

Daily Democrat.

FREE LETTER DELIVERY IN CITIES.

The enormous growth of American cities the past few years greatly increases the labor and expense of the postoffice department, which by law is required to deliver at their doors the mail of persons living in cities and villages of a certain size. The expense of this free delivery is now a large part of the cost of maintaining the postoffice department. The Boston postmaster estimates that sixty additional carriers will be required to supply the increased population of the city with their mail facilities. All other cities are making similar demands, and if these are complied with, on the 1st of next July it will require 1000 additional letter-carriers in the cities of the whole country, and make the whole number 11,100. The appropriations for the postoffice department made by the last congress do not warrant this increase, but it did authorize the appointment of 450 additional. What congress says goes, and postmasters will be obliged to cut their cost according to the cloth rather than according to their own wishes. Possibly, if the present carriers, with 450 additional, cannot do the work required to deliver and collect mails, other people can be found to take their places who will cheerfully do so. It is possible, too, that his extra work will interfere with the letter-carriers taking a vacation on pay as they usually do in mid-summer. But in being obliged to work without a vacation they would be only in the same boat with more than half the community, who get rest only on nights and Sundays, with no vacation from one year's end to another.

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS

If troubled with headache, try the simultaneous application of hot water to the feet and back of the neck.
If a poison has been accidentally swallowed, instantly drink a pint of warm water in which has been stirred a teaspoonful of salt and one or two of mustard. A half-glass of sweet oil will render many poisons harmless.

A pallet-knife should be used to scrape pots and kettles.

To skin a fish—cut a thin narrow strip down the backbone, taking off the dorsal fin. Then open the lower part half-way down. Slip the knife under and up through the bony part of the gills, and hold this bony part between the thumb and finger, and strip the skin off toward the tail. Then do the same on the other side. Small fish, like mackerel and white-fish, when dressed for broiling, should be split through the back.

Many women complain that button shoes pain the feet more after a month's wear than they did when first put on. Examination will prove in these cases that by the stretching of the uppers the foot is allowed to slip forward, pain the toe and the side of the ball joint. By resetting the buttons judiciously the trouble is over come.

Numerous remedies have been prescribed for mosquito bites, but a German writer says that ordinary soap is as good as any of them. He always carries a small piece with him on his country excursions, and in case of a bite makes a lather over the affected part and allows it to dry on. The burning is at once relieved, and all pain soon disappears. Should it return, as sometimes happens; it is only necessary to repeat the application.

Fried fish is very good turned in salted flour, or salted egg and bread crumbs, and then put into boiling hot fat to get brown.

For stewed codfish, cut a small cod into three or four equal-sized pieces, wash them in salt and water, and put them into a kettle with no more water than will cling to them. Add a blade of mace, a wine-glassful of white cooking wine, and two tablespoonfuls of butter divided in halves, one of them having a scant tablespoonful of flour rubbed into it. And salt to taste, and a little white pepper (powdered) at the very last. Let it cook slowly and well covered for fifteen to twenty minutes, and serve the fish and sauce in the same dish. Zinc is best cleaned with hot, soapy water, then polished with kerosene.

If the hands are rubbed on a stick of celery after peeling onions the smell will be entirely removed. Or unions may be peeled under water without offense to eyes or hands.

Rain water, it is well known, is the best cosmetic. A good substitute is to let some orange, lemon or cucumber peel soak in water used to wash the face. This need not be especially prepared for every ablu-tion. Keep a wide-mouthed bottle or jar of it on your toilet stand and use daily for the face. It softens the skin and gives a becoming glow while healthfully stimulating the action of the skin.

Divers in the clear waters of the tropical seas find that fish of different colors when frightened do not all dart in the same direction, but that each different kind takes shelter in that portion of the submarine growth nearest in color to that of the fish.

During the past winter the earth of the village of Kirunjarwi, near Paja, Lapland, became suddenly very hot, the ice and snow melting immediately, and the application of one's hand to the earth was liable to result in an uncomfortably warm sensation.

Try Calumet Baking Powder, the purest on earth. C E BROWNELL.

The "centre of population" was marked by due civic proceedings, and the erection on the 10th inst. of a monument, fifteen feet high, of polished limestone, twenty miles east of Columbus, Decatur Co., Ind. The monument has the inscription, "Centre of the population of the United States." The following is the location of these centres each decade since 1790. In 1800, 18 miles west of Baltimore; in 1810, 45 miles northwest by west of Washington; in 1820, 16 miles north of Woodstock, Va.; in 1830, 19 miles west by southwest of Moorefield, W Va.; in 1840, 16 miles south of Clarksburg, W Va.; in 1850, 23 miles southeast of Petersburg, W Va.; in 1860, 20 miles southeast of Chillicothe, Ohio; in 1870, 48 miles east by north of Cincinnati, Ohio; in 1880, 8 miles west by south of Cincinnati, Ohio; in 1890, 20 miles east of Columbus, Ind.

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