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EDWD BROWN, STOKER.

We were very quiet, Mary and I, as we strolled out of the churchyard, down one of the lanes, and then crossing a stile, we went through a couple of fields and sat down on another stile, with the high hedge on either side of us, and the meadow that they were beginning to mow at the other end, one glorious bed of flowers and soft, feathery grass.

'Polly,' I says at last, breaking the silence, 'ain't this heavenly?' 'And you feel better?' she says, laying her hand on mine.

'Better!' I says, taking a long draught of the soft, sweet-scented air, and filling my chest, 'better, old girl! I feel as if I were growing backward again into a boy.'

'And you fifty last week!' she says. 'Yes,' I replied, smiling, 'and you 47 next week.' And then we sat thinking a bit.

'Polly,' I says at last, as I sat drinking in that soft breeze, and feeling it gave me strength, 'it's worth being ill only to feel as I do now.'

'For you see, I'd been very bad, else I dare say I'm not the man to go hanging about churchyards and watching funerals. I'm a stoker, and my work lies in steamers trading to the East. I'd come home from my last voyage bad with fever, and been carried home to die, as my mates thought, and it was being like this and getting better that had set me thinking so seriously and made me so quiet. Not that I was ever a noisy sort of man, as anyone who knows me will say. And now after getting better, the doctor said I must go to the country to get strong, so as there was nothing for it but to leave the youngsters in the care of the eldest girl and a neighbor, and come and take up lodgings out in this quiet Surrey village.'

'Polly never thought that I should get better, and at one time neither did I; for about a month there was no more saying till I was strong, before this voyage, as I lay hollow-eyed and yellow on the bed, knowing too, how bad I looked, for I used to make young Dick bring me the looking glass every morning. The doctor came as usual, and like a blunt Englishman I put it to him flat.'

'Doctor,' I says, 'you don't think I shall get better?' and I looked him full in the face. 'Oh, come, come, my man!' he says, smiling, 'we never look at the black side like that.'

'None of that, doctor,' I says. 'Out with it like a man. I can stand it. I've been expecting to be drowned or blown up half my life, so I shan't be scared at what you may say.'

'Well, my man,' he says, 'your symptoms are of a very grave nature. You see the fever had entirely undermined you before you came home, and unless you—'

'All right, doctor,' I says, 'I understand you mean that unless you can get a new plate in the boiler she won't stand another voyage.'

'It'll me try.' Give me a drink of that water. He held the glass to my lips, and I took a big draught and went on, he seeming to be stopping to humor me in my madness.

'That's better, doctor,' I says. 'Now look here! speaking as one who has sailed the seas, it's a terrible stormy time with me. There's a lee shore close at hand, the fires are drowned out, and unless we can get up a bit of sail there's no chance for me. Now, doctor, can you get up a bit of sail?'

'I'll go and send you something that will quiet you,' he said, at the same time rising. 'Thanks, doctor,' I says, smiling to myself. 'And now look here. I am not going to give up till the last, and when that last comes, and the ship is going down, why I shall try if I can swim to safety. If that fails, and I can really feel that it is to be, I hope I shall go down into the great deep calmly, like a hopeful man, praying that Somebody above will forgive me for all I have done amiss, and stretch out His hand to the bairns.'

He went away and I dropped to sleep, worn out with my exertion. When I awoke Polly was standing by my bed watching me, with a bottle and glass on the table.

As soon as she saw my eyes open she shook the stuff and poured it into a wine glass. 'Is that what the doctor sent?' I inquired. 'Yes, dear; you were to take it directly.'

'Then I shan't take it,' I says. 'He's given me up, and that stuff is only to keep me quiet. Polly, you go and make me some beef tea, and make it pretty strong.'

She looked horrified, poor girl, and was about to beg me to take hold of the rotten life belt he'd sent me, when I held out my shaking hand for it, took the glass and let it tilt over—there was only a couple teaspoonful in it—and the stuff fell on the carpet.

