

Cooking Points

About Ham.

Baked ham keeps better than boiled ham, and what is left from the first meal may be served cold or form the ingredient in some other savory dish for a later day.

Baked corned ham is a novelty. Soak the ham in water overnight. In the morning take a brush and scrub it and pare the bare side until meat and fat look red and white. Then use vinegar to wash it with. When it drains lay with the skin side down in a roasting pan. Make a thick paste of flour and water and cover the pared side with this. Mix together a half cupful of vinegar, a cupful of cold water, a tablespoonful each of molasses and onion juice. Pour this around the ham. Cover the pan closely and bake, allowing half an hour to each pound after the water becomes hot. Baste several times with the liquid in the pan. When done take out of the oven and scrape off the paste. Then instantly dust with cracker crumbs to stop the flow of the juice. Then set back in the oven to brown.

Orange Custard Pudding.

To make this pudding take a quart of milk, allow it to heat over the fire, but not to boil. Put the lightly beaten yolks of five eggs and the whites of two and four ounces of sugar into it. Take from the fire and stir well, adding the well grated rind of an orange. Pour into a buttered pudding dish. Put this in a pan of boiling water in the oven and bake. Beat the whites of three eggs and two tablespoonfuls of sugar to a stiff froth and when the pudding is done and has been removed from the oven spread this froth over and return to the oven for two or three minutes to harden.

Orange Sauce.—Take five tablespoonfuls of butter and rub them into a cupful of granulated sugar. Take a saucepan and put the sugar into it, adding a cupful of boiling water, the juice of two oranges, the juice of half a lemon and the whites of three eggs. Beat until it is foamy and then serve.

Apple and Nut Meringue.

To prepare this dish wash, halve and core some baking apples. Place in a rather deep baking dish, and into each half put a dot of butter, teaspoonful or more of sugar, depending upon the acidity of the apple, one-half cupful of water. Bake slowly. If apples are not good bakers stew covered on top of stove until tender, then place in the oven to brown slightly. Beat the whites of three eggs to a stiff froth, beat in one-half cupful of sugar, cover the apples and sprinkle over top broken nut meats and shredded coconut. Lightly brown in the oven.

Celery With Hollandaise.

Boiled celery with hollandaise sauce can be made into a delicious entree and served as a separate course. The bunches should be washed as carefully as possible without separating the stalks. They are then tied to preserve their shape while boiling. Small, tender bunches require almost an hour's cooking. To serve split each bunch in half, which is a single portion, and serve with hollandaise sauce made from the water in which the celery has boiled, as this strengthens the vegetable flavor.

A Pudding Economy.

Sometimes the housewife has two or three scraps of different puddings left over.

Take a fork and break and mix them well together, put them into a clean pie dish, make about a pint of custard, mix half of this with the cold pudding and pour the rest over the top. Bake in a slow oven.

Cakemaking Hint.

To bake a cake well and with very little trouble have two cake tins the same shape and size. Put the cake mixture into one tin and place the other over it so that the rims meet. The cake rises better, as the cooler air caused by opening the oven door is not allowed to penetrate.

Baked Apples.

When baking apples cut through the rind all round just a little way from the stem before putting the apples in the oven. The apples will keep their proper shape without bursting, and the cut part will not show when they are placed on the dish.

Kipped Herring.

After the herring are cleaned rinse in warm water, dry and put on tin or grate plate in hot oven fifteen minutes; then pour on a little melted butter, cover and leave in five minutes more. They should be served on pieces of toast.

Worth Knowing.

Beef suet is used not nearly as much as it might be. Doughnuts fried in it are not greasy like those fried in lard and are much nicer. Beefsteak fried in suet is also better than that fried in butter, the suet making a richer gravy.

To Prevent Burning.

When you are making a thick soup or cooking any starchy food in a saucepan the best way to prevent its burning or boiling over is to bring it to the boil on the top of the stove, then cover and finish cooking in the oven.

For the Children

A Little Snow Shoveler
In Central Park, New York.



