Tomato Cultivation.

The tomato plant is the prettiest egetable plant we have when properly cared for. First make a ridge eight inches high and twelve wide. If the dirt is not strong enough to grow thrifty plants, go to the fence corner and get some that is; place about one peck where the plant will stand. Set plants three feet apart—not less. Get stakes—say three inches in diameter—and drive in the ground, leaving three feet out. Drive one every eight feet the length of the row; they will be three feet apart the cross way. If you have elm bark handy cut it in strips two inches broad—if not, use slats or fence wire, making three rows on each side at one foot from the bottom, at middle and at top, then cross near the plant to keep it straight. Every five or six days pass along and fix the branches in proper shape, as you would have them grow. Do not allow grass or weeds to grow within three feet of plants. Water the plants in evenings if it does not rain enough to make them grow fast, and when the tomatoes begin to ripen you will have a row of them five feet wide, four feet high and ninety feet long, from only thirty plants. Only think of it! The grand row, just covered with big red tomatoes from end to end and from bottom to top, all up out of the dirt, clean and sweet! Remember the things we do should be done well. This frame can be placed on one side of the garden and remain for years.

As I travel from house to house I see tomato plants here and there in gardens flat down on the ground, and the tomatoes rot as fast as they turn red; or planted in ridges three inches apart, with stalks about as large as a lead pencil two feet high and with three tomatoes per stalk. Friends, try the frame plan and you will be well pleased with it.

Origin of O. K.

While at Nashville in search of material for his history, a gentleman named Patton found among the records of the court of which General Jackson had been judge a great many legal documents endorsed "O. R." which meant "Order recorded," but often so scrawlingly written that one could easily read it as O. K. If "Major Downing" noticed a bundle of papers thus marked upon President Jackson's table, documents, perhaps, from his former court, in which he still had interest, it is very easy to see how a punster could imagine it to "O. K." or "oil korrect."

No doubt Seba Smith, who wrote under the nom de plume of "Major Jack Downing," had much to do with creating the impression that President Jackson was unlettered and illiterate, whereas many existing personal letters, military reports, court opinions and State papers show to the contrary. He lived before the day of stenographers typewriters, and yet carried on a voluminous correspondence. Hundreds of his personal letters to old soldier friends are still preserved as heirlooms in South, and his handiwork is numerous in Washington. He was evidently a rapid penman, and made greater use of capital letters than is the present custom, but misspelled words and stumbling sentences were few and far between.

Pearls of Thought.

Charity thinketh no evil.

The wise man talks but little.

Without hearts there is no home.

Be not simply good—be good for something.

We can have many wives, but only one mother.

How much the wife is dearer than the bridal.

The mind which is free from passion is a citadel.

Love is the brightest ray which lights the pathway of life.

It destroys one's nerves to be amiable every day to the same human being.

Confidence of success is a most success; and an obstacle often fall of themselves before a determination to overcome them.

There is no man at once either excelently good or extremely evil but grows either as he holds himself up in virtue or lets himself slide to viciousness.

Warm bread or cake can be cut without becoming moist and heavy, if the knife, a thin, sharp one, is dipped into boiling hot water, wiped quickly, and the bread cut immediately, before the knife has time to cool. A napkin should be laid double on the plate where the warm slices are laid.

Worth Repeating.

Without a rich heart wealth is an ugly beggar.

From the lowest depth there is a path to the loftiest height.

Sin has many, tools but a lie is a handle that fits them all.

Ignorance is weakness. An ignorant soul lacks force in its faculties, and skill in their use.

Two things we should never fret about, first, what we can prevent; and second, what we cannot prevent.

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Buffon says he owed ten or a dozen of his best works to his servant, who pulled him out of bed early, at six in the morning.

Admiral Bythesea, a very distinguished officer, was picked up at sea when an infant by a ship of war, and lashed to a bale of goods. Inquiry failed to elicit any sort of information about this human flotsam, so the ship's officers adopted him, called him "By the-Sea" and sent him to a naval school. The first ship in which he served was that which had saved his life.

Bernadotte, King of Sweden, was a surgeon in the garrison; Madame Bernadotte was a washerwoman in Paris.

Boliver was a druggist.

Catharine, the Empress of Russia, was a grisette.

Cincinnatus was plowing his vineyard when the directorship of Rome was handed to him.

Columbus was a sailor.

Confucius was a carpenter.

Franklin was a printer.

King Christopher of Hayti was a slave of St. Kitt.

King Louis Phillippi was a teacher of the French tongue.

Mohammed, called the prophet, was a driver of asses.

Napoleon, a descendant of an obscure family of Corsica, was a Major when he married Josephine, the daughter of a tobacconist a Creole of Martinique.

Oliver Cromwell was originally a brewer.

Pres dant John Tyler was a captain of militia.

President Polk had been an innkeeper.

The step-father of Isabella, Queen of Spain, the husband of Queen Christina, and the brother-in-law of the King of Naples, was once a barkeeper of a coffee room.

