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To Save Meat.
Chop fine any bits of meat, chicken, pork, veal, beef or what not, add and chop into any cold fried or boiled eggs which have been left over. When the whole is chopped fine and thoroughly mixed add one or two beaten eggs. The beaten eggs can be dispensed with if necessary. Add a little sweet milk for moisture and enough cracker crumbs to make the mixture easily handled. Season with salt and pepper. Roll into croquettes and fry in hot lard. If desirable the croquettes can be made into balls and fried to a crisp in half butter and half lard.

Boston Baked Beans.
Soak a quart of beans in cold water over night. In the morning soak for two hours in warm water. Drain, put into a pot with water enough to cover them and bring slowly to a boil. When tender pour off the surplus water and put the beans into a deep bake dish, place a piece of deeply-scored salt pork in the center, pour in a pint of water in which the beans were boiled, stirring into this a half-cup of molasses and a quarter teaspoonful of French mustard. Cover and bake for at least six hours.

Broiled Squabs.
Pick and draw the squabs and remove their heads and feet. Split them down the backs, wipe out the bodies with a damp cloth and lay them open on a gridiron. Broil over a clear fire, turning when necessary, and watching carefully that they do not burn. Lay on slices of buttered toast, put a lump of butter on each bird, sprinkle with salt and pepper and serve.

Chili Con Carni.
Seed six red chillies and cover with boiling water. When tender scrape the pulp into water. Cut two pounds of steak into small pieces and fry brown in butter or dripping, add flour and brown it. Then pour over it the chili water, season with garlic and thyme and simmer until the meat is tender and the gravy thick.

Whole Wheat Muffins.
Into a quart of whole wheat flour stir a teaspoonful of salt and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Into a pint and a half of rich milk stir three beaten eggs. Add this mixture to the flour, stir in a tablespoonful of melted shortening and beat very hard for some minutes. Turn into greased muffin tins and bake in a hot oven.

Ways to Keep Bread.
Bread can always be kept well in a closed tin box. Another good way to keep it is to sprinkle each loaf with flour, and then tie them up in paper bags, which are hung on hooks in the pantry. When ready to use, brush off the flour and rub with a soft cloth wet in cold water, then place in the over for five minutes.

Avoid Breakage.
Thin glass is less likely to be broken by boiling water than glass which is thicker, since it allows the heat to pass through it more quickly. A teaspoon put into a tumbler before pouring in boiling water will often prevent the glass from cracking, especially if you pour the water in very slowly.

Clean Lemons Before Using.
Before grating lemons, it is well to wash them in a basin of lukewarm water, for on examination it will be found that the outside of a lemon is anything but clean, and if put under a microscope, it will be discovered to have tiny black specks on it, which are the minute eggs of an insect.

Molasses Candy.
Boil together a cupful each of molasses and brown sugar and a tablespoonful each of vinegar and butter. When a drop hardens in cold water beat in a scant teaspoonful of baking powder, stir hard and turn into buttered pans to harden. As it hardens cut or break into pieces.

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