COLD RAIN.

Some improvements are in progress in this vicinity. Mr. Cyrus Gibson is getting material together for the erection of an addition to his already commodious brick dwelling house. Mr. Charles Lamb has commenced a barn 32 by 46. Payson Halsey bosses the job.

Miss Hattie Brand and Miss Alice Skinner visited Mrs. Gusta Dennison nee Brand of Troy last Saturday.

The diptheria scare is over and school is in running order again.

Miss Emma Kaiser of Pontiac is visiting her parents this week.

Joe Jennings and wife spent a day this week in visiting their old friends of this vicinity.

Ed Fisher has gone up north on a visit. Do you expect to catch a deer (dear) Ed?

Emma Hill passed the week among her many friends at Mt. Clemens.

Mr. Editor what has become of the Educational Column in your paper? We used to take much interest in that.

ALIDA.

Moorish Meals.

A Moorish breakfast consists of cuscuscu-a cake of baked granules, deftly made of flour, which eats crisp and sweet with butter, omlets, pigeons cooked in oil, sweet potatoes, forcemeat, and sweet tarts of honey, butter and eggs. Tea, which is quite a course meal, is taken cross legged on soft carpets spread on the floor around a hand some and costly tray with dwarf feet raising it a few inches from the floor, furnished with drinking glasses in place of china cups. The formidable meal, which is served by an upper man servant, excites the European visitors' wonder and dismay. First the teapot or kettle, if named after its shape—is filled with green tea, sugar, and water in such proportions as to make a thick sweet syrup, which is drunk without milk or cream. Then follows an infusion of tea and spearmint; yet another of tea and sweetened; yet another of tea and benne, or benna; and yet another of tea and cotton. On good occasions a sixth is added, of tea and ambergris. Nothing is eaten "till weed" usually follows, but the Moor thing's a smoker, is not an universeate. A meal consists of various dishes of mutton, fish, and fowl, ingeniously and artistically, seldom mixtures of pomades, soups, spices, and sweeties; so, at least, Englishmen delicate who helped had in courtesy to swallow the preparations. Knives, forks, and spoons are dispensed with, perhaps dispensed. Around a central dish gathers the company, as usual cross-legged on the floor. At "In the name of God," which is the brief grace pronounced by the master of the house, the slave removes the cover from the bowl; lifted hands are thrust into the smoking dish, and morsels of its contents deftly rolled into convenient forms, attossed dripping into the mouth with a neatness and precision truly wonderful. Exact portions are picked from bowl, and dish, and mutton chop bone without delay or fuss. Sharp mid-dare said to act as knives. After the coarse water and napkins are brought around. The wash over, water dish and another plunging of the paws into the savory mess. Incense often burned during the dinner, which fills the apartment with delicate aroma. When a meal is served in the open court the ladies of the house are permitted to gaze on their lords from the open balcony such usually sure smoke it.

Too Much of a Good Thing.

We have read at least one laughable story of a green cook undertaking to boil swamp seed without knowing how. Prentice Mulford in the San Francisco Chronicle tells another, of himself, while doing culinary duty in a California sand-bar camp, among the "Forty miners."

My experience taught me of some things not thought of before. Once, while housekeeping, I bought a sack of rice. I had no idea then of the elastic and durable properties of rice.

A sack looked small; but rice swells amazingly. When I put the rice on to boil the first swelled up, forced off the lid and oozed over.

Then I shoveled rice by the big spoonful into every empty thing which I could find in the cabin.

Still it swelled and oozed. Even the wash-basin was full of half-boiled rice. Still it kept on. I saw then that I had put in too much—far too much.

The next time I tried half the quantity. That swelled, boiled up, boiled over and also oozed. I never saw such a remarkable grain.

The third time I put far less to cook. Even then it arose and filled the pot. The seeds looked minute and harmless enough before being soaked.

At last I became disgusted with rice. I looked at the sack. There was the merest excavation made in it by the quantity taken out. This alarmed me. With my habitually decreasing appetite for rice, I reflected and calculated that it would take seven years on that bar ere I could eat all the rice in that sack. I saw it in imagination all boiled at once and filling the entire cabin. This determined me. I shouldered the sack, carried it back to the store and said:

"See here! I want you to exchange this cereal for something that won't swell so in the cooking. I want to exchange it for anything which I can eat up in a reasonable length of time."

The storekeeper was an obliging man. He took it back. But the reputation, the sting of buying an entire sack of rice remained. The "boys" had "spotted" the transaction. The merchant had told them of it. I was reminded of the sack of rice year after.

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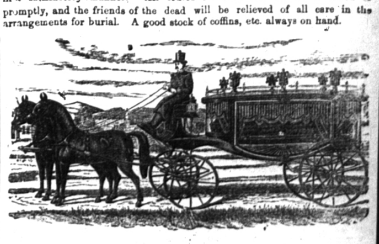

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