

Farm and Household.

Useful Recipes.

Cure for Corns.—Take a lemon, cut off a piece of rind, then nick the lemon so as to let in the toe with the corn—the pulp next the corn; tie this on at night so that it cannot move; in the morning with a blunt knife you can cut it away to a great extent. Two or three applications of this will make a poor cripple happy for life.

Sun Stroke.—The *Fremdenblatt* contains a correspondence from a traveller who, on March 23, 1866, was near the Dead Sea with a party of eighteen, one of whom fell from his horse overcome by the excessive heat of 42 deg. R. (126.5 deg. F.) One of the Bedouin guides bathed his hands, head and face with lemon juice, after which the sufferer was able to ride two hours to the Jordan, where he could rest for several hours, and then completely recovered.

Current Catalog.—Nice, fully ripe currants 4 lbs.; sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.; cinnamon ground, 1 tablespoonful; salt, with ground cloves and pepper, each one teaspoonful; vinegar, one pint. Stew the currants and sugar until quite thick; then add the other ingredients and bottle for use.

Small Pox.—A physician in Sioux City, Iowa, uses an ointment made of charcoal and lard to prevent pitting in small pox. This is applied freely over the surface of the face, neck and hands as soon as the disease is distinguished, and continued until all symptoms of suppurative fever have ceased. The application relieves the itching, and seems to shorten the duration of the disease, and leaves the patient without a blemish, the eruption protected by the ointment not even showing signs of postulation, the charcoal preventing the action of light and the lard that of air.

Moths.—The following recipe is said to have kept out moths from a furniture warehouse for ten years past. If I may do so for ten years to come: "Flour of hops, one drachm; Scotch snuff, two ounces; gum camphor, one ounce; black pepper, one ounce; cedar sawdust, four ounces. Mix thoroughly, and strew, or put in papers among the goods."

Cream Sponge Cake (very superior).—Six eggs, two cups of flour, the same quantity of sugar, two teaspoonsful of cream of tartar well mixed in the flour, and one-half of a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a very little hot water; beat together the yolks of the eggs and the sugar until perfectly light and creamy; add to it the well beaten whites, then the flour, and last of all soda. Bake in round tins, about an inch thick.

To Remove the Taste of Wood.—A new keg, churn, bucket, or other wooden vessel, will generally communicate a disagreeable taste to anything that is put into it. To prevent this inconvenience scald the vessel well with boiling water, letting the water remain in it until cold; then dissolve some pearl ash or soda in lukewarm water, adding a little lime to it. Wash the inside of the vessel well with this solution. Afterward scald it well with hot water, and rinse with cold water before you use it. The reason for this is the ready combination of resinous matter, with alkalies to form compounds soluble in alcohol.

To Make Sane Bred Fresh.—Put the loaf into clean tin, and cover closely to exclude all water, and set into a steamer or kettle of boiling water for half an hour; then remove from tin, and it will look like fresh bread, and be really almost equal to new loaf.

Gargle for Sore Throat.—Strong sage tea, half pint; strained honey, common salt, and strong vinegar, one table spoonful of each; Cayenne pepper, pulverized, one rounding tea spoonful; steep the Cayenne with the sage; strain and mix in a bottle for use. Gargle from four to a dozen times daily, according to the severity of the case.

Milk Clean.

In some careful experiments made by Dr. Anderson, the quantity of cream obtained from the first drawn cup of milk was in every case smaller than the last drawn; and those between afforded less or more, as they were nearer the beginning or the end. The quantity of the cream obtained from the last drawn cup from some cows, exceeded that from the first in the proportion of sixteen to one. In others the proportion was not so great. "Probably," says Dr. Anderson, "in an average of a great many cows, it may be found to run as ten to twelve to one." The difference in the quality of the cream was also much greater than the difference in quantity. From this it appears that the person who by bad milking of his cows less than a pint of his milk, loses in fact about as much cream as would be afforded by six or eight pints at the beginning, and losses, besides, that part of the cream which alone can give richness and high flavor to butter.

Felon on the Finger.

Many persons suffer extremely from felon on the finger. These afflictions are not only painful, but frequently occasion permanent crippling of the members affected. The following simple prescription is recommended as a cure for this distressing ailment: Take common rock salt, such as is used for salting down pork or beef, and mix with spirits of turpentine in equal parts; put it on a rag and wrap around the affected part, and as it gets dry, put on more, and in twenty-four hours you are cured. The felon will be dead. It will do no harm to try it.

When to Kill Bushes.—B. F. Tully writes the *Rural New Yorker* that the best time to kill trees and bushes is to cut them in the dark of the moon in July or August, when the sign is in the heart. There will be no trouble in killing any kind of a tree or shrub. This year the days to be chosen should be the 18th and 19th days of July. I speak from experience; have killed the Black Locust with a single stroke of the ax."

We made a test the other day to see what effect Tobacco would have on a Potato Bug. In two minutes after the application of the Tobacco, the Bug was as dead as a Mackrel. Try it.

Miscellaneous.

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