

About the House

Useful Hints and General Information for the Busy Housewife

Selected Recipes.

Johnny Cake.—One cup of cornmeal, one-half cup of flour, one teaspoonful soda, salt, two tablespoonfuls molasses, one tablespoon sugar, sour milk to mix.

Oatmeal Cookies.—Mix one teaspoonful butter with one cup granulated sugar, add two eggs, two and one-half cups of rolled oats (raw), two teaspoonfuls baking powder. Put a teaspoonful of the mixture on a greased and heated pan. Bake about five minutes, or until a light brown in color.

Potato Special.—Mash several cold boiled potatoes, add butter, one egg, pepper and salt. Mix, shape into balls, roll in flour and fry in butter. Arrange on platter with slices of cold roast chicken. Garnish with lettuce leaves.

Cabbage with Eggs.—Drain a well-boiled cabbage and chop it up very fine. Put into a frying pan two tablespoonfuls of butter and one of flour for every quart of chopped cabbage. When hot, add the cabbage, season with salt, pepper and one or two tablespoonfuls of vinegar. Stir constantly for six or eight minutes, then put it in a dish, smooth the outside and garnish with quarters of hard-boiled eggs.

Missionary Cake.—One cup brown sugar, one cup cold water, two cups raisins, one-third cup lard, one-quarter nutmeg, one-quarter teaspoon cloves, one teaspoonful cinnamon, pinch of salt. Boil all together about five minutes; let cool; then add one teaspoonful baking soda dissolved in water, one-half teaspoonful baking powder. Sift with two cups of flour and bake in medium hot oven about thirty minutes.

Rout-Drop Cakes.—Mix two pounds of flour, one ditto of butter, one ditto of sugar, one ditto of currants, clean and dry; then wet into a stiff paste with two eggs, a large spoon of orange flower, ditto rose-water, ditto sweet wine, ditto brandy; drop them in a tin plate floured, a very short time bakes them.

White Taffy.—Four cups of granulated sugar, one cup of vinegar, one quarter cup of water. Boil and do not stir or move until it is done. When it hardens in water pour onto buttered plates, then flavor with vanilla last, pouring on plates of taffy, but don't stir. Then, when enough loosen from plates, take up and pull into taffy. Then cut it off and place on smaller plates to cool.

Corn Bread.—One and one-half cups corn meal, quarter cup flour, one tablespoon sugar, ½ teaspoonful salt, 2 tablespoonfuls baking powder, one tablespoon butter, one and one-quarter cups milk, one egg. Mix and sift the flour, corn meal, baking powder, salt and sugar together twice, then into these dry ingredients cut the butter with a fork until in fine bits. Beat the egg slightly and add the milk to it, then add this milk-and-egg mixture to the dry ingredients and beat all well together. Pour into a shallow well-greased cake pan and bake in a hot oven for about thirty minutes.

Prune Cake.—One cup of sugar, two-thirds cup of butter, yolks of three eggs, one cup of cooked and chopped prunes, one-half teaspoonful of nutmeg and an equal amount of cinnamon added to the flour; one and one-half cups sifted flour, the grated rind of half a lemon and a teaspoonful of the juice, three tablespoonfuls of sour cream or milk, one level teaspoonful of baking soda dissolved in a tablespoonful of hot water and added to the cream. Mix in order given and bake in moderate oven. When nearly cool cover with icing made from one cup of confectioner's sugar mixed to a soft paste with lemon juice or orange and lemon mixed. The cake should be baked in a shallow cake tin about ten inches square.

Boiled Noodles.—One egg, one-half teaspoon salt, grating of nutmeg, dash of cayenne and flour. Beat egg, add seasonings and enough flour to make stiff dough. Work on floured board until smooth and elastic. Cut off small portions and roll each as thin as a wafer. Slash into strips with sharp knife and cook in boiling water or soup stock twenty minutes. May be dried before cooking and stored until wanted. Serve sprinkled with breadcrumbs which have been browned in hot butter to golden color.

Cake With Custard.—Moisten with lemon juice enough stale cake to cover bottom of glass dish holding one quart. Make soft custard by scalding two cups milk and pouring slowly over two beaten egg yolks, mixed with three tablespoonfuls sugar, one teaspoon butter, and a little salt. Cook in double boiler until it thickens. Strain, and when partly cool add one-half teaspoon vanilla and pour over cake. When ready to serve, beat whites into stiff froth, add one table-

spoon sugar and a little lemon juice when beating. Drop lightly, by spoonfuls, on top of custard and put bits of jelly on meringue.

Spice Cake.—Boil four cupfuls sugar, one-third cupful lard, eight cupfuls raisins, four cupfuls water, one nutmeg, one and one-half teaspoonfuls ground cloves, four teaspoonfuls cinnamon and level teaspoonful salt, three minutes, then cool and add eight cupfuls flour, two teaspoonfuls baking powder, four teaspoonfuls soda dissolved in warm water, one and one-half cupfuls nut meats and a small piece of citron. Put in a deep round baking pan and bake in slow oven. Frost with maple frosting and mark eyes, nose and mouth with raisins or nut meats.

