The Chatham Record

FOR HOUSEKEEPERS.

Apple Jam.—Peel and core the apples, cut in thin slices and put them in a preserving kettle with three-quarters of a pound of white sugar to every pound of fruit; add (tied up in a piece of muslin) a few cloves, a small piece of ginger and a thin rind of lemon; stir with a wooden spoon on a quick fire for half an hour.

Delicate Cake.—Take half a pound of butter, one pound of sugar, one pound of flour, half a pint of sweet milk or water, four eggs. Beat the butter and sugar to a cream, then add the beaten eggs, then the milk or water, then the flour; mix all thoroughly and put the batter into your pan; sift fine sugar over the top, and bake immediately in a moderate oven.

Apple Jelly.—Slice the apples, skins, cores and all; put them in a stone jar with a small quantity of water to keep them from sticking; then place the jar in water and let them remain boiling until perfectly soft; then strain, and to one pint of the liquor add three-quarters of a pound of loaf sugar; boil and clear whites of two or three eggs beaten to a froth. When it jellies pour into the glasses to cool and seal them.

Feather Cake.—Beat to a cream one-half a cup of butter, add to it two of sugar and beat well together; one cup of milk with one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in it; beat well together; then add one cup of sifted flour with two teaspoonfuls of cream tartar previously rubbed into it; add next the well-beaten yolk of three eggs, beat the whites separately until stiff, add them and then two more cups of flour; beat well between each successive addition; butter two middle-sized tins, put in the cake and bake for twenty minutes or half an hour in a moderate oven.

Buttermilk Bread.—Two quarts of buttermilk, come to a boil, poured over two quarts of flour, stirring it rapidly, or it will be lumpy; then add cold water until it is thin enough (it should be as thin as it could be stirred); if it is not cool enough for the yeast by this time, set the pail in which it is in the water pail, stirring it all the while, which soon cools it. Then stir in the yeast which is already soaked, and empty it all in the bread pan, where the flour is already warmed, with a hole in the middle Then cover it tight, and set it where it will keep warm all night.

Scrap Pudding.—Put scraps of bread, crust and crumb, into a bowl, with sufficient milk to cover them well. Cover with a plate, and put it into the oven to soak for about half an hour. Take it out, and mash the bread with a fork till it is a pulp; then add a handful of raisins and as many currants, a teacupful of brown sugar, half a cup of milk, some candied lemon peel, and one egg. Stir it up well, grease a pudding-dish, and pour the pudding in. Grate over a little nutmeg, put it into a moderate oven, and let it bake for an hour and a half.

To Make Pumpkin Chips.—Peel a fine pumpkin, remove the seeds, cut it in pieces about four inches long, an inch wide, and about a quarter of an inch thick; weigh the chips, and use an equal quantity of sugar; use two lemons and one ounce of green ginger to every pound of fruit and sugar; pare off the yellow rind of the lemons very thin, and squeeze and strain the juice; put the pumpkin chips, lemon juice, and sugar together in an earthen vessel, and let them stand over night; the next day scald and scrape the ginger roots, and put it into a preserving kettle with the lemon rind, suger, and pumpkin; set the kettle over the fire, let the chips and sugar boil until the preserve is clear, which will be in about three quarters of an hour, but do not boil it until it is soft enough to break; when the preserve is clear, pour it with the syrup into a large earthen bowl or crock and let cool. It may then be put in tight glass jars, or tumblers, and sealed from the air.

Attacked by Hyenas.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Stanley Carl, the superintendent of the menagerie attached to Coup's circus, now at the Tredeger Works, narrowly escaped being torn to pieces by hyenas; nothing but his nerve and presence of mind saved him from a horrible death. The animals, it seems, began fighting among themselves, and Mr. Carl, in order to quiet them down, entered the cage with a club and attempted to separate them. The beasts stopped fighting and flew at the Superintendent, one of them seizing his hand and biting off a finger. Mr. Carl fought desperately with the club, knocking them down time and again, but it had very little effect upon them. He finally succeeded in getting hold of a pitch fork, and after repeatedly driving the sharp prongs into the animals kept them at bay, and ultimately worked his way to the door and succeeded in making his escape. One of the hyenas, it is said, will die of the wounds received. Mr. Carl's wounds are not to be considered fatal. His hands were badly lacerated.—These are terrible animals. Our readers will remember that in August last while the show was at Winchester, they attacked their keeper Mr. Charles Drayton, and he narrowly escaped being killed. Then again, in Charlotte, N. C., they attacked a man and injured him seriously.—Richmond State.

