The Bloomfield Cimes.

Tuesday, March 4, 1873.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

We invite communications from all personateho are fulcreated in matters properly belonging to this department.

Spoiling Mirrors.

It is a fact worth knowing, but which does not seem generally understood, that the amalgam of tinfoil with mercury which is spread on glass plates to make lookingglasses, is very readily crystalized by action of solar rays. A mirror hung where the sun can shine on it is usually spoiled; it takes a granulated appearance familiar to housekeepers, though they may not be acquainted with its cause. In such a state the article is nearly worthless; the continuity of its surface is destroyed, and it will not reflect outlines with any approach to precision. Care should therefore be exercised in hanging. If any of our readers have mirrors which appear to be spoiling, it would be well to ascertain whether the direct sun-light strikes them. If thus exposed, they can probably be saved from farther injury by simply changing their position. The back as well as the front must be protected. A small glass hung in a window, where the rays strike it behind, is peculiarly exposed. The back should always be covered where the beams are likely to touch it.

The greatest danger to looking-glasses, however, is in transporting them. Very expensive ones have been seriously injured by careless handling when merely carried across a street. The men who move furniture are seldom fully aware of these possibilities, and need to be cautioned and watched. Frequently a man or boy may be seen in the street carrying a mirror in such a way that the full glare of a noonday sun strikes and injures it. Owners of such articles would, as a rule, be able to keep and use them much longer if they would exercise more caution in this regard. To resilver a pier-glass often costs as much as one-fifth of the original price of the article; while the common glass is seldom worth re-silvering.

It is also well to avoid hanging a mirror near a stove or fire-place, where the heat radiated can reach it. If this precaution is neglected, granulation is likely to occur, even in a comparatively dark room, by the influence of warmth instead of light. A lamp or gas jet, if placed too close while burning, though it may not crack the glass, will also often bring about the same injurious crystalization, and will even some times cause the amalgam to melt and run off .- N. Y. Mercantile Journal.

Nice Dishes Farmers Can Have.

The question, what shall we do for a change? is one which often vexes the house-wife, 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 furnish 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 lard crusts, and stewed. I give a few receipts for preparing this esteemed fruit, says a correspondent of an agricultural paper, which, when once tried, will not, I think, be willingly abandoned. Take easy cooking, tart apples; pare, and with a narrow bladed knife 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 until done, which will be in about 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 desert. Some persons consider sweet apples of little use in the kitchen, but when properly prepared I think they are nearly as good as peaches. Pare, quarter and core nice sweet apples, put them in an earthen or new tin dish and set in the steamer and steam until done, which can he 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.

Bolled Chicken.

Plain artless boiling is apt to produce a yellow, slimy-looking chicken. Before cooking, the bird should always be well washed in tepid water and lemon juice, and to insure whiteness, delicacy and succulence, should be boiled in a paste made of flour and water, and after being put in the boiling water, should be allowed to simmer slowly. This method is very effectual in preserving all juices of the fowl, and the result is a far more toothsome and nourishing morsel than the luckless bird which has been "galloped to death" in plain boiling water. Mutton is also much better for being boiled in paste.

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