Mother Robin Calls a New Mate.

A friend of mine has a robin's nest that he guards with very great care, and about which he tells a story to all the young and old people who call upon him.

"There is a romance," he says, as he shows you the nest, "abcut this, and if you want to hear it, I will tell it to you." "It was a good many years ago," my

friend begins, "that this nest was made. There came one morning early in April two robins to the big fir-tree in front of my window. One of them had, as sure as you live, a club-foot. and he hobbled about upon it in a very lively manner, and I know that it was this one-Mr Robin, I call nim-that fixed upon the precise place for the nest. For he whetted his bill upon a bough pork. a great many times, and then he danced upon it with one foot and the other, as though trying its strength, and at last he flew up to Mrs Robin, who was standing on the limb above looking at him. My window was open, and 1 consume the grain-the farmer ought heard him preping the gentlest little not to be content with less than ten song to her that you can imagine. Then pounds. It is not difficult to calculate she jumped down upon the limb, rubbed her bill upon it, and danced, while hogs in the way of returns. If one he looked at her, and after she had dono these things she sang the little melody. After that they flew away cents per bushel for his corn, and it with great speed, and the next that 1 saw of them they were working with cents for corn. might and main, bringing twigs, moss, twine, and all sorts of things, until at

last they had the nest male. Now my friend, when he gots so far

in his story, always stops a moment and laughs, thoughyou cannot see any_ thingto laugh at. But he looks closely at you, and just as soon as he observes the surprise that your eyes show, he says: "I ought to say right here that my mother had a very choice piece of lace, a collar or something of that sort, that was washed and put out upon a little bush that very day that Mr and Mrs Robin decided to build the nest in the fir-tree. A great fuss was made that evening because the lace collar could mitk will be found separated into its not be found, and mother wanted the constituent parts - water, police called, so that the thief might be arrested and the collar got back, for that collar was worth, I have heard, a great many dollars. But the police never found the thl f.

"Now I will go on with my story, always continues my triend, and he act proportion of water added by comgenerally takes the nest in his hands parison with the normal standard. at this time. "Well, after this nest-this is the very one I hold in my hand ard and other liquids liable to adulter--was built, you never saw a more a'ation. tentive lover than this Mr Robin. He would hop about with his club-toot, and seem to put his eye right upon an angle worm's cave every time he flew down to the ground, and you might see him from early morning to suuset flying back and forth with his mouth full of good things for Mrs Robin, and he would feed her as she sat upon the nest

"One day he seemed specially excited and happy; you could hear him singing in the trees more loudly than before, and I could see from my window convert them into a rich manure. the cause of his joy. Four yellow mouths were put up to receive the dainties he had brought, and then I knew the little robins had come. Well, old Mr Robin was so excited that he did not see our cat stealthily coming, as he was pulling away at a very long at its best will pay. Caution should be angle-worm. Pussy had him in her given to the pickers that no overripe mouth before he could give a warning with is to be put into the baskets or erry, and the last I saw of Mr Robin ery, and the last I saw of Mr Robbi

FARM AND GARDEN.

PROFIT IN HOGS .- In raising hogs, as in other departments of live stock hus-bandry, the interest of the farmer is to get the most money for his care, labor and feed. It has been shown repeatedly by experiments that well-bred Berkshires and Poland-China swine will, under favorable circumstances, produce twelve pounds of pork for a bushel of corn. These instances may not be very numerous, but they show what can be done and done without much difficulty. From a list of experiments in feeding swine made in several States, the lowest average was five and three-quarter pounds of pork to a bushel of corn fed on the ground, and the highest an average of twenty pounds, made by feeding a pair of pigs green corn in the ear. From thirteen experiments made, the average for overy bushel of corn was 10 pounds of With a good breed of swine properly cared for, five and sixteenths pounds of corn ought so produce one pound of pork. This is a better average than is generally obtained, but it is both possible and practicable. Instead of six pounds to the bushel-which is a fair estimate with inferior animals to

THE HOUSEHOLD.