I saw tears come in her eyes, but she said nothing—only put the glass on the table and ran out to make the beef tea. The doctor didn't come till late the next day, and I was lying very still and drowsy, half asleep like, but I was awake enough to hear him say to Polly, 'Sinking fast; and I heard her give such a heart-breaking sob that as the next great wave came on the sea where I was floating, I struck out with all my might, rose over it and floated gently down to the other side.'

For the next four days—putting it as a drowning man striving for his life like a true-hearted fellow—it was like great foaming waves coming to wash over me, but the shore still in sight, and me trying hard to reach it.

And it was a grim hard fight; a dozen times I could have given up, folded my arms and said goodbye to the dear old watching face safe on the shore; but a look at that always cheered me, and I fought on again and again, till at last the sea seemed to go down, and in utter weariness, I turned on my back to float restfully with the tide bearing me shoreward, till I reached the sands, crept up them, and fell down worn out, to rest in the sun—safe!

That's a curious way to put it, you may say, but it's natural for me to mix it up with seagoing life, and the way I've seen so many fight hard for their lives. It was like striving in the midst of a storm, to me, and when I did fall into a deep sleep I felt surprised to find myself lying in my own bed, with Polly watching by me; and when I stretched out my hand and took hers, she let loose that which she had kept hidden from me before, and falling on her knees by my bed she sobbed for very joy.

'As much beef tea and brandy as you can get him to take,' the doctor said that afternoon; and it wasn't long before I got from slops to solids, and then was sent, as I told you, into the country to get strong, while the doctor got no end of praise for the cure he made.

I never said a word, though, even to Polly, for he did his best, but I don't think any medicine would have cured me then.

'That's what you think, doctor,' I says, 'but look here. I've been at sea 30 years, and in seven wrecks. It's been like dodging death with me a score of times. Why I pulled my wife there regularly out of the hands of death, and I'm not going to give up now. I've been—'

'Stop,' he says gently, 'you're exciting yourself.'

'Not a bit,' I says, though my voice was quite a whisper. 'I've had this over all night, and I think I should be up and doing my duty.'

'My good man,' he began. 'Listen to me, doctor,' I says. 'A score of times I might have given up and been drowned, but I made a fight for it and was saved. Now I mean to make a fight for it right here, for the sake of the wife and bairns. I don't mean to die, doctor, without a struggle. I believe this here, that life is given to us all as a treasure to keep. We might throw it away by our own folly at any time, but there's hundreds of times when we may preserve it, and we never know whether we can save

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I was holding on by the shrouds when the mate got to the skipper's side, and I saw by his blank white face what he was telling him. Of course we couldn't hear his words in such a storm, but we did not want to, for his lips said sufficiently plain: 'She is sinking!'

Next moment there was a rush made for the boats, and two of the passengers cut loose a couple of the women; place was made for them before the first boat was too full, she was lowered down, cast off, and a big wave carried her clear of the steamer. I saw her moment on top of the ridge, and then she plunged down the other side out of sight—and that of everyone else; how long she lived who can say? She was never heard of any more.

Giving a bit of a cheer our chaps turned to the next and were getting in when there came a wave like a mountain, ripped her from the davits, and when I shook the water from my eyes there she was hanging by one end, stove in, and the men who had tried to launch her gone—skipper and mate as well.

There were only seven of us now, and I could see besides the three women lashed to the side, and only one of them was alive; and for a bit no one moved, every one being stunned with horror; but there came a lull, and feeling the steamer sinking under our feet I shouted out to the boys to come on, and we hurried to the remaining boat, climbed in and were casting off when I happened to catch sight of the woman lashed under the bulwarks there.

'Hold hard!' I roars, for I saw one of them wave her hand. 'Come on, you fool,' shouts my mate, 'she's going down!'

