There was a beautiful clear stream of water, named Bluff creek, running through camp, which supplied bathing facilities to the officers and men, a privilege which but few allowed to pass unimproved. Whether to avoid the publicity attending localities near camp, or to seek a point in the bed of the stream where the water was fresh and undisturbed, or from a motive different from either of these. a motive different from either of these, two of our young officers mounted their horses one day without saddles and rode gentleman, half-hoodlum, who parts his down the valley of the stream perhaps a down the valley of the stream perhaps a mile or more in search of a bathing place. Discovering one to their taste, they dismounted, secured their horses, and, after disposing of their apparel on the greensward covering the banks, were soon floating and floundering in the water like a pair of young porpoises. How long they had been enjoying this healthful recreation, or how much longer they might have tion, or how much longer they might have remained, is not necessary to the story. One of them happening to glance toward their horses observed the latter in a state of great trepidation. Hastening from the water to the bank, he discovered the cause of the strange conduct on the part of the horses, which was nothing more nor less horses, which was nothing more nor less than a party of about thirty Indian war-riors, mounted, and stealthily making their way toward the bathing party, evidently having their eyes on the latter, and

intent upon their capture. Here was a condition of affairs that was at least as unexpected as it was unwelcome. Quickly calling out to his companion, who was still in the water unconscious of approaching danger, the one on shore made haste to unfosten the unconscious of approaching danger, the one on shore made haste to unfasten the bing produce eruptions—that the skin of the face is handsomer the less it is washed. ly the Indians, who were now within a few hundred yards of the officers, were coming from the direction opposite and the late is handsomer the less it is washed. Men return from business, and, before entering the drawing-room, retire to their dressing apartments to "wash their dressing apartment coming from the direction opposite camp, leaving the line of retreat of the officers open. No sooner did the warriors find open. No sooner did the warriors find that their approach was discovered than they put their ponies to their best speed, hoping to capture the officers before the latter could have time to mount and get their horses under headway. The two officers in the meanwhile were far from idle; no flesh brushes or bathing towels were required to restore a healthy circulation, nor was time wasted in an idle attempt to make a toilet. If they had sought their bathing ground from motives of retirement or delicacy, no such sentiments were exhibited now, for, catching up their wardrobe from the ground with up their wardrobe from the ground with one hand and seizing the bridle rein with the other, one leap and they were on their horses' backs and riding toward camp for dear life. They were not exactly in the condition of Flora McFlimsy, with noth-ing to wear, but to all intents and purposes might as well have been so. Then followed a race which, but for the risk incurred by two of the riders, might well be compared to that of John Gilpin. Both of the officers were experienced horse-men; but what experienced horseman would willingly be thrust upon the bare back of a flying steed, minus all apparel, neither boots, breeches, nor saddle, not even the spurs and shirt-collar, which are of the skin. said to constitute the full uniform of a Georgian colonel, and when so disposed of, to have three or four score of hideously painted and feathered savages, well mounted and near at hand, straining every nerve and urging their fleet-footed war ponies to their highest speed in order that the scalps of the exthey came dashing toward camp, ever and anon casting anxious glances over way in the distance, while the shouts of the warriors, each time seeming nearer than before, warned them to urge their steeds to their fastest pace. In a few moments the occupants of camp discovered the approach of this strangely appearing party. It was an easy matter to recognize the warriors, but who could name the two who rode at the front? The pursuing warriors, seeing that they were not likely to overthe solutions. likely to overtake and capture the two knights of the bath, slackened their pace and sent a volley of arrows after them. A few moments later and the two officers were safe inside the lines, where they lost no time in making their way to their tents to attend to certain matters relating to their toilet which the sudden appearance

Hope for Spain.

