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The late Act of Congress gives additional pay to the following Pensions, viz:

ist. To those who have lost the sight of both eyes, or both hands, or totally disabled so as to require constant attendance, the sum of \$25 00 per month.

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The subscriber is duly prepared for the immediate procurement of these claims.

S. B. BOYER, Att'y at Law.

Sunbury, June 16, 1866.

HOUNTY. THE following persons are entitled to receive an increase of Bounty under the Act of Congress passed July 1856, to equalize Bounties.

Ist All soldiers who enlisted after the 12th day of April, 1861, for 3 years, and served their time of enlistment and have been honorably discharged, and have received or are entitled to receive a Bounty of \$100, are entitled an additional Bounty of \$100.

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3a The Widow, Minor Children, or Parents of such soldiers who died in the service of wounds or disease, are entitled to an additional Bounty of \$100.

By application to S. P. WOLVERTON, Esq., of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, who is an authorised Claim Agent, all such claims can be speedily collected.

Sunbury, August 4, 1866.—16

EQUALIZATION OF BOUNTIES. L. H. KASE,

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IS duly authorized and Licensed by the Government to collect all Military Claims against the United States. Bounty money due soldiers under the late Equalisation Act of Congress, and all military claims against the State, due soldiers of 1812, for Pensions and Gratuity. Claims due soldiers of the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps from enlistment to the date of muster, promptly collected.

Sunbury, August 4, 1866.

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STORE.

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hader, Chimnys, and all articles usually kept in an establishment of this kind. COPPER, BRASS and IRON KETTLES, of all FRUIT JARS and CANS of the latest improved He is also prepared to do all kinds of Spouting and Roofing, Range and Furnace Work. Repairing, cheaply and neatly executed. BENJ. ZETELMOYER.

Sunbury, July 7, 1866 .- 19 BOUNTY FOR SOLDIERS. I HAVE made arrangements in Washington City, for the prompt collection of Bounty under the late Act of Congress. I have also received the proper blanks to prepare the claims. Soldiers entitled to this Bounty should apply immediately, as it is estimated that it will require three years to adjust all the claims.

the claims.
All soldiers who enlisted for three years and who All soldiers who enlisted for three years and who have not received more than \$100 bounty are entitled to the benefits of this Act, as well as soldiers who have enlisted for three years and discharged after a service of two years, by reason of wounds received, disease contracted in line of duty, or re-enlistment.

LLOYD T. ROHRBACH.

Sunbury, August 18, 1866.

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NOPKIN'S "OWN MARE." New Fall Styles!

Are in every respect First Class, and embrace a a complete assortment for Ladies, Misses and children, of the Newest styles, every Length and Sizes of Waist.

OUR SKIRTS, wherever known, are more universally pepular than any others before the public. They retain their shape better, are lighter, more slastic, more durable, and really Cheaper, than any other Hoop Skirt in the market. The springs and fastenings are warranted perfect. Every Lady should Try Them: They are now being extensively sold by Merchants, throughout the Country, and at Wholesale & Retail, at Manufactory and Sales Room.

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CAUTION,—None genuine unless stamped on
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No. 623 Arch street, Philadelphia."
Also, Constantly on hand full line of New York
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Terms Net. Cash.

One Price Only. Terms Net Cash. Sept. 1, 1865.—4m

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Don't forget the place. Apaley's old stand, in the well-known house of Mrs. Boulten, Market street, Sunbury, Pa.

Sunbury, Pa.
NOTICE—Boots and Shoes neatly repaired a
short notice. If any bought of us should rip the
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Sunbury, Dec. 8, 1866 .- tf. W. J. WOLVERTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, East end of Pleasant's Building, Up Stairs, SUNBURY, PENN'A. All professional business in this and adjoining counties promptly attended to.
Sunbury, November 17, 1868.—1y

MUSGROVE & SHAFER, Wholesale Dealers in FLOUR & FEED,

CANDIES, BREAD, CAKES, &c., Three Doors East of P. & E. R. R. Depot, Front St. NORTHUMBERLAND, PENN'A. The Baker Wagon will run daily to Sunbury and Selins'Grove, to serve customers. Orders solicited. Northumberland, Nov. 17, 1868.—iy

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CALL and examine the large assortment of the
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Dyeing done at short notice and at the lowest rates.
Sunbury, Nov. 24, 1866.

