

STORIES OF THE DAY.

A GOOD PLAIN WASH. An amusing anecdote is told by an old inhabitant of Kinderhook, of Thomas H. Benton when he was one of those famous dinner parties for which "Lindenwald" was noted in its palmy days.

The English Language-Good Enough.

"If Brudder Shindig Watkins am in de hall to-night he will please step dis way," said Brother Gardner, as everybody except Bed-Rock Taylor drew in his feet and ceased coughing.

Voudouism.

Ten years ago Voudou dances were of common occurrence in the lower part of Louisiana. A mysterious whisper would circulate from one cabin on the cotton and sugar plantations to another, and on a certain evening a crowd of colored people would be found congregated in a lonely place on the bayou.

Potatoes.

Potatoes are three-fourths water. The solid matter consists largely of starch, with a small quantity of albumen and mineral matter held in solution in the juice.

COMPARATIVE WORTH OF BAKING POWDERS.

Table listing various baking powder brands and their comparative worth. Brands include ROYAL, GRANT'S, RUMFORD'S, HAMPFORD'S, REDHEAD'S, CHARM, AMAZON, CLEVELAND, PIONEER, CZAR, DR. PRICE'S, SNOW FLAKE, LEWIS', FEARL, HECKER'S, GILLET'S, ANDREWS & CO., BULK POWDER, and RUMFORD'S (solid not fresh).

REPORTS OF GOVERNMENT CHEMISTS.

As to Purity and Wholesomeness of the Royal Baking Powder. "I have tested a package of Royal Baking Powder, which I purchased in the open market, and find it composed of pure and wholesome ingredients. It is a cream of tartar powder of high degree of merit, and does not contain either alum or phosphates, or other injurious substances."

SPARROWS BEING CROSS.

Sparrows may be cross, unamiable little brutes, but they are intelligent enough to know on which side their bread is buttered. The other morning a lady was waked by a mournful noise, and looking up from her pillow, beheld two sparrows on the sill of the window.

A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

One day my housecat rushed into my room having in its mouth a sparrow caught in the neighboring garden. Scarcely had Pass entered the room when she let the bird free, and gently looked on the performance with breathless interest, and finally with the satisfaction of seeing the fatted burglar fly away with the spoils, closely followed by his pal.

Some Foolish People.

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, Oh it will wear away, but in most cases it wears them away. Successful in medicine called Kemp's Balm, which was sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose.

A Pennyless Man.

Blessed is the man who is pennyless, for he isn't ever sukked—for a dollar. The deadhead annoyeth him not, neither is he pursued by the book agent. He hath no friend to 'treat,' he is poor and hath no enemies.

SPRING FEVER.

Advertisement for Spring Fever medicine. Includes text: "At this season every one is liable to suffer from Spring Fever. It is a nervous ailment, and is characterized by a general debility, and a feeling of languor, and is attended with a variety of symptoms."

Rough on Coughs.

Advertisement for Rough on Coughs. Includes text: "Rough on Coughs, for Croup, Whooping Cough, Hoarseness, Tracheitis, Laryngitis, etc. It is a sure cure for all these ailments."

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