

The Farm and Fireside.

To Cover a Steep Bank with Grass. A German method is: For each square rod to be planted take half a pound of lawn grass seed and mix it intimately and thoroughly with about six cubic feet of good, dry garden earth and loam.

Bromide of Potassium in Tapeworm.

An interesting case of tapeworm is reported in the Buffalo Medical Journal as being cured, after all the ordinary remedies had been employed, accidentally, by taking bromide of potassium, in twenty grain doses, every four hours.

To Keep Fish Fresh.—A method adopted in Portugal for preserving fish, consists in removing the viscera and sprinkling sugar over the interior, keeping the fish in a horizontal position, so that the sugar may penetrate as much as possible.

Presenting Flower Stakes.—A writer in the Technologist says, that he has in his possession flower stakes, which have been in constant use for nine years. To preserve them he takes common coal-tar and brings it to the boiling point, in a kettle some ten or twelve inches deep.

Recipe.—Ginger sponge cake, which we think nice. Two cups of molasses, 1 cup of butter, 1 cup milk, 1 cup of flour, 4 eggs, 1 teaspoonful soda, 1 teaspoonful ginger.

Sandwiches.—Pound up tender ham and boiled tongue, equal parts; season with salad dressing, and spread between slices of bread as thin as possible.

Molasses Candy.—To make nice molasses candy, take two cups of molasses, one of sugar, and piece of butter the size of a walnut, and one tablespoonful of vinegar.

A Brown Fracase.—Take 2 chickens, eat them up as you would for eating, flatten them with a rolling pin, fry them in butter a light brown, put them in a stew pan with a little gravy, 2 spoonfuls of white wine, a little nutmeg, pepper and salt, thicken with flour and butter rolled together.

To Dress Suet's Tongue.—Take 12 tongues and rub them in salt and water until you can roll off the skin; rub a small quantity of butter and flour together, 1 cup of cream and 1 tumbler of port or Madeira, a little pepper and salt.

To Dress Spruce.—Wash and pick the spruce, boil and squeeze it dry, put it in a stew pan without water. A spoonful of gravy, a lump of butter, salt, pepper; simmer. The spruce must be chopped very fine, and if too moist squeeze the gravy out of it.

Mutton Stew.—Stew 3 pounds of a neck of mutton for stock the day before—it will make about two quarts—then take a loin of mutton and cut it up into chops with all the fat taken off. Put it into the stock and let it boil gently for one hour, add onions, turnips, carrots and small potatoes, with three times of peas, and a head of celery; add a few milk dumplings six minutes before it is served up.

To Clarify Coffee.—A piece of cod-fish skin the size of a penny washed thoroughly and dropped in the boiling coffee will make it perfectly clear and requires less coffee and less boiling than when egg is used.

Soft Soap for the Ladies.—Mrs. Randolph, the author of the "Virginia Housewife," gives the following mode of preparing a cosmetic soap for washing the hands; Take a pound of castile or any other nice old soap, scrape it into small pieces and put it on the fire with a little water; stir it till it becomes a smooth paste, pour it into a bowl, and when cold add some lavender water or essence of any kind, heat it with a spoon until well mixed, thicken it with corn meal and keep it in pots closely covered. This is very nice and good.

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