### Farm, Garden and Honsehold.

What I Know of Housekeeping. A correspondent of the Maine Farmer gives the following valuable hints to housekeepers, viz : If you wish short biscuit without

much shortening do not knead them. Do your husband's and brother's

boots let water through them? Then apply tar and oil after being thoroughly mixed, and you will have no further trouble. Patent not applied for.

One cup of sugar, one of buttermilk, one egg, one-fourth of a nutmeg, one and one-half teaspoons saleratus, three tablespoonsful of melted lard will make just as good doughnuts as any Maine editor ought to eat.

Some cooks are invariably troubled with "saleratus biscuit." By allowing just one even teaspoonful of saleratus, the trouble will be obviated.

If brimstone is offensive, use strips of paper one inch wide, rolled into a lengthy cylinder for lighters. If you wish to save your papers, a bit of split pine will answer better, and when stacked in a lava vase, make a very conspicuous ornament.

Why can't house-keepers and homekeepers keep a diary? A few moments after the daily duties are performed, spent with pen and ink, lifts thought from the monotonous routine of work a skeleton than of a living man, and the into a different channel, that would refresh. In a marvelously brief time they would be able to think and write something really beneficial, besides being a good example for a family of children, for they are so observing and imitative it would assist greatly in developing expression-a talent our schools are sadly deficient in. Don't leave such practices for teachers alone, but co-operate, and brighten yourself by helping those around you. If you are troubled about your tin-

If you are troubled about your tin-ware becoming tarnished soon, give it a thorough sand-scouring, then rub it thoroughly with a dry cloth and whi-ting. It will not turn it to silver, but it will make it resemble that metal very much. Rub it weekly with whi-ting, and I do not doubt that you will thank me for telling you.

Mothers and older sisters, don't be penurious of your winter evenings. Help the boys cipher and get the pars-Whenever I think of my ing lesson. experience in learning to parse, I get excited and wish I could teach every boy how to begin. But times have changed. Teachers have more gumption now, and know how to teach long division, step by step, till the discour-aged little fellow fully understands the four steps, and how to parse by explaining the first step, by learning names and applying them. Have little home spelling schools ; make up questions involving the rule ciphering under ; tell a story, then each one write it out, and then compare how near they come to the original. Reading one will do as well. Make rhymes ; try to stick father and mother with defining big words ; eat apples, pop-corn, make shadow pictures with your hands on the wall; in short, have a real jolly time. You will make the room disorderly, but that is nothing to a disorderly character or reputation that many acquire because there was no fun at home. I shall have all sorts of sense and nonsense carried on by my whistling fifteen, see if I don't.

#### Fish Pomace for Sheep.

If your correspondent who inquires "in regard to fish pomace as a sheep feed," will turn to page 30 of the 1870 ing the family devolved upon the young Board of Agriculture Report, he will learn what, at that date, my experience and opinion were. Then I thought that

# Starvation Amidst Wealth.

People Starving to Death in the City of New York. A New York daily, the Sun, notices

the death of several persons in that city from actual starvation. Of one case i 6878:

Information was received that a man was starving to death at 12 Thompson street. The place is a tenement inhab-ited by the very poorest class, and the indifference with which the inmates answered questions as to the where-abouts of the dying man amply evi-denced their familiarity with destitution.

The man's name was Michael O'Con-nell, and he lived with his family in a room in the rear on the second floor. Ascending as directed, the reporter knocked at the door and was admitted by a woman so careworn and emaciated that it was difficult indeed to believe that there was any one in the room in more dire extremity than herself. A bed stood opposite the door and on it lay the form of a man so pale and still that for a moment the reporter feared he had arrived too late and the object of his search was dead. It was the form of what had once been a large and powerful man, but nothing of the old vigor was left; the face was more like that of ragged but scrupulously clean pillow on which the head lay was scarcely whiter than the skin, which was drawn so tight that it hardly concealed the bones. It seemed incredible that a man could endure so much and still live, but while the reporter looked at him in astonishment a low hacking cough showed that a feeble spark of life still remained. A moment afterward the eyes slowly opened, and without expressing any surprise at the sight of a stranger in the room-the man was too

were a mere boy and girl ; the boy, a mere child, bore a ghastly resemblance to the figure on the bed ; the features were terribly pale and emaciated, and the end seemed almost as close at hand. The girl was very small, and did not seem to be more than thirteen years of age, but her life had been too full of hardships to be favorable to speedy growth, for she was nearly eighteen. The mother said she had another boy who was not then in the house. She spoke of her misfortunes with marked reluctance, and it was only on the re-porter's representing that if her necessity was known there were warm hearts and open hands in New York able and willing to assist her that she was in-duced to tell her story.

