

POETRY

A WATCH OF THE NIGHT
Italy, what of the night?
All I child, child, it is long.

MISCELLANY

HE ADVERTISED FOR A COOK AND GOT A GOOD WIFE.

He was a bachelor who kept house in a fine street in a fine city, both of which shall be nameless. One day he advertised for a cook. Twenty-five young women and ten old ones answered the advertisement.

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FLORENTINE NEEDLEWORK.

In his "Aridine Florentina," just published, Prof. Ruskin gives an interesting description of three pieces of Florentine needlework, which attracted his attention in the bedroom in which he slept in the King's Arms Hotel, Lancaster.

A FAT LOTHARIO.

Feminine lothario has been newly illustrated in Lowell, Mass. The Herald reports that about 50 years of age, with dark eyes, uneven teeth, heavy thin whiskers, and bald head, drove up in a hack to the boarding house of Miss Louisa M. Ricker.

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PARLOR AND HOUSEHOLD. HOUSEHOLD HINTS. The following is one way to put a coat of varnish on a wooden floor.

Never suppose a room without first removing the old paper. The moisture of the fresh paste causes a fermentation of the old paste, and the result is a greenish mold.

A good way to start slips of plants is to get an old glass fruit jar, six or eight inches high, and fill it with soil.

Never cut flowers during intense sunshine, or keep them exposed to the sun or wind. Do not collect them in large bundles, or tie them together, as this hastens their decay.

A nice way to preserve the aroma of coffee is to add the white of one egg to every pound of coffee just before it is quite cold. Stir it thoroughly into the mass, so that every berry will be wet with it.

Delicious Apple Pudding.—Pare and chop six large apples, butter a pudding dish, put in a layer half an inch thick of grated bread, add bits of butter, then a layer of chopped apples, with sugar and nutmeg; repeat till the dish is full, pour over it a cup of cold water and bake.

Chocolate Kisses.—Three heaping tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate, one pound of granulated sugar, the whites of four eggs; beat the eggs to a froth, not too stiff; add the sugar and chocolate, and stir well together; flavor with thirty drops of vanilla; drop on buttered paper with a teaspoon; bake in a moderate oven for ten minutes.

Tomato Catsup.—One gallon ripe tomatoes, one tablespoon salt, four of ground pepper; three of mustard, one teaspoon of cloves, one of cinnamon, six little red peppers, simmer the whole with a pint of vinegar for three or four hours. Strain through a sieve; cork tight.

To Cook Egg-Plant.—Cut the egg-plant in slices half an inch thick, sprinkle a thin layer of salt between the slices, and lay them one over the other, and let them stand an hour. This draws out the bitter principle from the egg-plant, and also a part of the water. The layers of slices in four, put in hot fat and fry it brown on both sides. Or boil the egg-plant till tender, remove the skin, mash fine, mix with an equal quantity of bread or cracker crumbs, add salt, pepper, and butter, and bake half an hour. This makes a delightful dish, and a very digestible one, as it has so little oily matter in it.

Tomato Pie.—Take fully ripe tomatoes, wash and pare the skin off, cut in slices and lay in a shallow dish, cover with sugar, add a little salt, sprigs with a crust, and bake till the crust is done. Then turn the pie on a plate, crust downward, and spread over the tomatoes the white of an egg beaten with sugar. Set in oven till the stiff lemon. This is a most wholesome and palatable pie, and almost as good.

FEEDING TURKEYS. A correspondent asks what and how he would feed young turkeys. Our rule is to feed very little while the turkeys are young and nothing the first twenty-four hours after hatching. Then give hard-boiled eggs in small quantities, crumbled fine. A very little of this will do. Later, feed crumbled mill, and still later, corn and oats ground together. This is better than clean corn meal which is so heating. Encourage the hen and brood to go off and get their own living as early as possible. If the season is dry the brood will keep itself, only giving a food once in a while at night to bring them home. More turkeys are lost through over-feeding than from starvation. This is true of all young fowls excepting ducks, which can hardly be fed too much. On no account give young turkeys and chickens salt.

FARMERS AND RHEUMATISM. Why are farmers so liable to rheumatism? Ans.—Because they wear wet clothing, heat and suddenly chill the body, over-exert themselves, work, and are vicariously clean and healthy condition. If farmers would avoid suddenly cooling the body after great exertion, if they would be careful not to go with wet clothing and wet feet, and if they would not over-exert when in an exhausted condition, and bathe daily, using such friction, they would have less rheumatism. The same rule applies to other than farmers. The Turkish bath is the best remedy.—Science of Health.

GLASS AND ITS HISTORY. The Fall Mill Gazette says: Taken in connection with the glass exhibited in Japan and said to be over 1,000 years old, an article by M. de Foville in the Economic France may be read with interest. That gentleman says that France long remained indebted to Italian art in the matter of making glass, although in the sixteenth century the French were manufacturing at Paris and Lyons.

But in 1642 we find a draught paying for a little glass service for his daughter or Diana the price of an ox. Both of the most curious windows in the Globe theatre, date from the thirteenth century, and were eleven centuries old when they were first made. The French of that period were not so much given to the art of glass-making as they are now. There are now in France 170 glass manufactories, without counting every year on an average 125,000,000

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