I pray I may never be put to it again like that, with all a man's selfish desire for life fighting against him. For a moment I shut my eyes, then began to lower; but I was obliged to open them again, and as I did I saw a wild, scared face, with long wet hair clinging to it, and a pair of little white hands stretched out to me for help.

'Hold hard!' I shouts. 'No, no,' roared out two or three, 'there isn't a moment,' and as the boat was being lowered from the davits I made a jump, caught the bulwarks with my hands and climbed on board, just as the boat kissed the water, was unhooked and floated away.

Then as I crept hand over hand to the girl's side, whipped out my knife, and was cutting her loose, while her weak arms clung to me, I felt, a horrible feeling of despair come over me, for the boat was leaving us; and I knew what a coward I was as heart, as I had to fight with myself so as not to leave the girl to her fate and leap overboard to swim for my life. I got the better of it though—went down on my knees, so as not to see the boat, and got the poor, trembling, clinging creature loose.

'Now, my lassie,' I says, 'be quick'—and I raised her up—'hold on tight by the side while I make fast a rope around you.'

And then I stood up to hail the boat—the boat was warn't there, for in those brief moments she must have certainly capsized, and we were all alone on the sinking steamer, which lay in the trough, of the sea.

As soon as I got over the horror of the feeling, a sort of stony despair came over me; but when I saw that pale, appealing face at my side looking to me for help,

that brought the manhood back, and in saying encouraging things to her I did myself good.

My first idea was to make something to float us, but I gave that up directly, for I could feel that I was helpless; and looking the poor girl more into shelter, I took a bit of tobacco in a sort of stolid way, and sat down with a cork life-buoy over my arm, which I had cut loose from where it had hung forgotten behind the wheel.

But I never used it, for the storm went down fast, and the steamer floated still, waterlogged, three days, when we were picked up by a passing vessel, half starved, but hoping. And during that time my companion told me that she was the attendant of one of the lady passengers on board; and at last, when we parted at the Cape, she kissed my hand, and called me her hero, who had saved her life—poor grimy me, you know.

We met again, though, before long, for somehow we'd settled that we'd write; and 12 months after Mary was back in England, and my wife. That's why I said I took her out of the hands of death, though in a selfish way, being far, you know, from perfect. But what I say, speaking as Edward Brown, stoker, is this: Make a good fight of it, no matter how black things may look, and leave the rest to Him.

A BRIDAL TOUR. There were three of them. One was a bride, the other a happy groom, with red ears and maiden whiskers, and the third was the bride's mother. They were at the Grand Trunk depot yesterday morning to take the train west. The young man clasped his young wife's fat hand, rolled up his eyes, and they seemed happy, while the mother-in-law paraded up and down the sitting room with a lordly air and seemed well satisfied. Pretty soon the groom went out, and when he returned he threw five pop-corn balls and a big bar of peanut candy into the bride's lap and handed the old lady another. She turned up her nose, raised her spectacles, and thus addressed the young man with red ears: 'See here, Peter White, you are married for the boats, and two of the passengers cut loose a couple of the women; place was made for them before the first boat was too full, she was lowered down, cast off, and a big wave carried her clear of the steamer. I saw her moment on top of the ridge, and then she plunged down the other side out of sight—and that of everyone else; how long she lived who can say? She was never heard of any more.'

'Well, now, you've been squandering money all along, Peter. You took a hack; you bought oysters; you bought a jack knife; and you've just thrown money away. I feel that it is my duty to tell you to hold up before you make a fool of yourself!'

'Whose money is this?' he asked, growing very red in the face. 'It is yours, and what is yours is Sabintha's, and it is my duty as her mother to speak out when I see you fooling your money away.'

'I guess I can take care of my money!' he retorted. 'Perhaps you can, Peter White, but there are those in your family who can't.'

He struggled, with his feelings as the bride shook her head at him, and then asked: 'Did I marry you?'

'No, sir, you didn't, you little bow-legged apology for a man, but I have a right to speak for my daughter.'

