Farm, Garden & Household.

DOMESTIC RECIPES.

Aunt Betsey came in yesterday as I was making paste to paper my bed-room.

"Put a little pulverized alum in it, Kate," said she; "a half teaspoonful to the pint of flour, then you will not need to wash the wall with vinegar, and it will make the paper stick, too."

While she was in, old Mr. Mix drove up with eggs and meat to sell. He and aunt Betsey used to go to school together when they were children.

"What sort o' meat you got," said she, "tender or tough!"

"Some of its tender; line steak is allers tender, you know. My old women says she can make any steak tender by rubbing this ere carbonate soda on it over night, and then washing it off just afore you cook it in the mornin'."

"Stop at my house," said Aunt Betsey. If sody'll make it tender, I can keep it with black pepper till I eat it up."

"How did you say, Betsey!" inquired Mr. Mix.

"Why, jest rub common black pepper all over it, and it'll keep it in the warmest weather. Some folks salt their steaks to make 'em keep, but salt draws all the juice out of the meat, and makes it tough and tasteless. When you want to cook it, wash off the pepper, and it'll be jest as tender and savory-like as one could wish. Salt oughn't to be put on steak till it is all done, and laid on a hot platter. I allers salt my steak just afore I put it on the table."

After Mr. Mix left: "Do tell me, Kate, how you made that sponge-cake you had at the Sewing S'iety the other day; 'twas real nice, and so light; just what sponge cake ought to be."

Sponge-cake.—Two cups of flour, two cups of sugar, six eggs, one teaspoonful essence of lemon, one tablespoonful of water.

Thank you, Kate; and would you mind writing down on the other side of that sheet, how to make that fruit puddin' you had the last time I dined here? I can't generally eat plum puddin', but that didn't hurt me a bit."

So I wrote as follows, baby all the while in my arms, and pulling at my nose and hair.

Fruit-pudding.—One cup of molasses, half a cup of brown sugar, half a cup of butter, one cup of milk, three and a ½ cups of flour, one half teaspoon each of cinnamon, allspice, and cloves, half a cup or more of raisins or currants a large cupful of chopped apples, or if you have no apples, dried peaches or dried apples that have been well soaked, will do: one teaspoonful of soda stirred in the molasses. Boil two hours.—*Hearth and Home.*

SANDY SOILS FOR RYE.

In an article in one of our exchanges, on the adaptation of soils in different crops, we noticed some suggestions which will be useful, we think, to some of our readers, by inducing them to reflect on this important subject, and to test the capacity of their soils for various crops. In the article referred to, it was stated, that many acres on which rye could be profitably raised, were allowed either to run to waste or were devoted to crops which yield much less return for the labor bestowed than rye.

Now sandy soils, which are so often neglected, would greatly improve the quality of rye grown on them, but hundreds of acres of this kind of land are neglected year after year, and given up to mullein, which is not useful, and certainly cannot be regarded as ornamental. Understand, we do not mean to assert that the yield in weight will be greater from the sandy soil than from the strong ground, but that its nutritive qualities for bread making will be increased.

It is stated by several of our most reliable exchanges, that the flour from rye grown on this sandy soil, makes bread, which is not inferior in lightness, in flavor, and appearance, to that made from most of the wheat of the country. Such results should induce farmers to test the capacity of any soil they may have, and there is but little doubt that they would be amply compensated. The trouble, is that too many farmers are strongly prejudiced in favor of the ideas they received from their fathers. They have received the opinions and practices of the past, as many of them did their lands—by inheritance, and these will not take the trouble to observe, think and experiment.

COMPOST HEAPS.—It is often recommended that when manure is thrown into heap sin the field, it should be covered with a layer of earth to prevent the escape of the ammonia. The experiments of Dr. Voelcker, at the Royal Agricultural College at Cirencester, in England, have established the fact that the evaporation of ammonia from large heaps of manure, goes on but slightly; for the reason that, during the composition of the manure, certain organic acids are formed at the same time the ammonia is evolved, and then immediately unite with the ammonia, forming non-volatile compounds. There is an active escape of ammonia from the interior of large heaps, where the heat is too great for the chemical changes above referred to; but, as it approaches the exterior parts of the heap, where the heat is very much less, the ammonia is completely taken up by the organic acids and retained. There will be but a trifling escape of ammonia while there is sufficient moisture to retain it, for water absorbs and retains many hundred times its bulk of ammonia gas at ordinary temperatures. These non-volatile compounds, from being highly soluble in water, are liable to be washed away by every rain storm, giving the well-known brown color to the drainings of manure heaps.

HOW MUCH?—How much better is your farm than it was one year ago? How much lovelier have you made your home by the planting of trees and shrubs? How much have you added to the value of your property by the planting of orchard trees and the small fruits? How much better is your stock of horses, of sheep, of cattle? How much of error have you discovered in your mode of treatment of the different crops you have grown? How much have you learned from your neighbors, from your agricultural paper, from your experience in relation to your farm operations? How much have you done to aid your wife and daughters in their household duties by furnishing them with improved household utensils, and the better location and arrangement of wells, cisterns, walks, wood piles, cellers, and dairy rooms? How much of kindness and charity have you exercised towards the needy and the helpless? How much better husband, father, brother, man are you than you were one year ago? Now is the time to reflect upon all these things.

