

RURAL LIFE IN CEYLON.

A Planter's Experience—Not Hard Work—The Botherome Porcupine.

A young planter from the slope of "The Knuckles" lately gave me the pleasure of his company. The Knuckles, 1,000 feet high, are thus named because from a distant point, my verandah, for instance, the ridge appears to be a row of regular peaks which shape the horizon like the knuckles of a human fist.

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I "gold, silver or nickel plate anything from a lady's pin to a brass watch," said a plating mechanic to a reporter. "Gold plating is cheap nowadays, as compared with former years."

I can so heavily plate a watch that acid won't touch it," said the plater. "Bugs or heavily plated watches are frequently palmed off by unscrupulous jewelers on customers. Confidence men often find a plated watch a means of earning a dollar when times are dull.

In making a large hole in a cork with a cork-borer or another instrument the danger of splitting can be avoided by wrapping the cork tightly with twine.

HOUSEHOLD.

ORANGE SALAD.—(1) Peel half a dozen oranges, cut them in slices a quarter of an inch thick, remove the pulp and the pith in the center of each slice; put these in a glass dish with juice produced in the process of peeling; and the thin yellow rind of one orange; strewn plenty of powdered loaf sugar over; and keep them covered till wanted. At the time of serving arrange the slices in a glass dish in a circle and overlapping each other; add a wineglassful of Cognac or of rum to the sirup left in the other dish, strain the whole over the salad and serve. Any kind of liquor, such as Maraschino, Curacao, etc., may be substituted for the Cognac or sherry may be used instead.

BLANQUET OF VEAL.—(1) Take three or four pounds of breast of veal and cut it up in pieces about the size of a nut; wash it in cold water; and put it in a saucpan with a couple of carrots, an onion and a head of celery cut into small pieces; add parsley, thyme bay leaves, cloves, pepper and salt; strew them plentifully over; take the tin rind of one orange, and infuse it in the juice of another with brandy or liquor, as above; at the time of serving strain over the oranges piled up on a glass dish.

CHICKEN CREAM (Creme de Fowl).—Take the white flesh of a fowl (such as a pullet) and pass it through a horsehair sieve; put it back into the mortar, and work into it the yolks of three eggs or four eggs and a gill of cream; flavor with pepper, salt and grated nutmeg, and mix with a little sherry. When the mixture is perfectly amalgamated butter a plain mold, arrange thin slices of truffles at the bottom and sides of it; press them on the butter, then put in the mixture, which should be about half full the mold. The piece of paper on the top, place the mold into a saucpan half filled with hot water, and steam it for an hour and a half.

STEWED APPLES WITH RICE.—Scrap out the cores and peel some fine russet apples, and stew them in milk and sugar. Boil some rice in milk with a pinch of salt, a few strips of lemon peel and a little nutmeg. Drain the rice and mix it with the apples. Leave on the fire until the rice is quite soft and has absorbed nearly all the milk, remove the lemon peel and place in a dish; arrange the stewed apples on the rice and set on the oven until it is a pretty golden color.

CREAM SHERBET.—One quart cream, three eggs, a teaspoon of vanilla extract, a dash of salt and six ounces pulverized sugar. Take the yolks of the eggs, beat them and mix them with the cream, adding the orange-flower water. Put the mixture over a gentle fire, and as soon as it commences to thicken move it, pour it out and stir in the sugar. Then set it aside, and when cool freeze the same as ice cream.

BAKED POTATOES.—Peel and slice very thin and then stand in cold water half an hour, which hardens them; then put in a pudding-dish with salt, pepper and one-half pint of milk; bake for an hour, then add a piece of butter the size of an egg.

FARM NOTES.

PACKING FRUIT FOR SHIPMENT.—Apples should be packed lightly, so as to prevent damage from moving about in the barrel. The barrels should be filled with clean straw, and be lined with one made for the purpose. The filling should be done on a floor or a platform of boards, and never on the ground.

