

HOUSEHOLD BREVITIES.

Half a teaspoonful of sugar will nearly always revive a dying fire, and, unlike the few drops of coal oil which servants are so fond of using and which have caused so many sad accidents, is perfectly safe.

To cook summer squash, wash clean and peel or not as you choose, but cut open and take out most of the seeds, and cook in hot water. When done skim into a pan, and with a plate squeeze as dry as you can, season with plenty of butter and little salt.—The House-keeper.

Orange Float.—One quart of water and the juice of two lemons, one cupful of sugar, let this boil and add three tablespoonfuls of corn-starch mixed smooth, stir until the mixture has boiled ten minutes, let it become cold, then pour it over four or five oranges sliced, cover the tops with the beaten whites of three eggs sweetened and flavored with vanilla.

Rhubarb Tapioca Pudding.—Soak a cup of tapioca over night, and cook in water till perfectly smooth, and of the consistency of warm blanc mange. Put uncooked rhubarb in the bottom of a pudding dish, plenty of it, sweeten lavishly, and pour over this the cooked tapioca, cover and bake in the oven for thirty-five or forty minutes, or until the rhubarb is done.—The Householder.

In washing all body linen, napsery and bed linen the practice of soaking them for some hours in water in which borax has been dissolved is a good one. Nor should clothing be boiled longer than fifteen or twenty minutes at most. None but the best soaps ought to be used in any kind of washing, and after clothing has been rubbed in the first water, and put loosely into the boiler, with plenty of water to scald it in, it should not require rubbing again in the sudsing water.

Match Scratcher.—Take a piece of ribbon three inches wide and seven long. Fasten narrow ribbon at the top to hang up and fringe out the lower edge to the depth of one inch. Just above the fringe fasten a piece of sand paper one and a half inches wide and three inches long. At the top fasten another piece one-half inch in width. Between these two pieces of sand paper, outline on the ribbon with gold tinsel or silk the words "Matches and Scratches."—The Home.

Horseshod Sauce.—Mix two or three heaping tablespoonfuls of fresh grated horseradish with twice as much sweet cream. Salt it lightly and stir in an equal number of dessertspoonfuls of vinegar with a teaspoonful of sugar. Add a little pepper-sauce or cayenne if very hot sauces are liked. This sauce is good either hot or cold. If preferred hot, it must be warmed in a double boiler, to insure care that it does not boil or it will curdle. It is especially good with roast beef, either hot or cold.

THE FIGURE CRANK.

He Tells Some Very Interesting Things About the Number 7.

"Did you ever consider how prominent a part the figure 7 plays in the history of the world? I dare say you have not." The speaker was a well known insurance man, who is known as a "crank on figures," and he was addressing a World reporter. "It is remarkable," he continued, "and if you will jot down what I tell you about the numeral 7 I dare say you will find it very interesting. In the first place when God made the world He rested on the seventh day. There are 7 days in the week; there are 7 letters in the name of Jehovah. We all know of the 7 fat and 7 lean kine; the 7 years of plenty and the 7 years of famine; the 7 fruitful ears of corn and the 7 barren ears. Jacob served 7 years for Rachel, was cheated with Leah, and waited 7 years for his reward. Laban, his father-in-law, followed Jacob for 7 days, and when Jacob died Joseph lamented 7 days. At the siege of Jericho 7 priests with 7 trumpets went around the city, and at the seventh blast the walls fell. Seven times ten Hebrew scholars translated the Old Testament into Greek for the Alexandrian library. When Peter asked: 'Lord how many times must I forgive my brother; is it enough? 7 times?' Jesus replied: 'I say unto you not 7, but 70 times 7.'"

"A just man falls 7 times and rises up again," says the proverb. There are 7 attributes of the Almighty, 7 gifts of the Holy Ghost, 7 psalms of penance, 7 supplications in the Lord's prayer; the Catholic Church has 7 sacraments; there are 7 wounds on Christ on the cross. In Revelations there are 7 angels with 7 chalices filled with divine wrath; also 7 lamps with 7 flames are there mentioned. Rome is built on 7 hills, as are also Constantinople, Nuremberg, Hamburg and Lisbon. We all know of the 7 'sleepers,' the 7 youthful Christian martyrs, who escaped to a cave near Ephesus, fell asleep and slumbered for two centuries.

