

THE HOUSEKEEPER.

The Way to Select Flour.—First look at the color; if it is white, with a yellowish or straw colored tint, buy it. If it is very white, a bluish cast, or with white spots in it, refuse it. Second, examine its adhesiveness; wet and knead a little of it between your fingers; if it works soft and sticky, it is poor. Third, throw a lump of the flour on a smooth surface; if it falls like powder, it is bad. Fourth, squeeze some of the flour in your hand; it retains the shape given by the pressure, that, too, is a good sign. Flour that will stand all these tests is safe to buy.

These modes are given by old flour dealers, and they pertain to a matter that concerns everybody—the staff of life.

Early Tomatoes.—Every farmer can have the luxury of early tomatoes without the trouble of a hot bed, or sending to the city for early plants. About the first week in March fill a box, holding six or eight quarts, with the richest mould you can get, and sow your seed. Set it near a south window, if possible, in a warm room. Give it plenty of water, and in ten days the plants will begin to appear. When the plants are two inches high, or have four leaves, make boxes, four inches wide by five deep, of shingles, on a thin stuff, tacked together with carpet tacks; fill them with rich mould, and put one plant in each box; set them in the window; turn and water them every day. When you wish to transplant to the garden, take the boxes carefully apart, and the dirt remains undisturbed. Set deep and water freely.

NATURAL HISTORY.

The Snow Bird.

As each returning winter comes to us clad in its garments of white, as oft and as faithful are the visits of the little snow bird, those feathered companions of winter's chill and dreary day. During the last few days, while the ground has been covered with snow, many of these little birds could be seen fritting about as if regardless of the fact that Jack Frost, like the grasp of a miser, has laid his cold hands upon the earth. The snow bird is remarked among ornithologists for the obscurity which hangs around its history. On the first approach of winter it suddenly makes its appearance, apparently driven by the inclemency of the weather to court the society of man. Whence it comes no one can tell; and whither it goes (for its exit is as sudden as its entrance), no one has been able to discover. It is supposed by some to be in reality another bird, only that its plumage, by some mysterious and irresistible power, has been suddenly changed. There is a feeling of melancholy passing over the mind when the bleak and dreary landscape, deserted by all other tenants of the air, is only enlivened by the presence of the mournful snow bird. Yet in the bitterest weather he is always gay and lively, and the gloominess of the scenery around him seems to have no saddening effect upon his cheerful heart.

Simplest Form of Animal Life.

In making the soundings for the Atlantic telegraph, says the *Scientific American*, between Newfoundland and Ireland, a small tube with a valve was fitted to the end of the line, so as to bring up a little of the sediment from the bottom of the sea, and when this was dried it was found to be a dust so fine that on rubbing it between the fingers it would disappear in the cracks of the skin. On placing this dust under a microscope each particle was seen to be a shell—the home of a sentient being. When these shells are highly magnified, little holes are discovered in them, through which delicate filaments protruded, which were the animal's organs of locomotion. As these filaments branch out like the roots of a tree, the animal is called a thizopod, from two Greek words which signify root-footed. As the thizopod is the simplest form of animal life, it is probably the oldest. The shells are found in all of the geologic periods, and as we go down in the state, or backward in the ages, they regularly increase in size and numbers. They form a large portion of the chalk formation which was laid down in the age of reptiles, and at that time the shells were generally of about the size of a pin's head; in lower strata the shells are found as large as a penny, and in still lower a foot in diameter. They have lately been found in Canada three feet in diameter.

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This medicine is a simple vegetable extract, and one on which all can rely, as it has been used in our practice for many years, and with the most successful results. It has not failed in a single instance. Its curative powers have been sufficient to gain victory over their constitutions until they think themselves beyond the reach of medical aid, we would say, Despair not! The Cherokee Cure will restore you to health and vigor, and after all quack doctors have failed.
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E. SWAIN,
Lewistown, April 6, 1864.

