

OYSTER PROPAGATION.

Science to Be Applied as an Assistant to Nature.

How the Bivalves Are Bred Artificially—The New Method to Be Employed by the United States Fish Commission.

[Special Washington Letter.]

We must have more oysters. The United States fish commission has decreed that the bivalves shall be propagated, and not exterminated. Science is to be applied as an assistant to nature.

Strange as it may appear to the casual or superficial reader, it is a fact that at present the supply of oysters is but a fraction of the demand.

The young oysters thus obtained, called "spat," are to be planted in all the oyster-producing waters of the United States.

In the city of Baltimore hundreds of thousands of dollars are invested in the oyster business.

The scientists engaged in the propagation of aquatic animal life say that only by careful and determined effort can the oysters be preserved.

the natural oyster beds near the shore. Since that time oyster farming has become a large industry in Connecticut.

After making scientific surveys of the coasts of North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Georgia, the fish commission has actually ascertained the limits of existing oyster grounds.

In establishing new oyster grounds, or farms, the bottom of the sea is first covered with what they call "cultch," which is usually composed chiefly of oyster and clam shells or any stuff of that sort.



FISHING FOR OYSTERS. be distributed as much as possible, because when a lot of them attach themselves to a single permanent object, like a small rock, they overgrow one another and aggregate themselves into a mass less useful commercially.

The starfish is a strangler. It envelops the oyster with its arms, presses its body against the natural opening, and smother's its victim until it dies.

SMITH D. FRY. Her Object. Rambler—That Bartlett girl thinks a great deal of me.

Ye Family Filter. Little Dick—Is this the filtered water?

From the German. Instructor—What does the soldier do when he dies?

Quite Different. She—He is a poet, isn't he? He—Oh, no. He writes verses for the leading magazines.—Judge.

HOUSEHOLD BREVITIES.

—Teach your little girl to breathe through her nose. Persistent practice will overcome the feeling of suffocation experienced when the mouth is closed.

—For a very bad burn melt beeswax and into this pour sweet oil until it makes a salve which can be readily spread with a soft brush.

—Cranberry Tart Pie.—Line a pie tin with good crust rolled rather thin. Spread with cranberry sauce, and lay narrow twisted strips of the crust across; or cut circles of crust with a thimble and lay them regularly on the top.

—By putting lace handkerchiefs in warm water, a few drops of ammonia and using castile soap, they are easily washed and made a beautiful, clear white.

—Tomatoes Preserved Whole.—Peel three pounds of small yellow tomatoes, add three pounds of sugar and let them stand overnight.

—Watermelon Pickle.—Cut the fruit into desired size, put in a stone jar and pour on enough scalding vinegar to cover.

—Baked Tomatoes.—Cut a thin slice from the blossom end of twelve solid, smooth, ripe tomatoes; with a teaspoon remove the pulp without breaking the skin.

—Corn Drops.—Take twelve ears of large, young, sweet corn and grate all the grains off the cob as fine as possible.

HOUSE HUNTING.

One Man's Experience That Almost Led to Suicide. Hard luck stories, as a rule, are more or less prosy, but a friend tells just one more that seems worth printing.

"I whistled softly to myself as I speeded my way downtown on an electric car, and, walking confidently into the agent's office, demanded the keys to house No. —. As I spoke the agent finished blotting a receipt, which he politely handed to a lady in waiting.

Apple Salad. Take six apples, four tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar, one-quarter teaspoonful of cinnamon and one gill of sherry.

SCHOOL DRESSES.

Brief and Timely Memoranda of Interest to Mothers.

This subject, which lacks interest but two or three months in the year, is particularly interesting now.

The vogue of shirt waist and extra waist generally is a boon to mothers, for one skirt will wear two or more waists, and these latter are easily made as a rule.

A school gown consisting of a plaid skirt with two waists of different plain colors would give variety and double the service of one gown.

Striped skirts also look well with plain bodices, and one bodice may be made of the same with collar or some portion in plain material to relieve the monotony that always results from the use of one single material untrimmed.

Plain skirts look well with waists of plaid, stripes or checked materials.—Domestic Monthly.

Somewhat Hampered. The clerk at the ribbon counter had rubbed the fur of the lady customer the wrong way, and she was in a very ruffled condition of temper.

"I'd like to tell you what I think of you," she said with ill-suppressed feeling.

"Why don't you do it?" she asked warily.

"Because," she exclaimed, "I'm a lady, and the language I should be compelled to use would be very unbecoming in a lady, that's why," and she floated out of the shop.—Detroit Free Press.

Quite Correct. Mrs. Youngwife—You know those lovely nine-dollar dining-room gongs we saw the other day? Well, to-day they were marked down to six dollars and seventy-five cents, so I got three.

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SCENE, government office.—Chief (to industrious clerk)—"Why didn't you dot the 'i' in the last word of your report last night?"

IN THE Adirondacks.—"If you should lose your way in these woods, Jack, what would you do?"

STERN EMPLOYER—"I hear you were at the ball game yesterday afternoon?"

A MINISTER who had difficulty in keeping his parishioner's eyes fixed upon him during the sermon solved the difficulty by placing a clock directly behind him.—Kansas City Star.

FOND MOTHER—"If your children don't behave yourselves better, you shan't have a bit of that nice, sweet medicine to-night."

COMPLIMENTARY friend—"Very striking woman, Mrs. Van Swoort." Mr. Van Swoort—"Yes, she hits me for ten this very morning."

HUSBAND—"H'm—er—what's the matter with this cake?" Wife (angrily)—"Nothing at all. The cook-book says it's the most delicious cake that can be made."

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PEOPLE are usually willing to do their duty, but they do not like to do too much of it.—Athenian Globe.

AMAN'S domestic relations do not trouble him as much as the relations of his domestic.—Truth.

THERE is advantage in making a good tandem bicycle when he proposed to her.

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