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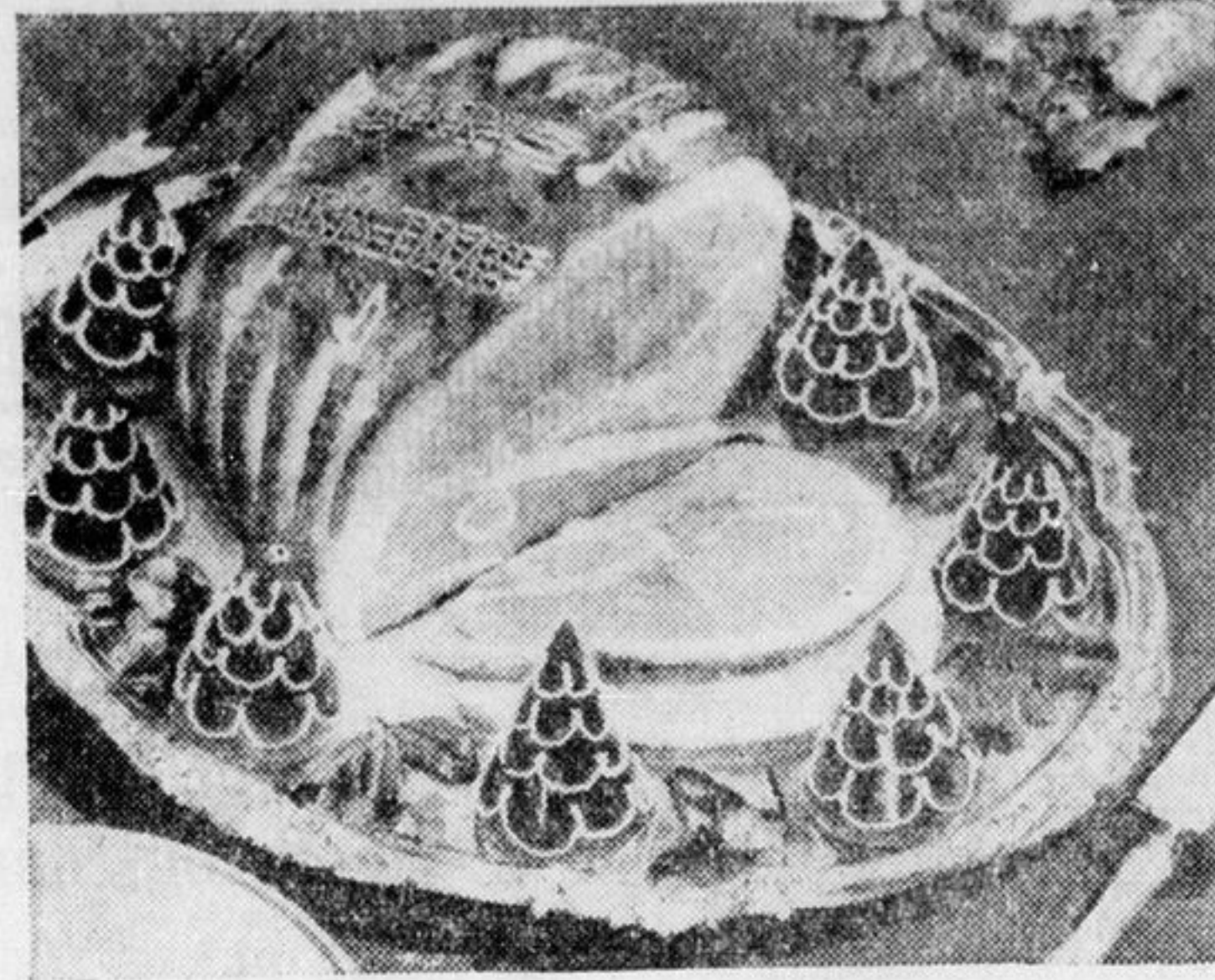
Won't you discuss the "Bossy Child?" reader asks. "I have in mind a girl of seven years who bosses her playmates and her younger brother and sister." Most behavior problems are best treated indirectly—that is, by removing their cause. This is true of the overbearing child. Certainly you can't boss a child out of his bossiness! In fact, he probably acquired the habit of ordering others around through hearing someone do this at home. Part of this is unconscious imitation of voice and gestures. Stop and listen some time when you hear your youngster talking to his playmates and see if you detect any of your own or your husband's mannerisms of speech and tone. If you have been careful to keep your own voice pleasantly modulated, you will no doubt be pleased with what you hear. But if you have been careless in this respect, I warn you that your ears will probably burn! Now this aping of his parents isn't all unconscious—part of it is deliberate on the part of the child.

Still another element of this bossing business has little to do with imitation, but is the result of the child's having had too much opportunity to have his own way. Perhaps he is the oldest in the family and has been put in charge of the younger children to relieve the mother of part of their care. This is often parental supervision is needed necessary to some extent, but to prevent this early responsibility from being too stimulating to the other child's sense of power over those younger and weaker.

Again, it may be the youngest child who is the family tyrant because the older ones have been forced to give things up to the baby. Or the child may be an only child, owning more and better playthings than other children in the neighborhood. It is easy for him to rule the whole neighborhood gang through these possessions which isn't good either for him or for the other youngsters who are subservient because they want something from him.

