

My Favorite Recipe

By Helen Twelvrees

Creamed Eggs With Chili and Rice

To two cupfuls of well-seasoned medium white sauce add one teaspoonful chili powder and six hard-cooked eggs, cut in quarters. Meanwhile, cook one cupful of rice, season it to suit the taste and arrange in a border around a platter. Pour the egg mixture into the center. Serves six.

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ALAS!



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TRUTH to tell, I was not noticeably heroic that memorable first night of my stay in Cooksville whither my unreasonable father had sent me.

The Cooksville Daily gave me all the glory, presumably because I was the owner of the stolen bag containing a platinum wrist watch and some odd dollars. Also my vanity case had been stolen. But the heroine was my Cousin Madeline. Had she not awakened me when she did I would probably have died in my bed. A strong odor which permeated the room convinced all that a drug had been used to put us more profoundly asleep.

Madeline's screams had awakened the entire household. "I felt a choking sensation," she recounted to the listening family group, after the police patrol had come and gone. "I nudged Nora."

"Yes," I interposed, "and I continued sleeping."

"And when she woke," Madeline went on, "I murmured: 'Get up Nora, there's someone in the room.' Now, what do you think she said to that?" Madeline paused for effect, and I supplied the information.

"'I'm afraid!' is what I said. After all, that is logic, isn't it?" Madeline continued until day-break to enlarge on the night's happenings to the sleepy family. Then, convinced that we would be safe from intruders, they betook themselves to their respective bedrooms.

Late in the morning a reporter came from the local newspaper, along with a detective and an army of neighbors. Again and again Madeline recounted the story of the noise near her bed, the shadow on the wall, her screams, my confessed fear, and the odor in the room.

At 1 o'clock that afternoon the policeman brought my vanity case, battered, but recognizable. He had found it in a field near my uncle's home.

Doors and windows were securely bolted before we again retired for a night's sleep. I tried to insist on occupying the room that had been mine the night before, but this my aunt and uncle would not allow.

"My room is safer," said Madeline, "and there we'll sleep." And there we slept without disturbance.

Fortunately for my nerves, the following morning much of the interest in Madeline's story had waned, and thus there were fewer repetitions.

But my anxiety was not allayed

until, with the morning mail, I received the following letter:

"Dearest Sweetheart—Tarnation take the town of Cooksville! I see by its local paper that 'the countryside is being scoured' for me. Dear heart, I am safe! But now, oh how, did our plans manage to go astray? There I stood clutching your bag, your vanity case, and that big coat you had handed to me, when I heard a woman's scream. Was it 'Murder'? 'Robbers'? What? I waited until suddenly lights flashed. I heard the clanging of a police patrol, and then, dearest, I took to my heels and ran to my car. On investigation I find that I haven't your vanity case, nor the belt of your coat. These must have dropped. But I reached New York safely, though I expected every minute to be taken back to Cooksville jail. Dear, the license waits impatiently, and so do I."

There was more, but that has really no bearing on the case.

"Dear Ed"—I wrote that same afternoon—"Here's how it happened. That loquacious cousin of mine, Madeline, insisted on keeping me company in the guest room. For two hours she talked in bed. Of course, I had to undress so as not to create suspicion. She had been asleep but a short time when I heard your signal. And, dear, I had just handed you my few things, and had turned back to slip off my robe and into a dress, when I heard Madeline murmur sleepily, 'Nora, there is some one in the room.' I threw off my robe and crept into bed again, hoping she would fall asleep. Seems as though she had noticed a shadow on the wall, and it had worked wonders with her imagination. She nudged me, she yelled, she switched on the light, and is still talking of her heroism."

"Oh, dear, she gives me a pain! They found the old red belt belonging to my coat, but as no one here had seen the coat, they do not know the belt is mine. I had to own to the loss of the bag, watch and vanity case. The latter, by the way, has been found. Some powder that I spilled has convinced every one here that it is a scented drug. So that's that!"

"But, honey boy, I've been thinking—don't you think we had better postpone the elopement till I am back in the city? It's safer!"

I wrote more, but I have quoted sufficient here to explain the mystery of the Cooksville robbery.

Dust Storms Are Hard on Lovers



The great dust bowl of the Southwest is preparing for recurrence of the disastrous dust storms and residents of the threatened localities are acquiring masks. These are effective protection from the dust, but lovers find them very inconvenient, as may be seen in this photograph.

AROUND the HOUSE



Items of Interest to the Housewife

New Hot-Water Bottles—Have a little glycerine added to the water with which hot-water bottles are filled for the first time. This will make the rubber supple, and the bottle will last longer.

For Steamed or Boiled Puddings—Puddings will not stick to the basin if two strips of proof paper are put crosswise in the basin before the mixture is poured in.

Removing Stains on Hands—Vegetable stains can be removed from the hands by rubbing them with a slice of raw potato.

For Good Gravy—Did you know that gravy, to be served with roast meat, will taste much nicer and contain more nutriment if it is made with the water in which the vegetables have been boiled?

Protecting Buttonholes—A row of machine-sewing around button holes in knit underwear prevents stretching and makes them last longer.

Boiling Old Potatoes—Old potatoes sometimes turn black during boiling. To prevent this add a squeeze of lemon juice to the water in which they are boiled.

Salmon in Rice Nests—Two cups of rich cream sauce, one egg yolk, two teaspoons lemon juice, one pound can salmon, one small can mushrooms, one cup rice, two hard cooked eggs. Beat egg yolks slightly and add to the hot cream sauce with the lemon juice. Add the salmon and the

sliced mushrooms and heat thoroughly. Boil the rice, drain and form in mounds on plates; then make depression in mounds to form nests. Fill with salmon mixture. Cut hard cooked eggs in quarters lengthwise and garnish each serving with one.

Shrink the Cord—When loose covers for chairs, etc., are being made, boil the piping cord before using. This little precaution prevents unsightly puckers after the cover is washed.

Care of Shoes—The preservation of patent leather shoes presents difficulties because, by the very nature of the hard finish, it will crack eventually. But the fateful day may be delayed by occasionally applying just the smallest touch of pure vaseline and rubbing it in well with a soft cloth. Patent leather shoes should be polished by rubbing with a soft cloth only.

Frying Eggs—Eggs are less liable to break or stick to the pan if a little flour is added to the frying fat.

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The Great Kipling

Rudyard Kipling's devotion to his son is shown in a new anecdote, says the Boston Post. Soon after the death of Second Lieutenant John Kipling, at the front during the World war, an unknown admirer accosted the poet on a road near Burwash, England. "So you are the great Kipling?" he asked. "No, my son is," was the reply.

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