

The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

We invite communication from all persons who are interested in matters properly belonging to this department.

Keep Borax in the House.

Having long used borax for various domestic and hygienic purposes, I have come to regard it as a necessity. House-keepers who do not use it have something yet to learn concerning a very convenient and useful article. In the laundry it is economical, as it saves both labor and soap, and is really cheaper than the latter. For blankets and other large articles it is especially valuable, and in all cases the use of a little borax will save half the labor when the articles are much soiled, while it is not injurious to clothes. It is perfectly effectual in driving away red ants, cockroaches, etc., if sprinkled around on pantry shelves, or put in small quantities on paper and placed in the runways of the insects.

Borax is also of great value for toilet use. For removing dandruff and cleaning the hair it is unequalled. It is also a good remedy for rough face and chapped hands. Its application to wounds, sores, bruises, sprains, etc., proves very salutary, and it is often the only remedy required, even in severe cases. Indeed, borax is one of the best remedies for many ailments in our whole hygiene, and for that reason alone should be kept ready for use when wanted. That prepared by Smith Brothers is the best, and can be obtained of almost any grocer or druggist. There are many other uses for borax which I need not specify, but those I have mentioned are alone enough to satisfy any family of the value of the article, and to all such, as well as those who do not understand its properties, I repeat, keep borax.

Arbutus in Winter.

When a student at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, the writer secured a root of Arbutus from an exposed bank in the latter days of February, set it in a pot in a sunny window, and, giving it ordinary care, in a few days the numerous buds began to open, and sent forth a mass of the well known, beautiful, fragrant blossoms, which held on, or were succeeded by others, for several weeks. These were a delicate reminder of the spring time coming, and a continuous delight to their owner. This beautiful flower can be had so easily, we wonder that it has not come into more general use as a winter flowering plant. No particular care need be exercised with it; quite severe cold does not destroy it. The only requirements are to get it, even from partially frozen ground as the writer once did, put in rich earth, place in a not too warm room, and enjoy its beauty.—Scientific Farmer.

Sweet Potato Pudding.

Take half a pound of sweet potatoes, wash them, and put them into a pot with a very little water, barely enough to keep them from burning. Let them simmer slowly for about half an hour; they must be only parboiled, otherwise they will be soft, and may make the pudding heavy. When they are done, take them out, peel them, and when cold, grate them. Stir together to a cream half a pound of butter and six ounces of powdered sugar; add a grated nutmeg, a large tea-spoonful of beaten mace, also the juice and grated peel of a lemon, a wine glass of rose-water, a glass of wine, and a glass of brandy. Stir these ingredients together. Beat eight eggs very light, and stir them into the mixture in turn with the sweet potato, a little at a time of each. Having stirred the whole very hard at the last, put it into a buttered dish and bake it three-quarters of an hour. Eat it cold.

Bicarbonate of soda, or common baking soda that is found almost in every household, is said to be a sure remedy for burns and scalds. The soda should be placed on the wound, and a cloth placed over the top of it. The cloth should be kept moist all the time. This treatment not only relieves the sufferer of all pain, but helps to cure the wound. The Boston Journal of Chemistry is authority for the above, and its well-known reputation should be sufficient guarantee that there is no hoax about the matter. Let every one remember this remedy and try it should they be burned or scalded.

Cream.

One pint of milk, one tablespoonful of corn starch, one egg. Sweeten and flavor to the taste. Let the cake get cold, but spread the cream on while warm.

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