G. A. Custar, in Galaxy for May.

Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, was excessively annoyed when his sister Louise married the sandy-haired Marquis of Lorne, but what will be say to the prospect of having Mr. James Gordon Bennett of the New York Herald for a brother-in-law's An encourable consequence of the New York Herald for a brother-in-law's An encourable consequence of the New York Herald for a brother-in-law's An encourable consequence of the New York Herald for a brother-in-law's An encourable consequence of the New York Herald for a brother-in-law's An encourable consequence of the New York Herald for a brother-in-law's An encourable consequence of the New York Herald for a brother-in-law's An encourable consequence of the New York Herald for a brother-in-law's An encourable consequence of the New York Herald for a brother-in-law law? An apocryphal correspondent of a Pennsylvania newspaper announces that the gallant Commodore is in love with a sister of the Princess Alexandra, that the dief to that large class of young women course of true love never runs smooth, and that a castle is to be built in Spain im-Spain, as President or King, it matters little which. St. James being the patron saint of Spain, and America being the offspring of Castile and Arragon, it is sup-posed that a King James would be acceptable to the enthusiastic populace. With youth, the national religion, a Danish princess, and a fortune for his trump cards, the hand held by the Commodore is strong enough to "see" Castelar and his w-republicans, and "go him one bet-From the United States a Louis Philippe and a Napoleon went successively to claim the crown of France, and Gari-baldi, the Staten Island dyer, was summoned hence to erect a throne in Italy. Why may not Spain have like good fortune? The fact is that royalty should consider itself honored by an infusion of the fresh, young blood of free America. there is any condescension in the case it is on the side of the sovereign zen of the United States, who has all the world from which to choose a bride.-Graphic.

Advice to Young Ladies.

THE following sensible article comes to us across the continent, in the San Francisco News Letter:

At the agricultural fair in Santa Clara, prizes were offered for the best cooks among the unmarried ladies. This is a move in the right direction, and we hall the fact as an evidence that we are to return to the simplicity of early times when turn to the simplicity of early times, when our wives were help-meets instead of "help-eats;" when the young wife brought to the matrimonial copartnership a willingness to bear her share of the burden and labor of life; when one silk frock, one china tea-set, half a dozen of silver spoons, and counterpanes of her own patchwork, were evidences of the simplicity of her taste, the economy of her life, and the promises of future industry. Now the young bride must begin where her mother leaves off. Her outfit is a trousseau, a gorgeous house, rich in upholstery, mirrors, carvings, and ornamentations of paint, plaster, silk, and velvet; she sneers at a cottage where love is, and prefers the cheap and showy boarding-house to her own but humbler home. The Santa Clara fulness of heart.—Exchange. fair gives not only a prize for the best young cook who can manage a cheap and economical dinner, but other prizes will be hanging round within scent of savory

know how to preside over the multifa rious duties of a home in the country. We aivise our city girls to go in and win. Show the country maiden that you, too, know how to broil and bake, fry and stew; then, for the finish to your feast, give an extra dessert—something to tickle the farmer's palate, and ten to one you will steal away from the country girl the honors and lovers of the day. And when the farmer's boy a-wooing comes, accept his hard hand and honest heart as a surer gentleman, half-hoodlum, who parts his hair in the middle, and offers to share with you the chances in his lottery of life. If we had a thousand sweethearts, life. If we had a thousand sweethearts, we would advise all save one to go to the country. If we had a thousand genteel, half-starved, city friends, fighting the grinning flend of genteel poverty, striving to keep up appearances, living beyond their means, in constant dread of what the world would say, slaves to society, we would say, go to the country. With half-a-hundred acres of God's soil, you may live happy, healthful, independent, self-respected, and contented. respected, and contented.

Unclean Faces.

It is a startling and somewhat amusing fact, that the majority of people's faces are seldom clean. Generally, the habit of washing the face in the morning prevails, but with many persons is the only time in twenty-four hours that this ablution takes place. With some women there exists a prejudice against washing their faces at all; they believe that bathing and rubhing produce eruptions—that the skin of dressing apartments to "wash their hands and brush their hair," unconscious that their faces are not clean. Ladies come home from a shopping excursion or a for granted that the faces of adult creation are clean, unless it be those of machinists, chimney-sweeps, or coal-heavers. We are certainly impressed with the muddy complexion of Mrs. Slovenly, and remark how "sallow" Mrs. Slipshod has become, but it did not occur to us that their faces are always soiled. We meet Miss Blank on the promenade, who has risen late and washed hurriedly, leaving the sleepy bugs in the corners of her eves; we exclaim: "Had Miss Blank a clear skin, how pretty she would be." We should not believe that it was rarely that Miss Blank's face was thoroughly washed; that it was usually covered with "Orienthat it was usually covered with "Oriental Cream" and dust, which being slept in at night, and but half removed in the morning, soon changes the natural purity