Do not trifle with the affection of a young girl; it is worse than trifling with a bad cold, for this can be cured by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Consolation for Democrats.

It was pretty close election after all—the one which elected Gen. Garfield to the Presidency. Nineteen States went Republican and nineteen went Democratic. In three of the States which went Republican and gave Garfield seventy-one Electoral votes, the combined Republican majority was less than 15,000. Four of the Territories were carried by the Democrats—Wyoming, Idaho, Arizona and Utah—and three by the Republicans—Dakota, Washington, and New Mexico. The new Senate will consist of seventy-six members, of whom thirty-seven will be Democrats, thirty-seven Republicans and two—David Davis and William Mahone—Independent Democrats. The House will be very close at the time of its organization, with a Republican majority of about a half a dozen at most, and very likely less. The popular vote as respects the two leading candidates for the Presidency, is almost equally divided, Garfield's apparent majority being something over 3,400—this out of a total of nearly 9,000,000 votes, not counting those cast for Gen. Weaver and other candidates. On the whole, we repeat, it was a pretty close shave. Although results are such that the Republicans appear to have got the largest share of the turkey, the Democrats have secured quite a slice of the white meat, which along with the crow, will answer quite satisfactorily until another election time rolls around.—Boston Post.

The Story of the Apple.

The origin of this very widely-growing fruit is known, though it has been cultivated time out of mind. As the apple is mentioned in the Bible, it is presumed to be a native of Palestine, although at present in Canaan and the surrounding region it is of no value. It is now imported into Egypt and Palestine from the neighborhood of Damascus. It was extensively raised by the Romans, albeit the Roman apple is thought by some to have been very different from the apple described in the Scriptures, Pliny says that his countrymen were acquainted with twenty-two varieties. America produces more than 200 varieties. The apple is very hardy. It grows on all soils free from excessive moisture, except those of a peaty or very sandy character. The tree is noted for longevity, often bearing fruit for 200 and 251 years—the finest kinds of apples coming from trees from fifty to eighty years old. The orchards of the republic occupy about 1,500,000 acres, and their product is worth some $16,000 000, most of the product being apples. American apples are the best in the world, and have a great reputation abroad, commanding large prices in Europe.

A Chinese Bed.

The most novel, as well as the cheapest bed, that we have ever heard of, is provided for beggars in China, and is thus described:

"In Pekin there was long since established a phalanstery, which in Chinese was termed "the House of Hen's Feathers.' This was a large building upon the floor of which was a thick layer of feathers, over which was spread one immense coverlet, provided with innumerable holes each large enough for a human head to pass through The lodgers—men, women and children—buried themselves indiscriminately in this mass of feathers; each thrusting his head through one of the holes, and each paying the value of a tenth of a cent for a night in this dormitory. In the morning the noise of a tam-tam afforded the signal for lifting the coverlet by a pulley suspended from the ceiling, and for starting the mendicants each upon his way."

A Bull Fight.

An eye witness relates a most terrific encounter between two wild bulls on Swift Creek islands in this county. Cattle roam at large in these swamps and grow fat on the luxuriant growth of reeds, their original owners never or seldom seeing them.

They are very wild and flee the presence of man.

Our relator was squirrel hunting when he heard the angry bellowing, a short distance away in the reeds.

Mounting the limbs of a stout tree he looked over the reeds and tussocks and saw a large brindle bull and a black one of the same size. Their horns were long and sharp and when their shaggy heads came together it resembled distant thunder. For a long time the equal contest waged, both working for vantage. The reeds and bushes were broken and mashed like straws. At last the black caught his chance and plunged his horns under the flank of his adversary, peeling the skin and evoking the note of defeat. The victor was too tired to inflict further injury and allowed his enemy to walk off. He says he never witnessed so fearful a fight.—Tarboro' Southerner.

The Chinese Giant.

The Chinese giant, Chang, who recently arrived in New York, is unquestionably the largest man in the world. He is gigantic. As he sat smiling and nodding his thoroughly Chinese face looked fully as broad as an ordinary man's shoulders, and as long, if not longer than a flour barrel. His cheek bones bulge out, and are large as a fullsized orange. He is 33 years old, is the son of a wealthy silk and tea merchant in Pekin, where he was born, is well educated, speaks, reads and writes English, German, French, Italian and Spanish, and is thoroughly courteous and gentlemanly. He is quite nine feet high. He has a number of presents given him by crowned heads, among them a watch given him by Queen Victoria, which weighs two pounds and a half and has a chain nine feet long which barely reaches round his neck and down to his vest pocket.