Her husband was a painter, earning tolerably comfortable income until bout five months ago, when a scaffold on which he was working at a building belonging to a Mr. Strong, at Broadway and Spring street, gave way, and and that he would never have perhe was injured severely. He was en-abled, however, to reach home, where he remained for some time, but at length he was compelled to go to the hospital on Randall's Island, where a partial cure was effected. He said the place was insufficiently heated, and he suffered so intensely from the cold that he was forced to quit it, his system im-pregnated with the germs of consump-

tion. He was, of course, unable to work, even if he could have obtained employment, and the duty of support-

## Romance in Reality.

Mrs. Williams and Her Only Son -- A Boy's Search Through Europe and America for His Mother. The vicissitudes which mark the lives of some women are exemplified in the

of some women are exemplified in the case of Mrs. Attorney-General Wil-liams. Many and varied are the stories told concerning her marriages, and when at last she appeared in Washing-ton as the wife of the Attorney-General several excellent leaders of fashion were dimensioned to form here down. disposed to frown her down. Because a woman has been unusually unfortunate, while not guilty, seems to me the very reason why her own sex should be-friend and uphold her; but the reverse is almost always the case. Conse-quently Mrs. Williams went very little

ceded that she was handsome and agreeable, but it was never suspected that she possessed more than ordinary mind or any diplomatic ability.

She is one of the few women who know how to wait, and, if she cannot create an opportunity, knows how to freshments shall be offered at receptions. Mrs. Williams well merits her tardy good fortune. But of all the facts concerning her domestic troubles which have been given to the public, one has been omitted containing an element of romance, and showing the love inspired in the heart of her only she child.

Whatever were the terms of separa tion between herself and first husband, the child remained with its father, who told his son that his mother was dead. For years the boy believed the story, but one day, on going to the post-office for his father's letters, he found one addressed to himself. It was from his mother! Over-powered by the sudden knowledge of her existence, he dropped upon the curbstone and read his mother's letter. It related how ill-treatment had

driven her from his side ; how, poor, alone, and with the reprobation of of the world upon her, she had struggled for existence; but happier days had at length come—she was married to a Mr. Williams and was going to Europe. She enclosed her photograph and bade her son never forget his mother.

The boy sprang up, vowing to do more than remember---to devote his life to finding her. He went to his father, showed him the letter, and asked him the reason of his deception. He coldly replied that he had thought it bestthat if he had known his mother was alive he would have wanted to see her, mitted.

The boy followed his mother's example-he left the rich man's house ; and, although not twelve years of age, he went to work in a foundry. Steadily he worked, with but one purpose in his heart-to earn money enough to go and find his mother. That moment came at length, and he went to Europe, with nothing to identify her by but the photograph and letter.

Failing to find her in Europe, he returned to the United States and hunted At a recent meeting of the Lawrence,

#### A Lunatic Ball.

The New Haven Register says, in de-scribing the recent annual ball at the Lunatic Asylum: "Twenty couples took the floor, ranged in two lines, facing each other, and stood still in profound silence, waiting the music. In this party the strangeness of the performers was most apparent. The men wore a look upon their faces of such resolution as one would expect on that of a brave man brought face to face with some terrible danger. The women were more wandering in their glances, but nearly all serious too. The music burst forth and a simultaneous movement followed : all sorts of movements, some cultivated steps, but for the most part a mere violent shuffling exercise.

quently Mrs. Williams went very little into society during her first season in Washington. She held aloof with a calm dignity that surprised the "lead-ers of fashion," while her exemplary conduct eventually forced from them their respect and esteem. It was con-ceded that she was handrome and her neck, would occasionally pause, as if trying to recollect where she had acted such a part in other scenes, but, glancing at the company all engaged around her, she would resume her motions. Some of them kept their gaze create an opportunity, and the hus-seize one when it occurs. Her hus-band's position gave her the first golden opportunity of her life, and so well has she improved it that, from be-well has she improved it that, from be-ing received under protest, she now in a received under protest and the capital, watch upon their feet, when a so sadly astray. Very soon the organiza-tion lost shape ; the original partners had wandered hopelessly away from the the capital of the each other. But with instinctive gal-lantry on the one side and gentle acquiescence on the other, the men swung and twirled whichever lady happened to be within reach at the moment when they thought the music indicated 'swing your partners,

