

CHOICE RECIPES.

LOVERS' VOWS.—An ounce and a half of sweet almonds, an ounce and a half of bitter almonds beaten up into a paste, with a little brandy, to prevent it oiling; one pound of lump sugar, the rind of one lemon, and a little of the juice, also, the whites of two eggs. Bake in pieces the size of a walnut, on white paper. When baked, they will be hollow.

WEDDING CAKE.—Take three lbs. of butter, four and a half pounds of flour, three pounds of sugar, six pounds of candied lemon, half a pound of almonds, half a pound of citron, thirty eggs, a pint of brandy, and a pint of milk. Beat the butter in a pan until it is like thick cream, but be sure not to make it too hot; then add the eggs by degrees, till they are quite light. Next beat in half the flour; then put the milk and brandy in. Grate the rinds of six lemons, and then put in the rest of the flour, candied lemon-peel, almonds and half an ounce of mixed spices, such as cloves, mace, cinnamon, nutmeg, and allspice, beaten and sifted through a fine sieve. If you bake the whole in one cake, it will take three hours and a half; it must not be baked too quickly.

MATRIMONY TART.—Pare and core about a dozen nice-sized apples; put them in a sauce-pan with a little water to keep them from burning; boil them until you can pulp them, (but do not forget to frequently stir them); then add a quarter of a pound of currants, two ounces of candied peel, and enough sugar to sweeten it nicely; if liked, also a little grated nutmeg. Pour this mixture into a large tart-tin or dish that has previously been lined with a thin paste. Then roll out another piece the same size and thickness, which place over the top; press the edges together all round, make a hole in the center the same as for mince-pies, and bake.

HIRING HORSES.—It has been decided that when a horse or carriage is let out for hire, for the purpose of performing a particular journey, the party letting warrants the horse and carriage fit and competent for such a journey. If the hirer treats the horse or carriage as any prudent man would do, he is not answerable for any damage that either may receive. But he must use the horse for the purpose for which he hired him. For instance, a horse hired for saddle must not be used in harness. If the hirer violates this express condition of the contract, he is liable for any damage that may occur. If the horse is stolen through the hirer's negligence, such as leaving the stable door open all night, he must answer for it. But if he is robbed of it by highwaymen, when traveling the usual road at usual hours, he cannot be held for damages. As these questions are frequently in dispute, it is not out of place to shed a little light upon them.—*Turf, Field and Farm.*

STINGS FROM INSECTS.—After being stung by a wasp or bee, the first thing to be done is to remove the sting. This may be done with a pair of small tweezers, or the sides of the wound pressed with a small key, so it may be squeezed out. Then apply to it immediately spirits of camphor, sal volatile or turpentine, or failing these, rub it with a little common salt, or a little moist tobacco or snuff. If a wasp or a bee stings the throat, a little turpentine should be immediately swallowed. If the place swells very much and looks inflamed, it should be bathed in arnica, or have a hot white-bread poultice laid upon it. The arnica may be made by mixing twenty drops of the pure tincture with half a tumblerful of water.

Judge Wilkens, of Toledo, has rendered a decision of interest to turfmen, at least in the Dominion. Proceedings had been instituted against the management of the race meeting at Oshawa for the recovery of a purse claimed to have been won in the two-mile dash by Passion. The horses were started by flags, but the judge rang the bell for a recall. The rider of Passion, knowing it to be the case, went over the course and claimed the money, maintaining that the starters having dropped the flags, the judge had no right to interfere. Judge Wilkens gave his decision in favor of Passion.

DRILLING VS. BROADCAST SEEDING.—According to statistics from the Department of Agriculture, at Washington, two acres out of one hundred in wheat in California are put in by drilling, in Oregon there are 19 acres, in New York, Indiana, and Michigan, each 50, in Ohio 70, and in Pennsylvania and Illinois each 70 acres. The gain by drilling, as compared with broadcast sowing, is put down for the Eastern States mentioned at from one-tenth to one-fifth.

AMATEUR NAVIGATION.—It is said by one who professes to have kept count, that since the middle of June, the commencement of the boating season, and up to August 1st, that no less than 187 cases have been reported of accidental drowning in the United States, from vessels of various kinds. Of these, thirty-five were by the capsizing of pleasure parties in small boats on rivers and small lakes.

Love one human being with warmth and purity, and thou wilt love the world. The heart in that celestial sphere of love is like the sun in its course. From the drop in the rose to the ocean, all is for him a mirror, which he fills and brightens.

