

Ladies' Department.

RECIPES FOR THE LADIES.

I HOPE my dear friends will not imagine for a moment that I neglect their interests while taking notes. Here is proof that I am still mindful to pick up all little items like the following for future use:—

Louisiana Muffin Bread.—Take two pints of flour and one and a half of sifted corn meal, two spoonfuls of butter, one spoonful of yeast, and two eggs, and mix and bake for breakfast. It is good.

Hopping Johnny (jambalaya).—Take a dressed chicken, or full-grown fowl, if not old, and cut all the flesh into small pieces, with a sharp knife. Put this into an iron pot, with a large spoonful of butter and one onion chopped fine; steep and stir it till it is brown; then add water enough to cover it, and put in some parsley, spices, and red pepper pods, chopped fine, and let it boil till you think it is barely done, taking care to stir it often, so as not to burn it; then stir in as much rice, when cooked, as will absorb all the water, which will be one pint of rice to two of water; stir and boil it a minute or so, and then let it stand and simmer until the rice is cooked, and you will have a most delicious dish of palatable, digestible food.

Something for the Children.—Make a dish of molasses candy, and, while it is hot, pour it out upon a deep plate, and stir in the meats of pecans, hickory nuts, hazle nuts, or peanuts, just as thick as you can stir them in, and then let it cool. Be careful and not eat too much of it, for it is very rich. It is a very nice dish for evening parties of the dear little girls and boys; and I have known some "big children" to like it pretty well.

SOLON ROBINSON.

Alabama, March 25th, 1849.

WHAT CAN BE DONE BY A FARMER'S WIFE.—Mrs. John Torton, of Lower Penn's Neck, sold, on board the steamer Express, on Friday last, sixty pair of fowls for sixty dollars. This lady has sold the past season \$163 worth of poultry. A friend assures us that those sold by Mrs. T. on Friday, were much in advance of any poultry on board the boat that day, though the whole amount of sales exceeded \$300. A gentleman of Delaware was so much pleased with the poultry, or the sale, or both, that he purchased of Mrs. T. some of her live stock at \$1 each.—*National Standard.*

THE WAY TO WIN A HUSBAND.—If your sweet-heart happens to call about supper time, go down into the kitchen and take a mutton chop, broil it nicely over a red fire, and set before him, with pickles and a jug of good ale. Whisper softly in his hearing, the words, "I did it." You will find this a very likely way indeed to win him.—*Exchange.*

A GOOD WIFE.—When a daughter remarks—"Mother, I would not hire help, for I can assist you to do all the work of the kitchen," set it down that she will make somebody a good wife.—*Uncle Sam.*

Boys' Department.

EXPERIMENT FOR THE BOYS.

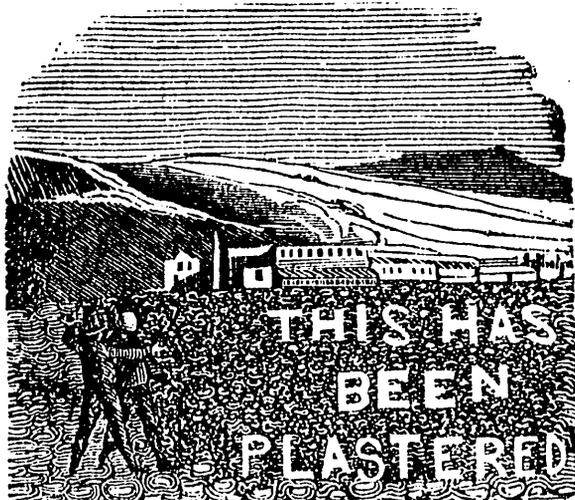


FIG. 42.

WHEN the soil and season are favorable, if plaster of Paris be sown, in the spring, upon grass already commenced growing, the product of the crop is often doubled. The grass then takes a lively green color and an extraordinary vigor, which causes it to contrast strongly with the portions not plastered. When Dr. Franklin wished to introduce the use of plaster into America, in order to convince his countrymen of its efficacy, he sowed in letters upon a clover field, in Washington, with powdered gypsum, the following phrase, as indicated on the adjoining cut:—"THIS HAS BEEN PLASTERED."

The effect of the plaster brought these words up in bold relief in greener and more vigorous stalks; and the consequence was, everybody was convinced of its highly-fertilizing powers, and it has been rendered popular in this country ever since.

GAME AND DORKING FOWLS.

I HAVE, for many years, been an admirer of poultry, and have in turn kept most of the varieties, from the little-booted Bantam, to the gigantic, long-legged Malay; but, all properties considered, I decidedly prefer the game fowl or the Dorking. True, they are very different in characteristics; as different as the thorough-bred is from the dray horse, and fill two very different positions. As an amateur, give me the game bird before all others. The richness of his plumage, its closeness, its brilliancy, its changeable colors and glossiness, is certainly unrivalled in the poultry courts. Then his symmetry, the elegance of his every movement, his bold and fearless bearing, his undaunted courage, and lofty carriage, all testify to his high breeding; and yet, to the exacting, pert, and coquetish beauties of his household he is the very model of gentle manners, courtesy, and attention; but it extends not a single point beyond. Lay but a finger rudely on any of his chosen ones, and you will find it is a word and a blow with him, and the blow comes first!

But to return to the mere matter-of-fact value of this breed, I claim that they are a very hardy,