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Where they keep constantly on hand and manufacture to order at short notice.

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Governor Penn-Cook, WABASH AND IRONSIDES,

Also. Parlor and office Stoves in great variety em-bracing all the best manufactures and most fashion-able designs, unsurpassed for boauty of finish simpli-city of arrangements combining cheapness, durability and each stove warranted to perform what they are represented.

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phate." Remember the place. Sample and Sales Room nearly opposite Conly's Hardware Store, Market street, between Third and Fourth streets. Building dark painted. August 25, 1866.

BOOKS! BOOKS!! THE subscriber begs leave to call the attention of his customers, and the community in general, to the fact that he has now received his second lot of NEW GOODS.

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on Lake Erie.

It has been lessed and is operated by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Time of Passenger Trains at Sunbury.

Leave Eastward. Erie Mail Train. Erio Express Train, Elmira Mail Train, Leave Westward. 6.35 a m. 10.25 a m. 5.00 a m. 6.35 p m. Erie Mail Train, Erie Express Train, Elmira Mail Train, Passenger-cars run through on the Eric Mail and Express Trains without change both ways between chiladelphia and Eric.

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ELEGANT SLEEPING CARS on all Night Trains.

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December 1, 1866. Penimts, Glass, Patty, White Lead, Varnishee, &c. Everything that Painters use at unheard of prices at the Hardware Store of J. H. CONLEY & CO.

Sunbury, June 16, 1866.

# POETICAL.

BETHLEHEM. A Christmas Carol.

BY REV. B. HASTINGS WELD Not to the man whose rigid vow, And broaden'd ham, and solemn brow, Proclaim'd, "I holier am than thou!" The tidings came, at Bethleb

Not to the slave of sonse and pride, Whose creed the angel-host denied, Who wished no Heaven this world beside, The tidings came, at Bethleher Not to the Cæsar, golden crowned, Not to the king, by him enthroned, Not to the priest, with jewels zoned, The tidings came, at Bethlehem

Not to the Temple's marble walls, Not to the city's lordly halls, Not where the perfum'd fountain falls, The tidings came, at Bethleher But to the humble men of heart, From casulst free, and sophic art, Who watch'd their flocks the world apart. The tidings came, at Bethiehem

For them resounds the song of Heaven, For them, with light its vault is riven; That "unto us a Sox is given," The tidings came to Bethleher Bless'd Jesus! Grant to me the faith
The simple-minded shepherd hath,
That, evermore, upon my path
May shine the light of Bethleher

## TALES & SKETCHES.

From Godey's Lady's Book. OLD HUMDRUM: A CHRIST-MAS STORY.

BY S. ANNIE PROST.

"I wonder what old Humdrum will give us for a Christmas present," said Nellie Hastings, as she twisted her curls before the

without his care for us? Think how cheap the rent of this little cottage is made for us, and how many scholars he has procured for you, and how well he pays me for the sewing. He is a kind friend," and tears stood in Agnes Hastings' eyes as she spoke.

"Well, then, don't cry about it, sis," and Nellie gave her sister a hasty kiss. "I won't call him nicknames any-more, if it displeases you, and I shall soon be independent of his kindness," with a scornful emphasis upon the last word. "There is one of my tiresome

December day that opens my story. Nellie, so does Harold." tall, graceful, and brilliantly beautiful, was in the full glow of her youthful beauty, her rich brown hair fell in profuse curls round and the well known Antidust Cook Stove called a face with regular features, a clear red and speak's ANTIDUST. large black eyes full of fire and life. Agnes, pale and thin, with a somewhat sallow skin hair brushed smoothly back from her face, and gathered in a heavy coil at the back of her head, looked at least five years older than her gay sister. Both wore mourning dresses, but while that of Agnes was a heavy unbroken black, her sister's was modified by white ruffles, and trimmed pro-fusely with glittering bugles. Another dif-ference, more pitiful than all, Agnes was