CHICKEN PUDDING .- Cut up a tender fowl into small pleces and boil slowly one-half hour. Season with pepper Put the pieces into a dish to and salt. cool, and set the liquor aside for gravy. Make a batter of a quart of mUk, three cups of sifted flour, two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, four well-beaten eggs,two teaspoonfu s of baking-powder and a little sait. Put a layer of chicken into the bottom of a baking-dish, pour a cupful of butter over it, then another layer of chicken and batter until full. Have batter for the upper crust. Bake in a moderate oven for about an hour. Skim the gravy saved, boil down, thicken, season, add a little chopped parsley and pass with the pudding,

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CRANBERRY ICE CREAM .- Stew a pint of cranberries in a very little water. what one is doing in feeding corn to add a teacupful of granulatek sugar, and strain through a sieve. Take one bushel of corn represents ten pounds of plut of sweet cream, one quart of mlik. pork, and the price of pork is \$3 per and boil with one small cupful of hundred, the farmer is receiving 3n sugar. Add to the cranberry julce the beaten whites of three eggs, and the beaten yolks to the bolling cream and pork is \$4 per hundred he is getting 40 mitk. Let the cream cool, and just before it is to be frozen, stir in the eran-CENTRIFUGAL MILK TESTER. - A berry juice and the juice of one lemon.

wheel of any convenient size is mountadding enough sugar to make it to suit the taste. The superfluous ed upright and connected with some sult the taste. device for giving it a high rotary speed sweetness is extracted by the process by hand-power. On this wheel is seof freezing. cured two or more radical bars, and on them, at opposite sides of the wheel A GENTLEMAN gives the fo' owing near the edge, are fastened small test advice in relation to dogs: "If you enter a lot where there is a vicious tubes, closed at one end, or small glass vials with the corked ends toward the dog, be careful to remove you hat or rim of the wheel will answer. This cap as the animal approaches you, hold may be fastened to the wheel by spring the same down by your side, between clamps, or by wires, or in any other convenient manner. The milk to be yourself and the dog. When you have done this you have secured perfect im-munity from an attack. The dog will tested is poured into these vials placed on opposite sides of the wheel, and the not attack you if this advice is followed. wheel is then turned at a high speed Such is my faith in this policy that 1 for about two minutes. On stopping will pay all doctor bills from dog bites, the wheel and taking the vials off, the and funeral expenses for deaths from

hydrophobia." butter casein, etc. Pure and normal milk will THE ladies will find Dobbins' Elecseparate into its various constituents tric Soap, (made my Cragin & Co, Philadelphia,) the best of all soaps for in a certain fixed proportion, and will give a scale or standard for comparing general washing, from blankets to other milks tested in the same manner. laces. It is pure, uniform, saves time if adulterated with water, the milk and clothes. Try it. when thus divided, will show the ex-

CELERY CREAM SOUP .--- To make celery cream soup, boll a small cup of will be observed that the apparatus is rice in three plats of milk until is will equally useful in testing oils, honey, pass through a sleve; grate the white part of two heads of celery (three, if small,) on a bread-grater; add this to the rice milk after it has been strained ; Woop ashes will decompose bones. put to it one quart of sring white Expose to the weather a barrel filled o k; let it bon until the celory is perwith alternate three-luch layers of feetly tender; season with salt and broken bones and ashes for several cayonne, and serve; if cream is obtainmonths, when, on examination, the able, substitute one plut of it for the

bones will be found to be reduced to a same quantity of milk. jelly-like substance, forming phosphate of potash, one of the most powerinl as To Bon. BEEF .--- Corned beef requires well as lasting fertilizing materials five or six hours of bolling to be good; known, and one which, when exposed f too salt, pour off the water after it to the sun for a few days, may be easily has bolled half an hour, and put on reduced to powder, the very best confresh, hot water. Fresh beef requires dition for applying to the land. Do about the same amount of boiling; let not hurry the operation, but save all the water boll out after it has become the bones and let time and wood ashes quite tender, and if there is not much

laton it, put in a piece of butter, set the kettle on the top of the stove, and MARKETING FRUIT,-Provide all the let it dry down," turning it occasionappliances of quick and proper market-To be nice the meat should be illy. ing before the fruit is ready. So much builed so that it falls to pieces; gravy depends upon the appearance of the may be made of the sediment by adding fruit at the market, that neatness and water and a little flour. care in so packing it that it will show