HOW TO BUILD A CHEAP SILO.—Whatever cheapens the cost of the silo, or lessens the expense of filling it, will hasten the introduction of the method, especially upon the farms of those of moderate means. The important experiments of ensilage conducted at the Massachusetts Agricultural College have shown that a ball of farnes covered on the outside with matched boards, with a layer of tarred paper between them, is superior to any other method of construction.

It is a too common practice in many farmers' families to burn the feathers of fowls killed for the table, under the idea that they are not worth saving. Chicken feathers are of considerable value. They do not make so soft a bed as those of the goose or duck, but are superior for pillows where too much elasticity is not healthful or comfortable. They have, besides, to them, and are rich in ammonia. The coarse feathers should be thrown into the manure heap, where their decomposition will add largely to its value.

It is possible by putting potatoes in a cool place to keep a few over until the second year, but it will not pay nor be practicable on a large scale. Even if potatoes are kept for a long time, there is considerable loss of weight from drying out, and the second spring, if left so long, they are scarcely fit for either planting or eating. We are practically dependent each year on our seed potatoes, and the crop grown the previous year.

IT IS cheaper to clean out the poultry house every day than to allow the droppings to accumulate. It is well to clean out the house, as labor is lost in the depreciation of the droppings.

AN excellent practical farmer remarked a year or two ago that he considered a good clover seedling worth \$11 to \$15 an acre, but more than the profit of any grain crop. It can be had when grain is sown by the outlay of \$1.55 to \$1.60 per acre in six months without interfering with other crops.

A CLOCK THAT IS WATCHED.

One Chronometer Gazed at by 7,500,000 People Every Year.

"Do you see that chronometer?" asked one of Broadway's well-known watchmakers, pointing to a small, burly, bearded man, who was sitting in his show window ticking as competently as if the work wasn't rushing around in space at break-neck speed.

"As the proof of the pudding is the eating thereof," so the Broadway jeweler's figuring is the proof of his statement. Here it is: Forty multiplied by 10 for a day, it makes 2,500; Now, the chronometer is only visible, according to his count, for 6 days in the week; the result of a day was multiplied by 6, giving a total of 15,000; and every week, multiplying it by the 52 weeks which constitute a year, with a liberal allowance for holidays, the jeweler held up the result triumphantly—7,500,000 people.

Of these he estimated fully 6,000,000 were men. "And among men as curious about the time of day as women?" "No, I have found it otherwise. Few women care if their watches are within ten seconds or ten minutes of the time. It is something they don't care to think of, but with men it's different—they watch every moment."

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Hood's Sarsaparilla

Combines, in a manner peculiar to itself, the best blood-purifying and strengthening remedies of the vegetable kingdom. You will find this wonderful remedy effective where other medicines have failed. Try it now. It will purify your blood, regulate the digestion, and give new life and vigor to the entire body.

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"How is that old family feud of yours with the Smith family coming on?" asked one Kentucky citizen of another. "It's all gone our way. I'm left, you see, and part of brother Jim is still on earth, but it goes about on crutches. Father, you know, perished out over two weeks ago, and he's in his heart, and uncle Robert is up at the hospital, doing as well as can be expected for a man who hasn't got any nose."

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Superstitions Pertaining to Clothing.

An old superstition pertaining to clothing is that before putting on new clothes a sum of money must be placed in the right-hand pocket which will insure its always being full. If, by mischance, it is put in the left-hand pocket, the wearer will never have a penny as long as the clothes last.

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St. Bernard Vegetable Pills.

Warranted Purely Vegetable. The best cure for Liver and Bile, Biliousness, Constipation, Headache, Indigestion and Depression. As a Family Remedy, it is unequalled. No Family should be without it.

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Radway's Ready Relief

It is the most effective remedy for all kinds of pain, including rheumatism, neuralgia, and headache.

PAIN REMEDY. The quantity of each dose should be regulated according to the nature and extent of the case. No more than two or three doses should be taken.

NO LADY IS REALLY BEAUTIFUL Without a Clear, White Complexion. The following beverage is soothing if taken just before going to bed by the person troubled with a cough.

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