#### How Shepherd Dogs are Trained.

You may go over the plains and hills Southern California for miles and see thousands of sheep, but not a man to watch them. Around each flock or band, of say a thousand sheep, are half a dozen dogs of peculiar breed-dogs whose progenitors were imported from the sheep pastures of the old world. These dogs take the entire care of the sheep, drive them out to the pasture in the morning, keep them from straying during the day, and bring them home at night. They have inherited a talent for keeping sheep. But the shepherds do not depend wholly on that; they cultivate it in this way-so at least the old shepherds say. When a lamb is born it is taken from the mother sheep be fore she has seen it, and a puppy put in its place. The sheep suckles the puppy and learns to love it. When the puppy grows old enough to eat meat, it is fee in the morning and sent out with the sheep. It stays with them because it accustomed to be with its mother, but it cannot feed with them. As they get full the dogs gethungry. At length, impatient to return, where it hopes to get another piece of meat, it begins to tease and worry its mother, and finally starts her toward home, the other sheep follow, and thus the whole flock is brought home. If the dog brings the sheep home too soon, or comes without them, he gets no supper, or is punished in some way. Hence he soon learns

none of his charge is left behind. These animals are trained to take advantage of their instincts and appetites. A New Theory About Comets.

#### stomach. BROWN'S VERMIFUGE COMFITS

Kansas, Academy of Science, a paper entitled "Speculations on the Nature of Comets' Tails" was read by Professor or other injurius ingredicuts usually used in worm proparations



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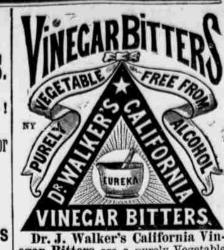
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"pound for pound, the chum was a week, until the panic brought penury worth as much as corn," Now I am de- and cidedly of the opinion that "chum" is homes beside her own. It was then the worth the most.

I am feeding chum this winter, No began. Work as she would, she could other provender is given, or needed, for not earn more than three dollars a long before shearing time the sheep will be "butcher" fat. Have had no experience with herring. Let a flock of erous diet for his very existence. The sheep come to the barn poor, and with father sank rapidly, and it soon became a barrel of dried chum, for winter feed, to three sheep, (a homeopathic daily allowance, you see) and at the time of shearing the sheep will be hog-fat ; the The girl could obtain no more work, lambs will be strong and vigorous, while the weight of fleece will be increased and there seemed to be nothing left but one-fifth

Now, as to the character of the the other inmates of the house, who porgie chum, which by no manner of were themselves hardly able to obtain means is that sloppy, nasty, horribly stinking stuff, so often offered in the the bare necessaries of life. They had a little coal, and this they eked out market as the simon-pure article, but is with such care that a low fire was burncured in this wise : the residuam, or ing in the room, and will probably conchum, is taken fresh from the oil-press, tinue to warm it until one of the group spread upon a rack, and sunevenly at least should have no further need for dried. For the first twenty-four hours warmth. The reporter asked the poor it requires frequent stirring. With woman what she would do when her coal was all gone. She looked tearfully three days of good hay-making weather, it is sufficiently cured to be at the pale little boy, and replied sim-ply, "God help us." A physician from the Centre Street Dispensary has called barreled, when it will keep for years. -Samuel Wasson in Maine Farmer.

#### Roup Remedy.

When turkeys or other poultry are affected by swelling of the head and a discharge of matter from the eyes and nostrils they are suffering from what is known as roup. It is simply catarrh, and is the consequence of the same causes which produce colds and inflammation of the throat and lungs of other animals. If they are kept dry and warm, and their roosts are well ventilated there will be no catarrh. The remedy is to wash their heads with warm soap and water, and afterward bathe the eyes and nostrils with a solution of four grains of sulphate of zinc (white vitriol) in one ounce of water. The food should be meal scalded and fed warm with a little ground ginger mixed in it.

#### Management of Manure.

The only way to rot manure in the winter is by frequent turning with re-peated fermentation and guarded heatings. In this way it may be brought to a fine condition for use in the spring. Long corn-stalks cannot be rotted by this process, and by no means should such corn-stalks be allowed in the ma-nure heap. It is preferable to cut them when fed, as in that state the refuse is more easily rotted, and if not rotted is no trouble when the manure is turned over.

#### Mormon Rations.

In Brigham Young's household, says his divorced wife, they have a ration day. Once a month each family receives five pounds of sugar, one pound of candles, a bar of soap and a box of matches. It had been said that she received \$3,000 a year. It was false, a figment of the brain. The rule with the prophet's wives, except the favorite, is that beyond the plainest fare and the absolute plainest necessities of cloth-ing, all else shall be supplied by the wives themselves for their families. Brigham often said that he was ashamed to own his own wives because they were addicted to the frivolities of dress, and yet he, with his millions, and the other saints wear the finest of broadcloth. He sent her and her mother to his farm, where she had charge of forty cows, and had to supply the other wives with the produce of the dairy.

through city after city, unavailingly. His procedure was simple. He copied from the directory the addresses of all in the place named Williams and called faithfully and well, earning six dollars on them in turn till the list was exwretchedness to thousands of hausted. Many a quiet family he startled from real sufferings of the unfortunate family their serenity by a raid upon them, pho-

tograph in hand, inquiring for his mother. At last there was but one city left to search-Washington. He pur-sued his usual course there, visiting all sons, one of whom depended upon genthe Williamses in the capital save that of the Attorney-General. In every a question whether consumption or incase he was disappointed. anition would end his sufferings.