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The Peculiar Taint or Infection which we call SCROFULA,

lurks in the constitutions of multitudes of men. It either produces or is produced by an enfeebled, vitiated state of the blood, wherein that fluid becomes incompetent to sustain the vital forces in their vigorous action, and leaves the system to fall into disorder and decay. The scrofulous contamination is variously caused by mercurial disease, low living, disordered digestion from unhealthy food, impure air, filth and filthy habits, the depressing vices, and, above all, by the venereal infection. Whatever be its origin, it is hereditary in the constitution, descending "from parents to children unto the third and fourth generation;" indeed, it seems to be the rod of Him who says, "I will visit the iniquities of the fathers upon their children." The diseases it originates take various names, according to the organs it attacks. In the lungs, Scrofula produces tubercles, and finally Consumption; in the glands, swellings which suppurate and become ulcerous sores; in the stomach and bowels, derangements which produce indigestion, dyspepsia, and liver complaints; on the skin, eruptive and cutaneous affections. These, all having the same origin, require the same remedy, viz., purification and invigoration of the blood. Purify the blood, and these dangerous distempers leave you. With feeble, foul, or corrupted blood, you cannot have health; with that "life of the flesh" healthy, you cannot have scrofulous disease.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

is compounded from the most effectual antidotes that medical science has discovered for this afflicting distemper, and for the cure of the disorders it entails. That it is far superior to any other remedy yet devised, is known by all who have given it a trial. That it does combine virtues truly extraordinary in their effect upon this class of complaints, is indisputably proven by the great multitude of publicly known and remarkable cures it has made of the following diseases: **King's Evil, or Glandular Swellings, Tumors, Eruptions, Pimples, Blisters and Sores, Erysipelas, Rose or St. Anthony's Fire, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Coughs from tuberculous deposits in the lungs, White Swellings, Debility, Dropsy, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia or Indigestion, Syphilis and Syphilitic Infections, Mercurial Diseases, Female Weaknesses, and, indeed, the whole series of complaints that arise from impurity of the blood.** Minute reports of individual cases may be found in **AYER'S AMERICAN ALMANAC**, which is furnished to the druggists for gratuitous distribution, wherein may be learned the directions for its use, and some of the remarkable cures which it has made when all other remedies have failed to afford relief. These cases are purposely taken from all sections of the country, in order that every reader may have access to some one who can speak to him of its benefits from personal experience. Scrofula depresses the vital energies, and thus leaves its victims far more subject to disease and its fatal results than are healthy constitutions. Hence it tends to shorten, and does greatly shorten, the average duration of human life. The vast importance of these considerations has led us to spend years in perfecting a remedy which is adequate to its cure. This we now offer to the public under the name of **AYER'S SARSAPARILLA**, although it is composed of ingredients, some of which exceed the best of *Sarsaparilla* in alternative power. By its aid you may protect yourself from the suffering and danger of these disorders. Purge out the foul corruptions that rot and fester in the blood, purge out the causes of disease, and vigorous health will follow. By its peculiar virtues this remedy stimulates the vital functions, and thus expels the distempers which lurk within the system or burst out on any part of it.
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GENERAL STATEMENT

Of Receipts and Expenditures of Mifflin County.

Amos Hoot, Treasurer of Mifflin County, in Account with said County from January 4, 1864, to January 9, 1865, inclusive.

To outstanding tax for 1860	\$270 78
To " " " 1861	900 66
To " " " 1862	1731 40
To " " " 1863	8334 48
To State, Co. and Relief tax, '64	38270 95
To fine paid by Demarest	5 00
To cash from Com. sale of lands	206 67
To " " unseated land taxes	422 84
To balance of militia fund, appropriated to relief fund	389 48
To cash received from former treas.	107 29
Due treasurer	50639 55
51536 19	