There is no portion of the body that requires so much care as to cleanliness as the face. It is the receptacle for the dast from the room day and night. It receives the siftings blown from the ash barrels mounted and near at hand, straining every nerve and urging their fleet-footed war ponies to their highest speed in order that the scalps of the experienced horsemen might be added to the other human trophies which grace their lodges? Truly this was one of the occasions when personal appearance is nothing, and "a man's a man for a' that," so at least thought our amateur Mazeppas as they came dashing toward camp, ever and anon casting anxious glances over the side of our faces, from the backs of our traces against something that soils, from the cheek of the sour baby, who is the pet of the household, to the shaggy coat of Romp, the dog, whom we stoop to fondle now and then, saying nothing of the kittens who brush against the side of our faces, from the backs of our the side of our faces, from the backs of our their shoulders at their pursuers, who despite every exertion of the former, were surely overhauling their pale-faced brothers. To the pursued, camp seemed a long way in the distance, while the shouts of their faces clean we should see more of their faces. the fair, glowing complexions, and less of the yellow, faded skins, with sallow lines about the neck. There is nothing that so beautifies the face as its freshness and cleanliness from the frequent use of water, with gentle friction. There is more truth than poetry in the stale observation of

The face is fairer after washing, because it is cleaner, and when it is not often bathed it is badly soiled. That the face be thoroughly washed at night, with a little fine soap to remove any greasy substance that may have settled in the eye-brows or crevices of the features, is essen their toilet which the sudden appearance of their dusky visitors had prevented. It eyes require particular washing to prewas a long time before they ceased to hear aliusions made by their comrades to the How few persons consider this when they wipe them over once a day with a wash rag or sponge! "Cleanliness is next to godliness." Moses' face "shone" when cut and style of their riding suit .- Gen. godliness." Moses' face "shone" when he descended from the mount where he had been talking with God. If ours do not shine with a holy light, they may with

THE growth and increase of Protestant

sisterhoods in this country seems to indiwho, possessing an abounding religious sentiment, are dissatisfied with the narmediately for the use of the happy pair.

Nor does the tide of glory that encircles the New York boy pause here in its rise.
He is to succeed Amadeus on the throne of Theresas, but the establishment of Protestant orders retaining pretty much all the romantic paraphernalia that pertains to the Romish nuns, has done away, to a der great discouragement, an institution which has since developed into one of the marvel charities of the world. Shortly after, similar communities were established in England, only to meet, at first, with great unpopularity and even the zest of martyrdom, the sisters being stoned by mobs and abused by the press; but since then their good and charitable deeds have made them respected and beloved by all. Now, Sweden, France, Germany and Russia have their Protestant sisterhoods, and on this side the water there are a number of communities under the auspices of the of communities under the auspices of the Episcopal church scattered up and down through the country. In New York city there are three separate communities. The Sisters of the Holy Communion, the oldest organization in the country, have charge of St. Luke's Hospital. The Sisters of the Good Shepherd zealously engage in missionary work on Endell's gage in missionary work on Randall's Island, visit the localities of misery and vice in the city, gather in little children to the industrial school, and put forth every effort to reclaim fallen women. The strongest society of all is that of St. Mary, with Dr. Morgan Dix of Trinity Church as its inspiration and guide. This community consists of twenty-five sisters community consists of twenty-five sisters, and, like nearly all the others, is composed of three orders—sisters, probationers and associates. Each society wears a a distinctive dress of its own, of which black serge, close bonnet and vall, with emblazoned cross upon the breast, are the main features—closely resembling in main features—closely resembling, in-deed, the dress of the Catholic orders. Although these sisters are not bound by perpetual vows, the garb once adopted is never laid aside. Most of the members are women of education and refinement; their life is one of self-denial and indus-try, and their aim consists in being con-

