

J. T. Warder, of Ohio, in an experiment with Harrisons, found that large seed out in halves give the most saleable pota-

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toes. He says: "This experiment, in connection with one made last year, induce me to cut good sized potatoes for seed in preference to planting them whole; and in years of scarcity to use small potatoes, with care not to plant them too closely together."

Artificial Mahogany.

The surface is planed smooth, and the wood is then rubbed with a solution of nitrous acid; one ounce of dragon's blood is dissolved in nearly a pint of spirits of wine ; this, and one-third of an ounce of carbonate of soda, are then to be mixed together and filtered, and the louid in this thin state is to be laid on with a soft brush. This process is to be repeated, and in a short interval afterwards the wood possesses the external appearace of mahogany. When the polish diminishes in brilliancy, it may be restored by the use of a little colddrawn linseed oil.

Hot Cakes.

A griddle for baking cakes should never be greased, as apart from the annoyance caused by the smoke arising from a greased griddle, the delicate flavor of the cakes is destroyed. Scour well with a cloth and sand, wash with hot suds, wipe dry, and just before baking rub with a coarse cloth and salt. It is not necessary to wash and scour it every time it is wanted ; only once to get all the grease out ; but use the cloth and salt every time you put fresh cakes on, just as grease would be used.

12 A Ravens, Ohio, paper, puts on record a new style of butter-making, stating that recently a lady residing in that vicinity; put about one quart of cream in a cloth bag, and buried about two feet deep in the earth, where it remained three days, when she disintered it, and found it transformed into pure, sweet yellow butter, with not one drop of butter-milk to be seen. It is presonted that the cream will yield about onethird more butter by this process than by the old-fashioned way of churning.

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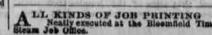
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