

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

HOW TO BANISH RATS AND MICE.—A French paper says that petroleum destroys all insects and banishes rats and mice.

BROWN GRAMS.—One pint sugar, two tablespoonfuls of brown sugar, stir in middlings or shorts until quite stiff.

HAM DRESSED IN CLARET.—Take a glass of claret, a teaspoonful of sugar, and one of chopped onion; place in a frying-pan.

CLEANING BRASSES.—Stove luster, when mixed with turpentine, and applied in the usual manner, is blacker and more glossy.

FOR KEEPING CIDER SWEET.—Take of ground mustard seed four ounces, new milk one quart, and together put it into the cider.

CLEANING BRASSES.—The simplest remedy is found in every one's kitchen closet, and is common starch. Reduce it to an impalpable powder, put it in a muslin bag, keep it in the table drawer.

CERTAIN CURE FOR A RATTLENAKE BITE OR SPIDER STING.—A physician in Oregon writes: "Take the yolk of a good egg, mix in a teacup and stir in an equal part of salt."

COTTAGE CHEESE.—Place thick, lopped milk on the stove, and let it heat thoroughly, not to cook, or it will be hard. Pour into a coarse cloth, and let it drain until dry.

ERASIVE SOAP.—Recipe for making genuine erasive soap that will remove grease and stains from clothing: Two pounds of good castile soap, half pound of carbonate of potash dissolved in a half pint of hot water.

SHEEP'S HEARTS ROASTED.—Having washed the hearts, stuff each with an onion parboiled and then minced fine, two tablespoonful of bread-crumbs, half a teaspoonful of chopped or dried sage, and sufficient black pepper and salt to season highly.

CHEAP VEGETABLE.—Take a quantity of common Irish potatoes, wash them until they are thoroughly clean, place them in a large vessel and boil them until done. Drain off carefully the water they were cooked in, straining it, if necessary, in order to remove every particle of the potato.

THE CARE OF OIL-CLOTHS.—An oil-cloth requires careful treatment and should never be scrubbed with a brush, but after being swept with the long-handled hair brushes that are made for the purpose, it should be carefully washed with a large, soft cloth dipped into milk and water—half and half.

JUDGMENT OF MUSICIANS.—Theodore Thomas, the distinguished founder and conductor of the famous "Thomas Orchestra," New York, ought to know as well as any one the opinions entertained by musicians respecting musical instruments.

SPEECHES are now made so rich and ornamental that it makes one feel reasonably well off to sit down and spit in one of them a few times.

The Next Congress.

The following table shows the complexion of the present House of Representatives, and the changes brought about hitherto by the elections:

Table with columns for States, Rep., Dem., and totals for 49th and 44th Congresses.

There remain but 17 members yet to elect from the states of California, Connecticut, Mississippi and New Hampshire.

Weeds and Dairying.

Mr. Willard, of Herkimer county, New York, the highest authority in the dairy business, says:

The curse of American dairying today is weeds. Whenever they get full possession they become so formidable that the farmer is often disheartened, and give up their eradication.

A Safe Tether-Pin.

The Agriculturist for October illustrates a simple device which we infer any one is at liberty to make and use without fear of infringing upon any patent.

Breathing Through the Nose.

The pernicious habit of breathing through the mouth, while sleeping or waking, is very hurtful. There are many persons who sleep with the mouth open, and do not know it.

Influence of the Clon.

A. S. Fuller writes the New York Tribune as follows: "Every nurseryman who has had much experience in the propagation of fruit, and other kinds of trees by budding and grafting, is aware of the fact that the clon has more influence upon the stock than the reverse."

CAN IT BE TRUE?—Within the last few months a considerable number of persons have called upon Dr. Walker,

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