Things To Remember.

Salt or soda and a damp cloth will remove stain from dishes.

A tough chicken can be made tender by steaming it for three hours before roasting.

Fruit is a more economical dessert than puddings, when eggs are so high.

If you use sour cream for butter making, it should be soured quickly.

Fresh air and plenty of rest and water will go a great way towards curing a cold.

Garments that are soaked in hot soapy water for a time before they are washed will be snowy white.

A little cold boiled potato added to the filling for fowl will prevent it from being too dry.

Discarded rubber garments may be cut up into mittens to be used when blacking the stove, etc.

It is wise to once in a while take out the rollers of the carpet sweeper and wash them thoroughly. They will sweep much cleaner.

To freshen stale loaves of bread, moisten slightly with cold water, just merely running the wet hand over surface, then place in hot oven a short time.

SERVICE TO ALASKA.

C.P.R. Steamer Will Make Three Trips for Tourists.

As was the case during the past season the C.P.R. steamship Princess Charlotte will make three round trips in the Alaska tourist service next year, which becomes effective June 8, 1917.

The list of tourist sailings between Victoria, Vancouver and Skagway, which has just been announced by the B.C. Coast Service, provides for three round trip sailings for the Princess Charlotte, seven for the Princess Alice and seven for the Princess Sophia, making 17 round trip sailings all told for the summer season of 1917.

The advent of the palatial steamship Princess Charlotte in the Alaskan tourist trade last summer was such a pronounced success that the company had no alternative but to arrange for her return to the northern run next year, when it is expected tourist travel north will break all records. The schedule has been arranged earlier with a view to giving plenty of time for the arrangement of advance bookings.

If when frying fish the pieces are put in the hot fat with the skin side uppermost and allowed to brown before turning they will not break.

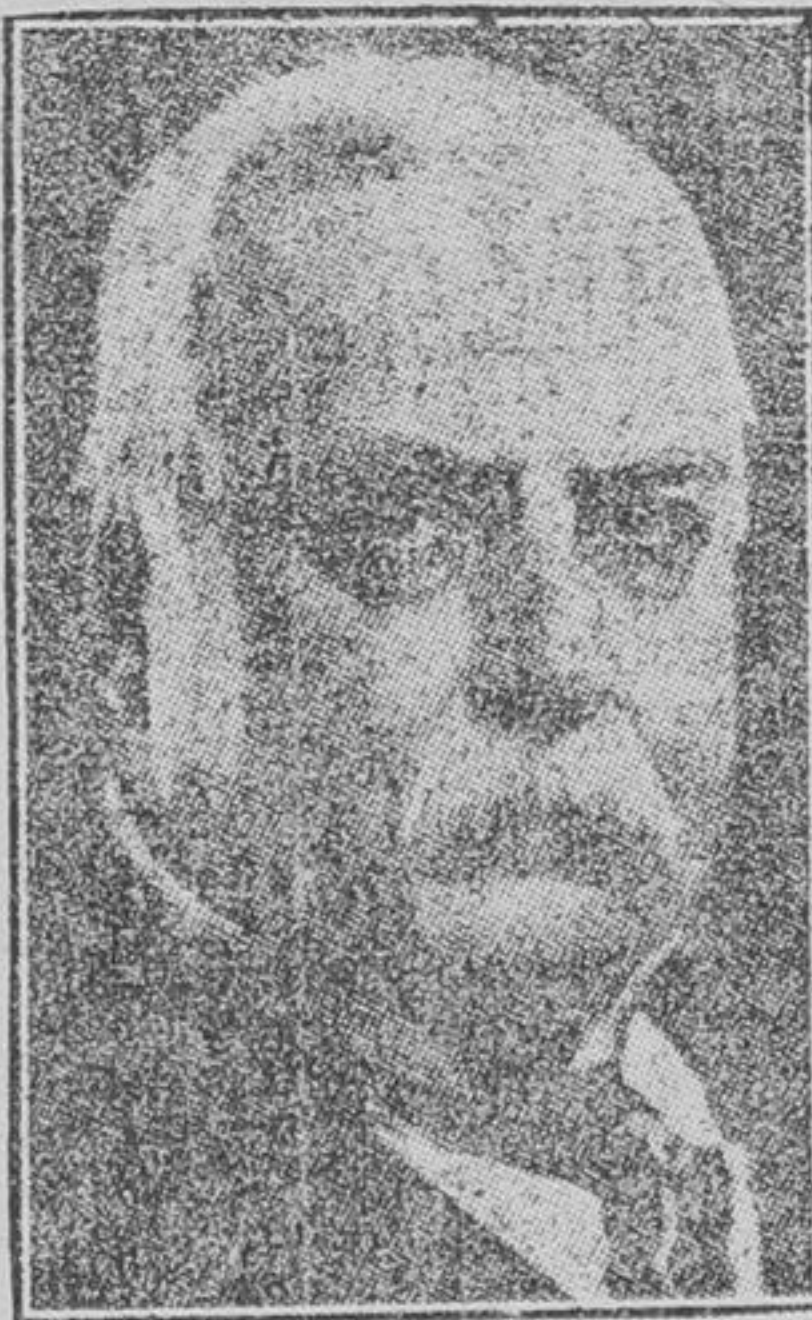
Using coarse threads for stitching does not insure longer service, as the thread stands out on the surface of the cloth, causing it to receive constant rubbing and thereby wearing away before the garment.