There are, according to history, in Spain and Portugal, at the present time, several dukes, marquises, counts, viscounts and barons, who were formally barbers, cobblers, cooks, sweepers and tailors.

Good Manners.

Never try to outshine, but to please.

Never press a favor where it seems undesired.

Never intrude ill health, pains, losses or misfortunes.

Never unavoidably wound the feelings of a human being.

Never talk or laugh aloud in public places or upon the street.

Never forget that vulgarity has its origin in ignorance or selfishness.

Never urge another to do anything against his desire unless you see danger before him.

Do not ask another to do what you would not be glad to do under similar circumstances.

Never omit to perform a kind act when it can be done with any reasonable amount of exertion.

Do not make witticisms at the expense of others which you would not wish to have made upon yourselves.

Remember that good manners are thoughts filled with kindness and refinement and then translated into behavior.

Be rude to none; rudeness harms not even the humblest and poorest to whom it is directed, but it injures the exhibiters.

Never needlessly wound the vanity of another, nor dilate unnecessarily upon disagreeable subjects.

Never treat superiors with servility or inferiors with arrogance.—Speak as kindly to a day-laborer as to one occupying a high position.

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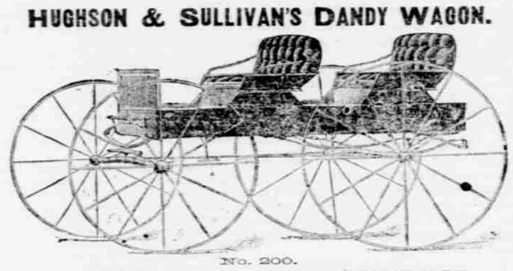

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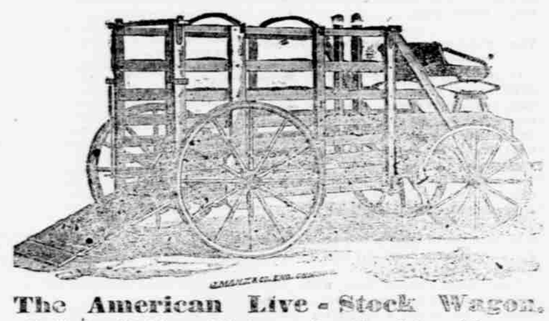

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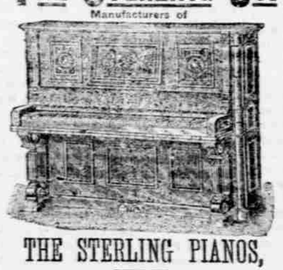

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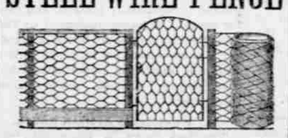

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Cucumber Salad—Select three cucumbers of a medium size and be sure they are fresh. Put them in a basin of cold water for half an hour, then peel and slice very thin, commencing at thick or blow end, or they are likely to be bitter; let the slices drop into a pan of cold water, in which let them lie for ten or fifteen minutes; pour off the water and replace once or twice; finally cover them with ice and set in a cold place until they are wanted for the table, then pour over them a little salt and pepper, a teaspoonful of melted butter and a cup of vinegar. A delicious salid is made of shrimp. If fresh shrimps are used remove the shell and the small black line which runs through them. It is very slow work to shell them and canned fish will do as well. Make a dressing the same as chicken salad, mix well and put a tablefpoonful into lettuce leaves arranged as a cup. For a delicious dressing for lobster: Mash fine one lagre boiled potato, add to it one-half teaspoonful of mustard and salt, and pepper to taste; mix smooth, then add the yolks of two eggs well beaten, place in a cool place for half an hour then pour in gradually, one-half cup of vinegar and one tablespoonful of melted butter. It is then ready to pour over the lobster, which should be kept in a cool place until ready to serve. To prepare egg salad: Take six hard-boiled eggs and cut in halves; remove the yolks and mix with them three rolled crackers, one teaspoon of mustard, salt and pepper to taste, and enough vinegar to moisten, make into balls to fit the places formerly occupied by the yolks, then serve.

Ten Good Things to Know.

1. That salt will curdle new milk, hence in preparing milk porridge, gravies, etc., the salt should not be added until the dish is prepared.

2. That clear boiling water will remove tea stains and many fruit stains. Pour the water through the stain and thus prevent its spreading of the fabric.

3. That ripe tomatoes will remove ink and other stains from white cloth, also from the hands.

4. That a tablespoonful of turpentine boiled with white clothes will aid in the whitening process.

5. That boiled starch is much improved by the addition of a little sperm salt or gum arabic dissolved.

6. That beeswax and salt will make rusty flat irons as clean and smooth as glass. Tie a lump of wax in a rag and keep it for that purpose. When the irons are hot, rub them first with wax rag, then scour with a paper or cloth sprinkled with salt.

7. That blue ointment and kerosene mixed in equal proportions and applied to the bedsteads is an unfailing bedbug remedy, as a coat of whitewash is for the walls of a log house.

