

Hints for the Home

Who has not had the disappointment of tuning-in, anticipating a long evening at the radio, only to find "tube trouble" had mysteriously introduced itself?

One regrettable feature of the old-style tubes has always been their fragility. If you have ever examined them carefully you have doubtless found the almost invisible wires arranged much like those in an electric light bulb—a construction so delicate that a very slight jar could cause damage to the tiny elements attached to the two-pillar center brace.

Now the screen grid tube made by one company has met this difficulty by using a four-pillar tube with the tiny supporting wires anchored at the top by a stiff mica plate. This holds the elements rigidly in place, so that they cannot be distorted by the jolts and jars of shipment or by necessary handling.

Another nice improvement is what might be called "two-unit construction"—whereby the power plant is mounted on a separate stage from the remaining tubes so that in case of trouble the one unit can be demounted and serviced independently of the other.

For Sunday Dinner

- Cream of Salsify soup
- Roast stuffed shoulder of Pork
- Candied sweet potatoes and apples
- Spanish corn Endive salad
- Coffee sponge with cream

Creamed Corned Beef

In two tablespoons of butter soften a tablespoon minced onion; add two cups white sauce; season with celery salt and paprika, and a teaspoon minced parsley. When perfectly blended, add 1½ cups diced

cooked corned beef; heat thoroughly and serve with baked potato.

Hungarian Soup

Boil a large chicken in 3 quarts water; season with salt, sage and pepper; add 1 onion chopped and cooked until tender. Remove chicken, chop it fine, then add to soup with the yolks of 3 well-beaten eggs. When very hot, sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serve at once.

Coffee Sponge

Dissolve 2 tbs. lemon-flavored gelatin in ¼ cup boiling water and add to 2 cups strong black coffee, boiling-hot; then add ¾ cup sugar. When cool and beginning to thicken, beat with rotary egg beater until quite stiff, add 1½ cups stiff whipped cream and continue beating until mixture will hold its shape. Turn into mold, chill, thoroughly, remove and serve with thin cream.

Washing Wool Sweaters

To wash burshed wool garments, make foamy suds of pure soap flakes and lukewarm water. Put garments in and squeeze with the hands, but do not rub or wring. Rinse in several waters, the last slightly soapy. Dry on a folded blanket spread flat on a table, shaping the garments carefully. Turn when one side is dry.

Longer Life for Brooms

Whisks and brooms will last twice as long if first "tempered" by immersion in soapsuds to toughen the fibre. Dip in suds, rinse well, shake and hang up to dry. Repeat every week or ten days.

White House 'Phone Number Is Changed; Is Only Third Time

The White House telephone number has been changed and the listing under United States Government in the newest telephone directory for Washington, D. C., is now:

"Executive mansion, 1600 Pa. Av. NW, National 1414."

This is the third telephone number the White House has had in the history of the telephone. When the first instrument was installed in the White House on May 10, 1878, it was listed as number 1. In 1900 a new exchange was established and the White House number became "Main 6." Main 6 continued as the number through the administrations of William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding and Calvin Colidge. Now, however, due to the extension of service, it has become necessary to make a third change, and "National 1414" is the result. When Main 6 was established there were only 4426 telephones in the city of Washington. When National 1414 became the White House number this year, Washington's telephones numbered about 154,000.



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