HOUSEHOLD.

Summer Breakfasts.

Breakfasts are a nuisance in these warm days. Potatoes are no longer the balls of snowy whiteness they used to be in the winter, and there is little one can do with them in a plain state. Uhlma has given us many delicious methods of cooking potatoes that it seems a difficult matter to find anything new. Still, we have two or three ways of "warming over" that may be new to some of our readers. Cut cold boiled or steamed potatoes in thick slices (about a quarter of an inch thick,) and cut these in half squares. To about a pint allow half a pint of milk, a tablespoonful of butter, two tablespoonfuls of cream, one-fourth a teaspoonful of salt, and a tablespoonful of flour. Put the milk in a saucepan and when scalding hot stir in the flour mixed to a smooth paste with milk and water, stir till it thickens then add the butter, salt, and potatoes. Simmer gently about ten minutes, stir in the cream, let it just boil up and pour it into a warm dish. Of course the quantity of salt is to be varied at pleasure, tastes differing so widely in respect to salting. If cream is not plenty use milk instead. These potatoes are nice to serve with cold meats.

Another way we like very much is to cut up the potatoes, not very fine, and for two cups of the potate put one-half cup of milk and two tablespoonfuls of butter into a saucepan or frying-pan. When it boils add a generous pinch of salt and stir in the potatoes. Stir gently until well heated through and turn into a warm dish. Water may be used instead of the milk. These potatoes have a rich, buttery flavor, without the greasy taste most warmed-over potatoes have.

Mashed potatoes may be made into a delicate and attractive-looking dish as follows: Boil and mash the potatoes—if you use a silver fork to mash them with it will never use anything else—and add butter, salt, and milk as usual. Then to a pint of the mashed potate allow one beaten egg and, if you have it, one or two tablespoonfuls of cream. Butter-roll pans, or pie pans, which are much prettier, or a baking dish is preferred. Put the potato in mounding up nicely browned. If gem or pie pans are used they should be well heated before being buttered. The potate will come out beautifully browned all over if the oven is right.

Spiced Rhubarb.

Some one asks for a recipe for spiced rhubarb, and now that it is in season others who are fond of spiced relishes may wish to prepare some to serve with meats during the early summer, when it is not always easy to procure fruits, etc. Peel and cut the rhubarb and weigh it. Put it in a porcelain kettle and place where it will heat very gradually, until the juice flows freely. No water should be added. Then bring forward on the stove and boil gently for half an hour. Dip out about half the juice in a dish (not tin) which should be kept warm. Now add to the cooked fruit one-half pound of sugar for each pound allow one teaspoonful of cloves and two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon. Stir well, and if you like it stronger add more spice, but this amount makes it sufficiently spicy for most tastes. Should it be too thick, reduce with a little of the warm juice; the mixture should not be quite so thick as jam. Simmer for ten minutes and pour into glass fruit jars. Screw on the tops closely, and when cool wrap each jar in thick paper and keep in a cool, dry place,

Hints.

A decided improvement in the eating-bib for children is made of a towel. It is better to have the towel white. Hollow out the neck before binding and bind with white tape.

A lady writes that to kill insects she uses a teaspoonful of kerosene to a gallon of water and sprinkles it on the plants with a whisk-broom. It destroys green flies, curled worms, and other pests, and was used without injury on fuchias, geraniums, calla, and other plants. But it must be used with care.

If your dining-room has a window commanding a pretty view, dress the table in front of that rather than in the centre of the room, and give the seats commanding it to your guests, or to those who can appreciate such things.

Handsome pillow-shams can be made by using eight medium-sized, hem-stitched handkerchiefs, four for each sham. Trim them by inserting either lace or fine embroidery so that the insertion forms a cross in the middle. Edge with lace or embroidery, and make up over bright-colored cambric.

Stains may be removed even from the most delicately colored kid gloves, without injury, by suspending them for a day in an atmosphere of ammonia. Provide a tall glass cylinder, in the bottom of which place strong aqua ammonia. Be careful to remove from the sides of the jar any ammonia that may be spattered upon them. Suspend the gloves to the stopper in the jar. They must not come in contact with the liquid.

