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## The Possibilities of Biscuit Dough

By Mrs. Belle DeGraf,  
Director, Home Service Bureau,  
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Just why so many housewives fail to make a good biscuit seems strange, for this dough is one of the easiest mixtures to make. Perhaps failure is due to inaccurate measurements and too slow an oven. This type of dough requires a hot oven. Too often the amount of ingredients is a matter of guess work rather than of measurement, and unless one is a skilled cook, the results of guess work are usually indifferent.

When sweet milk is used always remember that two level teaspoonfuls of baking powder are used to each cup of sifted flour. This never changes, no matter how many cups of flour you are using.

There should be no taste of baking powder in the finished product. If there is, then your measurements have not been level or you are using a very poor quality of baking powder.

When using sour or butter milk, then soda will be your leavening agent. In that case, remember that  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon of soda is used to each cup of sour milk. Or you can use  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon of soda to neutralize the acidity of

1 cup of sour milk and 1 teaspoon of baking powder to each cup of flour.

Do not dissolve soda in the sour milk, as that process releases the gases too soon and the dough will be less light. Always sift the soda with the flour for biscuit doughs. Sour milk can be substituted for sweet milk in any recipe if these rules are followed.

Perhaps you have never stopped to consider the possibilities of the ordinary biscuit dough. This mixture is easily adaptable to variety.

It is quickly mixed and baked and has the advantage of being one of the most inexpensive mixtures to make. Many very palatable desserts can be prepared from this dough, besides several varieties of bread.

When the berry season begins come visions of old-fashioned shortcake, the kind made from biscuit dough, covered generously with crushed strawberries. These old-fashioned shortcakes may be made of any variety of fruits, fresh or cooked, but the strawberry is queen of them all.

However, you must bear in mind that biscuit mixtures to be at their best, should be served while fresh, generally direct from the oven. And please remember that a heavy biscuit is usually due to inaccurate measurements and too slow an oven.

### MASTER RECIPE

Note: All measurements are level and flour is sifted once before measuring. One-half pint measuring cup is used.

2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
4 teaspoons baking powder  
2 tablespoons shortening  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup milk or equal parts of milk and water

Mix and sift dry ingredients; work in shortening with knife or finger tips. Gradually add the liquid, mixing it with a knife to a soft dough. Toss on a floured board, pat or roll lightly to one-half inch in thickness, cut with biscuit cutter, place in pan, brush over the top with either melted shortening or milk. Bake in hot oven, (425 degrees F.) twelve to fifteen minutes.

### SURPRISE BISCUITS

Prepare the Master Recipe. Roll out about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick and cut into 3 inch squares. Place a frankfurter sausage near the edge of each square, then fold over remaining dough and press firmly together. Place in a baking pan, brush over with melted butter or substitute and bake about 10 minutes in a hot oven (425 degrees F.). An excellent hot luncheon dish or can be served cold for the picnic lunch.

### BUTTER SCOTCH FRUIT ROLLS

Prepare the Master Recipe. Roll dough about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick. Brush with melted shortening, sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon and cover with seeded or seedless raisins. Grease a layer cake pan or muffin tins generously with softened butter. Sprinkle brown sugar over butter so that there is a thin layer. Place rolls on sugar and bake in a moderate oven (375 degrees F.) about twenty minutes. When baked turn up-side down; the bottom will have a butter scotch icing.

### MEAT PIE CRUST

Prepare one-half the Master Recipe. Roll out one-half inch thick and place on top of baking dish containing meat and brush over top with melted shortening. Bake in hot oven (425 degrees F.) Will cover a medium sized pie. A richer crust can be made by doubling the amount of shortening.

### FRUIT ROLY-POLY

Prepare one-half the Master Recipe, reducing the shortening to 2 table-spoonsful. Roll one-half inch thick, cover with jam, or any cooked fruit, roll up like a jelly roll, pinching dough together where it joins and at the ends to keep in the fruit. Place on well greased plate and steam one hour in a closely covered steamer over boiling water. Water must be kept constantly boiling or pudding will be heavy. Serve with a pudding sauce or with sugar and cream.

—If you are interested in these Master Recipes, Mrs. De Graf will be glad to send you her FREE booklet "80 Food Delights from 8 Master Recipes." A request to Mrs. Belle DeGraf, Director, Home Service Bureau, Sperry Flour Co., San Francisco, Calif., will bring it to you.

Hood River apple crop is now estimated at 2600 cars.

Medford—Pear crop estimated at 1600 carloads.

Portland—Wheat exports during September were 2,984,595 bushels.

Oregon eggs shipped in cold storage to exclusive English market.

Willis Channel has been home with his mother Mrs. Emma Anderson the past few days.

The D. A. Snyder and F. W. Hole families were Forest Grove visitors last week.

Mrs. F. M. Hord and son Bert of Portland are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Capman.

Mrs. M. M. Howard of Portland visited friends here Monday.

A. J. McCann and wife and son Jack of Portland were Sunday visitors with his mother in this town.

W. E. Gabriel and wife of Tillamook were week end visitors at the parental home of J. E. Mellinger.

Miss Lena Stilwell and Mesdames Howard, Waldo, Spangle; and Irene Taft of McMinnville were Portland visitors one day last week.

Elmer Parish and family of Newberg visited relatives here this week.

Harry Wambegans of Tillamook visited his sister Mrs. W. S. Hibbert and family last Friday.

Mr. C. Ladwig, the father of Mrs. M. G. Miller reached here Saturday for a short visit. He drove through from Lowell, Wisconsin, in a well arranged house automobile. He is accompanied by Fred Wendt of the same place and they are enjoying this splendid fall weather. They will spend a few days on the coast before leaving for Los Angeles to see a sister and from there will visit another daughter in Arizona before striking the homeward trail.