Five years before this dull December night Helen and Agnes Hastings, then just seventeen years old, made their debut into fashionable society as belles and heiresses. Beautiful, accomplished, and graceful, daughters of a reputed millionaire, they became at once the centre of the gay circle in which they moved. They were mother-less from infancy, but their father's sister had filled their mother's place during their whole existence, and still directed all house-

The family history had been a rather odd one, Mr. Hastings was a twin, and this sis-ter, born in the same hour with bimself, had never left him. One other child, a younger son, had shared their parent's love, but for long years he had been a wanderer, taking his share of an immense family es-tate, to travel in foreign countries, sending home occasionally a box of curiosities dresses, fans, or playthings for his little nieces, but otherwise ignoring the existence

of his brother and sister.

As I have said, the girls became at once belles in the circle of fashion, and suitors were not wanting, some attached doubtles by youth, beauty, and talent, others probably attached by the reputed wealth of Mr. Hastings. For two years the twins reigned as queens, heart whole and gay. Agnes was something of a blue, and had been guilty of poetry. Helen added to her beauty a wonderful talent for music, and a superb voice. Cultivated to the highest per-fection by her proud father, this voice richly deserved the fame it had acquired, and few saloons considered their visiting list perfect where the beautiful young singer was not a

From early childhood there had been great dissimilarity in the characters of the great dissimilarity in the characters of the sisters. Agnes, grave, even reserved, was fond of reading, something of an artist, with great sweetness and gentleness of disposition, and at sixteen a member of the Episcopal church, and a Christian, sincerely trying to keep herself "unspotted from the world." Nellis, on the contrary, was a dashing, lively girl, superficial in all studies excepting music, tull of animal spirits, and thinking religion "very nice for old pen-

Two years after their debut, the grave Agnes was betrothed to a young lawyer, poor but talented, with a heart full of devotion to his beautiful betrothed, and a head that promised in time to win him distinction in his chosen profession. The engagement was satisfactory to relatives on both sides, and preparations for the wedding were commenced, when Agnes met with an accident that crippled her for life. She was driving out with the lover, when the horse became frightened, and making a sudden plungs forward, threw her from her seat into the road. Her injuries at first appeared to be slight, but as time went on the physicians found the injury to the spine was twisting the figure to one side, and making a limping gait and a curved back unavoidable. In the agony and horror of discovering this Agnes dismissed her lover, spite of his prayers and protestatious, and then months of bitter repining proved that even her Christian spirit could sink under her

heavy burden. It was a still greater affliction that roused instead of crushing her, and restored her faith, patience, and hope. Her father committed suicide, after perilling his own and his sister's fortune in one speculation, and losing all; and that sister, deprived at once of home, fortune, and the brother she idolized, in one short month followed him to the grave. Nellie was frantic under this complication of trouble, and now Agnes, roused from her own selfish grief, came out true and faithful in the storm around her.

\*\*Lete-a-tete\* was not resumed. It was late before all the visitors had departed, and Mr. English description of Wellie threw herself at her sister's feet.

"Well odd Humdrum must see how Harold and I stand, and if he don't send me something handsome to-morrow he's too mean to live."

"O. Nellie, don't talk so."

"Was he proposing, Aggie, when I came in I I did not see him till it was too late to get away, or I should have kept Harold in the parlor a while longer."

"Please, Nell—"

assistance, and from the wrock of the once noble fortune a small sum was secured, barely sufficient to clothe the orphans in an humble style, greatly at variance with their once splendid wardrobes. By the advice of their father's lawyer, the girls left the city and went to a small country town, where, by their needlework they carned a support.

The had been but little time in their for me and Harold at fex old Mr. Law.

support.

They had been but little time in their new home when a stranger, a gentleman past middle age, came to reside at G——. It was not long before he became acquainted with the young seamstresses, and in a short time so won their confidence that he became a fast friend. His means appeared large, for he bought a cottage for himself, and two others which he rented, one to the sisters and a large landsome stone margion.

