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### TESTED RECIPES

**MACARONI**  
 Dairy and other food products, including cheese and macaroni in the menus are particularly suitable during the autumn season. Typical menus are given below:

**Macaroni and Cheese**  
 1/2 lb. Canadian macaroni  
 2 tablespoons butter  
 2 tablespoons flour  
 1 half cup hot milk  
 Salt and pepper to taste. Bread crumbs. Grated Canadian cheese.  
 Make a sauce of one tablespoonful each of butter and flour and one-half cup of hot milk, salt. Put a layer of strong grated Canadian cheese in the bottom of the baking dish; spread over it a layer of macaroni and one of sauce; then cheese, macaroni and sauce, covering the top with fine breadcrumbs and bits of butter dotted over, and a little grated cheese. Place in the oven and bake until golden brown. If individual dishes are used, place them in a pan of hot water.

**Spaghetti Chop Suey**  
 8 oz. Canadian spaghetti  
 2 tablespoons butter  
 2 green peppers chopped  
 2 onions chopped  
 1 1/2 cups chopped celery  
 3 cups tomatoes  
 1 tablespoon salt  
 1 tablespoon sugar  
 1/2 teaspoon pepper  
 1/2 lb. round steak, minced

Place the spaghetti into rapidly boiling water and leave for ten minutes. Add 1 tablespoon of salt. Drain. Melt the butter in a frying pan; add the green peppers, onions, and celery, and cook slowly for 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Add the tomatoes, salt, sugar and pepper and continue cooking until the mixture thickens. Then add the well-drained spaghetti and cook slowly for 1/2 hour. Fry the round steak in small cakes. Just before serving, crumble over the top of the mixture. Serve piping hot. Mushrooms may be substituted for the steak, and macaroni may be used for the spaghetti.

**Spaghetti Salad**  
 1/2 package spaghetti  
 2 diced tomatoes  
 1 cupful celery  
 1 pintanto  
 2 sweet pickles  
 1/2 cup grated cheese  
 2 tablespoons mayonnaise  
 salt, pepper, paprika

Cook spaghetti in boiling water; blanch, drain, and chill. Mix well all the ingredients and combine with the spaghetti. Serve on lettuce leaves decorated with paprika. As a change, a can of Canadian cooked spaghetti with cheese in tomato sauce could be substituted, leaving out the mayonnaise.

### Five Flights Up

By BARBARA PEARSON  
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EVERY night Mary Ann Brown climbed the five dim flights of stairs in Mrs. Pratt's Boarding House for Select People. She climbed them gaily and willingly, because she was climbing toward something that belonged to her—a room beneath the eaves.

The third landing was the most important of all to Mary Ann Brown. Here Jim lived. Jim was the plumber who owned the big shop around the corner.

The fourth landing was rather an important one. Mazie Bates lived there. When she had board money, Mazie was Mary Ann's best friend and severest critic.

The fifth landing was a bit of heaven for Mary Ann. It must be admitted that it cost a fortune in energy to climb that high, but the faint ray of sunshine poking its way through the skylight, and the huge picture of one of Mrs. Pratt's ancestors which she had put out of the way up here, seemed almost to welcome the girl when she came home weary and footsore.

This particular night Mary Ann Brown came home more than weary. She was almost sick, and only that morning Jim had said that he might never have enough

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money to get married on. He had even hinted that she could go out with other men, as far as he was concerned.

"Say, kid, are you goin' out with the boy friend tonight?" sang out a rather raucous voice from the doorway.

Mary Ann kept right on preparing for bed. She gave a big sneeze for answer. Mazie pushed her way into the room and sat down on the edge of the bed.

"What's the matter, honey? Lost your boy friend?" asked the tactful girl.

Mary Ann looked at Mazie. She choked back another sneeze and opened her bed as best she could with her friend sitting on it.

"Listen, kid, could I borrow your coat?" "I've never taken any of your clothes before, but my boy friend has seen my old coat so much. How about it, honey?" Mazie asked, half expecting some argument.

"Yes, take it and go away. I'm tired," she answered crossly.

Downstairs Jim was waiting, patiently. He did not know that Mary Ann had come home. His watch was slow. Then down the steps came her blue coat. He wondered how she had come in without his seeing her. He stepped back into the shadows to surprise her. She meant so much to him that he had to apologize for his attack of blues that morning.

His heart came into his throat. A man hurried from the front room and took Mary Ann's arm. Jim wanted to fight then and there. As the two went out the door, murder surged into his heart. That sneaking salesman! And Mary Ann had said that she hated him!

Jim climbed the steps to Mary Ann's room in quick time. He threw open the door and stood on the threshold, shaking with anger.

"And when I get that cur I'll pound his dirty face," he said clearly. Mary Ann was so startled that she could not speak. Jim's anger seemed to die, but he went on talking aloud.

"Lord, and I didn't apologize to her for my grouch this morning." He was almost weeping now. "Just when I get a break so that we can—" Mary Ann felt a sneeze coming. She bit her lip to choke it back. She must hear what he had to say. "Marry. Well, I'll stay here until they come back," he finished.

Mary Ann could not hold her sneeze any longer. The little noise filled the room like a gun-shot. Jim turned, amazed. Then he was over near the bed, kneeling. A few precious moments later Mary Ann remembered her position. She pushed him, half-laughing, half-weeping, away from the bed and begged him to go away until tomorrow and finish the story. She was too happy now to stand more.

Jim stood for a second in the doorway. He threw a kiss in her general direction. Two minutes had cleared everything for Mary Ann. She sighed, and felt for her slippers. One was gone! But even that did not spoil her joy. She lit the winning gas jet.

Jim had kicked the slipper way across the room near the water-logged potatoes. Mary Ann picked up her slipper, put out the light, arranged the pair of slippers neatly beside the bed, and fell asleep after one more sneeze.

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