'You can speak all you want to; but I want you to understand that I can manage my own affairs, and that I don't care for your advice.'

'Peter White!' she slowly responded, waiving the peanut candy close to his nose. 'I see we've got to have a fuss, and we might as well have it now!'

'Ma! Ma! Ma!' whispered the bride, pulling at the old lady's shawl.

who had been interested and amused listeners, here interrupted, and Peter was released from the old lady's grasp, his collar having been torn off and his chest scratched. 'I expected this, and prepared for it,' he panted the mother-in-law, as she leaped against the wall. 'This doesn't, and it by any means! This bridal tower will come to a stop to-morrow, and then we'll see whether I've got any business in speaking for Sabintha or not!'

As the train moved away the old lady wore a grim smile, Sabintha was weeping, and Peter was struggling with another paper collar.—Detroit Free Press.

WANTED PIZEN. The other day a thin-waisted woman with a snap to her eyes entered a Detroit drugstore, and without any fooling around she asked: 'Do you keep pizen here?'

'Yes'm—all kinds,' replied the clerk. 'You've got pizen in powders and pizen in liquids, have you?'

'Yes'm.'

'Well, she batted, looking around at the many bottles. 'I want something powerful strong—something to lay him right out without any fooling.'

'The clerk drew back a little and said: 'I fear we can't sell you any poison, madam.'

'You can't? What's the matter you can't?'

'You—you might not make good use of it,' he tremblingly said. 'What do you mean?' she slowly asked, kinder o' reaching for him across the counter.

'Why—family trouble perhaps—your husband—you may be a little deranged,' he stammered.

She gave him a look of lofty contempt and said: 'You needn't be afraid of me, Bub! My head has brains enough in it to run four drugstores like this, and my husband and I get along as well as any pair. When he gets high-nosed and tries to boss around, I pint to a chair, give him one look, and he drops. No, Bub, I want that pizen to lay out a dog, and you needn't be afraid being taken up for tragedy.'

It was put up, handed her, and paid for, and she remarked: 'Thought I was deranged, eh? I own up that I don't know anything about your old drugstore Latin, but if I can't tumble house-work around with the whole pile of your relatives for two hundred years back I'll get in the way of a one-horse locomotive afore dark!'

CIRCUMSTANCES ALITER CASES. The other day while a Vicksburg was riding toward Jackson in his buggy, he saw a long-haired young man sitting on a roadside fence. There was such an air of utter desolation about the countryman that the Vicksburger 'drew rein' and inquired: 'For God's sake! what ails you, young man?'

'Nothing,' for God's sake! was the meek reply. 'But is any one dead?'

'Hain't heard of anybody but old Matthews, and he went off two months ago.'

'Are you sick?'

'I feel kinder bad.' 'In fact, you are the worst looking young man I have seen since the close of the war.'

'I was all right 'till a month ago,' said the young man looking still more solemn. 'What happened then?'

'Woman went back on the run, ben't it?'

'Did eh? Were you engaged?'

'I'd hung around there for a year or so, and we'd hugged and loved and hooked fingers. If that isn't being engaged, then I don't know.'

'And she backed out?'

'Yes.'

'Well, I've been through the mill myself. I had a woman to go back on me in that way three months ago, and didn't lose a bit of sleep over it.'

'You didn't?'

'No, sir.'

'But then,' sighed the young man, as he hitched along on the rail, 'the woman you loved didn't own sixteen mules, and have a clean hundred bales of cotton to sell?'

A RELIGIOUS VIEW OF IT. 'You see, when you does shuffle off dis mortuary coil, and sperit presents itself at de golden gate, argued a colored rivalist on the levee on tuesday. 'Gabe gwine to ask you what church you 'longed to in de flesh.'

'Yaas, I speck so,' said the listener. 'Ef you 'longed to de Missionary Baptists, he gwine tote you walk right in and set by de wine stool.'

