

AGRICULTURAL & DOMESTIC.

Items in Domestic Economy. Baskets should never have any wet substance placed in them, such as apple parings, or anything that will wet and decay the splints and spoil their appearance.

Waste Things should be neatly wound into balls and kept for future use, and not thrown into drawers in a tangled mass. This will save time when one is in a hurry, and imparts habits of neatness.

Tables without casters should always be carefully lifted from one place to another. Nothing destroys a table more rapidly than shoving it on its legs across a floor.

Matches should always be kept in a match safe. It is neither neat nor secure to leave them scattered on bureaus and stands. Every good tin shop supplies the article, but if nothing better can be had, empty mustard boxes with smooth fitting lids will answer.

Thermometers.—Every house should be supplied with several thermometers. Apples will keep better in a cellar with a low temperature, which may be maintained by one or two thermometers or one always at hand to indicate the approach of freezing. They are always of use in dairy and other apartments.

Creaking Hinges.—Doors hung on butt hinges often make an unpleasant noise by creaking. The best way to prevent it is to place a drop or two of kerosene, by means of a feather, on the top of the bolt connecting the two parts, as well as at the sides working the door backward and forward at the same time. The oil will run down and the difficulty will cease.

Paint.—It is always convenient to have paint at hand for doing small jobs. If kept in common paint pots, it soon dries. An empty fruit jar with a close fitting cork answers an excellent purpose; and if the handle of the brush is short, so as to go inside, it is always ready without washing. Putty always ready for use may be kept in the same way.—Maine Farmer.

Lamp-Lighters.—These may be easily made by tearing waste papers into strips an inch wide, and rolling these strips neatly, by beginning at the upper corner and rolling nearly but not quite parallel with the side of the strip. When completed, bend up and pinch the lower end, to prevent unrolling. A little practice will give them a very neat appearance. If desired, they may be made long enough to run down the chimney of a kerosene lamp.

Paste for Ready Use.—Mucilage made of gum arabic is good for many purposes, but rather costly. A cheap kind and better adapted for pasting unlined paper, is made of gum tragacanth. A few cents worth may be procured at a druggist's, and will last years. Place a strain of the gum half an inch thick in the bottom of the bottle and fill it two-thirds with rain water. In a few hours it will be ready for use, and will last several weeks in hot weather.

Ventilation.—Those who occupy or work in close rooms often suffer in health for want of fresh air. Apartments not supplied with ventilators should have the windows so constructed as to let down one, two or three inches from the top. This will let in a moderate and steady current, which will be somewhat mixed with the other air before it reaches the floor, and be more pleasant than sweeping gusts near the feet through windows raised from below.

Leveling Clocks.—Clocks often run badly by not being set level—ticking unequally and stopping easily. They may be wedged up so as to be perfectly level, and an accurate arc will know by the ticking when this is effected. But a more perfect way is to tack a card or paper behind the pendulum in the evening, and place a bright lamp at a distance exactly in front. Then mark with a pencil the shadow of the rod, move it very slowly to one side until it ticks, and then make another mark. Move it to the other side and mark it when it ticks again. Measuring the distance of these three marks will enable the operator to level the clock to a hair's breadth.

History of the Potato. This article of food, although known as the "Irish potato," is a native of this country, being first discovered by Harlot, the keen eyed scholar and historian of Raleigh's expedition, in that part of Virginia which is now North Carolina. Specimens were immediately sent back to Europe and raised in 1585, on Sir Walter's estates, in Younghall, Ireland, which gave to the tuber its name. The new article of food crept slowly into France, meeting every where with the greatest opposition. As tea had been lampooned and prohibited by law twenty years earlier, and as the introduction of coffee had been denounced as a conspiracy to poison the people, so the abhorrence of the potato plant was general in England and universal in France. Scientific men set forth its deadly qualities, even to the most moderate of its opponents. "Why force this coarse and detestable tuber from the land of the Incas upon us, when the soil of France is capable of supplying the most delicious and healthful productions of the vegetable kingdom?" Louis XVI. wore a potato blossom in his button-hole, but he did not dare to plant a potato. And so things continued, till, during the famine of the French Revolution of a few years later, potatoes for seed were accepted by the peasants from the Tuilleries. In Russia the fate of the poor potato was still harder. It was an outcast there, even when Bonaparte marched to Moscow. From their wild superstitions, the people evolved the tradition that the potato was of evil origin. The story ran that the devil complained, on being driven from the garden of Eden, that he had no fruit, and so the Lord God took pity on him and created the potato expressly for his use. For twenty years it was known all over Russia and Turkey, as "the Devil's fruit." But it is now the chief article of cultivation across the whole central belt of Europe, and it enables the soil to feed twice the population that it was formerly considered possible to support. In Ireland, potatoes constitute three-fourths of the food of the people, and a short crop always causes a famine. The United States grows annually about 130,000,000 bushels—three bushels for every man, woman and child.

CARLYLE says, "Make yourself a good man and then you will be sure there is oneascal the less in the world."

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES OF THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA.

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