MR. VERPLANCK COLVIN, who has been surveying the Adirondack region, reports that the highest water in New York State, yiands to nose themselves out a wife—awkward, beardless, robust young farmers, ready to offer themselves, their virtuous lives, their industrious habits, their well-tilled farms, to a bride who will the figure of the Hudson River, is a little lake in a chasm between two peaks on the south side of Mount Marcy, four thousand two hundred and ninety-three miles above the level of the sea. THE GOAT AND THE SWING.

BY J. T. TROWBRIDGE A little story, with a moral For young folks who are prone to quarrel. Old folks are wise and do not need it, Of course! they therefore will not read it.

A vicious goat, one day, had found His way into forbidden ground, When, coming to the garden-awing, He spied a most prodigious thing— A ram, a monster to his mind. With head before and head behind!

Its shape was old—no hoofs were seen, But without legs it stood between Two upright, lofty posts of oak, With forchead ready for a stroke.

Though but a harmless ornament Carved on the seat, it seemed intent On barring the intruder's way; While he, advancing, seemed to say: "Who is this surly fellow here? Two heads, no tail—it's mighty queer! A most insulting countenance!? With stamp of foot and angry glance



He curbed his threatening neck and stood Before the passive thing of wood. "You winked as I was going by! You did not! What! tell me I lle?



Take that!" And at the swing he sprung; A sounding thump! It backward swung, And, set in motion by the blow, Swayed menacingly to and fro.



'Ha! you will fight? A quarrelsome chap, knew you were! You'll get a rap! 'Il crack your skull!'' A headlong jump; Another and a louder bump!

The swing, as if with kindling wrath

Came rushing back along the path.
The goat, astonished, shook his head,
Winked hard, turned round, grew mad and s
'Villain! I'll teach you who I am!''
(Or seemed to say) '' you rascal ram,
To pick a fight with me, when I
So quietly am wassing by! So quietly am passing by! Your head or mine!'' A thundering stroke-The cracking horns met crashing oak!



Then came a dull and muffled sound, And something rolled along the ground, Got up, looked sad—appeared to say, '' Your head's too hard!''—and limped away Quite humbly, in a rumpled coat, A dustier and a wiser goat! -Our Young Folks.

Romance on Kettle River.

A YOUNG man named Henry Bretlandt, A YOUNG man named richly Breamas, aged 22, who had been an employe somewhere along the line of the N. P., met at St. Paul, last summer, Susie P. Englefreit, a girl of 15, a daughter of a German settler living near Kettle river, and an insettler living near Kettler timacy sprung up between them. They corresponded for a while, but one of Henstopped at once. And, as they thought, it

searching her room it was ascertained that she had not been in her bed, and that

her wardrobe had gone with her.
There was now real alarm in the family, and the brother was sent to look for the lost girl. He wandered about for a number of days without finding his missing the romantic paraphernalia that pertains to the Romish nuns, has done away, to a great extent, with the excuse for apostasy. The idea was first carried out in Kaiserworth, Prussia, some fifty years ago, when Dr. Fleidner commenced, under great discouragement, an institution which has since developed into one of the family were satisfied it was Susie and her lover, and the father and brother resolved to pay them a visit. This they did the next day, and were surprised to find the runaways living comfortably, but occu-pying separate rooms. The cabin, though small, was divided into two apartments

and furnished comfortably.