"Nell, how can you ?"

father.

you knew what Harold came here for "

"But, Nellie-" "Hear me out. He came to make love to me, and propose; well, he has proposed, save of and I said yes, and in January I will be his ness?" wife. "Nellie !"

"Why not?" and the young girl's head rose with a haughty look of defiance. "He-he-you know, Nell, they say he is not very constant."

not very constant."

"Fudge! A parcel of old maids who want to win him, and cannot, tattle for revenge. I telt you, Agnes, I am sick of this life,"and she sprang from her seat and paced the floor with quick steps, to and fro, to and fro, like some beautiful wild beast, caged but untamed. "I'm sick of drudging over stupid children, who can't or won't learn; sick of hearing glorious melody tortured into hideous sounds; sick of being chained to hours; sick of poverty, obscurity and toil! Harold sick of poverty, obscurity and toil! Harold Granville is rich. He loves me; he will take me away from this wretched village to a

ircle such as I once reigned in." "Do you love him, Helen?"
"Well enough to get along. He adores
me, and that is much mere to the point."

"Bu Nellie—his—his—intellect."
"Oh, 'le's a fool, I know. So much the better—I will rule him. You may tell old Humdrum to-night, Agnes, and he can sen by bridal present at Christmas." And she eft the room, singing as she went a gay air

from Traviata. Agnes sank into a deep reverie. Her sis-ter's questions had touched upon bitter memories and a painful present. Back, over intervening years, her thoughts travelled to recall the lover of her girlhood. She pic-tured again the frank, handsome face, heard again the frank, handsome face, heard again the tender loving voice, felt the tender caress of long ago, and then came the agony of parting. She heard the pleading words to which she would give no ray of hope.—
Loving him utterly, she had resolved never to burden his brilliant career by giving him an ailing, crippled wife; never to bear the misery of seeing his love turn to pity; never to bear a reproach for loving herself better than him. He had left her, left the city,

have another trial now? Probing her heart with a firm unshrinking touch, she found there a respectful affection for her kind friend; a sense of dependence upon his advice and friendship that it would be very bitter to lose. She knew that it would cost her much pain to wound him, be a sore trial to her to see him no more, yet she did not love him. Too well she knew the feeling where heart springs to meet heart, too well she remembered what dreams love bad awakened in her young life, to mistake this calm, respectful friendship for the tender passion.
Yet, if Helen was right! If he loved her,

"Well, but, Agnes, see how odd it is.—
Here we are perfect strangers, with no earthly claim upon him, and he takes as much
interest in our concern as if he was our ing the bloom to her checks and the light to

Will Miss Helen accept the accompanying jewels, if they are handsome enough to save old Humbrum from the charge of mean-

"Read your letter, Agnes. Of course, as he sends you nothing, he offers you himself for a Christmas gift." There was a long pause, then a cry from Agnes—"God is very good to me!"
"What is it, Aggie?"

"Sit here, Nellie. Do you remember how often father and Aunt Lizzle used to speak of our uncle?" "The one who sometimes sent us presents from Europe, Asia, or Africa, as the case

might be ?"
"Yes—look!" and she pointed to the signature at the foot of the letter.
"Lawrence Hastings," read Nellic. "You don't mean-" "Yes, Nellie, yes. Our own dear uncle, who wanted to win our love before he made himself known. And, Nellie, the house on

upon me, with an income of two thousand a year for life, only asking me to let him be my guest there." He was there, in the doorway, asking the Nell looked up with a comical look, half

the hill, the new house, he has settled it

terror, haif penitence.
"I'm sorry," she said, advancing to m He kissed her tenderly. "Never mind," he said, beartily, "perhaps I am a little prosy. You will stay with us till you are married. and I promise you as handsome a trousseau as New York can furnish; but here," and he turned to Agnes, "I look for some comfort

after a lonely, wandering life."
She gave him a tearful but happy smile "You love me, Agnes?" he said, gently. "You love me, Agnes?" he said, gently.

"As fondly as you can desire."

"Then you will accept my offer. Come, the carriage is at the door, your home is ready for you. I invited Harold to dine at the new house to-day, so you will come at once, to make a home and the beginning of a new life for 'Old Humdrum.'"

