

THAT success inspires envy and dishonest competition is well known. The force of this must often have occurred to a Baltimore house which is known everywhere as "The Charles A. Vogeler company," by excellence of whose goods, and the integrity of whose business dealings are recognized throughout the commercial world. Time and again have they defended their rights against those who sought to wrest from the legitimate fruits of their labor and enterprise. Last year in London, England, an unscrupulous dealer sought to place a so-called "St. David's Oil" on the market on the strength of the great popularity of St. Jacobs' Oil. The High Court of Justice promptly issued a perpetual injunction and imposed heavy damages. This decision indorsed the action of the United States Court at Cleveland, Ohio, and the Circuit Court at Baltimore, Md.

Referring to the merits of another valuable medicinal agent placed upon the market by this enterprising house, a *Medical Journal* says: We admire the stand taken by numerous eminent physicians and members of the Board of Health of such cities as Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Baltimore, in publicly endorsing and adopting Red Star Cough Cure because it is efficacious, free from dangerous ingredients and without morphia or opium. Another feature which commends it is its popular price, — twenty-five cents, thus placing within the reach of all a sure cure for throat and lung diseases.

HOUSEHOLD.

BRANDIED PEACHES OR PEARs.—Four pounds of fruit, four pounds of sugar, one pound of best white brandy. Make a syrup of the sugar and a quart of pure water. Let them come to a boil, then put the pared fruit into it, and let it boil for five minutes. Having removed the fruit carefully with a perforated ladle, let the syrup boil fifteen minutes longer, or until it thickens well. Lastly add the brandy, and then take the kettle at once from the fire. Pour the hot syrup over the fruit, put in glass bottles with wide mouths and seal up tight. If after taking the fruit from the fire the first time a reddish color comes from it, drain it off before adding the clear syrup. Choose always the fairest, firmest specimens of fruit for brandiding if you would be rewarded for your pains. Well-made brandied fruit should keep good for years.

CHRISTMAS CAKE.—The weight of six eggs in sugar, four in flour and two in butter. Cream the butter, add the sugar and the six beaten yolks, lightly stir in the frothy whites and continue to add the sifted flour without at all heavily beating the cake batter. This makes a good mixture for layer cake, but is quite rich enough to serve alone. With a soft icing of loaf sugar, which has been rubbed over the skin of one orange and mixed with orange juice, it is delicious. Simply glaze the cake after it is done, with the flavored sugar, and let it dry with the oven door open. The juice does not make the glaze whiter enough to apply but a little hot water to the sugar.

THE SHOULDERS of beef can be made into a tender and delicate dish by letting it cook in its own juices in the oven without a particle of water. A stone jar with a tight fitting cover (or a lid of plain dough), will keep in all the flavor and juices, and the tough fibres and gristle are softened by the mild heat, it must be put in three or four hours before dinner time. The heat that comes through the stone is very different from that of hot iron, and it is the slow action of the steady heat that makes a rich dish out of a cheap joint.

COFFEE CAKE.—Two cups of brown sugar, one cup of butter, five eggs, one-half cup molasses, one nutmeg, grated, two tablespoonfuls cinnamon, one teaspoonful cloves, one-half cup made coffee, three heaping cups flour, one cup raisins, one cup currants, one tablespoonful saleratus dissolved in warm water, one-quarter pound of citron, one teaspoonful lemon extract. Cream, butter and sugar together, and be sure to mix the fruit before stirring it in; bake in a moderately fast oven.

PLAIN LEMON PIE.—To the grated rind and juice of two lemons add two cups of cold water, the beaten yolks of two eggs, two cups of sugar, and place over the fire. Blend two large tablespoonfuls of corn starch in a very little water, and add while boiling, stirring briskly for a few moments, until it becomes thickened. Pour into a good undercrust. This amount makes two medium-sized pies, and may be enriched by adding a little butter.

SODA BISCUIT.—One pint of sweet milk, three pints of flour, a pinch of salt, half a cup of butter and lard mixed, one teaspoonful of soda and two of cream of tartar. Mix soda in the milk and cream of tartar in the flour. Rub the shortening in the flour, then add the milk; mix and roll lightly, handling as little as possible. Bake into small cakes and bake in a quick oven.

VELVET CREAM.—Dissolve one ounce or half a box of gelatine in a coffee cup of wine over the fire; add the juice and grated rind of one lemon. When the gelatine has dissolved add one coffee cup of white sugar; cook slowly, strain one and one-half pints of rich milk. Stir until cool, pour in a mold and set in a cool place.

STANDARD CAKE.—Two cups of sugar, two-thirds of a cup of butter, two and one-half cups of flour, a pinch of salt, one-half cup of soda and two of cream of tartar. Mix soda in the milk and cream of tartar in the flour. Rub the shortening in the flour, then add the milk; mix and roll lightly, handling as little as possible. Bake into small cakes and bake in a quick oven.

THE BEEF ESSENCES are coming greatly into use for their "handiness" in getting up gravies, stews and other dishes.