'Ef you 'longed to de Methodist Church he say stay on de outside, whar your shoutin', won't sturb de angels.'

'Ef you 'longed to de Baptist, he gwine tote you walk right in and set by de wine stool.'

'Hole on Mr. Middleton. Dem 'in' no niggers 'scumptions. Dem 'in' white folks.' interrupted the listener. 'dat don't make no difference. de principle's de same; ain't it? Ef you 'longed to de Baptist, he gwine tote you walk right in and set by de wine stool.'

'But look here, Mr. Middleton, when he didn't 'long to no church in de flesh, he gwine tote you walk right in and set by de wine stool.'

'Well, what he be doin', dar dea?'

'Well, he gwine tote you walk right in and set by de wine stool.'

'I thought in dat case he could de be please.'—Richmond Herald.



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Independence ct., at Ch'l Hill, Dec. 11-12. Elk Creek ct. at Ebenezzer, December 18-19.

Hillsville ct. at Hillsville, January 1-2. Lead Mines ct., at Bethany, January 8-9. Newbern circuit, at Newbern, January 16-18.

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CONCORD, CONN., December 1.—The Republican State Committee last night decided to hold a State Convention on January 5th, and adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Vice-President.

An Outrage in Virginia. The Democrat, published at Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia, gives the following particulars of an outrage in that county.

On Wednesday last a party of hunters consisting of five or six men, went to the house of Minoah Harman, in Powell's Fort, and on a pretense of wanting tobacco, enticed him to his door, where they presented a gun to his face and demanded to know of him who had killed some of their dogs.

Mr. Harman protested his innocence, but they insisted upon curing the evil of dog killing that night, and after much swearing took Mr. Harman and his son, about 12 years old, into the woods, tied the old gentleman to a tree, and then made the boy strip his father, and administered a severe and cruel whipping, which seriously disabled Mr. Harman, and the bruises are yet distinctly visible.

Then the son was thrown upon the ground, stripped, and still more severely whipped, than his father.

The Democrat adds that Mr. Harman says he is not, and never was a Hunter, and that his son never loaded a gun. Efforts will be made to bring the offenders to justice.

There used to be a law in Virginia for ducking women, and hence they are still called "ducks."—Enquirer.

Important to the Travelling Public. The following changes of the schedule of trains were made on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1875. A. M. & O. R. R., Southside Division:

Mail train going west. Leaves Norfolk 7:30 a. m. Petersburg 11:09 a. m. Arrives at Lynchburg 5:20 p. m. Leaves Lynchburg 5:50 p. m. Arrives at Bristol 4:50 a. m. Coming east.

Success is never achieved without merit. A man may make a poor article and sell it once, and there being 40,000,000 people in the United States, the sale to each one would be enough to make a decent fortune.

The young men of our town are beginning already to plan for a merry Christmas. So many of the old leaders have left during the last year for the land of "Nod," that they find great difficulty in perfecting their organization.

An old bachelor has a new game for the young people to play this Christmas. He has been practicing it for nearly six weeks, and thinks all the parts are at last brought to perfection.

The teachers and scholars of the public schools of Smyth county are entitled to the two legal holidays in every school year.

The Board of Education has commissioned the following School Trustees for three years from date of commission:

Dist. No. 1. Jacob Cassel in place of A. P. Scott resigned; Dist. No. 2. W. P. M. Scott in place of E. L. Roberts resigned; Dist. No. 3. Mathew Houston, and Dist. No. 4. F. Alexander.

Clerks of School Boards are not justifiable in withholding drafts upon the school fund, when they receive my acknowledgment of the receipt of monthly reports, made out by teachers, because they can frequently make those drafts pay debts they owe other parties.