> THE Baby's cries are its only method of letting you know that it suffers and needs Dr. Bull's Biby Syrup. Price 25 cents a bottle.

flour, yolks of 5 eggs, whites of 4 beat-

HUMOROUS.

A MAN in Lehigh county was scolding his children, the hired girl, the neighbors, and his dog, when his wife inter-posed a mild word. He opened his nouth for an angry reply, but a spasm contracted his cheek, his lower jaw fell, and he was unable to answer a word. The effort to paralyze his wife with a stinging reply dislocated his jaw-bone. P. S.-We have got this wrong. It was the woman who was dislocated. We might have known it. A man may come home out of humor and jaw and jaw and jaw until the cat deserts the premises, the plaster falls off the walls, and the roof flies off the house, without dislocating his Jawbone.

A PENNSYLVANIAN has applied for a pension because he has the "scrofula," which, he says, he "inherited" in the army. He will probably get a pension, while the man who crippled himself for life in order to escape the draft may starve to death for all the government cares. And the man who "inherited" a love for whisky in the army, and now has the delirium tremens every week or two-isn't his suffering family

entitled to a pension?

DANIEL WEBSTER was once diving with a snobbish Bostonian, who had the ill manners to boast of the quality, age and cost of his wine. He even went into a computation of the interest on the cost that had accrued since the purchase of the wine. Webster listened courteously, and when the compued courtcousty, and when out his glass tation was ended, he held out his glass to his host and quiety remarked :

us stop that accumulation of interest." A Losing Joko.

A prominent physician of Pitteburgh said jokingly to a lacy patient who was complaining of her continued ill health, and of his inability to curoher, "try llop Bitters!" The lady took it in earnest and used the Bitters, from which she obtained permanent health. She now laughs at the doctor for his joke, but he is not so well pleased with It, as it cost him a good patient .- Harrisburg Patriot.

JONES pronounced the following, the other evening, after sloping of his alleged tea: "Why is this drink like milk ?" Of course nobody could guess and after he had divuiged by saying it was a lack tea-al fluid, nobody dared to smile. They knew that the landlady's eyes were upon thom.

TEACHER -"What is a score?" Pupli -"A base bail record." Teacher-No; no; what I mean is, how much

a score signify numerically; what idea does it give you? That is to say, if I were to tell you I had a score of horses, what would you think?" Pupil-"Please, marm, I should think you was stuffin'."

"WELL I'm glad my house-cleaning s over," said Mrs. Brown with a sigh of thankfulness. "It must be a relief, observed Mrs. Smith, who was calling. "But then, how soon you will need to go through it all again." If she hadn't looked around in a critical manner all would have been well. That call will never be returned.

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Some of the new clocks on the Place de l'Opera, instead of one face only. have three. "Why three?" Madame Guibollard asked her husband. Re-sponded Guibollard: "It is in case three people should be passing at the same moment. Each could see what time it was."

THE busy bee is held up as an exam-

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Lo Cussed.

"Those little insects that sit up aloft in tree tops on hot summer days, and make that infernal din, remind me of the nation's ward - the Indian," thoughtfully remarked Boggs as he settled hin:self back in his red chair on the stoop, and, contemplatively watched Brown's boy next door wet down passers by with the lawn sprink-

ler. "Of the Indians? Why, Jeremiah, what do you mean ?" queried Mrs. B. 'I see no comparison."