"There are seven wonders of the world, 7 wise men of Greece; Mohammed had 7 heavens in his paradise; during the 7 years' war under Frederick II. history mentions 7 very important battles; the war in Spain between the Carlists and Christians lasted 7 years; the Franco-Prussian war lasted 7 months, and the 7th Regiment was the first to distinguish itself, and here in New York the 7th Regiment is the crack militia body. Ancient Thebes, also Athens, Bagdad and Morocco each had 7 gates; 7 cities claimed the honor of being Homer's birthplace; there were 7 steps to the tomb of Darius, the Persian King, and 7 steps to the throne of Solomon.

"The human head has 7 openings, the River Nile 7 mouths, there are 7 Canary Islands, 7 Ionian Islands, 7 colors in the rainbow, 7 tones to a musical scale, 7 precious metals, 7 stars in the constellation of Pleiades; there are 7 cardinal virtues; the entrance to the celebrated dome at Cologne has 7 pillars set up on 7 pedestals, surmounted by 7 statues.

"You don't get a point at all until you have seven tricks. John L. Sullivan won the pugilistic championship from Paddy Ryan on the 7th day of February and left New Orleans for his fight with Kilrain on the 7th of July, and 7-11-7 was the death signal of the Montana Vigilantes. That is all I can think of at present, but I think it will show that 7 is the most prominent of all numerals."—N. Y. World.

WHAT THE DRUGGISTS SAY.

MARCH 24, 1880.

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ONE BIRD'S NAMES.

Titles By Which the Erimaturia Rubida Is Known in This Country.

People who have never made a study of any branch of natural history often speak sarcastically of the Latin names by which plants, butterflies and other natural objects are called in scientific works. They can not see why our New England "Mayflower" should not be called by that pretty vernacular name rather than by the less pleasing foreign name, *Epigona repens*. Not to speak of other reasons, however, it is apparent that for the purposes of science it is necessary to have names which are not mere local nicknames, as it were, but names that are recognized among students of the world over.

As an example of a confusing variety of local names applied to the same bird we may take the case of one of our small ducks. Its "book name" is the ruddy duck, and in scientific language it is called *Erimaturia rubida*. The first or generic name, *Erimaturia*, is a Greek compound, of which the first half means a prop and the second half a tail, that is to say, the bird has a stiff tail. The second or specific name, *rubida*, means reddish or ruddy.

The duck is well known to gunners, and for that reason has a superabundance of what we have called local nicknames, many of which are applied indiscriminately to this and other species. Along the New England shore it goes at different points by the following titles: Blue-bill, Broad-bill, Broad-bill dipper, Hard-headed broad-bill, Dipper, Dopper, Dapper, Humble-bee coot, Creek coot, Spoon-bill, Sleepy-head, Goose widgeon, Tough-head and Booby. This ought to be sufficiently confusing, but as we pass south of New England we find a superabundance of other names: Mud-dipper, Butter-bill, Butter-duck, Butter-bowl, Batter-scoot, Blather-scoot, Blather-skite, Sleepy brother, Bull-neck, Booby-foot, Salt-water teal, Brown-diving teal, Stiff-tail, Quill-tail coot, Pin-tail, Bristle-tail, Stuck-tail, Spine-tail, Dip-tail diver, Dun-bird, Hickory-head, Greaser, Water-pa-trick, Steel-head, Hook, Paddy, Noddy, Light-wood knot, Paddy-whack, Leather-back, Dumping-duck, Hard-tack, and many more.

It will be noticed that many of these names are based upon the same character as the generic scientific name—that is, upon the stiffness of the tail feathers. Many others have to do with the hardness of the bird's head, and the difficulty of killing it. As Mr. Gurdon Trumbull says, in the book from which we have taken these names: "To put shot into a Ruddy is one thing, to kill him is quite another matter."

This ability to stand fire, or as the gunners say, "to carry away shot," is happily indicated by a name applied to the bird at the West—Shot-pouch.

The goodness of the ruddy duck's flesh may be gathered from such a name as Butter-bill. There is another species which is more commonly known by this name; but its flesh is less savory, and Mr. Trumbull suggests that it might be called Oleanargarine-bill to avoid confusion!

Evidently the ruddy duck is looked upon as in some respects a foolish creature with some comical aspects. Hence we have names like Sleepy-head, Fool-duck, Booby and Stub-and-twist.

A Wilmington gunner called him Dickey—a perversion of the common name Dinky. "Don't you know," said the man to Mr. Trumbull, "how, when they start, they go *dickey, dickey, dickey*, patting the water with their wings and feet?" Many of these vernacular names are interesting and more or less appropriate, but in view of their multiplicity, it is easy to see one of the reasons why scientific men find it necessary to name things for themselves rather than accept the names which the common people have given them.—Youth's Companion.

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