

# HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Baked Puddings Tempt on Cold Days  
(See Recipes Below.)

### Baked Dessert

ARE YOUR DESSERTS fragrant and appetite-satisfying these cold winter days? If not, get busy, light the oven, and bring out your pans and mixing bowls for these recipes are certain to inspire you thoroughly and delightfully.

Baked puddings are a wonderful menu inspiration especially when you're using the oven for the main dish, hot bread or vegetable, because they can be cooked right along with the other things.

Then, too, since appetites are sharper these frosty days, it's a good idea to have something substantial to fill the tummy. You can combine fruits and cereals, eggs and milk, all of these good foods, so essential to good nutrition, right into menus so readily when they're included in a dessert that no one will skip.

YOU'LL KNOW WHY the recipe is called "Delight" when you try this delectable combination of jellied whole cranberries, chopped apples and a topping of rolled oats, brown sugar and nutmeats. This dessert takes an hour to bake and may be served warm with hard sauce or cold with whipped cream.

#### \*Cranberry Delight (Serves 6)

- 1 1/2 cups chopped, unpeeled apples
- 1 cup jellied whole cranberry sauce
- 1 cup rolled oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sifted flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup melted butter or substitute
- 1/2 cup chopped nutmeats

Combine apples and cranberry sauce; place in a greased 8-inch square baking dish. Combine rolled oats, sugar, flour and salt. Add butter, mixing until crumbly. Sprinkle over apple-cranberry mixture. Top with nutmeats. Bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven for one hour.

THERE ARE FEW more festive combinations than candied or maraschino cherries and pineapple. Here's an excellent recipe for using your leftover, stale cake. If you lack that, you may substitute lady fingers.

#### Cabinet Pudding (Serves 6)

- 18 lady fingers or leftover, stale cake
- 1 cup crushed pineapple
- 1/2 cup cherries
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup peaches, sliced

Alternate layers of mixed fruit and cake in a buttered casserole. Beat eggs slightly, add milk and sugar and pour this over fruit-cake mixture. Bake uncovered in a moderate (350-degree) oven for one hour.

HERE'S A LOVELY cake-type pudding with a delicious orange sauce that is baked right with the pudding.

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For best results in baking, have milk at room temperature before mixing it with the other ingredients. This is especially true when mixing biscuits, muffins and cakes.

A teaspoon or two of lemon juice brings out the full fruit flavor of fruit pies. Add it when mixing the fruit in the sugar.

Leftover ham may be ground and shaped into balls. Serve with a sweet-sour sauce!

### LYNN CHAMBERS' MENU

- Fish Chowder.
- Tomato-Calava Salad
- Cheese Dressing
- Buttered Toast Beverage
- \*Cranberry Delight
- \*Recipe Given.

#### Baked Orange Pudding (Serves 6)

- Sauce:
- 1 cup sugar
  - 1 1/2 cups boiling water
  - 2 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
  - 3 tablespoons butter
  - 1 orange, grated rind and juice
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg

Mix sugar, salt and cornstarch. Add boiling water gradually, stirring constantly, then boil five minutes. Remove from heat, add orange juice and rind. Pour about one-fourth of this mixture into a deep greased pan (8"x8"). Cover with cake mixture given below. Reserve remainder of sauce to pour over pudding when served.

- Cake mixture:
- 1 1/2 cups cake flour
  - 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1/2 cup milk
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - 1 egg
  - 1/2 teaspoon orange extract
  - 1/2 cup melted butter

Sift together all dry ingredients. Add egg to milk, then the melted butter. Beat slightly. Turn the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients, then beat until the mixture is smooth. Stir in flavoring. Pour batter over orange sauce in the greased deep pan, then bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven for 45 minutes.

HERE'S A TORTE that's good for wintertime eating. The delicate flavor arises from the combination of applesauce, spices, raisins and oats. Easy to make, simple to serve right from the casserole, it's a good dessert to have on hand during the entire cool weather season.

#### Spicy Applesauce Torte (Serves 12)

- 1 cup sifted flour
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon cloves
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup thick, sweetened applesauce
- 1 cup rolled oats, quick or old-fashioned, uncooked
- 1/2 cup raisins

Sift together flour, soda, baking powder, salt and spices. Add shortening, sugar, egg and one-half cup of the applesauce. Beat until smooth, about two minutes. Fold in remaining applesauce, rolled oats and raisins. Bake in a greased 7x11-inch pan in a moderate (350-degree) oven for 35 to 40 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream or hard sauce.

#### Hard Sauce

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons butter

Cream butter, add sugar gradually, then vanilla. Shape in a mold or in balls. Chill and serve.

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Roll biscuit dough into a large circle, then cut into pie shaped wedges. Spread with softened butter, sprinkle with brown sugar and nutmeg. Then roll into butters, starting at the wide end and bake. Most attractive and delicious!

For breakfasts that delight on cold mornings, serve spicy sausage patties with french toast and syrup. Start off with a colorful, plump baked apple.

Ever try lima beans with chopped cooked bacon for flavor? You'll like them this way.

## Woman's World

### Closets Should Be Decorative, Orderly, Instead of Catch-Alls

By Ertta Haley

WHAT HAPPENS when you open the closet door? Do things of all manner and description tumble out at you? Do you have to push bunches of clothing and shoes out of the way in a mad scramble to find what you want?