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Like the rest of the northern country, New York city has been enveloped in a snow blanket for several weeks, something quite unusual in the big city. It has been a source of great annoyance to most folks, but children see nothing but good in the snowdrifts. Not in years has there been such constringing, and the hills in the parks and many of the streets have been alive with little people making the best of the welcome opportunity. The smiling little lady in the picture is Mrs. Thatcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Thatcher of New York city. Little Miss Thatcher, who looks somewhat like an Eskimo baby in her winter clothes, was shoveling snow with an elder sister for a companion when the camera man happened along and took her picture. She was pleased with the idea of being photographed and posed very prettily.

Paper Bag Frolics.

Busy mothers may discover in paper bags many possibilities for amusement and exercise for their children. They will prove a boon on many a stormy day. A small bag inflated and tightly tied makes an excellent air ball to be batted upward with the palm of the hand. When two or three boys and girls try to bat it before it falls to the floor there is plenty of excitement. The bag will stand a good deal of batting.

A larger bag filled with wool or pieces of soft woolen cloth and tied tightly serves well for an indoor football and will do no injury. A paper bag the size of an ordinary punching bag can be stuffed, tied and hung in the doorway just low enough for a youngster to punch.

Paper bags of any and all sizes will give pleasure when the children want to play shop. Smoothed out paper bags can be used for kites and will amuse the little tots. The bags should be tied to the window sill outside and left to flutter against the panes.

Land of Wheelbarrows.

The wheelbarrow is the most common medium of transportation in Shanghai, China. The load is balanced about the wheel so that the workman does not have to carry a portion of the load, as is the case with the American wheelbarrow. Some wheelbarrows have but one push man, some having a pulling man as well. Some have one, two and three donkeys to aid in the pulling, and some are equipped with a sail to obtain the help of favorable winds. The equipment depends on the load carried, the maximum load being about a ton.—Chicago Journal.

Aurora Borealis.

The aurora borealis is a combination of two Latin words meaning "northern dawn." In Great Britain it is seen as an arch of whitish green or rosy light in high northern latitudes during clear nights, especially in winter.

In the arctic regions it is a vivid mass of ribbon-like bands of light extending in irregular half circles, one above the other, from the horizon where the sun has set. As it disturbs delicate magnets, it is believed to be due to electric discharges controlled by the magnetic forces of the earth.

The Lone Star State.

Texas is sometimes referred to as the Lone Star State. This is owing to the fact that for a brief period before the American civil war Texas was an independent state, and prominent on her national flag was one solitary star.

An Old Riddle.

Macaulay was charged with the following adroit riddle on "cod" and shook off the credit only by persistent denials:
Cut off my head, and singular I am;
Cut off my tail, and plural I appear;
Cut off my head and tail, and, wondrous fact,
Although my middle's left, there's nothing there.

What is my first? It is the sounding sea.
What is my last? It is a flowing river.
And in their mingling depths I wander free.
Parent of sweetest sounds, though mute forever.

The Kitchen Cupboard

WHAT TO DO WITH SHRIMPS.

If you can get fresh shrimps you will be able to add many novel dishes to the Lenten menu. Canned shrimps are available everywhere and may be substituted for fresh ones in the following recipes:

Shrimp Bisque Soup.—Stir one heaping tablespoonful of flour into enough milk or cream to make a paste, put into the saucepan half pint of milk, the yolk of one egg well beaten, a tablespoonful of butter, salt and pepper to taste and at the last add a half cupful chopped shrimps. Serve hot.

Highly Seasoned.

Savory Shrimps.—Wash and drain one can of shrimps. Heat in a saucepan by cooking together one tablespoonful of butter, one of flour and one and one-half cupfuls of rich milk. Just before serving add one-half teaspoonful of lemon juice, a grating of nutmeg and a dash of cayenne.

Shrimps In Ramekins.—Take two small cans of shrimps. Cut each shrimp in three pieces. Remove shells if any are attached; wash thoroughly. Fry in one tablespoonful butter with an onion chopped fine. Add one cupful milk, salt, pepper and yolk of one egg. Stir, but do not let boil. Pour into buttered ramekins, cover with fine bread crumbs and bake until brown. Serve with slices of lemon. Put ramekins in a pan with a little water.

Flavored With Sauce.