WEEDS.—One of the greatest nuisances in farming is the way that weeds are encouraged and protected in the crooks and vicinity of fences, from which place their seeds are scattered over the surrounding land. The extent to which seed is carried by high winds proves that one negligent farmer may annoy hundreds of farms by the failing to exterminate the foul herbage. Could the evils be concentrated on the farm which nurses the weeds, the consequences would be a proper punishment for his carelessness and criminality—for criminal is any man who nurtures nuisances that thus injure the surrounding farmers. The fellow who keeps a bull-dog that annoys if not bites the passing travelers, may be reached by the law that is powerless to expose the injury occasioned to his neighbors by the nurseries of foul weeds which are harbored about his premises, especially in the vicinity of his fences.—*N. Y. Independent.*

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IT is said that some of the Maine girls are "fearfully and wonderfully maid."

How in the world can a floating debt be paid out of a sinking fund?

WHAT rod was most feared by the Hebrew children of old? Ans.—He-rod

WHEN are skipping lambs like literary volumes? When they are boundin' sheep.

"WHITHER are we drifting?" We don't know; but if we keep on we'll *see* after a while.

A SMALL town is a place where there are many tongues to talk, and but few heads to think.

WHY do chickens have no future existence? —Because they have their necks twirled in this.

THE rights of a woman—If she cannot be captain of a ship, she may always command a *smack.*

MOST kinds of roots and bark are now used as medicines, except the cube root and the bark of a dog.

"I SAY, my little son, where does the right hand road go to?" "Don't know, sir; 'taint been anywhere since we lived here."

GEOGRAPHICUS writes to inform us that the River Nile, in its infancy, was called the Juve Nile. We don't believe it.

THE boy who was caught looking into the future has been arrested for trying to see the show without pay.

WE ascertain the qualities of a bell by ringing it. A young man had better learn the qualities of a belle before ringing her.

THE age of a young lady is now expressed according to the present style of skirts, by saying eighteen springs have passed over her head.

OUR "devil" says if the young lady would sack him without hurting his feelings, let her give him the sack she has on—contents included.

EVERY plain girl has one consolation. If she is not a pretty young lady, she will, if she lives, be a pretty old one.

WHY is a lady whose dress touches the floor like a vagrant? Because she has no visible means of support.

WE tell you, young ladies, that divine love is better than human. You had better be on your own knees than upon the gentlemen's.

YOUNG men anxious to get rid of their wild oats will do well to get a sewing machine. Those covered with calico are the best.

"I Dreamt I Dwelt in Marble Hall" used to cheat at marbles when a boy, and his dream was a horrid nightmare, brought on by remorse at the recollections of fraudulent marble hauls.

"If I had but a thousand a year" stated privately that he would be satisfied with just half that sum, as he was doing chores just for his board and three months school in winter.

"What are the wild waves saying?" knew very well they were reproaching him for running away from Long Branch without paying his hotel bill.

The author of "We met by chance" knew very well that it was all arranged before hand. He had been weeks in contriving it—and she admired his contrivance.

EQUIVALENT OF VALUES.—An old Indian, who had witnessed the effect of whisky for many years said a barrel labeled whisky contained a thousand songs and fifty fights.

AN admirer of dogs having had a new litter of a fine breed, a friend, wished him to put him down for a puppy! "I set you down for one a great while ago." Was the reply.

A WHOLESALE WISH.—At a recent dinner of shoemakers, the following toast was given: "May we have all the women in the country to shoe—and all the men to boot."

AN Arkansas editor published a leading article on hogs, whereupon his village contemporary and rival upbraided him for obtruding his family matters on the public.

A TAVERN at Haxton, near London, has the following inscriptions on the sign board.—

"Good entertainment for all that passes: Horses, mares, men and asses."

A LITTLE GIRL worn out by a long sermon, observing the preacher gathering himself for another point, exclaimed: "Oh, mother, he is not going to quit at all! He is swelling up again,"

WHY don't you ask your sweetheart to marry you?

I have asked her.

What did she say.

Oh, I've the refusal of her.

A BOARDER at one of the hotels was recently observed to shed tears when the cheese was passed. Upon inquiry as to the cause of this agitation, he replied that "the cheese was a moving sight."

"No, Josh, I was neber drunk, but I was toxicated once on ardents spirits, an' dat's enuff for dis nigger. De Lord, if my head didn't feel as if all de niggers in de world was splitten wood upon it."

AN officer on a review day happened to be thrown from his horse; as he lay sprawling on the ground, he said to a friend who ran to his assistance, I thought I had improved in my riding, but I find I have fallen off.

THE husband of a beautiful wife upon returning home, was met by one of his offspring, all smiles, clapping his hands and exclaiming, "Pa, Mr. Jones has been here—he's such a nice man—he kissed us all around and mother too."

'WON'T you cut open a penny for me, father?' said a little girl, when she came home from school one day. 'Cut open a penny! What do you want me to do that for?' asked her father. 'Cause,' said the little girl, 'our teachers say that in every penny there are four farthings, and I want to see them.'

SMITH and Brown running opposite ways the other day came in contact with each other.

"O, dear, how you make my head ring," said Smith.

"That's a sign its hollow," said Brown.

"But didn't yours ring?"

"No."

"That's a sign its cracked," replied his friend—and then they parted.

A NEW-made widow went recently to a life insurance office to receive the amount of a policy on her husband's life, which had providentially been made payable to her. The president thought it only proper to condole with her on her bereavement.

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The man who wrote "Home, Sweet Home" never had a home.

The author of "Rain on the Roof" always slept in the basement, except when he slept out of doors.

The man who wrote "Mary had a little Lamb" knew very well it was nothing but a little lamb fry.

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