

To Make Glossy Starch—Add to each pint of starch ready for use a teaspoonful each of epsom salts and two clear gum arabic.

Another Recipe—Boil together a pint of cream and a pint of milk, thicken with two table-spoonfuls of arrowroot mixed with milk, stir in half a pound of loaf sugar, let it boil again, strain, add flavoring and freeze.

Glaze for Ready Use.—To any quantity of glue use common whisky instead of water. Put both together in a bottle, cork tight, and set it away for three or four days. It will then be fit for use without the application of heat. It will be found a useful and handy article in every household.

Rice Pudding Without Eggs.—Put into a well-buttered dish half a pound best Carolina rice, simply washed; pour on it three pints of cold milk; sweeten and flavor to taste; put a little butter and nutmeg on top; top to brown; bake two and a half hours in a slow oven, on which much of the success of the pudding depends.

Another Recipe.—A pint and a half of rich cream, a quart and a half of fresh milk, one pound of loaf sugar, two eggs, one table-spoonful of flour or corn starch, essence to taste. Take half the milk and boil it, stirring in gradually the sugar. Beat the eggs well, add to them two table-spoonfuls of cold milk and pour them into the boiling milk. Let them simmer two or three minutes, stirring them all the time. Then remove from the fire and strain the mixture through a hair sieve or a piece of book muslin. Add the cream and freeze as above directed.

Apple or Prune Pudding.—Crust to be made the same as for cream tartar biscuit, to be cooked by steam in a covered tin boiler; roll the crust to the required size and half an inch thick; use first a layer of crust, then slice apple and so on, having the top layer a crust, leaving room for the pudding to swell; if prunes are used swell them first by soaking them in water; don't let them boil so as to break the skin. Cook the pudding an hour and a half or two hours according to the size. Make a sauce same as for the dumplings. I have made these puddings with peaches, both fresh and dried, and with dried apple, (always swelling the dried fruit), with blackberries, and with whortleberries (or huckleberries), and I never know of one being heavy made this way.

As these warm days cause us to search for something cooling, it may be deemed in season to give the following directions how to make one cream.

To Make Ice Cream.—One quart fresh cream boiled and set away till cold. Half a pound of powdered loaf sugar. The juice of two large lemons or a pint of strawberries or raspberries, or an ounce of bitter almonds, blanched and pounded in a mortar with rose water, or some one of the various "essences." Put the cream into the freezer and set in a tub or pail. Fill the tub with ice broken into very small pieces, and strew among the ice a large quantity of salt, taking care that none of the salt gets into the cream. Scrape the cream down with a spoon as it freezes round the edges of the tin. While the cream is freezing stir in gradually the lemon-juice, or the strained juice of berries, or other flavoring. When it is all frozen dip the tin in lukewarm water, take out the cream and serve. If it is to be molded, as soon as it is frozen put it in the molds and set them in a tub of ice and salt. Just before the cream is needed for use take the molds out of the tub, wipe or wash the salt carefully from the outside, dip the molds in lukewarm water and turn out the cream.

The Mother of Texans.—A correspondent of the Kansas City Times, writing from Houston, in Texas, gives the following intensely interesting passage: "The veterans were wild with enthusiasm when Mrs. Gen. Long, the oldest veteran of Texas, was presented to the convention. She was invested with a badge of honor, and in my interview with the venerable lady she told me that it had been the proudest day of her life, she had been crowned with so many honors. She said that General Andrew Jackson introduced her husband to her. She came to Texas in 1810, fifty six years ago, and was the first white woman who put foot upon Galveston Island. The Houston Telegraph states that she is now over 85 years of age, but she stated to me that her age is 77 years. It is very difficult and delicate matter to compute with mathematical accuracy and exactness a woman's age, but we can safely say that Mrs. Gen. Long is a veteran. What wonderful associations and mingled memories of pleasure and sadness cluster around the pathway of this venerable matron. Over half a century in Texas! The associate of the great Jackson, a participant in the war for the independence of Texas, the observant of the cruelities and hardships and wild scenes of border life in the widest period in the widest period in the history of the Southwest—what a fund of information and incident an enterprising interviewer might obtain from the venerable woman.

An Iowa paper says: The destruction by floods and drowning out of crops on flat and low lands, have been very heavy the past month, but before estimating the per cent. of loss, we will wait the results of better weather.

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