Scallops of Fish With Shrimps.—Take three-quarters of a pound of any cooked fish. Remove bones and skin. Separate into large flakes with a fork. Mix with it an equal quantity of shelled shrimps, about a breakfast cupful of any fish sauce left over or freshly made white sauce. Stir till hot over the fire; season carefully. Butter six or seven tins or china scallop shells. Fill them with the mixture. Cover the tops with browned crumbs. Put a few bits of butter here and there on the top. Bake in a quick oven till very hot. Serve in the shells.

Made in the Chafing Dish.

Shrimps With Fowl.—Take one cupful of shrimps, one tablespoonful butter, one tablespoonful flour, one cupful cream, one-half teaspoonful salt, two yolks of eggs, one tablespoonful lemon juice, white pepper or paprika. Mix the butter and flour well together in the chafing dish. Add the cream gradually, stirring all the time. Now add the shrimps, season, and when hot add the beaten yolks and serve. Whole wheat bread sliced thin, buttered, and a small piece of lettuce thinly spread with hot relish cut in fancy shapes as for sandwiches are very nice served with the shrimps.

Anna Thompson

Paradoxical Effort.

"That detective did a queer thing when he chased the fugitive to Europe."

"What was that?"
"He went to sea to land his man."—Baltimore American.

People in the News

John G. Bowman resigned as president of the state university of Iowa.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson is recovering slowly from the effects of a fall on the White House floor two weeks ago. E. A. Sullivan, a prominent attorney of Louisiana, wants \$60,000 for the destruction of his beard. The trimmings were cut off by opponents during an election fight.

President Huerta at Mexico City agreed to let the United States embassy receive arms and ammunition consigned to it by the Washington government for use in case of an anti-foreign uprising.

Unless his health improves soon, United States Charge d'Affaires Nelson O'Shaughnessy states he would resign and return to the United States. His physicians said he was in danger of complete nervous collapse.

Robert Lansing of New York was chosen by President Wilson to succeed John Bassett Moore as counselor for the state department, and Cone Johnson of Texas was selected for state department solicitor, succeeding Joseph W. Folk.

A defense of insanity will be the only one interposed to account for the actions of Mrs. Edith Edna Hawley, the Portland, Ore. woman who confessed the attempt to cause the death of her husband, three step-children and a neighbor woman, by sending them boxes of candy in which bichloride of mercury had been placed.

Announcement was made at Seattle of the sale to the Pacific Sea Products company, composed of John Lind, President Wilson's personal representative in Mexico, and several other Minneapolis capitalists, of the Alaska Whaling company, organized two years ago by Captain Otto Sverdrup, the Norwegian explorer.

It would be better to leave the present anti-trust statute unchanged than to risk losing the advantages gained through years of judicial interpretation, in the opinion of William H. Taft, as expressed in his closing lecture before the law school of the University of Minnesota.

Good form

Unneighborly Noises.

Lack of neighborly responsibility seems to be conspicuous through all ranks of society. You can understand the conduct of the knife grinder who blows his horn or rings his bell under your window, regardless of the rest or work he may be interrupting, just as you can excuse the yells of the itinerant vegetable or fruit vender who cries his wares raucously along the street.

These noise producers are working for their living, and their calls and clanging are part of their stock in trade. Without them you would not know their goods were offered for sale. You can even tolerate the banging of the beaters on rugs on the roof or in the back yard, because you know the cleaning must be done, and it is being performed in the only locality that presents itself.

But what good is gained by the unnecessary honkings of an automobile which wake the echoes of your street at midnight? Why should the collectors of ashes and garbage make unnecessary noise in the discharge of their duties? And to come within the house and in touch with those who are supposed to have gentler tendencies, why should persons of like nature with ourselves keep so called music—either vocal or instrumental—going at an hour when ordinary, every day folk are supposed to be asleep?

Rings For Bridesmaids.

A custom rather strictly observed in Germany is the exchange of rings by bride and bridegroom on the wedding day, and it is a very pretty idea. "Why shouldn't the man have some outward symbol to show that he is married as well as a woman?" asked a little dark eyed bride who had used this double ring ceremony. And why not? Very few brides now select a plain diamond solitaire that was for so long considered the only proper engagement token; the larger the stone the more the girl loved to flash it. Now a diamond is used if the girl wishes it, but it is cut and set in some individual manner and is made with the promise that no duplicates will be sold.