CHINA'S POSSIBILITIES.

Attention is Drawn to China as a Future Purchaser.

Capt. Robert Dollar, of San Francisco, in a recent address before the Vancouver, B.C., Rotary Club, stated:

"The Russian trade is an unknown quantity just at the present time. The Russians will likely have but the one port of Vladivostok to offer as the only certain port, and that might be shut at any time the Russians so wished. It is to China that you must look for your future trade, and I desire to emphasize this fact right now that China will be your mainstay in the future in foreign trade relations just as soon as the Chinaman learns his own purchasing power. 'China has only been scratched for trade,' he said, 'and when you stop to consider that one-fourth of the population of the world is living there, an immense population which is awakening to civilization as we see it, then you may be able to grasp the immensity of the situation. The day is coming when the Yang Tse Kiang valley will be the greatest steel-producing section of the entire world.'



Prof. Robert L. Garner

WHO for a quarter of a century chased the grouchy gorilla and the more amiable chimpanzee to their lairs in the Congo, is now on his way to West Africa, where he expects to remain a year or two collecting specimens for the Smithsonian Institute of Washington, D.C. We have Dr. Garner as the authority for the statement that gorillas, when caught up to the age of two years, can be made as docile as any household pet by kindness and firmness, but that the female of the species is fiercer than the male. The chimpanzee, continues the professor, can be taught to speak several words, and he expects to bring home half a dozen live specimens, as well as a couple of gorillas.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND

NEWS BY MAIL ABOUT JOHN BULL AND HIS PEOPLE.

Occurrences in the Land That Reigns Supreme in the Commercial World.

Derby Prison has been set aside as a military detention barracks. One death has been recorded in the east end of London from spotted fever.

Percy Woodland, the famous steeplechase jockey, is now a prisoner of war in Turkey.

Three women doctors are now employed in the London Hospital. This is a new departure.

An ex-mayor and magistrate of Stafford, named Peach, died recently from inhalation of gas.

Women willing to work as roadmen are offered one pound a week at Buckley, Flintshire.

The Odol Chemical Works, Marshal-sea-road, have been purchased by Sir R. Cooper, M.P., for £3,300.

A local district council fined a shell factory 21 shillings for not depositing plans of their new buildings.

The Peninsular and Oriental S. N. Company have ordered a large high-powered steamship to be laid down immediately.

Six thousand smokes have been sent to "Islington's Own" Battalion at the front by the Highbury Patriotic Platform.

The council of Wandsworth has decided to erect a permanent memorial to all citizens of the borough serving in the war.

J. and J. J. Mellor, of Bury, have presented Corporal Hutchinson, V.C., one of their employes, with £50 in war savings certificates.

The rector of Foston, Leicestershire, Rev. W. O. Stocks, met his death by falling down a well at Victoria Station Hotel, Nottingham.

On a charge of forging and uttering, Archibald Eyles, a school teacher, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment at the Old Bailey.

A batch of those convicted for taking part in the recent rebellion in Ireland have been removed from Dartmoor to the new prison at Lowes.

Percy Backbarrow has returned to England. He was the last of Sir Ernest Shackleton's party who had been marooned on Elephant Island.

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He was too ill from frostbites to come back with the rest of the party.

Constable Charles Dednum of the Vine Street station was presented with a cheque for £10 at Bow Street for bravery at a fire in Frith Street, Soho.

To form the basis of an endowment fund for scholarships for teaching the Russian language to Hull students, Captain H. Samman has made a gift of £10,000.

Disabled soldiers are to be allowed to enter free of charge the evening classes of the Dudley Art School so as to equip themselves for civil employment when they are able.

The Duke of Westminster's offer of Eaton Hall as a military hospital for officers has been accepted by the

Government. Grosvenor House is also to become a military hospital.

For selling margarine Jack Davis, of Stepney, was fined £50. This was his second offence, and the magistrate told him that if he came before him again he would send him to prison.

The more some people get the more they seem to think it necessary to have.

Fighting-fish are reared in Siam as a means of amusement. These are small fresh-water fish, and so pugnacious that when two of them are placed near each other they at once begin to fight. When the fish is quiet its colors are dull, but when excited it is of a metallic brilliance.

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