

**The Statesman's Food SECTION**  
**Versatile Rice**  
 Appears in Every Course

The Orientals use rice in every meal, and many Americans serve it very frequently, because it is a versatile cereal, suitable for every meal and every course.

For instance, you can use it as an accompaniment for meat or chicken, as a salad or as dessert.

Here is a recipe for a delicious but easy chicken or meat accompaniment. Snowy white hot rice is topped with a mixture of toasted coconut, almond slivers and onions which are cooked tender in butter or margarine. Chopped hard-cooked eggs are sprinkled over the top. The eggs make a tempting yellow and white contrast to the browned almonds and coconut. The recipe is an example of how surprisingly tasty an unusual combination can be. Here, the flavors go together as if they'd always belonged. The dish can be a "quickie" for the onions can be cooked ahead of time and the almonds and coconut toasted and ready for re-heating at the last minute.

**Hawaiian Almond-Coconut Rice**  
 1 1/2 cup sliced almonds  
 1/2 cup firmly packed coconut  
 1 cup uncooked white rice  
 2 cups water  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 1/4 cup margarine or butter  
 1 cup chopped onions  
 2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped

Toast the almonds and coconut by placing them on separate pans in a pre-heated 350 degree oven. Stir occasionally. Leave until a golden brown. The coconut will take about 10 minutes and the almonds about 15 minutes.

Put the rice, water and salt in a 2-quart saucepan. Bring to a vigorous boil. Turn the heat as low as possible. Cover and leave of this low heat 14 minutes. While the rice cooks, melt the butter or margarine in a saucepan. Add the onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onions become tender and yellow. Stir in the almonds and coconut. Allow to heat until very hot.

After the rice cooks, remove the saucepan from the heat but leave the lid on until ready to serve, at least 10 minutes. Pour the hot rice into a vegetable dish and pour the onion-almond mixture over the rice. Sprinkle with the chopped eggs. If desired, the rice may be shaped into mounds or timbales and then covered with the onion-almond mixture.

This recipe makes 6 servings.

**Pimiento Cheese Salad**  
 1 cup uncooked white rice  
 2 cups water  
 2 teaspoons salt  
 1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
 3 whole canned pimientos, chopped  
 1/2 cup chopped green olives  
 3 tablespoons French dressing  
 1/4 pound of ranch cubes (1 cup) processed American cheese or use sharp cheese, if desired

Salad greens  
 Put the rice, water, salt and black pepper in a 2-quart saucepan. Bring to a vigorous boil. Turn the heat as low as possible. Cover with a lid and leave over this low heat 14 minutes. Remove the saucepan from the heat but leave the lid on 10 minutes.

After the rice cooks, stir in the pimientos, green olives and French dressing. Allow to cool. Before the rice mixture is completely cool, gently stir in the cheese cubes. Cover and store in the refrigerator until time to serve. Serve on salad greens. This recipe makes 6 servings.

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