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$\frac{\text { Tuesday, March 4, } 1873 \text {. }}{\text { FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS }}$


Spolling Mirrors.
It is a fict worth knowing, but which
docs not seem genernlly underatood, that docs not seem generally undorstood, that
the numalgan of tinfoil with mercurry which is spread on glass plates to makko looking.
glasses, is very roadily orystalized by action of solar rays. A mirror hung whero the
sun can shine on it is usually spolied; it takes a granulated appecarange familiar to
housekeopers, though they may not be acequainted with its caus. In suoh a state
the narticle is nearly worthless ; the contimutityor its surfice is destroyed, and it will not rofloct outlines with any approach
to preecision. Care should therefore be exercied in hanging. If any of our readers have mirrors which appeat to be spoiling,
it would be well to nosertain whether the posed, they can probably bo saved from Posther injury by simply changing their
position. The back as well as the front position. The back as well as the front
must be protected. $A$ small ghass hung in a window, where the rays strike it behind,
is peculinarly exposed. The back should always be coverod whero the beams are likely to touch it
The greatest danger to looking-glassees,
however, is in trunsporting them. Very expensivivones have been seriously injured by carveless handing when morely carried
across a a treet. The enen who move fursibilities, and need to bo cautioned and watched. Frequently a man or boy may
be seen in the street carrying a mirror in such a way that tho fall glare of a noonsuch articlest would, as rute owners of keep and use them much longer if they To rosilver a pier-glass often costs as much as one-Anth of the original price of the ar-
tiole while the common glass is seldom worth re-silvering.
1his anso well to avoid langiog a mirror near a stove or fire-place, where the heat neglected, gramulation is tikely tion is even in a comparatively dark room, by the influence of warmth instead of lightit. $A$ burning, though it may not crack the glass, will also offen bring about the same injurious crystalization, and will even some times causo tho amalgan to melt and run

## Nice Dishes Farmers Can Have.

 ohange? is one which often vexes the houso-wife, and many times is not to easily answerce, especially amony a certain classof farmers (and a pretty large class, too,) who feel that they must make the products
of their own farm farnish variety for the table. Among this class, apples are the "stand by" for fruit, and in nine familices out of ten they seldom, if over, come, to the table but in two ways, viz: between two
lard cruste, and stewed. I give a fow receipts for proparing this esteemed fruith says a correapondent of an agriceultural
paper, which, when oneo tried, will not, I think, be williogly abandoned. Talee easy cooking, tart apples ; pare, and with h
narrow bladed knife nemove the core ; after they are all serred fin this way, place on a tin pilate, the steem or blossom end down,
and fill the hole, left by remoring the core, and inl the hole, left by removing the core,
with sugar ; drop three or four drops of water (flavored with lemon, if you choose)
on the sngar in each apple, and set in the oven and bake until done, which will be in about throe-fourths of an hour, if your
oven is righit. Remove to an earthen plat as soon as done, which ahould bearthen plate twenty minutes before serving. These are excellent with meat dinnera, or eaten alone with cream and sugar, they make a very aice desert. Some persons consider sweet properly preparod I the kintchen, but when properly proparod I think thoy aro nearly
as good as peaches. Pare, quarter and core nice sweet apples, put them in an earthen or new tin dish and net in the
steamer and steam until done, which can be told by trying with a fork. Serve, when cold, with cream and nugar. 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.

## Bolled Chicken.

 yellow, alimy-looking clicken. Before coking, the bird should always be wel to insure teplia water and lomon juice, and lence, should bo bst dioicaoy and succulour and water, thid after being put in the bolling water, uhould be allowed to simmer Lowly. This method is very effectual in presurving all juices of the fowl, and theresult is a far more toothsome and nourinh ing morael than the lyckless bird which ha water. Mutton is also much better for being boiled in paste.


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