LEMON CUSTARDS.—The yolks of four eggs, the whites of two, one cup of sugar, one cup of cold water, one spoonful of butter and one spoonful of corn starch, blended in a little cold water, and the grated peel and juice of a large lemon. Bake in cups and frost with the whites.

COMPOSITION CAKE.—One pound of sugar, one pound of butter, eight eggs, one cup of rich milk, one and one-half cups of flour, one spoonful of powdered cinnamon, one pound of flour, one pound of raisins seeded, one-half pound of citron cut thin, one teaspoonful of soda, two of cream of tartar.

SWEET POTATO PONE.—Wash well six good-sized sweet potatoes, scrape the skins off and grate on a potato-grater, mix in one tablespoonful of butter, one cup of molasses, one of sugar, three cups of flour, a pinch of salt, pounded orange peel, nutmeg and ginger to suit taste; put in a pan, sprinkle sugar over the top, and bake.

BEEF OMELETTE.—Pour half a pint of rich beef stock, or half a teaspoonful of beef extract mixed with a cup of boiling water, over a cup of bread rubbed to small crumbs. Season highly and let it stand in a warm oven for fifteen minutes. Make an omelette of six well beaten eggs; add the soaked crumbs and fry as usual.

A HOT SALAD.—Lettuce is more easily digested and makes a delicate salad when boiled for fifteen minutes. Make a dressing of a raw egg, a teaspoonful of dry mustard, a dash of cayenne, two table-spoonfuls of vinegar and a small cup of cream which may be slightly acid. Steam it over boiling water, stirring constantly; when hot pour it over the salad.

LIGHT AND PUFFY ICING.—White of one egg beaten to a stiff froth, beat in gradually a quarter of a pound of powdered sugar, with not quite half a teaspoonful of baking powder mixed with it, flavor to taste. Nice for the top of any baked pudding, whether to be served in what it is baked or in saucers.

A Railroad Man's Views.

Mr. Joseph Hickson, the agent in Toronto, Canada, of the New York, West Shore and Buffalo Railroad Company, is well-known throughout the Dominion. He writes that for several weeks his little girl was ill with bronchitis. He used different preparations, and also had her treated by a physician, but without effect. Finally, he tried Red Star Cough Cure, and before one bottle was finished she was perfectly well.

Stick to your own opinion if you have one, and allow others the same liberty to stick to theirs.

General Chace of Rhode Island, says: "I always keep Hunt's Remedy in my house, it prevents headache and kidney troubles.

The secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes.

Lather me lightly and speak to me low, Oh, interrogative barber mine; And I will forgive if to make my hair grow, You use magic Carboline.

Don't place too much importance on the things of this life, they are all passing.

AMONG CHILDREN there is no plague that eats away life's energies so rapidly as that of worms, which are the outgrowth of blood impurities. They are detected by nervous restlessness, unnatural appetite for food, hollow, sunken eyes, and a general bodily uneasiness. Parents should note these symptoms, and relieve the little ones by the use of VINEGAR BITTERS.

Any man who puts his life in peril in a cause which is esteemed, becomes the darling of all men.

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Good manners is the art of making those people easy with whom you converse.

FRUIT AXLE GREASE. One greasing with Fraser Axle Grease will last two weeks, all others two to three days. Try it. It received first premium at the Centennial and Paris Exposition.

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"Say dear," said an Evansville wife to her husband, "that time you gave me for milk this morning was no good."

"Didn't give you no bad dime," growled Jones.

"You did too, I guess I know."

"No, I never. You've been getting those damaged ribbons or something down town, and they gave it to you in change. Women ain't got no sense no how."

"But you handed it to me yourself."

"Yes you did and I want you to take it back."

"I won't."

"Yes you will, you old wretch."

"Well you just will now; you see if you don't. I'll show you if women haven't got any sense."

At noon Mrs. Jones was all smiles, and waited on her husband so nicely that he felt like telling her that he had given her the dime, and was sorry, and would give her another, but concluded he would wait till evening. As she handed him a nice piece of pie, she remarked: "William, you'll have to eat this in a hurry; its nearly time to go to the office." William bolted it down, but all of a sudden gagged, and then swallowed something as if it hurt him.

"Mary Jane," said he, "I just swallowed something that didn't feel right. What do you suppose could have got in to that pie?"

"How did it feel, William?"

"Oh, sorter hard and round."

"Well, guess it was that dime. You said I couldn't make you take it back, but I guess you have got it now. You may keep it."

Jones is still keeping it.

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FARM NOTES.