## LOCALS

F. W. Hole and family were McMinnville visitors Sunday.

See "White Fang" at the Arcade Theatre Saturday night.

Rev. C. F. Swander will preach at the Christian Church Sunday.

L. A. Rosner and wife are vacationing a short time at Rockaway this week.

Chas. Spangle and wife of Pendleton are here for a short visit with Z. Spangle and wife.

Miss Virginia Senn who is attending school at Monmouth visited her parents over the week end.

Florence Waldo of Salem was enjoying a visit with her parents R. V. Waldo and wife near town Sunday.

Rev. F. E. Fisher and daughter Lucille of St. Johns spent Friday here with friends.

Fran Deffenbaugh has been visiting his family at the J. J. Rowley home near town.

Mrs. Edward Roseman and children of Beaverton are here visiting relatives and former friends.

W. T. H. Tucker and J. S. Warren were stage passengers to Portland for a few days.

Russell Miles of Woods, Oregon spent a part of the week here with his sister Mrs. W. S. U'Ren.

Wm. Shell has purchased the Watkins route and will now be known as the Watkins man.

Miss Florence Bingham has accepted a position as clerk in the Farnham Electric Store at McMinnville.

See Strongheart in Jack London's immortal story "White Fang" at the Arcade Theatre, Saturday night.

O. M. Murphy and wife of Marquam, Washington spent Sunday here with their son, W. S. U'Ren and family.

A. C. Detmering and wife of Junction City spent a few days here with their daughter Mrs. Harry Sherman this week.

Prof. J. B. Dodson and wife spent a short time in Dayton Saturday while enroute from Wasco to McMinnville to visit relatives.

Mrs. L. S. Chapman and children and Lee Shaw and family of Portland were guests at the Henry Chapman home here Sunday.

Elmer Jackman of Monmouth spent Sunday at the home of his parents Geo. Jackman and wife.

Clayton Willard, who is teaching in Harrisburg, was a week end visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Willard, of the Peninsula neighborhood.

The Wright Canning Co. shipped a carload of their products the first of the week. This office printed 17000 labels for them.

Rev. Leroy Walker of Salem is the new pastor at the Methodist church. He came here Friday evening and had charge of the services Sunday.

Dr. H. W. Burnard and sister have rented the Julia A. May property just vacated by Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor. This is one of the best rental properties in town.

The subject of the sermon at the Methodist church, Sunday evening will be "Watching at the Cross." The choir is arranging appropriate special music to be sung in connection with the use of an illuminated cross.

Judge Tucker was presented a beautiful bouquet of carnations Sunday, by a niece of Portland, in honor of his 81st birthday. He is hale and hearty at his advanced age and we bespeak for him the enjoyment of many more such events.

Fred Anderson is again in charge of his old blacksmith shop. W. P. Morris who has operated it during the past year has purchased the Joe Francis shop. Each took possession of their new locations Monday.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Services every Sunday as follows:

Bible School 10:00 A. M.

Preaching 11:00 A. M.

Christian Endeavor 7:00 P. M.

All friends are invited.



## Livestock Prices Improve

Sales recently made show that the livestock industry is coming back, particularly in the cattle industry, both in the beef and dairy breeds.

Livestock raising, through careful breeding and modern production methods, can profitably be engaged in by every farmer and should be especially attractive to those who have heretofore depended upon one crop for their income. We, here at the BANK OF DAYTON, are naturally desirous of seeing this great industry become an ever-growing part of farming operations in this community. Cooperation is gladly given to those who merit it.

"On to Portland," is the slogan of many farmers who desire to see and study the greatest exhibits of purebred beef and dairy Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Goats, Swine and Poultry ever assembled under one roof in America. The Pacific International Livestock Exposition will be held there October 31st to November 7th. Do not miss it!

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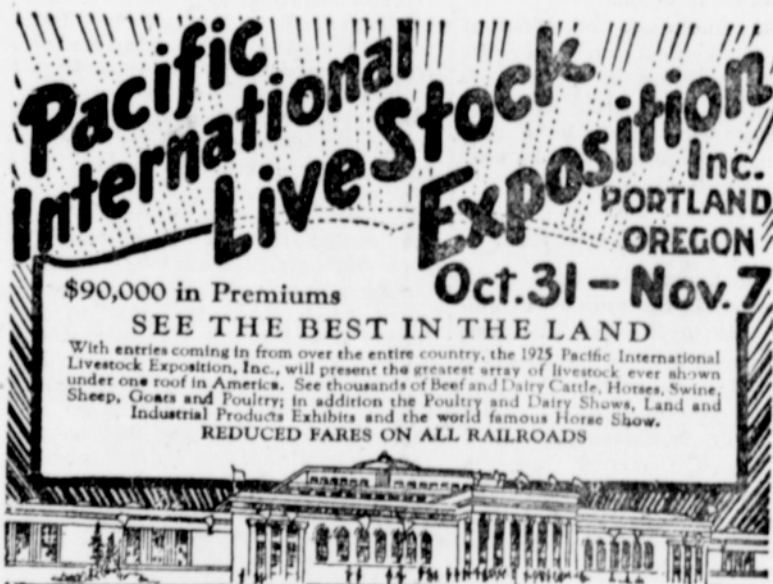
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One little mother complained at paying eleven dollars for books this year so she could send her little sixth grade boy to school.

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Think of a family of working people who have to buy books for six or eight children, and there are many such cases of large families.

In Portland and many other cities in the state, collections are taken up to buy and supply children of poor families with school books.

It seems the entire school machine in Oregon is built to wring as many dollars as possible out of the people who send children to school. Yet we are boasting we have the most perfect educational system in the United States.

Several of the local fellows took advantage of bird season which opened this morning and went hunting today in hopes of bagging a few pheasants.