The following is the Roll of Honor for the month ending Nov. 23, 1875:

- B. F. Buchanan, G. A. Cole, J. H. Kelly, E. H. Buchanan, J. K. Sexton, E. J. Sexton, W. E. Thomas, A. T. Lincoln, R. S. Moore, C. M. Shannon, J. W. McDonald, H. G. Goolsby, H. B. Dunn, J. W. Taylor, Sam. Alexander, C. D. Garrett, R. C. Taylor, Rob't Henderlite, W. R. Tibson, H. L. King, Jas. Peter, P. R. Hubl, P. J. Snider, J. H. Keith, Walter Jackson, A. K. Trigg, J. W. Dang n, Wm. Bell, I. J. Straw, W. J. Atkins, Geo. Henderlite.

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Important to the Travelling Public. The following changes of the schedule of trains were made on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1875. A. M. & O. R. R., Southside Division:

Mail train going west. Leaves Norfolk 7:30 a. m. Petersburg 11:09 a. m. Arrives at Lynchburg 5:20 p. m. Leaves Lynchburg 5:50 p. m. Arrives at Bristol 4:50 a. m. Coming east.

Success is never achieved without merit. A man may make a poor article and sell it once, and there being 40,000,000 people in the United States, the sale to each one would be enough to make a decent fortune.

The young men of our town are beginning already to plan for a merry Christmas. So many of the old leaders have left during the last year for the land of "Nod," that they find great difficulty in perfecting their organization.

An old bachelor has a new game for the young people to play this Christmas. He has been practicing it for nearly six weeks, and thinks all the parts are at last brought to perfection.

The teachers and scholars of the public schools of Smyth county are entitled to the two legal holidays in every school year.

The Board of Education has commissioned the following School Trustees for three years from date of commission:

Dist. No. 1. Jacob Cassel in place of A. P. Scott resigned; Dist. No. 2. W. P. M. Scott in place of E. L. Roberts resigned; Dist. No. 3. Mathew Houston, and Dist. No. 4. F. Alexander.

Clerks of School Boards are not justifiable in withholding drafts upon the school fund, when they receive my acknowledgment of the receipt of monthly reports, made out by teachers, because they can frequently make those drafts pay debts they owe other parties.

The following is the Roll of Honor for the month ending Nov. 23, 1875:

- B. F. Buchanan, G. A. Cole, J. H. Kelly, E. H. Buchanan, J. K. Sexton, E. J. Sexton, W. E. Thomas, A. T. Lincoln, R. S. Moore, C. M. Shannon, J. W. McDonald, H. G. Goolsby, H. B. Dunn, J. W. Taylor, Sam. Alexander, C. D. Garrett, R. C. Taylor, Rob't Henderlite, W. R. Tibson, H. L. King, Jas. Peter, P. R. Hubl, P. J. Snider, J. H. Keith, Walter Jackson, A. K. Trigg, J. W. Dang n, Wm. Bell, I. J. Straw, W. J. Atkins, Geo. Henderlite.

Medical Honey. Attention is directed to the advertisement of Drs. Greene, Lindley & Bentley, elsewhere in this issue.

CONCORD, CONN., December 1.—The Republican State Committee last night decided to hold a State Convention on January 5th, and adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Vice-President.

An Outrage in Virginia. The Democrat, published at Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia, gives the following particulars of an outrage in that county.

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A. G. PENDLETON, Com'r. Nov. 17, 1875.

The purchaser, under the sale of the above property, made on the 15th inst., having failed to comply with the terms of sale, I will sell the said house and lot, on the 20th of December, 1875, that being court day, upon the terms and conditions in the above notice.

A. G. PENDLETON, Com'r. nov15-4w

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Correspondence from our agricultural friends is solicited for this column.

RECIPES.

**HOT-WATER GINGERBREAD.**—A cupful of molasses; stir in flour till it is very stiff. Take a small cupful of boiling water, two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, a teaspoonful of ginger, and a teaspoonful of soda; add to the mixture, and beat well together. Bake in a quick oven.