On asking why there were two rooms, Bretlandt said they were not wedded yet, and he had respected his intended enough to show her his designs were not those of a villain, but of a man. The reason the wedded knot had not been tied was owing to the circumstance that the minister who was to marry them had failed to come to their home as he had promised to do, and Susie, being under age, was afraid to leave the house to get married lest her parents should capture and send her to some Cincinnati relatives, which was something she so much dreaded, and which her mother had repeatedly threatened. Thus they were forced to live under one roof, but did so virtuously. After some persuasion on the part of the girl's brother, who instantly recognized the true gentleman in Bretlandt, the old man gave his consent to the union of the two lovers. It was then resolved that the marriage should take place the follow-

ing Sunday at Susie's home.
In conversing with the forgiven lover, old Mr. Englefreit ascertained that Susie, after the discovery of their secret corresafter the discovery of their secret correspondence, had managed to get a letter to her intended, who, having previously selected a quarter section of land, went to work and put up his cabin and furnished it. When all was ready he went for Susie, and she being apprised that the minister to unite them was to be on hand at their future bears in the reliable inward.

ister to unite them was to be on hand at their future home in the wilds, jumped aboard a temporary sled Henry had pro-vided, and was drawn by him some eight miles to their forest residence.

On arriving there, the minister not be-ing on hand, she wept bitterly and wanted to go back, but Henry assuaged her grief and proposed the senerate room business and proposed the separate room business, to which she acceded.

The pair were duly married at the residence of the girl's parents on the following Sunday, and now they as well as their connexions are happy.—St. Paul Press.

An Act to Encourage the Growth of Timber on Western Prairies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

Section 1. That any person who shall plant, protect, and keep in healthy growing condition for ten years forty acres of timber, the trees thereon not being more than twelve feet apart each way, on any quarter-section of any of the public lands of the United States, shall be entitled to a patent for the whole of said quarter-section at the expiration of said ten years, on making proof of such fact by not less than two creditable witnesses: Provided, That only one quarter in any section shall be thus granted.

Sec. 2. That the person applying for the benefit of this act shall, upon application to the register of the land office in which he or she is about to make such entry, make affidavit before said register or receiver that said entry is made for the cultivation of timber, and upon fling said affidavit withsaid register or receiver, and on payment of ten dollars, he or she shall thereupon be permitted to enter the quantity of land specified; Provided, however, That no certificate shall be given or patent issued therefor until the expiration of at least ten years from the date of such entry; and if at the expiration of such time, or at any time within three years thereafter, the person making such entry, or if he or she be dead, his or her helrs or legal representatives, shall prove by two creditable witnesses that he, she or they have blanted and protected such quantity and character of timber as aforesaid, they shall receive the patent for the said land, it shall be proven, after due notice to the party making such entry and claiming to cultivate such timber, to the saifaction of the Register of the land office, that such person has abandoned or failed to cultivate, protect, and keep it in good contition such timber, the residence thereon, shall have under cultivation for two years, one acre of timber, the trees thereon not being more than twelve feet apart cach way, and in a good thrifty conditio

nesses, receive his or her patent for said homestead.

SEC. 5. That no land acquired under provisions of this act shall, in any event, become liable to the satisfaction of any debt or debts contracted prior to the issuing of patent therefor.

SEC. 6. That the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby required to prepare and
issue such rules and regulations consistent with
this act as shall be necessary and proper to carry
its provisions into effect; and that the registers
and the receivers of the several land offices shall
be entitled to receive the same compensation for
any lands entered under the provisions of this
that they are now entitled to receive when the
same quantity of land is entered with money.

SEC. 7. That the fifth section of the act entitled "An act in addition to an act to punis
crimes against the United States, and for other
purposes," approved March third, eighteen
hundred and fifty-seven, shall extend to all
oaths, affirmations, and affidavits required or authorized by this act.

Approved, March 3, 1873.

Spooks.