ICE PONDS.—Almost every farm with a stream could have an ice-pond. A dam with a gate built across a stream and a flat meadow alongside would inclose half an acre or more of water which could be let down after the ice had been cut. Half an acre of ice six inches thick equals 300 tons; enough to supply ten families and dairies. At twenty-five cents a ton for the ice in the pond here would be \$75; equal to five per cent. on \$1,500, and making that half acre the most productive on the farm. If this is to be done it should be begun soon. For an easy construction dam stakes are driven down on the line and a furrow turned up against the stakes from the inside. Planks are firmly bedded in the soft earth and are supported by stakes on each side. This protects the bottom and prevents leaking. The plow—a side-hill one—is then run back and forth in the furrow and the soil turned up against the planks. This is done on both sides. The earth is well trodden, and as the furrow is widened and deepened the material for the dam is shoveled out until the embankment is high enough. The gate is built in the stream with care that water does not work out on the sides. The dam will become firm before winter, when the gate can be closed and the pond filled. The earlier the ice is cut the better. It is well to sod the dam on both sides, and to do this I would first cut the sod where the dam is to be built, and save it for covering the bank. It would be fun to set the boys at this work for the pleasure of using the ice for skating.

MR. GEORGE SIMPSON, an English dairyman, says he has found in his cost that the ordinary practice of drying continuous milkers giving from twelve to sixteen quarts daily, does not answer at all. Instead of attempting to dry cows giving large quantities of milk, he now finds it better to turn them in a loose box and teer to turn out straw. By this means the flow of milk is reduced, and gradually they dry themselves, and without any evil effects following. The practice of suddenly checking the flow of milk of good milkers, by the ordinary method, has resulted, in his case, in three of his cows slipping their calves within forty-eight hours after the drying process had begun. If it has been attempted to dry large milkers suddenly, the organs became inflamed. Dairy men will find it highly important to pay particular attention to their cows, especially those of the Jersey and Guernsey breed, which are great milkers.

SOME of the popular ideas with regard to milk and butter are erroneous. A sample of milk at the New York experimental station, which showed by analysis 10.45 per cent. of fat gave more butter than another sample which showed 12.33 per cent. of fat. One sample, with 5.90 per cent. of fat, gave three pounds and four ounces of butter, against two pounds and seven ounces from a sample with 8.55 per cent. of fat. It is conceded that the amount of butter to be obtained from a given quantity of milk cannot be estimated upon an analysis of the fat. The test of churning is the only reliable method.

LET a drop of fresh milk fall into a glass of pure water. If the milk promptly disseminates itself through the water, the cow that yielded that milk is not with calf, but if it sinks to the bottom of the glass as it falls upon the water, and does not produce but little of a milky cloud, the cow is pregnant. The specific gravity and viscosity of the albuminous milk being heavier than water, thus retains the drop of milk and causes it to sink. We advise dairy men to make a note of this and give it a test. If reliable the information may be of great value to them.

To keep flies out of the stable nothing is better than soft soap and carbolic acid thrown on the floor once or twice a day. The mixture may be made of crude carbolic acid, which can be obtained very cheap, and ordinary soft soap. The amount of the acid depends on the strength of the soap. This can be easily told by pouring the two together and letting them stand, after thoroughly mixing for an hour or two. Then mix a little with soft water. If too much acid is present it will be shown by particles of oil floating on the surface. Two or three tablespoonfuls of acid to a quart of soap will usually suffice.

THERE should be dairy schools attached to most of the agricultural colleges where girls as well as boys could attend and learn how to make butter and cheese. Why should not the women of the land have a chance to get some of the abundance of information to be had at our agricultural colleges? Surely the women have to work on farms, and hard too.

Two valuable colts were lately poisoned by snake root, *ex patorium agrotoides*. The disease known formerly as "the trembles," an affection of cattle, was caused by this weed. When eaten by milk cows the poison, to some extent, passes off with the milk, even when the cows have not been noticeably ill, and persons drinking it have sickened and sometimes died. The weed ought to be more generally known so that it should be shunned or exterminated.

LIME is not only essential to the soil but also to stock, and should the food supplied be deficient in that element the stock will be deficient in bone. For every 100 parts of phosphoric acid in bone there are 120 parts of lime. A herd of cows in Germany having only soft water to drink were afflicted with a disease called bone brittleness, but when the herd was supplied with hard water the disease disappeared.

A DAIRYMAN should endeavor to keep all his cows fully up to the standard. In fact, he should have no use for a poor cow, as he may easily sink the profits of his herd by keeping them. Part of the herd may be very profitable and yet the business be a losing one because the other portion does not pay. Each cow's milk should be tested occasionally, and if any one is found deficient she should be disposed of.

A VISITOR who introduced himself as the Son of Man called at the White House recently and was ordered off the premises without being allowed to make known his errand. And has it come to pass that hungry Democrats have been allowed to ruin the reputation of the Son of Man with the reform administration by filling charges of offensive partisanship against Him?

It must be a fine thing to get into the swim of London society. An old English paper contains an advertisement in which a lady of good position offers for the sum of \$3,000 to take charge of a young lady of good family and present her to a wide circle of the best society during the month of July. As we are imitating the English perhaps it would be well to introduce the kink into our own country.

"Will you miss me when I am gone?" sang Alfonso in the parlor.

"No!" fustianly whispered the old man to himself around the corner of the house; "and I'll not miss you while you are going," he replied, cocking his gun.

"No, you can't have any of my money," says a Massachusetts man to a tramp who solicited a few pennies; "You are not worth your salt."

"Oh yes, I am. You forget, sir. I am a part of the Commonwealth."

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