Travelling on the Mississippi.

"Do you not like steamboat travelling on the Mississippi?" was asked of an English woman.

"Naw, cawn't sol that I do. Do you know that as I came down I came in cawnact with such a beastly and 'orrid man from Arkansaw. One night during a storm great storm prevailed, and it was thought the 'orrid old boat was sinking. There was no life preserver in my state-room, so in frenzy I hurried to the state-room occupied by the Arkansaw man, knocked on the door and called; "Oh, for 'eaven's sake 'and me a life preserver!" 'All right,' said 'e, and the next moment 'e opened the door, shoved out a black bottle and said; "'Ere you are; drink 'earty." I halmost fainted, for I never knew before that a bottle was a life preserver, don't you knaw. Oh 'e was such an 'orrid man."

"What did you do?"

"Don't you knaw that I was so frightened that I turned up the bottle 'Deed I did, and the 'orrid man 'ad the impudence to say, 'Touch 'er light, madam.' Naw, I cawn't sol that I like travelling on that awful river."

PEOPLE.

Mr. John G. Whittier writes to an inquirer that 1807 is the year of his birth and not the following year, as one literary authority gives it.

Mrs. Hicks-Lord sent Miss Folsom (that was) a solid gold card case that, in the language of a friend of Miss Folsom, "weighed nearly a pound."

George Augustus Sala declines to contest a seat in the House of Commons, saying that he is a heart-broken, desolate old man without any ambition whatever for public life.

At a recent ball given by the Countess of Caithness in Paris many curious fancy costumes were seen. Miss Blake, a young American lady from Providence, personated a white cat.

Queen Victoria is the oldest reigning sovereign of Europe with two exceptions, Emperor William, who is in his 90th year, and King Christian, of Denmark, who has entered his 69th.

The great Bismarck has stipulated that his eldest son, Herbert, at present Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, shall succeed him as Chancellor, and with that view he is making him a depositary of all his schemes and plans.

Women sometimes attain a great age in Russia. A Mlle. Soanitzki died in the workhouse at St. Petersburg the other day at the age of 122 years. In the same institution another womnn named Irene Nicolaieff has reached the age of 110 years.

Gen. Boulanger, the French War Minister, is said to be disgusted at the appearance of the bearded soldiers who have taken advantage of the permission he gave them to let their beards grow. As he wears a full beard himself he could not revoke the permit without being compelled to sacrifice his own facial appendage.

Charles Johnnycake, chief of the Delaware Indians in Indian Territory, is on his way to Washington to hold a conference with the "Great Father." He is 72 years of age and has presided over the Delawares for forty years. For thirty-five years he has been an ordained Baptist minister and at his present age delivers two sermons every Sabbath to his people.

What is the value of a flea? Accordingto Prof. Erbini, who owns those marvelous insects now performing at the Exchange Rooms in London, the highly-trained Russian "pulex irritans" is valued at $125—at least, that is the sum offered by the Professor for the recovery of a missing member of his troupe that plays "leading business."

The original manuscript of the Wacht am Rein has just been presented to the Emperor William by the German Ambassador in Switzerland. The composer, Max Schneckenberger, who published the song in 1840, died about twenty years ago at a village near Berne, and the manuscript was recently put up for sale by his heirs. It appears that an American offered a higher price than the Ambassador, but patriotism won the day, and the manuscript, which is written on the back of several business letters, having been purchased for $5,000, is now in the possession of the old Emperor.

Prince Baldwin, eldest son of the Count of Flanders, has now been definitely acknowledged as next heir to the crown of Belgium, and although only 17 years old takes precedence of his father and mother on all official occasions. He has just been appointed sub-lieutenant in the First Grenadier Regiment, and has taken the usual oath of allegiance. The reports as to the engagements between the eldest son of the Prince of Wales and the second daughter of the King of the Belgians are without foundation, for according to the terms of the British constitution, no British Prince is allowed, under the pain of forfeiture of all his rights and privileges, to marry a Princess of Catholic birth.

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