He was now so near despair that he Two weeks ago the climax arrived. had half a mind, he said, not to call on them. But it was the last of the name whom he had not seen, and his search to await the end as patiently as they would be incomplete without it. The might. No aid could be expected from youth resolved to make his last inquiry; so, photograph in hand, he entered the National Hotel, and asked the clerk if "Yes, Mrs. Williams lived there. was the reply. "Does this look like her?" "That's the lady," said the clerk, "I am her son-can you give "Say me a room near her ?" "Yes." nothing of my being here—I want to surprise her." "All right."

The young man went to his room, arrayed himself in his best, then knocked at his mother's door, his whole frame trembling with agitation and with hope deferred at length realized. Her voice bade him enter. He flung open the door, and, exclaiming, "Mother, don't you know me?" he rushed frantically into her arms. She was at the time an invalid, and

the shock almost proved serious ; but

ast fortnight on the scanty savings as joy never kills they say, she rewhich the faithful wife had managed to covered. lay by when her daughter was in re-He had worked his way almost all ceipt of three dollars a week is a probthrough Europe and America; corselem difficult of solution. Several times, quently his education had been negas his wife repeated her sad story, she referred to him for information, but lected ; but as he was only twenty-one years of age when he found his mother though seeming to understand her, he she hoped to overcome that defect. was far too near exhaustion to reply. She put him to school at once, and he Prompt aid may save the lives of his gives promise of becoming as brillian in mind as he is loving of heart.

## A Shakeress Returns.

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starving wife and children.

but even were the nourishment

Nine years ago, says the Augusta (Me.) Journal, the wife of Friend Daniel Pratt, at Davis's Mills, in Vassalborough, left her husband's bed and board and removed to New Glou- word in its favor at all times. It must cester, joining the fraternity of Shakers. Whatever the cause of this proceeding -sufficient, probably, in her mind—it was kept to herself. She packed up her ffurniture and quietly left for her new home and associations. For pice new home and associations. For nine long years she has lived in her strangely chosen home. In the meantime her de-taking the phrase in its largest sense, voted husband lived alone at the old is exhausted by its continued exercise, homestead, keeping alive the fire on the hearthstone, and living along, ap-parently contented and happy, as though nothing unusual had happened. But the strangest part is the sequel. sleep fulfills in the economy of life, it The other day the spirit moved the old lady to leave Shakerdom, and return to hady to leave Shakerdom, and return to the scenes of her former home. This she does, and is cordially received by the long deserted but still faithful hus-band. He goes more than half way to meet the returning prodigal wife. The old gentleman slaughtered a turkey fatted for the Christmas holidays, and there is joy in that house undisturbed of evil at hand. Instances of this there is joy in that house, undisturbed of evil at hand. Instances of this by the complainings of any elder kind, we believe, are familiar to the

F. W. Bardwell, who took the ground that a comet's tail is no more a part of

the comet than is a shadow a part of the object which gives it form. He supposes that the resting medium surrounding the sun for a great distance is itself self luminous in a degree, as indi-

cated by the zodiacal light; that the nucleus of a comet is merely a large meteorite; that in its rapid motion through the resisting medium near the sun, great heat is thereby developed, in-creased by the heat of the sun, causing some of the elements of the nucleus to become volatilized, and thus to present the phenomena of the coma with its glowing gas; and, finally, that the bright train called the tail is merely an effect of an increased luminosity of the Prepared portion of the resisting medium behind the comet, caused by the action of the

sunlight and passing through the glowing gas of the coma, and projected beyond in a form usually approaching that of a conical surface. Prof. Bardwell predicts that, on the

appearance of a comet with a bright train, tests of spectrum analysis will show that this train is not nebulous, as Bessel and others have supposed, and not of a meteoric character like that of the nucleus as Schiaparelli and Le Verrier suppose, but chiefly of a zodiacal nature, and probably, in a slight degree,

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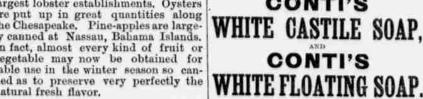
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