## MISCELLANEOUS.

ENJOYING A PRAYER MEETING .- SOD thirty years ago, in a town in New York, long since noted for "stated preaching," old Deacon Bemont was conducting a prayer meeting in the church. His seat was in front of the pulpit, where a door opened into a small closet. The worthy old deacon, leaning his chair back against the door that meet heart, too well she remembered what dreams love bad awakened in her young life, to mistake this calm, respectful friendahip for the tender passion.

Yet, if Helen was right! If he loved her, and was soeking to win her love, what had she done! In her gratitude for his kindness, her real frankly expressed pleasure in his society, had she not encouraged him to think he might win a dearer place still!

Hot tears were coursing down her palid cheeks, when her hands were taken in a firm clasp, and a grave, gentle voice spoke her name, "Agnes, you are in trouble."

She knew the voice, and the hot blood rushed for a moment to her face; then she as id, hesitatingly:

"I—was—thinking of the past."

"You must not think too sadly," said her friend, sesting himself beside her; "perhaps the inture may have bright days too. I—you know to-morrow is Christmas, and I have an offering to lay at your feet, my little friend, that you may not altogether despise. I have long—"

Nellie's gay voice interrupted them. She was followed soon by her lover, and the most fell into the closet, and was Graged out uninjured by the bela." The minister appeared so well autisfied with this conversation, that he asked no more questions in that quarter.

A Russian Review. An English journal gives the following description of a review at St. Petersburg, on the occasion of the recent visit of the Prince

At one stroke arms were presented all

At one stroke arms were presented all down the long line of horse and foot, the bands atruck up, and at the further end of the Palace, at a hand gallop, appeared the Emperor of all the Russias. In accordance with his exclusive relation to the warriors present, he rode alone—he the Commander-in-Chief, at whose bidding every one in the square was obliged to could wound and grief, came out true and faithful in the storm around her.

Friends came forward to offer counsel and assistance, and from the wreck of the once noble fortune a small sum was secured, and all the love your madeap sister can be brother in law of the Empress, and all the love your madcap sister can give you."

"Thanks, dear; but I can never consent to be dependent upon Mr. Granville."

"Stuff and nonsense. You may sew your dear fingers off, if that will ease your conscience. I'm sure it will be as well to sew for me and Harold as for old—Mr. Lawrence."

"But—"

"There, don't say a word. To-morrow I'll convince you by all the rules of logic that it would be barbarous cruelty to desert me, but now I am too sleepy. Goodsarge, for he bought a cottage for himself, and two others which he rented, one to the sisters, and a large handsome stone mansion, in process of erection, was soon known to be his future home. Having letters that made him at once influential in G. sisters, and a large handsome stone mansion, in process of erection, was soon known to be his future home. Having letters that made him at once influential in G—, he used that influence to procure music scholars for Helen, who bore the drudgery of sewing but badly, and himself kept Agnesbusy on the most equisite of shirts, collars, and cuffs, at large prices, but of the most claborate finish.

The music lesson over, Helen came again to her sister's side.

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"Don't, Nellie," said her sister Agnes, looking up from her sewing; "nicknames are intensely vulgar, and it pains me to lear our kind friend, indeed," said the beauty, saucily; "what has he ever given us but a such wonderful shirts, and so many handker diefs with his initials embroidered in the corner."

"O, Nellie, what should we have done the protections has care for us? Think how cheap "Aggie," A long pause—then, again:
"Aggie, is he in love with you?"

"Aggie, is of his new home, whose large rooms were furnished and ready for occupants, and he fancied her presence making the house a home, her taste adorning the rooms, her smile welcoming the master when he entered; and, less selfishly, he looked forward to the life of ease and rest he meant to offer her, restoring the bloom to her checks and the light to her eyes.