The Stratford-on-Avon Town Council decided, by majority of one, to discontinue the ringing of the curfew bell. There was strong opposition to the proposal to discontinue this ancient custom.

CULTIVATION IN SEASON.—With a press of work, often the cultivation of a hoed crop is put off until the weeds have attained a considerable size, even so as to overshadow the crop. This is a mistake. Every weed not destroyed is sapping the ground of the nutriment that is just in the best condition for the growing plant, but if the weed is destroyed as it comes out of the ground it has, as yet, only taken its nutriment from its own seed.

Again, a single motion, when weeds are tiny, will destroy hundreds, where, if allowed to grow a while longer, each individual specimen will require the same effort. Here is where the stroke in time saves ninety-nine or more. This is most emphatically true in the growth of onions, beets and other crops closely sown, which require hand work entirely. In case of potatoes the plan of harrowing after planting and before they are far advanced in growth is growing fast in favor. This allows the crop to have a good start of the weeds, and the potatoes are not in the least injured by the harrow.—*Detroit Free Press.*

TREES AS ARRESTERS OF INSECTS.—The President of the Scottish Arboreal Society, in his inaugural address at its late session, called attention to a matter which, if correct, will be of interest to those of our readers in the districts liable to be infested by the Western locust pest. In the address allusion was made to the beneficial effects of the maintenance of a due proportion of forest land in every country, from the shelter it gives, in spring and protection from high winds, as well as to the common belief that malaria and flights of locusts and noxious insects, etc., are often arrested by belts of forest. He then proceeded to sketch the evils that have followed the reckless cutting down of indigenous wood in many countries, where only when it was too late, have measures been adopted for preserving forests. He urged the necessity of prudence and caution in all operations, which, in a large scale, interfere with the primordial arrangements of the organic and inorganic world.

"BISHOPING" HORSES.—The *Rural World* describes this fraud, which consists in operating on the teeth of an old horse with a rasp or file, so as to make them resemble the teeth of a young horse. As the horse grows old the gums shrink away, making the teeth look long—one of the best evidences of old age. The horse's mouth is opened and an instrument put in so he cannot close it, and the head is tied up high and the bishop rasps down the teeth to about the length of those of a young horse. Sometimes the indentations in the teeth are also made so as to resemble those of a horse six or seven years old, and horses have even been taken by government inspectors, thus operated upon, without detection. The name, we presume, comes from a man by the name of Bishop, who probably introduced the practice. The operation is only carried on in our large cities by sharpers.

COOLING THE BODY SUDDENLY.—*Science of Health* says: "If farmers would avoid suddenly cooling the body, after great exertion, if they would be careful not to go with wet clothing and wet feet, and if they would not overeat when in an exhausted condition, and bathe daily, using much friction, they would have less rheumatism." This plan applies with less pertinence to farmers than any other class, since the fact that they are in the open air, and perspiring freely, tends to keep them cool, added to this the exercise taken from the field to the house, cools the system more or less perfectly.

The exhibition of sheep at the International Live Stock Show will be the grandest ever held at any International Exhibition. The display from Canada and England will be the pick from their flocks—the first named sending one hundred and fifty head, and England over two hundred. These comprise some of the most noted animals in Great Britain, including all the prize ewes and some of the prize rams of Lord Walsingham, who took all the first prizes in his class at the late Royal Agricultural Show.

The "National Ode," read in Independence Square on the Fourth of July, appeared in German in the *Neue Presse* of Vienna, and the *Volkzeitung* of Berlin, on the morning of the 5th. The translation was made by Adolf Strodman—the author of the "Life of Heine," and, since Freiligrath's death, the best translator of English poetry into German—who had applied to Mr. Taylor for an advance copy of the Ode.

A RIVER OF INK.—In Algeria there is a river of genuine ink. It is formed by the union of two streams, one coming from a region of ferruginous soil, the other draining a peat swamp. The water of the former is strongly impregnated with iron, that of the latter with gallic acid. When the two waters mingle the acid of the one unites with the iron of the other, forming a true ink.

A writer in the London Daily News says: "It is not, unfortunately, generally known that in the case of fire in buildings containing horses, if the harnesses are merely put on, however roughly, the horses will quit their stables without difficulty. A knowledge of this fact may be the means of saving many a valuable animal from a horrible death."

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