

**MISCELLANEOUS.**  
**NIKE DISHES FARMERS CAN HAVE.**  
The question, what shall we do for a change? is one which often vexes the housewife, and many times is not so easily answered, especially among a certain class of farmers (and a pretty large class too), who feel that they must make the products of their own farm for variety for the table. Among this class, apples are the "stand by" for fruit, and in nine families out of ten they seldom, if ever, come to the table but in two ways, viz: between two hard crusts, and stewed. Give a few recipes for preparing this excellent fruit, says a correspondent of an agricultural paper, which, when once tried, will not, I think, be willingly abandoned. Take easy cooking, fat apples; pare, and with narrow blades, remove the core; after they are all served in this way, place on a tin plate, the stem or blossom end down, and fill the hole, left by removing the core, with sugar; drop three or four drops of water (flavored with lemon, if you choose) on the sugar in each apple, and set in the oven and bake three-fourths of an hour, if your oven is right. Remove to an earthen plate as soon as done, which should be fifteen or twenty minutes before serving. These are excellent with meat dinners, or eaten alone with cream and sugar; they make a very nice dessert. Some persons consider a sweep apple of little use in the kitchen, but we may properly remark, I think they might be good as peaches. Pare, quarter and core the sweet apples, put them in an earthen or new tin dish and set in the steamer and steam until done, which can be told by trying with a fork. Serve when cold, with cream and sugar. Do not forget to steam and can some before they are all gone, so that you can have them next spring when other fruit is scarce.

**GROWTH OF A HORSE'S BONE.**—With respect to the growth of horses, far as regards height, it generally discontinues between three and four years old. After three years old, the joints very seldom become larger, but the carcass increases in depth between the top of the withers and that portion of the chest immediately beneath it. Prof. Ferguson some years ago discovered that the measure of the forelimb of a three year old colt or filly, from the center of the elbow joint to the center of the position joint, is the measure of the center of the adult animal between the center of the elbow joint and the top of the withers. Thus, if it is wanted to know what increased height a three year old will attain when he or she shall have reached maturity, it is only necessary to ascertain how much greater the distance is between the elbow joint and the top of the withers. The difference between these two measurements will nearly exactly indicate the maximum height the animal will attain in the ordinary course of nature, on arriving at maturity. This has for some time been recognized in the cavalry of the English and Continental armies, and almost invariably, however, continually, the slowly changing their structure; but as to their length, the bones of horses generally discontinue their elongation at about between four and half years of age. With respect to the substance and structure, they are quite developed until the animal is about five years old.

**First Prize.**—No honest occupation is so disreputable as habitual idleness. Yet there are many young lads who choose to think so. There are very many girls of limited means in large cities, who would gladly employ their leisure hours in some way that would prove remunerative to them, if they could do so without the fact of their being thus employed being known to their own families. Rather than this, these fastidious girls will submit to any privations, and pass hours of each day in listless idleness that ought and could be put to profitable use. Another of the results of this false pride is the fostering of a spirit of idleness, which almost completely nullifies them for house duties, and especially those which devolve upon them after marriage. Hence many unhappy marriages growing out of a want of familiarity with household duties, and a positive disinclination to perform them.

**The Popular Science Monthly** says in regard to the violent tremors caused by the trembling, which is one of the usual symptoms of acute, is also a common result of chronic, nicotism. A very distinguished Parisian physician had hands which shook so much that he could not write. Whenever he required any thing for his patients, he would take a length of time, these tremblings disappeared. Another case mentioned by Blatin is noteworthy. A man of forty-five years consulted him respecting violent trembling of the hands and feet. Cessation from tobacco and a tonic regimen quickly restored him. A physician of fifty-two was afflicted with similar disagreeable symptoms, and was also cured by abstinence. Habits had become so fixed that he could not resist at times the temptation to indulge in tobacco. Finding that these returns to tobacco were immediately followed by his old painful attacks, he renounced it forever.

**Sheridan's** one day, when coming back from shooting with an empty bag, did not like to go home completely empty, so seeing a number of ducks in a pond, and a farmer leaning on a rail watching them, said: "What will you take for a shot at the ducks?" "Well," said he, "I will take a half sovereign." "Done," said Sheridan, and he fired into the midst of the flock, killing a dozen. "I'm afraid you have made a bad bargain," said Sheridan. "Well," said Sheridan, "I don't know," said the farmer, "they were not mine."

**RAILROADS.**  
**ERIE RAILWAY.**  
Abstract of Time Table Adopted Nov. 1, 1872.

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