**TAPIOCA PUDDING.**—Dissolve a tea-cupful of tapioca in a quart of water over night. In the morning, pour off the water, and boil it in a quart of milk with two tea-cupfuls of sugar. Pare and core eight apples, filling the opening with a lump of sugar and a bit of cinnamon; put in a baking-dish, and pour the tapioca over them. Bake two hours; serve cold.

**TO ROAST A TURKEY.**—It should be killed at least two days in advance. Make a force-meat of grated bread-crumbs, pepper, salt, sweet marjoram, minced suet, and the beaten yolk of an egg. Chop the liver, gizzard, and heart for the gravy. Stuff the craw and the body, and sew up the openings. Dredge with flour, and put the bird into the bake-pan, with the bottom well covered with butter.

**FRUIT PUDDING.**—Chop six apples fine, grate six ounces of stale bread, add six ounces of brown sugar, six ounces of currants, washed carefully and floured. Mix all well together with six ounces of butter, a cupful of milk, and two cupfuls of flour in which two teaspoonfuls of baking powder have been thoroughly mixed. Spice to taste. If necessary, add more milk in mixing. Put in a pudding-bag, tie loosely, and boil three hours. To be eaten with cream sauce.

**APPLE JELLY.**—Take golden pippins; pare, core, and quarter them, and boil in water enough to cover them until quite soft. Then turn into a flannel jelly-bag, and let the juice run out without squeezing at all. The jelly-bag is made like an enormous funnel, with a short nose, and sewed up in one seam. Take a square of flannel, and double over in two points, lapping it in the middle, and you will see how it is done. Tie this bag, by fastening tapes to each side of it, to chairs and let the juice run into a dish. To one pint of juice put one pound of white sugar, and boil for twenty minutes, then turn into jelly-cups. Add sugar to the jam, and coil for marmalade.

**GINGER CAKE.**—A quart of molasses, a pint of lard, half a pint of boiling water, two tablespoonfuls of soda, a tablespoonful of ginger, and flour to roll.

**SAVE ALL PUDDING.**—Take a quart of new milk and enough bread-crumbs to make it thick. Let it stand an hour; then mash it fine, add three eggs beaten light, and bake forty minutes. Eat with lemon sauce.

WOOD ASHES FOR WHEAT.

Why is it when growing wheat or rye is being struck with rust, that a little plot here and there where stems, logs or brush have been burned to ashes, will be bright and free from the attack of rust? Because the plants employ potash and silica not only to give stiffness and rigidity to the straw, but to form, as it were, a glassy coat of mail over the surface of every leaf, glume and straw, to fortify the tender and delicate parts against the attacks of spores that are floating in the atmosphere. We all know how readily substances in the atmosphere are turned away when they come in contact with a glossy surface. Potash and sand are essential elements of glass. The roots of growing plants have the power to employ the sharpest sand and potash to form a thin, elastic, glossy covering, which is spread over the surface to exclude the moisture and to repel any attacks of fungus.

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A good recipe is to rub the hams with fine salt and sugar and lay them in a dry place. After five or six days rub again, putting on some new salt, as the old becomes dry and does not penetrate. At the end of eight or nine days apply the salt again. Use sugar only at the first rubbing. Keep the salt on them until the shank looks white and the skin draws down tight; when this is the appearance, the hams are ready to smoke.

HARNESSES.

When you think of buying a harness examine the leather of the hame-strap and the near tuck of the throat latch, and likewise of the crupper. If these ends are of stazy stuff calculated to squish and plague you while trying to make them enter their loops don't buy. The man who cut the harness, did not have the interest of the purchaser in his mind. At three separate and distinct scows for each buckling, the harness would be dear as a gift. And most likely, faults and over-sights run through the entire rig.—Hartford Courant.

A full grown man who will deliberately go to work to discourage a small boy from drawing a sled up hill to ride down again is a mean man.

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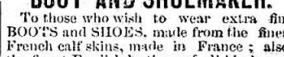
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