Some new rings are being shown which on first appearance seem to be very handsome seals, but on closer examination show that they are to be divided when the "time" comes into two separate rings. They are made to order, as is much of the jewelry worn nowadays by those who wish to have exclusive styles in their articles of adornment.

Table Manners.

When we consider good table manners in a general way there is one point that is emphasized. Quickness without haste is the thing that will do more than anything to give attractive table manners. Any one can be quiet and dignified. It may be a difficult thing to master the uses of the different utensils and to keep in mind the order of courses; it may seem a stupendous task to review the different positions and ways of eating different foods, but it is the easiest thing in the world to do things in a quiet manner. They are the essence of good table manners, and on this foundation it is possible to build an intricate structure that will take you through any formal dinner in satisfaction.

Dancing Etiquette.

"When dancing with a young girl," asks a perplexed masculine reader, "is it necessary to continue dancing with her—perhaps three or four dances—until some other man relieves you by asking the girl for a dance? Is there no way in which a man can gracefully get away?"

The nice thing to do is to dance with the girl until another partner comes to claim her, but in case you have the next dance with another girl you must make your excuses gracefully, explaining the situation, and then go to claim the other girl. If you are free for the succeeding dances you should remain with your first partner until some one else relieves you of this duty.

Street Introductions.

An introduction is not always necessary when people meet on a public street, but it prevents a momentary embarrassment to say, "Miss C. Mr. M." Such an introduction need not be considered a basis for a future acquaintance. Merely to bow and smile in acknowledgment, with a pleasant word, is all that is necessary, and if the lady does not choose to recognize the man in meeting him afterward that is her privilege.

Consideration For Servants.

Respect your maid's privacy. Make it a point always to knock on her door before entering, and if you have occasion to go to the kitchen in the evening always knock there too. It is practicable do not disturb her at night. Some women have a most pernicious habit of getting their maids up to unhook clothes, while others will remember in the small hours a number of orders that should have been given at dinner time.

SIR EDWARD CARSON



Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Unionists party in Ulster opposed to Home Rule for Ireland.

ROOSEVELT LOSES OUTFIT

Scientific Work of Expedition Is Thought to Have Been Destroyed.

New York.—The loss of all the equipment of Theodore Roosevelt's party in the unexplored wilds of Central Brazil is reported in a cable message from Anthony Fiala, a member of the party, to the New York Times.

Members of the Roosevelt family here had received no advices from Colonel Roosevelt up to an early hour but expressed no concern for his safety.

In fact, Mr. Fiala's silence on the subject was held to indicate that the loss was confined to the equipment and the archeological and other specimens gathered by the expedition.

Will Test "Blue Sky" Law.

Portland, Ore.—An attack upon the "Blue Sky" law of Oregon which is designed to wipe it off the statute books will be commenced this week, when a complaint and petition for an injunction is filed in the federal district court by the National Mercantile company of Vancouver, B. C.

Nick To Run Again.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Nicholas Longworth, son-in-law of former President Roosevelt and who was defeated at the last presidential election for reelection as congressman from the first Ohio congressional district, has announced his candidacy for that office on the republican ticket, subject to the primaries in August.

NORTHWEST WHEAT CROP WILL BE LARGE

Portland.—The states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will produce a bumper crop of wheat this year, and unless all signs fail, the yield will be a record-breaker. Experienced grain men predict an out-turn of at least 70,000,000 bushels of this cereal in the Pacific Northwest.

These views are based on the remarkably fine condition of the winter wheat crop in the three states. From the date of planting to the present time, all conditions of climate, soil and moisture have been ideal. From every point in the Northwest comes an uniform report of perfect growing weather and fine stand.

The increase in acreage has been more extensive than expected, averaging perhaps close to 10 per cent throughout the entire territory.

The northwest last year turned off a wheat crop of about 56,000,000 bushels. The record yield heretofore has been 65,000,000 bushels.

This year the three states will come up to this latter figure and without doubt will exceed it.

Socialists Plan Recall.

Pasco, Wash.—Socialists are circulating recall petitions for Councilmen Groome and Leasure on the ground that they voted against pledges in passing the bond issue for the irrigating water. Both the socialists councilmen are preparing to fight.