Horrible Murder.

A Mr. Canaday in Clarendon county S. C. left his house in charge of his wife with a small child while he went over to the house of his father-in-law, near by. When he returned he found his wife lying dead at the gate, the top of her head having been knocked completely off. A mob of one hundred indignant citizens soon after arrested three negroes—a man a woman, and a boy—charged with the crime, who subsequently made a full confession. The man struck the deceased the first blow on the back of the neck with a hoe. She begged for her life offering them all the money she had ($10) to spare her. The negro woman cursed Mrs. Canaday and told her that she was going to kill her, whereupon she struck the defenceless woman the death blow. Their intention was to rob the house. The murderers were hung by the mob to the nearest tree.—Wilmington Star.

Oxen.

A yoke of oxen is always profitable on the farm. It matters not how many horse teams there are, oxen are the best for certain kinds of work. A good ox should have a long, lean face, and bright, hazel eyes, which show a capability to receive instruction and a disposition to obey it. Large nostrils denote the capability of the ox to work on a hot day. Very large horns at the base denotes laziness. Full breast, straight back, wide ribs—by which is meant the ribs that round out nearly as wide as the hip bones—and wide gambrils, are evidences of strength. Straight knees, broad toes, pointing straight forward, show an ox that can travel on a hard road, or pavement. They should be well matched, especially in disposition and speed.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Divorced and Re-married.

Dr. J. Burr Williams was married to Miss Sarah Black the second time, at Shelbyville, Ind., recently. They were married eight or ten years ago and lived together until within a year or two, when they separated and were divorced, Mrs. Black having the custody of their child, a little girl six or seven years. Since then he married another lady, who died almost before the honeymoon was over, and finding that it was better that his family should live together than to be strangers to each other, he proposed the second time, was accepted, and last night, before their friends were aware that old differences had been forgiven and forgotten, they were married.

Quick Work.

The President's message was put into the hands of the compositors of the Baltimore Sun at two o'clock Monday afternoon, and the entire seven and a half columns were set up and in the hands of the pressman in exactly one hour. Sixty-four men were engaged on the work. Ten minutes after reaching the press-room the message was on the streets, and the large edition was quickly disposed of. Such achievements as these make us feel wonderfully small.—Raleigh Star.

The Methodists.

Reports at the recent Methodist Conference show that there are now in the Conference 244 local preachers, 66 146 white members, 220 colored members, infants baptized during the year 1,658, adults baptized 2,337, Sunday Schools 745, Sunday School Teachers 4,787, Scholars 28,993, number parsonages 79, number of Churches 794, valued at $753,510.

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A Baltimore clergyman recently preach on the subject, "Why was Lazarus a beggar?" We suppose because he didn't advertise.—Burlington Hawkeye.

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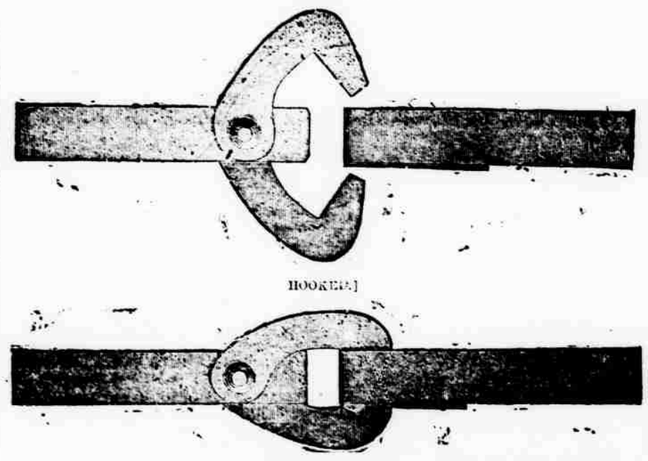

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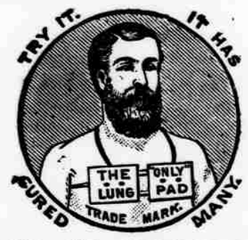

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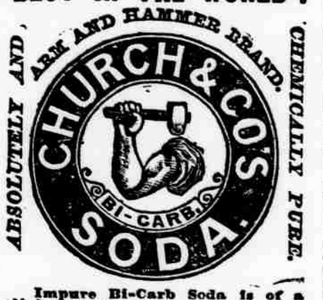

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