attractive character.

NOTHING is so admirable as logic. A German traveler hurried out of the car, tired and dusty, and setting himself up as a restaurant, he cried out: "Water, bring me a beefsteak!"

BRANIE is a philanthropist. Lying on the sofa the other morning, it was self at a restaurant, he cried out: "Water, bring me a beefsteak!"

With all the competition in soap, Dobbins' Electric Soap, (made by Cragin & Co., Philadelphia Pa.) is first in popularity.

A DROLL fellow fished a rich old gentleman out of a millpond, and refused the offer of twenty-five cents from the rescued miser.

AFFECTIONATE mother (to her son)—"Why do you cry, Johnny? What has hurt you?" Johnny (crying more lustily than before) "Because I tell you and hurt myself yesterday."

An exchange gives "a recipe for preserving the hair." But what is the use of wasting sugar on such stuff?

"Do you want to kill the child?" exclaimed a gentleman as he saw a boy tip the baby out of its carriage on the walk.

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A YOUNG man married a deaf and dumb girl, but soon afterward she recovered both speech and hearing, and he has applied for a divorce.

HEADACHE is so common that some member of nearly every family is affected with it. The cause in most cases is a torpid action of the liver, brought on by debilitating influences and impurities of the stomach.

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If you will stop spending so much on fine clothes, rich food and style, buy good, healthy food, cheaper and better clothing; get more real and substantial things of life every way, and especially stop the foolish habit of employing expensive, quack doctors or using so much of the vile humbug medicine that does you only harm.

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Dr. Carter says the entire absence of sunlight on the deep sea bottom seems to have the same effect as the darkness of caves in reducing to a rudimentary condition the eyes of such of their inhabitants as fish and crustacea which ordinarily enjoy vision.

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As a rule a pretty daughter will give her father more trouble than her mother did. But, as a rule, she will keep him out of bed so late at night.

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