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Common Measures.

For Tobacco Growers.
During the prevalence of damp weather we would advise tobacco growers to keep their tobacco sheds well closed, since excessive dampness serves to darken the color of the leaf. The prevailing fashion in cigars demands light leaf and light colors. The thrifty grower catches to the demand of the hour and profits thereby. Though our market reports show that many tobacco crops are completely cured and some stripping done, yet it is too early to do much in the way of stripping. The leaf is apt to heat and color badly. Every grower who puts his crop in bundles should wrap the same in paper.—Chemung Valley Reporter.

There are professors and students of both sexes at Oberlin college, the fall term of which has just begun.

Last year 55 persons presented themselves voluntarily at the Scotch Lunatic Asylums and asked for treatment.

The Carbondale Leader claims that that town, with 12,000 inhabitants, drinks 1,200 kegs of intoxicants in a month.

Rumors are extant to the effect that the Hon. Professor James Russell Lowell will never forsake his native land again.

The new Princess Hatzfeldt it seems is not the railway magnate's own daughter, but his daughter by adoption. Her real father was a grocer and it is said that on this account she cannot be received at court with her husband.

An investigation into the cause of the numerous cases of typhoid fever in Quebec, has led to the discovery that the disease has been propagated by the use of milk purchased from milkmen whose cans were washed in water from an impure well.

A Nebraska miller put a sign on the safe in his office to the effect that it contained only seven cents, and advising robbers not to throw away their time, but they busted it the other night and got \$4,000 of the long green. Robbers should not be too ready to believe.

Grace Taylor, a Vermont girl of 20 summers, had a breach of promise case in court last week, and she swore to the exact number of kisses she had received each night for a year and a half. Ninety-three were recorded for one night, and never less than thirty-five. A girl cold-blooded enough to keep such a record should be made to go barefoot all winter.

Mrs Cleveland has gained considerable flesh since leaving the White House, and is a much healthier-looking woman, as a result of her summer outing, than the thin and rather sallow person who took up her abode in New York last spring. She has regained also something of her old brilliant color, and is more nearly like what she was as a girl bride.

Vacant Farms in Vermont.

The Vermont commissioner of agriculture, A. B. Valentine, of Bennington, has issued a statement noting in detail the location, characteristics and prices of the abandoned farming lands for which settlement is now sought. It is hoped that in this way the attention of individuals of small means, searching for comfortable and independent homes, may be attracted toward the State in a more definite way. The results presented are of the greatest interest and would be startling indeed had they not been in a degree discounted by the previous statements of the commissioner. It shows there are thousands of acres of farming lands which have been abandoned and can be bought for from \$1 to \$5 an acre.—Springfield Republican.

One of the best preparations for restoring furniture to its original freshness is a mixture of three parts of linseed oil and one part of turpentine. Dust the article to which it is to be applied, rub it on with a woolen cloth, and afterwards polish it with chamois. If you wish to varnish stained wood, you will find the following excellent: Dissolve four ounces of sandarac, one ounce of green mastic and four ounces of shellac in one pound of alcohol and add two ounces of turpentine.

It is always best to have a pair of scales in the house, but for those housekeepers who guess at the quantities when cooking by a recipe, the following table will come handy:

- One and one-third pints of powdered sugar weigh one pound.
- Two and three-fourths tea-cups level of powdered sugar weigh fourteen ounces.
- Two tea-cups level of granulated sugar weigh one pound.
- One pint of coffee "A" sugar weighs twelve ounces.
- Two tea-cups well heaped of coffee "A" sugar weighs one pound.
- One pint of best brown sugar weighs thirteen ounces.
- Two and one-half tea-cups level of best brown sugar weigh one pound.
- One tablespoon well heaped of granulated, coffee "A," or best brown sugar equals one ounce.
- Two tablespoons of powdered sugar or flour weigh one ounce.
- One tablespoon well rounded of soft butter weighs one ounce.
- One quart of sifted flour well heaped weighs one pound.
- Two tea-cups of butter well packed weigh one pound.
- Miss Parloa says one generous pint of liquid, one pint of finely chopped meat packed solidly, weighs one pound, which it would be very convenient to remember.
- Ten common-sized eggs weigh one pound.
- Teaspoons vary in size, and the new ones hold twice as much as the old-fashioned spoon of thirty years ago. A new medium-sized spoon contains about one drachm.
- Four teaspoons are equal to one tablespoon.—Kitchen.

Good Butter or Poor.

Shall we say it again and reiterate it as often as a reasonable regard for the temper of the reader will permit, that there is little or no money in dairying but in the best, and that there is no best where poor cattle, mean feed and general carelessness are found; that to produce the best butter and secure not only a ready market but the top of the market in the matter of price, we must have kindness with the cattle, cleanliness in handling the milk, skill in making the butter and the art of so putting it up as that it shall look just as good as it is, and be as good as it looks.

It is the poor butter that is a drug on the market; the wishy-washy, namby-pamby stuff that is neither good for its looks, taste, smell or condition; the oily, greasy, colorless, ill-conditioned stuff that no sensible person would look at, much less buy and take home to eat. It is the consistency, the color, and, perhaps, the absence of any flavor with oleomargarine that entitles it to a preference on the part of many buyers who are unfamiliar with pure butter that favors its selling. Farmers, then, who would make a success of butter making, must study the market and realize that the best only is wanted, and that mean butter has about the same value in the estimation of a good housekeeper as fish after they have been kept too long.

Lady Cake.

Blanch and pound four ounces of bitter almonds, add a few drops of rose water; beat a quarter of a pound of butter to a cream and add a pound of sugar, mix in the pounded almonds and beat hard, sift in flour to make a soft batter; beat the whites of fifteen eggs and stir in; if the batter is too thin, add a little more flour; flavor, pour in a buttered pan and bake an hour. Ice when cold.

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