By outstanding tax of 1860	191 33
" " percentage of collectors of '61	244 96
" " outstanding tax of 1862	54 06
" " percentage of col.	178 89
" " exonerations	374 42
" " outstanding tax for 1863	245 00
" " percentage of col. of "	253 96
" " exonerations "	1493 90
" " outstanding tax for 1864	373 14
" " com. for prompt payment, '64	4939 41
" " percentage for collectors "	192 24
" " exonerations "	273 94
10129 40	
" " county orders lifted	8307 21
" " relief orders "	10083 80
" " amount appropriated to bounties to 100 days men	6750 00
" " percentage on above	67 50
" " amt. paid to treasurer of Poor Directors	3000 00
" " amt. of State tax paid for '64	11932 98
" " Treas. percentage on State tax	120 53
" " amt. paid Eastern State Pen.	153 84
" " amt. paid for fox and wild cat scalps	126 15
" " amount paid for road views	80 00
" " " " J. W. Shaw, road dam.	40 00
" " " " for gas bills	1 75
" " costs on deeds to commissioners	89 25
Treasurer's commission	653 78
51536 19	

Mifflin County in account with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

DR.
Tax on real and personal estate:
To amount of said tax as fixed by the board of Revenue Commissioners for the year 1864

\$317 29	\$10345 71
Doct 2 per cent. collecting do	Treasurer's commission on \$317 29 at 1 per cent.
98 27	615 56
Due Commonwealth	6750 14
Half mill tax:	To amt. said tax for the year 1864
Doct 6 per cent. collecting do	Treasurer's commission on \$1896 63 at 1 per cent.
99 83	1996 40
15 97	118 80
Due Commonwealth	1877 60

Recapitulation of Account.

To amounts due Commonwealth as above, viz:

State Tax	\$7330 15
Half Mill Tax	1877 60
11607 75	

By payments into State Treas'y, viz:

On State Tax	\$9900 49
On Half Mill Tax	1942 49
11932 98	
Balance due county	325 23

Tavern Licences.

DR.
To amount of said licences

410 00	Due treasurer	10 50
420 50		

CR.
By cash paid State treasurer

400 00	treasurer's percentage	20 50
420 50		

Eating House Licences.

DR.
By amount of said licences

110 00	CR.	By cash paid State treasurer
75 80	treasurer's percentage	5 50
110 00		balance due Commonwealth
		28 70

Retailer's Licences.

DR.
To amount of said licences

796 00	Due treasurer	5 60
801 60		

CR.
By cash paid State treasurer

741 40	" " for adv. list	18 20
" " costs paid in suits vs. J. M. Stauber, Patrick Foley, and James Foley, as per Justice's certificate		2 20
Treasurer's percentage		39 80
801 60		

Pamphlet Laws.

DR.
To amount of said pamphlets

2 00	CR.	Treasurer's per centage
1 90	Due Commonwealth	1 90
2 00		

Bounty Funds.

DR.
Balance on hand at last settlement

\$1362 50	Proceeds of bonds	9000 00
10,362 50		

CR.
Boarding bills paid

31 10	Bounties paid since last settlement	536 00
4520 00	Citizens' note lifted in Ru-sell's bank	4520 00
4534 75	In Mifflin County bank	4534 75
9,621 85		

Balance

740 65	County order appropriated to bounties	6750 00
1000 00	Amt. received from loan	8490 65

Paid Purcell's men

2050 00	do Selheimer's men	4300 00
200 00	do men in other co's.	200 00

F. L. Hutter, for Assessor's Report, Books, Military Relief orders lifted

258 00	County orders	1130 54
550 00	Stamps and postage	2 11
8490 65		

State and County Taxes for 1860 & 1861.

1860. J. J. Cuttle, Collector Armagh—

Amount due	270 78
" " paid	79 45
Balance due	191 33

1861. G. B. Penepacker, Col. Granville—

Amount due	\$115 81
" " paid	21 85
Percentage	93 96
Balance due	115 81

1861. Ira Thompson, Col. Armagh—

Amount due	\$784 85
" " paid	579 79
Exonerations	54 06
Percentage	151 00
Balance due	784 85

State and County Taxes for 1862.

James Shehan, Collector Granville—

Amount due	\$266 09
" " paid	60 81
Exonerations	93 46
Percentage	111 82
Balance due	206 09

David Snook, Collector Decatur—

Amount due	\$252 41
" " paid	107 75
Exonerations	48 36
Percentage	65 47
Balance due	221 58

Wm. Greer, Collector Brown—

Amount due</