Steamer Burns and Sinks.

Petaluma, Cal.—The steamer Petaluma, ready to sail for San Francisco with a full cargo of general merchandise, caught fire and burned to the water's edge and sank.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Club, 91c; bluestem, \$1.00; red Russian, 90c.
Hay—Timothy, \$17; alfalfa, \$14.
Butter—Creamery, 28c.
Eggs—Ranch, 19c.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem, 98c; club, 88c; red Russian 87c.
Hay—Timothy, \$17 per ton; alfalfa, \$14 per ton.
Eggs—21c.
Butter—Creamery, 29c.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Postoffice Department Perfecting Plans to Assist Consumer and Producer.

Washington. — Preliminary steps were taken by the postoffice department to perfect its plan for having the parcel post carry products of the farm directly to the door of the consumer.

Ten cities were selected to begin work of establishing direct connections between producer and consumer. Orders went to the postmasters at Boston, Atlanta, St. Louis, San Francisco, Baltimore, Detroit, La Crosse, Wis.; Lynn, Mass.; Rock Island, Ill., and Washington, directing them to "receive the names of persons who are willing to supply farm products in retail quantities by parcel post."

Printed lists of these names, showing kind and quantity of commodity available, will be distributed among town and city patrons.

New Haven Agrees To Be Dissolved.

After several weeks of negotiations, the department of justice and the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad announced that they had reached an agreement for a dissolution of the New Haven.

The Boston Railroad Holding company is a Massachusetts corporation holding a majority of the stock of the Boston & Maine railroad and 90 per cent of the former stock, in turn, is owned by the New Haven railroad. Stock of the holding company will be transferred at once to five trustees and after arrangements have been made to protect the minority stock of the holding company they will sell the Boston & Maine stock, prior to January 1, 1917. The other subsidiary companies will also be sold.

Suffrage Loses On Senate Vote.

Woman suffrage advocates lost their fight in the United States senate for a resolution proposing an amendment to the federal constitution giving women the ballot.

The vote was 35 for the measure to 34 against it, a two-thirds affirmative vote being required for passage.

When it was all over, suffragist leaders jubilantly pointed to the majority of one as conclusive proof that their cause had scored a triumph in defeat and was immeasurably stronger than its opponents had ever been willing to concede.

Army Bill Is Increased.

An increase of \$7,564,000 in the army appropriation bill was made by the senate military affairs committee in reporting the measure to the senate. The amended bill carries an appropriation of \$101,755,000.

The most important new item is \$135,000 to construct a military cable from Washington State to Alaska.

The committee urges an increase of \$1,221,000 in the pay for enlisted men, that the army may be maintained at its present full strength of 85,000.

Highway Bill Is Reported to Senate.

The House bill providing for highway work in conjunction with the states was favorably reported to the senate by the agricultural committee. It would also appropriate \$1,000,000 for 1914 and authorize an appropriation of \$4,000,000 for 1915, with additional yearly increases until 1921, when the amount authorized would be \$10,000,000.

National Capital Brevities.

Secretary of the Interior Lane has named one of the ponds in Glacier National park Ellen Wilson, after the president's wife.

The opening of the legislative battle for the repeal of the exemption provision of the Panama canal act was delayed until next week by prolonged consideration in the house of the rivers and harbors appropriation bill.

Whatever promotion is given Colonel Goethals and others identified with the building of the Panama canal will be determined by President Wilson himself, according to an agreement.

A favorable report on the Taylor bill creating 10 mining experiment stations, one to be located in Alaska and the others in western metallurgical states, was returned by the house mines committee. Each station, by the terms of the bill, will be allowed to spend \$25,000 annually.

From a little farm of 87 acres, owned by John Jones, an ex-slave in Shelby county, Tennessee, has come to the supreme court a question affecting negroes all over the country. The question is whether former slaves are entitled to inherit from their brothers and sisters, who were likewise ex-slaves.

Western members of the house of representatives are being given to understand that there is little or no prospect for the modification of the homestead law during the present session, and that in all probability all important land legislation will go over until after the election. Representative Ferris, of Oklahoma, chairman of the house committee on public lands, is authority for this statement.