

Influence.

No human being can come into the world without increasing or diminishing the sum total of human happiness, not only of the present, but of every subsequent age of humanity. No one can detach himself from this connection. There is no sequestered spot in the universe, no dark niche along the disk of non-existence to which he can retreat from his relations to others, where he can withdraw the influence of his existence upon the moral destiny of the world. Everywhere he will have companions who will be better or worse for his influence.

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"French walnut is the finest wood we have," said the cabinet maker. "It comes from Persia, but it is prepared in France. I have seen French walnut worth \$8 a pound, and it is a common thing to pay \$2 a pound for it. Of course it is used principally for veneering. Only millionaires could have chairs and tables of solid French walnut.

"Mahogany, wonderful as it is, rarely fetches such good prices. From \$2 to \$3 is a good price per pound for this wood.

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New England Plum Pudding.
A pint and a half each of white bread crumbs or dice and stoned Malaga raisins, one cup of moist brown sugar, one-half cup of New Orleans molasses, one cup of suet chopped fine or butter, a generous pint and a half of rich milk, five eggs beaten, a teaspoon of salt, a teaspoon of fresh grated nutmeg, a scant half teaspoon of ground cloves and a teaspoon of ground allspice. If preferred, one teaspoon of double extract of vanilla may be substituted for the cloves and allspice. The raisins should be well dusted with flour so they will not sink to the bottom, and should be stirred in last of all. Bake from four to five hours in a deep pudding dish (earthenware preferred), generously buttered.

Whole Corn Hominy.

To make whole corn hominy put one gallon of shelled corn into one-half gallon of weak lye. Boil in a pot or any kind of boiler, adding enough water to keep the corn covered until the bran comes off the grain. Usually one hour will be sufficient. Then empty into some large vessel and wash clean. It is best to let it soak in clear water overnight to take away the strong lye taste. Then put in a clean vessel and boil with clear water until the corn is soft, which requires about one-half day. Not much water is required for the grains and should be about dry when finished and two or three times natural size. If the corn is boiled too long in lye, or if the lye is too strong, it will not swell in boiling.

Plain Mince-meat.

Put two heaping cups of finely chopped meat into a large granite kettle, add eight cups of molasses, one cup of sugar, one and one-half cups of molasses, one cup of butter, or a half cup of butter and a half cup of melted suet, two cups of boiling water and one cup of the vinegar from sweet pickled peaches, one cup of whole but seeded raisins, one-half nutmeg grated, two level tablespoons of cloves, one-half teaspoon of allspice and three level teaspoons of salt; add also the grated yellow rind and juice of one lemon. Mix all together and simmer one hour. More salt and water may be needed.

Corn-Meal Puffs.

Take one cup of hot milk, one tablespoonful of melted butter and a pinch of salt; mix well together and add half a cup of corn meal. Let the mixture cool while beating two eggs; add a fourth of a cup of sugar to the eggs and a fourth of a cup of flour in which two teaspoonfuls of baking powder are mixed. Stir this all together thoroughly and then put it with the milk and corn meal. When beaten smooth, pour into hot muffin tins and bake about twenty minutes. When making puffs or muffins it pays to give careful attention so that they may be perfect when sent to the table for breakfast.

Maple Creams.

Shred the maple sugar finely and dissolve in a saucepan over the fire with a gill and a half of water. Remove the scum as it rises, and then boil up. If the maple sirup is quite clear and free from scum continue boiling, but if still thick add another gill of water, continuing to remove the scum. Bring the sirup to a temperature of 240 degrees, then remove, place on a wet marble slab and smooth it out with a confectionery spatula. While cooling add a teaspoonful of cream, two ounces of finely chopped walnuts, knead well, roll out to half an inch in thickness, and cut into squares.

Currant Loaf.

Beat half a cup of butter to a cream. Gradually beat in one cup of sugar, then one cup of currants, and the beaten yolk of three eggs; add alternately half a cup of milk and one cup and three-fourths of sifted flour, sifted again with four level teaspoonfuls of baking power, and lastly the whites of three eggs, beaten light. Turn into a shallow pan, dredge the top with granulated sugar, and bake about forty minutes.

Hot Sauce for Ice Cream.

Boil a pound of maple sugar with a very little water until it begins to "thread," then stir in a half-cup of English walnut meats broken into bits. If these are not enough to make the sauce thick, add more nut meats. Pour hot over the vanilla ice cream and serve at once.

Peppermint Creams.

To the white of one egg add twenty drops of essence of peppermint. Beat the mixture well and then add about half a pound of icing sugar by degrees, beating assiduously until the mixture is sufficiently stiff to form into shapes.

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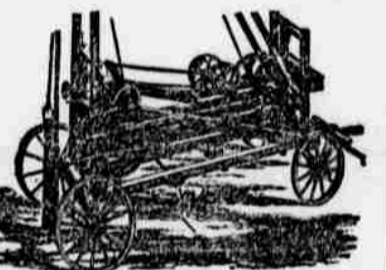
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