A PITTSBURGH paper says that for the past four months the prisoners confined in the jail at Uniontown have contended that that institution was haunted: that peculiar sounds have been heard every night, after the lights had been extinguished, and the prisoners were all locked up in their cells. The inmates declare that when the town clock strikes twelve a ghost commences its nightly rounds through the jail. First they will hear something like a person walking over the iron grating that extends over the entire inside of the jail over the cells. The ghost drags a chain over this grating, making a peculiar noise. Then they will hear one end of it drop on the pavement beneath, and hear the ghost fasten the other end of it to the iron bars above. When fastened, it descends the chain, rattling it terrifically after it gets down. It then walks around the jail outside where the prisoners are permitted to exercise themselves in the daytime. The floor of the jail is composed entirely of iron. The ghost drags a chain over the floor and rattles it fariously. After making seeming thorough inspection in this manner, the ghost unlocks the door and enters the inside of the grating that surrounds the cells. First it goes up the iron stairs to the upper fier of cells, drag-ging the chains after it. It goes to every cell that contains a prisoner, takes hold of the bars and rattles the door furiously. cells it descends to the lower tier and goes on being interrogated by the sheriff or his deputies, declare that it is not imagination, but that a ghost does really and the bills of fare of the best restruction, but that a ghost does really and the bills of fare of the best restruction. tion, but that a ghost does really visit them every night just after the town clock strikes twelve. It stays just long enough to go through the actions spoken of above; then it goes to the chain sus-pended from the iron bars above the floor, rattling it furiously, accends, draws the chain up, walks over the bars, and nothing citement about the court-house. Sheriff Messmore and his deputies have kept the ry's letters happening to fall into the hands of Susie's brother, Wilhelm, there was a big explosion on the part of her father and mother, who in strong language denounced the cunning lover, and informed her that the thing must be into the strong of the ghostly visits. It made its nightly visits regularly, and although the prisoners could not see any person who would pre-sent themselves before their cell doors, A few months ago, however, Susie was missed from the breakfast table, and on the ghost would come, rattling his chains more furious than ever, go to the cell doors and rattle them as though he would tear them from their fastenings, and then depart as usual. The thing is getting to be quite a serious matter, but we have not heard yet what action the sheriff will take to get rid of this ghostly visitor. It is to be regretted that the account omits to state whether the ghost furnishes its own chain or whether one belonging to the county. It would be satisfactory to have that question settled.

The German Heart-Breakers. THEY do some things in Germany different from our customs, and much better than we do. A marriage engagement is, with the Germans, a more serious thing than it is with us. It carries with it the force of a solemn compact, and some of the responsibilities of a marriage contract already performed. The engagement is known to all the friends of the parties; it is published in the newspaper, and is re-garded as almost as irrevocable as marriage itself. In Cassel two army officers, one of them a count and an adjutant, were discussing the susceptibility of wome and the count made a wager with the other, that he, poor as he was, could win the affections of any rich heiress the two might agree upon, and become engaged to marry her. They settled that the count should lay siege to the heart of a very pretty and very rich young girl, the daugh-ter of a widow whose former husband was a noted gambler.

The suit succeeded, the engagement

was soon made and published. The count was victorious and won the bet, it being was victorious and won the bet, it being a gorgeous wine supper. He then thought the joke had gone about far enough, and wrote the young lady that it would be impossible for him to keep the engagement to marry her, because her father was a gambler. The affair made a great deal of public scandal, and the German chronicler of these events states that the story icler of these events states that the story came to the ears of the Emperor, William, who strongly disapproved of the whole proceedings of his army officers. The supper was prepared, and the count and his friends were about sitting down to their viewed share when are their viands and champagne, when an order came for the arrest of the two officers, who had so disgraced their cloth and manufactured scandal. They were not-permitted even to drink their wine, and are now awaiting a trial by court-martial. That's the way they treat these harmless little jokes in Germany.—Exchange.

----The Pall Mall Gazette says, apropos of Mr. Trollope's new Australian book, that "the colonial man comes nearer to being uninteresting than any other variety of

FIELD AND FAMILY.

BATTER PUDDING.—One cup of milk, one cup of flour, one egg. If a larger pudding is wanted, mix it in the same proportion; a little salt. Steam or boil. APPLE FLOAT,-To one quart of apples partially stewed and well mashed, put the whites of three eggs well beaten, and four heaping tablespoonfuls of loaf sugar; beat them together for fifteen minutes, and eat with rich milk and nutmeg.

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DISH FOR BREAKFAST.—Take half a dozen, or as many as necessary, good cooking apples, cut them in slices of about a quarter of an inch thick—have ready a pan of fresh, hot lard. Drop the slices in and fry brown. A little sugar sprinkled over improves them. Serve hot.

