

"A Little Fast."

A murder trial which is now in progress gives us a view of the habits and temptations of the lower middle classes of this country.

Hardly a week passes in which the daily papers do not give accounts of young girls who are missing from their homes.

We would not allude to this subject did we not know that the Companion enters thousands of homes of the very class in which these tragedies most frequently occur.

The Wrong Girl.

His name was Augustus Smythe; he was a clerk in a dry-goods store, and didn't earn enough to starve decently on, but with that sublime assurance which distinguishes the la-de-dah young man of the day, he was paying attention to the prettiest girl in Detroit.

Laura started, as he intended she should. Then he resumed, grandiloquently: "I want a dear little girl about your size, with a great big heart, just like yours, to share my lot."

"No, dearest, it is on Croghan Street; but what are localities to hearts that love? I want a girl who is good-tempered, smart, economical, and who loves me! Darling, do you know of such a one?"

"Yes, I do," responded Laura, fervently: "but you must not call me your angel, for she might not like it; she's in the kitchen now washing the dishes, and she told mother she'd just as leave get married this winter as live out, if she only felt able to support a husband."

"Oh, how beautiful!" murmured Laura: "just like a dear, self-sacrificing man!"

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HOME AND FARM.

At some time during the fall or winter give the thin spots in meadows and pastures an even coat of manure.

The yolk of a hard boiled egg cut in bits with a sharp knife makes a pleasing addition to the sauce made of butter, flour and water for baked or boiled fish.

A New York doctor declares that horses ought to be treated to fruit and sugar now and then, and he agrees with Rev. Mr. Spurgeon that above all, one day's rest in seven is important for them.

Baked Milk.—Put half a gallon of milk into a jar, and tie it down with writing-paper. Let it stand in a moderately warm oven about 8 or 10 hours.

Printer's Pudding.—One cup of sweet chopped fine, two eggs, three tablespoonfuls of sugar, one cup of milk, one cup of raisins, one cup of currants, one-half of a nutmeg, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and flour enough to make a batter. Boil for two hours.

Sweet potatoes require a temperature of at least sixty deg. for their preservation or they will decay very quickly. The place of storage should also be dry.

Snow Cream.—Beat the whites of five eggs to a stiff froth, add two large spoonfuls of fine white sugar, a large spoonful of rose water, or pine apple. Beat the whole well together and add a pint of thick cream.

Pickled Purple Cabbage.—Quarter the cabbage, lay in a wooden tray, sprinkle thickly with salt, and set in the cellar until the next day; drain off the brine, wipe dry, lay in the sun for two hours, and cover with cold vinegar for seasoning enough vinegar to cover the cabbage, with equal quantities of mace, cloves, whole white peppers, a cup of sugar to every gallon of vinegar, and a teaspoonful of celery seed for every pint; pack the cabbage in a stone jar; boil the vinegar and spices five minutes and pour on hot; cover and set away in a cool, dry place. This will be ripe in six weeks.

It has been generally supposed that Indian corn was so much of a tropical plant that Northern varieties, especially those large ones of the Mississippi Valley, would stand any reasonable amount of heat and drought both in the upper and lower cotton belts.

Draining Wheat Fields. If no other method has been devised for draining wheat fields, which are sometimes too wet, it will pay to plow furrows from the lowest spots to some still lower point outside.

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Nature has given us two ears, but only one mouth.

A MARYLAND exchange refers to Mr. Thos. G. Forward, of Belair, that State, who was cured by St. Jacobs Oil of rheumatism.

It kind of broke up the temperance man from down East when he went into the rooms of the Dead-Weight Total Abstinence Club to find the club believed in total abstinence from water.

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THE MARKETS.

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