

Of Interest to Women



Hello Homemakers! One of the most popular salads in men's clubs is asparagus vinaigrette—chefs tell us. They say that this is simply chilled freshly cooked asparagus stalks served on crisp lettuce with vinegar and oil sauce. A chef, renowned for his sauces, was kind enough to supply the following recipe and pointed out that a small quantity of tarragon vinegar makes a difference. It is also good with hot asparagus.

SAUCE VINAIGRETTE
1 tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. paprika, 1 tbsp. tarragon vinegar, 2 tbsps. cider vinegar, 6 tbsps. olive or salad oil, 1 tsp. chopped green pepper, 1 tsp. chopped cucumber pickle, 1 tsp. chopped parsley, 1 tsp. chopped green onion.

Combine ingredients in order given. A little chopped celery or pimento may be added if desired. To enjoy asparagus to the utmost you should eat it as fresh as possible. Snap off the woody ends as the stalks break above the tough part. Take off lower scales on stems and clean thoroughly.

When cooking asparagus it is a good idea to remember that the stalks take longer to cook than the tips. Use sealer rings in the bottom of saucepan to prop head out of water. Only an inch of water is necessary, cover and cook for 10 or 15

mins., depending upon the amount prepared.

Someone asked us the other day if asparagus liquor like spinach liquor should be thrown out. We say yes because it is so strong to use except with asparagus.

DRAWN BUTTER SAUCE
3 tbsps. butter, 3 tbsps. flour, ¾ cup hot water, ¼ cup asparagus water, ½ tsp. salt, 1 tsp. lemon juice.

Melt butter, add flour with seasonings. Pour in the liquids and boil 5 minutes. Add lemon juice and serve at once over asparagus.

TAKE A TIP

1. A plain or stenciled cork place mat makes an excellent kitchen bulletin board for thumb-tacking recipes, menus or reminders.
2. To keep shirt cuffs from dragging on the floor when ironing, fold back each sleeve and fasten it with a snap clothespin.
3. Wax old brass curtain rods to prevent a discoloration on the curtains.
4. If you cannot put a screw in the end of the brush or dish mop handle, insert a ring near the handle in the brush. Chicken-leg markers are flexible rings obtainable at most feed stores. They are colorful too.

THE QUESTION BOX

Miss H. T. asks: Why do some eggs have a dark ring around the yolks when cooked in the shell.

Answer: When eggs cooked in the shell are not cooled quickly, this unappealing tarnish usually forms. The dark ring is not harmful.

Mrs. T. M. asks: How to keep water-erress?

Answer: Leave a few of the roots on and keep them in water. Change the water once or twice a day. Do not cover.

Mrs. E. J. asks: Is it harmful to cook asparagus in aluminum ware? Can the stain it causes be removed from the pan?

Answer: No. The stain is easily removed by boiling a few pieces of rhubarb in it.

Mrs. J. R. asks: How to toast nuts without burning them?

Answer: Blanch in hot water; drain, and put in a slightly greased pie plate. Warm in a moderate oven at 300 degrees for about 15 minutes. Stir occasionally.

A consignment of seven head of Canadian purebred registered South-down rams were recently shipped to New Zealand. On arrival there the rams were sold by auction at an average price of about \$510.

BRITAIN NEEDS MORE COAL

Production of British coal has been declining for some years. It stood at 226,300,000 tons in 1938, fell to 189,300,000 in 1946. The number of miners employed declined, during the same period from 782,000 to 696,000. This is not the only problem, production of coal per man during the same period dropped from 289 tons to 272 tons. Britain has been forced to abandon her exports of coal. Total exports in 1938 amounted to 35,800,000 tons but in 1946 were reduced to a bare 4,500,000 tons. The export trade of coal has now been practically abandoned and it is not likely that any further effort will be made to expand it. Britain in future will consume all coal produced. The loss will be felt by British shipping. Outboard cargoes of coal lower the cost of transportation, one way traffic is poor business for the shipping industry.

Decline in production amounted to 17 tons between 1938 and 1946. If production had been at the old rate, the total volume would have been 12,000,000 tons more. The extra would have been a definite help in the cold spell. No great blame can be attached to the men for the decline. The mines are becoming more difficult to work. The pressure of other problems, mainly war, has prevented fuller mechanization. Progress in Great Britain was in many cases arrested by the war. The losses from that conflict will keep on accruing over a long period of time.

Two courses were open to the government. It was quite possible to bring in Polish miners but a labor government which owed its existence to the trade unions could scarcely act in direct opposition to a rule of its masters. The other remedy was further mechanization of the mines. In the United States production per man hour moved up 25 per cent. between 1930 and 1939. This figure is for bituminous coal. In anthracite, in the same period, the increase was 84 per cent., a truly phenomenal gain, due largely to the closing down of the nearly exhausted mines.

The distinction between the economy of the United States and Great Britain is quite clearly marked. The constant aim in the United States is higher production per man hour. The American coal producer may have good and efficient production to-day. To-morrow a new machine capable of producing better results comes into use. He ruthlessly writes off the un-mortgaged value of the existing equipment, counting on increased production to make good the loss.

In Britain they move more slowly, their equipment is less modern. Now they have reached a dead end, something must be done. The remedy is to bring in more men, get the coal. Then proceed with mechanization, force production per man hour substantially above the 1938 level.