"Well, that's because you never studied grammar," replied Boggs vacantly, without once taking his eyes from the stream of water, which just then struck a young man faultlessly arrayed, full in the center of his circumference. "Now there is an application there that would do justice to a mustard plas er. Let's see." (sotto voice,)"I was thinking of that infernal din," "Yes-well, now, my dear, follow me : The difference between the

author of that noise and the remark of the finisher of the nation's ward is very slight; one is a simple locust, while the other is a compound Lo cussed. See ?" But Mrs. B. was too mad to see, and founced off just too soon to hear Boggs' quiet chuckle, and just too late to save the milk on the third shelf of the pantry, which the cat was interviewing, and which Mrs, B.'s sudden appearance nearly paralyzed with fear.

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A MUSICIAN was once seeing the sights at Donnybrook fair, when he was at-tracted by the sound of a very loud vio-Bitters. the player, "My good friend, do you play by note?" Never a note, sir." "Do you play by ear?" "Never an ear, your honor." "How do you play, Have you dys pepsia, kida or urinary co plaint, dise of the stoma

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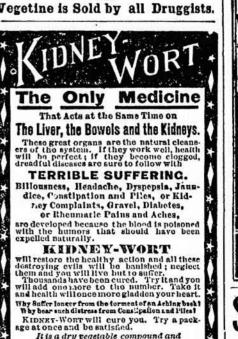
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was the club foot that hung out of puss's mouth.

"By and by Mrs Robin seemed to get hungry, and I heard her uttering two strange notes that I had never heard before, and which seemed to me to sound just as though she was saying, "Come here! come here!" Of course that was not what she said, but 1 have no doubt that the notes meant just that, and that every robin that might have heard them would have understood them as a call for help. But no robin came. It rained all that day, and poor Mrs Robin kept up that ery, and her young ones continually thrust bills from beneath her body, and opened them. I could not help them, of course, for little birds would rather starve than be fed by any one but their parents

"Now I am coming to the strangest part of my story," my friend always says when he reaches this point. "The next morning was clear, and I happened to be up early. O d Mrs Robia had begun her plaintive call. Suddenly 1 Faw a great many robins-not less than her onexpected like, she'd kick the 20, I should say-that had come together breeching all to pleers in less than a from some place, and rested upon the ninute. I reckon she's cost me nigh branches of a great elm-tree, Of a 1 onto \$500 for harness, saying nothing carpet should be treated with considerthe noises I ever heard from birds, about a doctor's bill for a broken leg; those that these robins made were the but you get into a place what the mud's strangest. At last they were quiet, deep, and the rest of the team kertlamand two of them flew off to the fir-tree nexed, and call onto her for assistance and cautiously made their way to the unlhang my eyes if she won't pull nest. Mrs Robin looked at them, and herself elear out of her hige to help you sing a little trill. One of the visitors, out of your trouble. That were the with much shaking of the head, sang very way with Nancy. The summer something in reply, and then the other one did the same thing. Mrs Robin with the a er, and got the mik fever repeated her trill, and then she hopped up to the branch above, and sang ready to cross over Jordan, but she another note or two, and the smiller of nussed me, helped her ole dad all day, the two robins took his place beside her. und sat up with me nights until s e Then the other robin flew away to his were a shadder, but she pulled me e mpanions, and after singing a little, through, and then she advised me to they all went off together. imigrate to Californy. I hated to go

"When I loo'ked back to the nest, Mrs Robin sat there perfectly quiet, and, not more than a minute after, the new Mr Robin brought a wornt, and he was from that time until the little ones got their feathers and flew off, as kind and attentive to Mrs Robin as had been poor old club-footed Mr :"

"Now isn't this a pretty love story ?" my friend inquires, and of course you say it is, and then ask him why he laughed, and what his mother's ince as he closed his if ettrg ceminiscences, collar had to do with it, and he will anwser you i . this way :--