Packing Eggs.—A "country maiden" tells the "Country Gentleman" how to pack eggs. She says: "Grease them well with lard, and pack them well, with big end up, in bran. Begin with a row at the bottom, and fill in with bran; and so continue till the stone jar (or half barrel)

continue till the stone jar (or half barrel) is full.

is full.

SCOTCH CAKE.—One pound of fine flour, a half pound of fresh butter, a half pound of finely sifted loaf sugar; mix well in a paste, roll out an inch thick in a square shape, pinch the edges so as to form small points; ornament with comfits and orange the state of the court. When of a chips; bake in a quick oven. When of a pale lemon color, it is done. This is easy made and very nice.

ORANGE CREAM,—Boil rind of an orange

very tender, beat it fine, put in it a spoon-ful of brandy, the juice of an orange, four ounces of loaf sugar, and yolks of four eggs—then beat altogether for ten minother beat anogeneer for in the pint of boiling cream, beat until cold, put into custard cups, set in a deep dish of boiling water and let them stand until cold. Put strips of orange around the top of each.

FISH CHOWDER.—Fry three or four slices of salt pork in a deep kettle. When crisp take it out and put into the kettle, first, a layer of sliced potatoes, then one of fish, and then one of onions, alternating with a layer of fish until all is used. Pepper it well, add boiling water enough to cover the whole, and boil half an hour. But in helf a nipt of milk and sook it five Put in half a pint of milk and cook it five minutes longer, gently, to prevent burn-ing. The fish should be freshly caught. The best for a chowder is haddock.

Wash for Fruit Trees.—The following is a wash used by William Saunders, of the government gardens, at Washington: Put half a bushel of lime and four pounds of powdered sulphur in a tight barrel, slaking the lime with hot water; the mouth of the barrel being covered with a cloth. This is reduced to the consistency of ordinary whitewash, and at the time of application half an ounce of carbolic acid is added to each gallon of liquid. Mr. Saunders says: "I generally apply it in the spring, before the leaves make their appearance, but I am convinced it would be more effective it applied later; but then it is difficult to do so when the tree is in foliage." Mr. Saunders applies the wash not only to the stem of the tree, but to some extent to the main branches.—N. E. Homestead.

Onions should be sown as early in the spring as the ground is in condition to work, that is, so soon as the soil is in a thoroughly friable state. Five pounds of seed is the proper quantity to sow, although this is much more than can stand to mature, but enough must be sown to insure a stand in any event; six to eight pounds is sometimes sown. The large Wethersfield red are the most hardy, but we should unhesitatingly recommend Danver's yellow as the best for market. It is of fine quality, is hardy, produces well, keeps well and always commands a better price than the red onion. The proper soil is a rich friable loam. The proper soil is a rich friable loam. The richer the better, although they may be grown on a great variety of soils if dry. We should not advise sowing on prairie sod, although there is no better soil than excellent crops have been raised in Iowa. The proper soil having been selected, the the greater will be the success in cultivathis crop.

OATMEAL PORRIDGE.—This is so much in demand, that it has been introduced It is harmless to the most delicate child. saucepan; have it two-thirds full of boil-ing water, into which put half a teaspoon-ful of salt. Into this drop the oatmeal with one hand, stirring with a wooden spatula held by the other. When it is the thickness of mush, cover it and set it where it will keep boiling slowly for an hour, beating it up occasionally to keep it well mixed, and free from lumps. Dish and eat it hot, with cold milk or cream. Butter and sugar melted upon it destroy its fine diuretic qualities, and make it really less palatable. Porridge, gruel, thin cakes and a sort of crackers, are the principal methods of using oatmeal. As a breakfast dish, the porridge made in the way described above has no superior. It stimulates the action of the liver, and, in

conjunction with cranberries, eaten with a sauce, will restore a torpid liver to healthful activity, if employed for the morning meal, to the exclusion of fried neats and potatoes, brolled ham, and th

Commendatory.

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