Same color. The guns looked rather acts of comparison with the light patterns recently adopted in Western armies, and were drawn by hempen instead of leathern traces. After a squadron of dark-visaged Cossacks, the Cuirassiers of the guard, with breast-plates and helmets, cantered past on chargers black as jet. As a peculiarity, it may be noticed that about one-third of the men call him blekbames any-more, it displeases you, and I shall soon be independent of his corps were armed with lances and to your question. He, so good and noble, and I shall soon be independent of his corps were armed with lances and to your question. He, so good and noble, and I shall soon be independent of his corps were armed with lances and to your question. He, so good and noble, and I-what am I?" and she touched the shoulder that rose some inches above its servant handed in a small parcel.

The subscribers have made arrangements to have all their best stoves made to order, and those who would have a good stove would do well to go and examine their large and well selected stock.

First. They defy competition on the following tried Brands of Cook Stoves, viz:

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You would scarcely have supposed the tried Brands of Cook Stoves, viz:

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Upon being opened, it was found to contain a set of diamonds of exquisite purity, believed the cannot expect youth and beauty too of the eyes. me; see, my name is on the card inside. with dark green orange, and the letter "A" But"—and, as she read her little note, her in the corners. Others had blue, red, and "Harold?"

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"There, don't look ast yellow, white and blue pennons, and saddle cloths, trimmed with orange. Then came a body of Caucasian horse, with small round black caps, and a musket carefully wrapped in felt slung behind their backs.— More cavalry, more artillery, with every variety of facings and distinctions, brought up the rear. When the stream of armed men at last ceased to flow, the Emperor, with the princes and suite, left the square to lunch in a palace adjoining the British Embassy. The troops had all marched off to quarters, and the restrictions which had hitherto prevented the people from approaching the hallowed person of their Bovereign being now removed, they rushed up to him, and taking off their caps, broke into enthusiastic cries of greeting and blessing. Though a brief, it was a tumultuous scene, and one that must have gratified the heart of every loyal Russian.

Two cadets at West Point, previous to the rebellion, received checks on the United States Tressury, which in their haste to join the rebel ranks, they failed to present. Recently they presented them at the Trea-sury, but Secretary Stanton ordered that payment be refused, and the amount returned to the appropriation from which drawn Served them right.

A deed of trust issued for the Indianapolis, Jeffersonville and Madison Railroad Company required three thousand dollars A nice young man went into a gambling house in Bresham, Texas, and after losing

all his money, jewelry, etc., staked his clothes, and finally walked out of the den a l'Adam before the fall. RECIPES, &c.

DROP CAKES .- One and a half teacups sour milk, half a tescup cream, salt, one tes-spoon saleratus; stir quick with flour, and drop in a buttered dripping pan. BAKED BEANS WITHOUT PORK .- Excellent in taste, easily digested, good for dyspeptics, free from swinish flavors. Soak a

uart of beans in water over night; draw

the water away; boil in clean water until soft; put in a baking dish with a lump of butter the size of an egg; salt and pepper. and bake as usual. and bake as usual.

CHEAP BUCKWHEAT CAMES.—Take two pints of fresh buckwheat flour and a pint of sifted corn-meal, mix with milk to a thin batter, and one tablespoonful of fine sait and two tablespoonfuls of brewers yeast, or an equivalent in other yeast. Leave the whole in a stone jar or in a warm place to rise over night. In the morning add a teaspoonful of hot water, then bake immediately.

Years An experienced housekeeper.

YEAST.—An experienced bousekeeper, writing to the Country Gentleman, gives the following receipt for making yeast: Nine pints of water, six good-sized potatoes, one teacupful of hops, (pressed down;) tie the hops in a small bag; boil all together until the potatoes are done; then mash very fine; one teacupful white or coffes augar; one teacupful of flour; mix with the potatoes; be careful to have no lumps; then pour on the hop water; boil all together a few moments; stir well to keep from scorching, (as that would spoil the taste of the bread;) pour into a stone jar; when blood warm put in a pint of yeast; let it stand in a warm place twenty-four hours, stirring occasionally; then put in a cool, dry place; it is ready for use. Set the sponge for your bread just as with other yeasts; one teacupful will make four good-sized loaves of bread. Stir the yeast well before using. I have used this receipt for several years, and have never known it to fail when my flour YEAST .- An experienced bousekeeper, have pover known it to fail when my

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