## Che Bloomfield Cimes.

Tuesday, December 10, 1872.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

We invite communications from all persons who are interested in matters properly belonging to this department.

How to Drive Rats Away Without Poison.

We know of two methods: First, the old French plan; this is followed chiefly in Paris, by men who make it a special business. They take a deep tub with water on the bottom and a little elevation in the middle like an island, on which is only place for just one rat to sit on. The top is covered and has a large balance valve, opening downward. On the middle of this valve a piece of fried pork or cheese is placed, and when the rat walks on it to get the cheese, the valve goes down, drops the rat into the water and moves back in position. A road is made from the rat hole to the top of the tub by means of pieces of board rubbed with cheese, so as to make the walk attractive for the rats. In the course of a night, some ten, twenty, or even more rats may go down, and if the island was not there, they would be found most all alive in the morning quietly swimming around; but the provision of the little island saves the trouble of killing them, because their egotistic instinct for preservation causes them to fight for the exclusive possession of the island, on which, in the morning, the strongest rat is found in solitary possession, all the others being killed and drowned around him. Second, the New York plan, invented by one of our friends. The floor near the rat hole is covered with a thin layer of a most caustic potassa. When the rats walk on this it makes their feet sore; these they lick with their tongues, which make their mouths sore; and the result is that they shun this locality-not alone, but appear to tell all the rats in the neighborhood about it, and eventually the house is entirely abandoned by them, notwithstanding the houses around may be full rats. - Manufacturer and Builder.

#### Hard and Soft Water.

All housewives may not know how materially the effects of hard and soft water differ in cooking of various vegetables; while one species of vegetables requires hard or soft water, as the case may be, another species becomes sensibly deteriorated by it. For instance, peas and beans, cooked in hard water, containing lime or gypsum, will not boil tender, because those substances harden vegetable caseine. In soft water they boil tender, and lose a certain raw, rank taste, which they retain in hard water. Many vegetables (as onions) boil nearly tasteless in soft water, because all the flavor is dissolved out. The addition of salt often checks this, as in the case of onions, causing the vegetables to retain their peculiar flavoring principles, besides much nutricious matter which might be lost in soft water. Thus it appears that the salt hardens the water to a degree .-For extracting the juices of the meat to make a broth or soup, soft water, unsalted and cold at first, is best, for it much more readily penetrates the tissues; but for boiling meats where the juices should be retained hard water is preferable, and the meat should be put in while it is boiling, so as to seal up the pores at once.

## Facts for Farmers.

A series of experiments, instituted to test the average loss in weight by drying, shows that corn loses one-fifth, and wheat one-fourteenth by the process. From this statement it is clear that farmers will make more by selling unshelled corn in the fall at seventy-five cents than the following summer at one dollar a bushel, and that wheat at \$1.33 in December, is equal to \$1.50 for the same wheat in June following. This estimate is made on the basis of interest at 7 per cent., and takes no account of loss by vermin. These facts are worthy of consideration.

## Rolled Jelly Cake.

One cup of sugar, one tablespoonful of butter, one and a half cups of flour, twothirds of a cup of milk, one egg, two teaspoonsful of baking powder, sifted with the flour. Bake in a large sheet, and when done, spread on the jelly, and cut the sheet in strips three or four inches wide, and roll. If, instead of jelly, a sauce is made and spread between the layers of the cake, it may be eaten as cream ple, and furnish a very nice and easily prepared desert.

## Sweet Potnto Buns.

Boil and mash two good sized potatoes; rub in as much flour as will make it like bread; add a little nutmeg and one tablespoonfull of sugar, with a tablespoonful of good yeast. When it has risen, work in two tablespoonsful of butter, softened so as to be easily mixed thoroughly with the dough; then form into small rolls, and, when raised the second time, bake on tins, a nice brown. Serve hot.

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