"Look in the nest. See what lies on the bottom, where the little robius falling accuracy, or out-pull any pair nestled. I got the nest after they all in the team, they will know that the flew away together, and there in the romance of the driver's life is centered bottom was my mother's lacs collar, in that animal, and respect the tender not good to wear any longer, so I have memories that cause him to bestow let it stay there ever since. Do you upon her the affection that was once suppose young robins ever had such a the sole property of the departed costly bed ?" "Nancy."

considerable the fruit should be in a less mature state than when the market ORANGE CARE .- Take 2 cups sugar, is but a short distance away. Watch 1.2 cup butter, 1.2 cup water, 2 cups the market.

His favorite Mule.

country a month 'fore I got news of

ter dying. Poor gal! She overdone

tily off her companion's ear with un-

en separately, and 3 teaspoonsiel bak-ing powder. For the other layer, take the juice and grated peel of one orange, the white of one egg and sugar en mgh A Eureka teamster is noted for the to make it stiff. Put together like affection that he betrays for one of the elly cake. For the recipe of this demules in his outfit, the most obstinate licious cake we are indebied to a lady and mangy looking animal in the in Wes field, Chautanqua County, string, and his fondness for "Nancy," where good housekeepers prevail. as he calls her, has passed into a pro-RAISED MILTON MUFFINS .- One quart verb. Upon being rallied upon this peculiarity by a chum, he discoursed

milk, a little salt, two spoonfuls yeast, two eggs, piece of butter size of an as follows: "I used to have a sweet- egg melted in the milk, which must be heart back in Injtany that I was awful warmed; make in the morning and raise until night, or view ersa; eggs to gone on, and this yere cussed mule has be put in just before cooking; flour, so many pluts in common that my bake in rings in a spider over a slow heart just yearns over her. She was fire; split and butter before sending to as likely a gal as ever run barefooted tible.

in a cornfield, but she was too cussed, obstinute to enjoy good health. You BREAD AND BUTTER PUDDING .-- Buter the bottom of your pudding-dish never knew just how to take her. and stew with currants; then a layer She'd look you right smilln in the eye, of bread, cut very thin and buttered; and you'd think thar were more sugar repeat until the dish is nearly full in her nor in a New Ocleans merlasses make a custard of one quart of milk, hogshead, but if you laid yer hands on two eggs, seasoned with vanilla and salt; pour on the bread, and let it stand one hour, and bake.

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away; it was like persuading a hungry To roast meat properly, the air must hoss to leave a pail of oats; but thar have free access to it. This is the reason why meat roasted before an open war no use, she were bound to hev her fire is more palatable than that roasted way, and I came. That war fifteen (baked) in a close oven year ago, and I hadn't been in the -----

The e rthly mound so uld never be washed from potatoes, carrots or other roots until immediately before they are hersel' takin' care of my worthless to be cooked.

carcass, and I never seen no woman since that time that were worth shucks COLD bolle'i potatoes used as soap compared to her. His eyes were moist will clean the hands and keep the skin soft and healthy. Those not overbolled are the best. und if any of our readers notice a nouse-colored lead mule that can kick

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ple of industry to boys, yet what a terrible example he is. If boys were bers!" "By main strength, be jabers !" like bees you couldn't stick your nose "My boys and girls are growing so

into a school room without getting it thumped.

them !" said a mother to her batchelor PRETENTIOUS boy, determined to find some point of difference between himbrother. "Dear me! he exclaimed. What! becoming fust, while still so young! Alas! for the future of our country !" and he went out, leaving self and the inferior beings who live in "Yah! I'm colorthe same street: blird, I am! For all I know, your hair the mother in a sad state of mystificais green and your eyes are pink.' tion.

M. Mrss:0 (IER, the g ca French ar-PRIDE and poverty usually resile in tist. "paints very slowly." The same the same house. may be said of a house-painter working by the day, but this doesn't make

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