The government of Great Britain has its hands full. It has a passion for nationalization. It feels, as do our Socialists in Canada, that change in ownership settles all problems. It doesn't, it intensifies them. Mr. Atlee has bitten off more than he can chew, the process of mastification may be long and tiresome. The world suffers much from its laggards. There are even greater dangers in the forward rushes of the zealots in a hurry. When they get into trouble the nation pays the bill.

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His friends even "get into print" on his account, as witness the following which appeared recently in the Globe and Mail (Toronto), by George A. Wright:

To Andy Clarke—Far from the city's ceaseless rush, the jostling crowds with unknown faces, far away to the evening hush and the friendly folk of the little places—folks who dwell near mother earth in quiet ways, with time to live and compensate their neighbors' worth in giving all as others give. Each Sabbath morn ere church bells ring a visitor their circle graces; his bulky catch of news to bring of those who dwell in little places. "Good morning friends;" 'tis Andy's voice and all the land his news embraces with silent tribute to their choice. "THE MAYOR OF LITTLE PLACES"

FLYING FLOWERS OF MAYTIME

Ramblers through the Maytime woodlands, grazing low for violets and trilliums or admiring the marsh marigolds beside the meandering brooks, would find flowers and jewels on the wing by peering upward into trees and bushes. They are the woodland warblers, and the woods of Springtime are almost literally full of them, at times. Though tiny, the eye is easily trained to find them and their superb coloring creates a fantasy of flying flowers. Yellow warblers like miniature canaries are there, black-throated blue and black throated green warblers, yellow-throated, yellow-breasted, chestnut-sided warblers, and sprightly fellows sharply striped in black and white. But the Maytime finery of these birds in all its color combinations defies description. Pocket-sized bird guides afield and a study of the warbler collection at the Royal Ontario Museum (they stay put) make the best preparation for the identification of woodland warblers and there is no nature study which brings a richer reward of beauty and fascination.

QUITE A SHOCK

He says that his reason for advocating greater immigration is a personal one. It's because of the shock I received (he goes on) when I arrived here in Saskatchewan, with my wife and children. I had no idea of the amount of vacant space there was left to fill up and the shock of learning about it still stays with me. You see, we got off the train at this town from which we were to start for our new farm. We were all very excited to see what the town looked like, because it would be—and has been all these years—our farming community's centre.

My wife exclaimed over the fact that all she could see, besides prairie were the station, one elevator, one store and two houses. She noted that this was a small affair for people who had seen some of the greatest cities of the old and new world.

I reassured my wife that the town was much larger than the portion of it she could see. I suggested that she be patient and wait until the train pulled out, when she would be able to see all that part of the town that was on the other side of the tracks.

So we waited there on the platform, looking at the train as it moved past us. Well, the town has grown a bit since, but not much. That day, when the train pulled clear, there was nothing on the other side of the tracks except the bald-headed prairie. The shock of it has made me an advocate of immigration.

UNITED KINGDOM DESIGNED ROCKET

Details of Britain's first pilotless radio-controlled rocket missile have recently been released. This guided missile weighs only 738 pounds and can be assembled by four men in less than one and a half minutes. Propelled by eight rockets, it is capable of a speed over 500 miles per hour, control being exercised by the operator from the ground or a ship's deck by means of a "joystick" or control column mounted on a control box. The missile which has successfully completed trial flights, was designed and developed by a United Kingdom firm.

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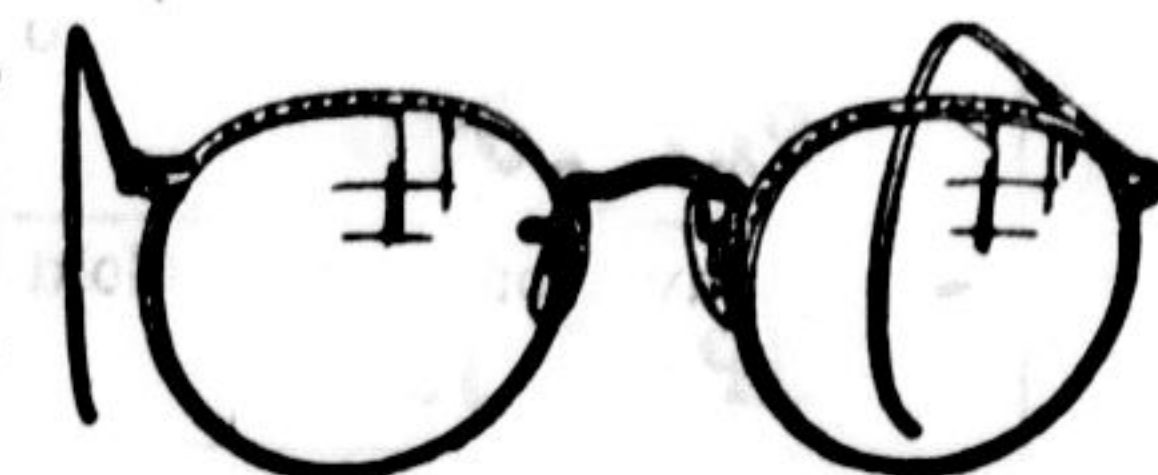
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