Or, are you like one friend of mine who opens her closet door more often than necessary just for the sheer pleasure of looking at its beauty and efficiency? Yes, closets can be that way if you'll review them as a problem and outline a solution.

Closets are not nearly large and that is a very real problem. If you can't do the necessary carpentry to make them larger, there may still be a way to solve the storage problem.

Small closets in old-fashioned houses are often very high, and it may be possible to build a few more shelves on top of the only one you have. This would certainly take care of several large storage boxes to help get things off the floor.

In a small closet, you'll also have to establish a filing system and ad-

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The closet should consist only of the things you are using daily. This prevents clutter.

Get your shoes out of the way by placing them on a rack or in shoe bags. Use a certain filing system even in this: put shoes back in the same place so you know exactly where to go to get them.

Sometimes the inside of the door may be used for a shoe bag. If you can't find one of the right size, they're easy to make to fit the door.

Special hangers are made for suits, trousers, skirts and ties. These are often a good investment because they are especially designed to keep things at their best. Place them at one end of the closet so you'll know where things like that are. It's also easy to keep special hangers all together rather than have them cluttering space in-between regular hangers.

#### Decorate Closets As You Do Rooms

Closets are no longer painted an unobtrusive neutral color. Neither are they dark or lacking in design. We now see them in gay pastels, matching or contrasting with the room, and with matching accessories.

If your room is in a plaid, the closet will be smart if the walls are painted in one of the colors of the plaid. Then all the boxes which you are using for storage in the closet may be covered with the same plaid paper that you are using in the room. Or, you might use plastic boxes and trim them with the plaid used in the room. Another idea for trimming might be to use the same material on the boxes as you have used on the drapes or spread in the bedroom. In this way you can make the closet a unit with the room itself.

Closets that contrast with the room are also effective. Select one of the colors in the room for the walls of the closet and let the boxes harmonize with that.

If the room is any shade of pink, for example, you might use a pink and white candy stripe in the walls, and a blue or green for the ceiling. The boxes may be plain pink or they may be blue to match the ceiling.

If you do not want to go into any such detail, make an edging for the shelves out of a fabric or material that will match or contrast with the room. This same fabric might be used as edging for the boxes.

#### Cover Storage Boxes Neatly, Carefully

If you are covering boxes at home with either a wallpaper or a fabric, it must be done carefully so the boxes don't look shabby within a short time.

Start with plenty of material or paper so there need be no piecing. Fit each piece on carefully and leave enough so that paper or fabric will come well within the inside of the box. Paste or glue the ends, or use scotch tape to secure them.

Special care will have to be taken when you work with plaids or stripes so that these will run carefully and according to design. There must be no piecing.

Fabrics are, of course, more durable for covering if you can use them. They offer less difficulty, too, since they are more pliable. Use only durable, well constructed boxes which have no flaws in them. Fit them into the closet first, so that you know they'll fit. Labels placed on them, after covering, will also be more helpful in aiding you to find what you want.



Make matched accessories...

here to it. The last suggestion is the real secret!

The best way to file things is to get a series of wardrobe bags: one for blouses—and they are to go nowhere else. Another bag for dresses, and another for coats. If you always put the garments in the bags in which they belong, you can find the bag in a moment.

#### Store Out-of-Season Clothing Elsewhere

Summer shoes, galoshes, or blankets that you do not use regularly should be stored so they do not take precious space in a closet that has only enough room for things you use everyday.

At the beginning of each season, go through the closet carefully and set aside the things that you will not be using for several months. Have the garments or objects cleaned and put them away in the basement or attic. However, do



To glamorize the closet.

label them so there's no difficulty getting them when you need them.

If you have no other way to store them than in the closet, place them in labeled boxes piled neatly on the extra shelves that have been constructed.

Blankets, hats, belts, extra pillows, remnants and all manner of material may be stored in boxes, like this so they will not be in your immediate way.

#### Be Smart!



Make one pair of streamlined pumps do triple and quadruple duty by dressing them up or down to your costume. The pumps may be of medium or high heel, according to your preference or most frequent costume. For fur coat days, carry out the wrap up idea with fur trimmed spats that fit snugly over your heels. When whimsy instead of warmth rules your selection, the newest trick is the sling heel spat. Choose your buckle with an eye to its ornamental value, for you may be tacking it on the belt or shoulder of your basic wool dress.

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## Household Hints

Did you know that cheese slices more easily if you heat the knife slightly before cutting the cheese?

Blackened copper utensils can be brightened with a mixture of table salt and lemon juice. Rinse in lukewarm water.

To remove paint from washable fabric, scrape off fresh paint and wash in warm suds. If stain has dried, soften first with vaseline, then sponge with turpentine. Wash in warm suds.

Driftwood, if you can get it, is good to use in the fireplace, since the salts in it make pretty colored flames.

If the water is hard add a tablespoon of baking soda before washing your hair with your favorite shampoo. It will soften the water and help dissolve the accumulations of dust, leaving your hair soft and clean.

## Fantastic Story-Telling Is Normal in Children

"Mom, there's an elephant in the back yard and he's eight feet high! I just saw him and he smiled right at me!" Ridiculous? Of course. But what an idea for a story the next time Jimmy's teacher calls for story-telling period.

Don't worry if your youngster suddenly begins telling stories. It will shock you at first, but imagination is a good thing if it is directed in proper channels. It's your job to give tall tales the emphasis due them, and give direction to that imagination.



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