8. That kerosene will soften boots or shoes that have been hardened by water, and render them as pliable as new.

9. That kerosene will make tin kettles as bright as new. Saturate a woolen rag and rub with it. It will also remove stains from varnished furniture.

10. That cool rain water and soda will remove machine grease from washable fabrics.

Household Hints.

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Vegetables with a strong flavor, such as onions and turnips, will be much improved by putting them to boil in cold water, renewing this from a kettle you take away all richness, and depth and tenderness. Sorrow is the furnace that melts selfish hearts together in love.

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Old Kinds of Leather.

It has been demonstrated that nearly all skins may be tanned. Even birds, fishes and reptiles have been alike brought to the tan yard, and the prices are regularly quoted. Alligator skins have long been a favorite material for the manufacture of pocket books and satchels. The high prices which the first product commanded soon induced manufacturers to produce imitations. These are merely embossed leather. The peculiar scaly nature of the alligator's hide is successfully imitated by means of steel dies, which leave a durable impression upon the leather, so perfect a resemblance to the genuine alligator skin that only experts could tell the difference. The same process is used to imitate other fancy skins, so that there is no danger that is not imitated within three months of its first appearance. The alligator skins were first put on the market in 1876.

Kangaroo skins have only been in market about three years. The skin of the porpoise has lately been used for shoes, and is well considered because of its fine grain, making it waterproof. It resembles a goat skin. The skin of a seal has also been made into leather, and sells for about $40 a dozen skins.

One of the latest novelties is cotton snake leather, which is used chiefly for making pocket books. The skin of the monkey has also been tanned and used for making pocket books. Bear skins have long been used with the hair on for caps and coats, and the hides have also been used for leather. Of course these novelties are not made in large quantities and are mostly used for fancy trade. During the past few years the hides of horses have been successfully tanned and put upon the market as a standard article of leather.

American kid is now taking a prominent place in the leather market, and is even preferred to French kid by many manufacturers, who find it quite as supple, pliable and durable, and much cheaper. It is declared that American kid at twenty-five cents a foot is equal to French kid at forty cents. Pig skins are yet in demand for saddles.

The Great Desert.

A desert caravan may travel for weeks without seeing a single person, and yet there is scarcely a square mile of the Sahara between the Atlantic and the region of the Nile that is not at some time passed over by some of the wandering tribes that make the desert their home. The regular caravan routes that traverse it lead from Morocco to Timbuctoo, from Algiers to the Niger at Timbuctoo, from Tripoli to the same region, or to the cities of the Soudan further eastward. The population of the towns of the oases in the northern edge of the desert is the same as the native population of the rest of Algiers—Arabs, Jews, Moabite merchants, negroes, etc. About the oasis-lying oases are the wandering tribes called Chambaas, who are nominally subject to the French, and live in good understanding with them. The great desert unwatered region, nearly a thousand miles wide, that stretches its sandy wastes southward nearly to the edge of the Soudan, is overrun—for it cannot be called inhabited—by the several tribes of the Touaregs, who do not number more two or three thousand warriors, yet are the terror of all peaceful traders who endeavor to pass through their country to the cities of the Soudan. The Chambaas entertain friendly relations with the Algier Touaregs, but are bitterly hostile to the Poggars, who are their nearest neighbors.

The 1804 Dollar.

"There is something curious about the American silver dollar and half-dollar of 1804," said a numismatist. "There were about 20,000 of the dollars coined, but not one of them got into circulation. Two of them are in well-known coin collections to-day, however, and they are the most valuable of all American coins. Why the dollar of 1804 was never seen in circulation after leaving the mint is one of the unsolved Government mysteries. It is asserted by good authority that the two 1804 silver dollars now in existence, while having been made from the original die, were in reality not coined for many years after that year, when they were surreptitiously struck, and it is supposed, issued to a person high in authority, from whom they subsequently passed into the collections referred to. The half dollar of 1804 is surrounded by a mystery equally profound. There were over 150,000 of these coined, but not one was ever known to be in circulation. On the other hand, but 700 quarter-dollars were coined in that year, and specimens of these are in every collection and numismatist's shop."

What He Would Have Said.

A certain lady in Paris gives periodical dinners, at which assemble most of the best known wits and literati of the day. The rule of the mansion is that while one person discourses no interruption whatever can be permitted. It is said that M. Renan once attended one of these dinners, and, being in excellent vein, talked without a break during the whole repast. Toward the end of dinner a guest was heard to commence a sentence, but he was instantly silenced by the hostess. After they had left the table, however, she at once informed the extinguished individual that, as M. Renan had now finished his conversation, she would gladly hear what he had to say. The guest modestly declined; the hostess insisted. "I am certain it was something of consequence," she said. "Alas, madame," he answered, "it was indeed; but now it is too late. I should have liked a little more of that iced pudding."

Hope nothing from luck, and the probability is that you will be so prepared, so forewarned and forearmed, that all shallow observers will call you lucky.

He shall be immortal who liveth till he be stoned by one without fault.