The same treatment is suggested in guarding against bossiness, that is, set a good example by suggesting rather than commanding, and when you must command do it in an agreeable manner. Next, teach your child that it is fun to follow as well as lead. And most important of all, see that he plays part of the time with children who are stronger and older than he. Of course, eventually he is bound to run up against a youngsters who is bossier than he is, and you may reason that this will take it out of him. It is true that this sometimes happens, but it isn't wise to depend on it. Indeed, admiration for his rival may make the child more domineering than ever at home or with another group of youngsters. No, constructive methods are more dependable—see that your child has the fun of making things, of reading, of going on trips.

"Food For Fun and Fitness"



By Martha Logan

Creamed Ham in Toast Baskets

Yield: 4 servings

- 2 cups diced cooked ham
- 4 tablespoons drippings
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon salt (about)
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimiento
- 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper
- 1/2 cup mushrooms (optional)
- 6 slices bread
- butter

Make a white sauce with drippings, flour, milk and seasonings. Add pimiento and green pepper, browned diced mushrooms, and diced ham. Serve hot in toast baskets. To make toast baskets, trim crusts from bread slices. Spread each lightly with butter and press into muffin tins. Toast in a hot oven (425 degrees F.) until golden brown.

Christmas doesn't end with December 25. The holiday spirit lingers well into New Year's, as does the entertaining that is so much a part of the season. The ham that takes such a prominent part in the Christmas dinner will help solve the food problem for those informal parties.

The fact that ham will make such interesting and tasty dishes after its premier on the Christmas dinner table makes it a truly practical purchase. Nothing could please unexpected guests more than being served a tray of cold sliced ham, cottage cheese garnished with penny-wise slices of pimiento-stuffed olives, and crisp pickled onions. Such a tray will please the hostess, too, because it can be arranged in a wink with only a few of her minutes stolen away from the guests. For accompanying a ham tray you could choose both white and crusty rye bread, crunchy shoe string potatoes, festive fruit cake, and hot cocoa, all served buffet style for ease and informality.

When cold weather dictates something warm on the menu, ham casseroles or other combination dishes lead the parade. Small slivers of the traditional favourite ham can't be surpassed for adding distinction to noodles, or potatoes. If the Christmas mashed potato dish isn't emptied at Christmas dinner you'll have an excellent opportunity for making potato-ham cutlets. To the mashed potato, add an egg, a hint of onion, salt to suit the family taste, and a smattering of dried or chopped fresh parsley. Then add sliced ham, form into cutlet or patty shapes, dip into beaten egg, then sifted bread crumbs, and saute in a bit of fat—ham fat if you have it—until golden brown. Serve them on a platter garnished with broiled pineapple slices.

Other dishes made with ham and appropriate for informal suppers, dinners, or buffet meals are ham and noodle casserole and creamed ham in toast baskets. Serve them with other help-yourself dishes such as a tossed or molded salad, pre-buttered rolls, and festive cookies. Coffee can be passed with dessert.

Ham and Noodle Casserole

Yield: 4 servings

- 2 tablespoons fat
- 1 cup shredded cheese
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon salt (about)
- 2 tablespoons catsup
- 1 tablespoon horseradish
- 2 cups cubed cooked ham
- 1 cup cooked peas
- 1 1/2 cups cooked noodles
- 1/4 cup dry bread crumb
- 1 tablespoon butter

Melt fat in sauce pan. Blend in flour, mixing well. Add milk slowly, stirring until thick and smooth. Add cheese and cook slowly, stirring until melted. Add salt, catsup, horseradish, ham, peas and noodles. Rub 1 quart casserole lightly with fat. Turn ham mixture into casserole. Top with buttered crumbs and bake in moderate oven, (350 degrees F.) for 30 minutes.

FASHION for today

BY PATRICIA DOW



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EASY DOES IT

By HELEN HALE

For washing windows in the Winter, add denatured alcohol to water to prevent freezing. Wipe quickly with crushed newspaper.

Remove scratches from your silverware by making a paste of olive oil and putty powder. Polish with chamois.

Stains on bathroom porcelain can be removed readily by putting of hydrochloric acid (dilute) on a damp cloth. Apply to the stain, then rinse quickly and thoroughly.

Curains may be dried without ironing by running them onto the rods while still damp. Run another rod through the bottom hem. Smooth out; weight down if necessary. Allow to dry thoroughly.

To clean tapestry and other similar furniture coverings make a stiff lather of a mild, neutral soap and scrub with a brush. Wipe thoroughly with a damp cloth. Dry quickly.

Water stains on varnished wooden surfaces may be removed with vinegar if this is applied immediately after the stain appears.

Waxed artificial flowers are easily cleaned by dipping in and out of dry cleaning fluid. Shake thoroughly and let stand.

When washing painted walls, use a sponge and warm water with a small amount of soda. Do only small surfaces at a time. Sponge again with clean water.

Do you have any plaster of paris articles around the house in need of cleaning? Make a wet starch paste and cover the articles with it. When dry, brush off. The dirt is removed with the starch.

Pewter responds nicely to a cleaning treatment of whitening and lemon oil. Wash with hot water and soap, then rinse in very hot water and polish.

To air clothing, place each garment on two hangers with hooks reversed to form a circle. In this way they cannot blow off the line.

Blueing added to water for washing glassware gives it an added lustre and sparkle.

The Poet's Corner

THE DEAD

These hearts were woven of human joys and cares
Washed marvelously with sorrow, swift to mirth
The years had given them kindness. Dawn was theirs.
The sunset, and the colors of the earth. These had seen movement, and heard music, known
Slumber and waking, loved, gone proudly friendied;
Felt the quick stir of wonder; sat alone;
Touched flowers and furs and cheeks. All this is ended.

There are waters blown by changing winds to laughter
And lit by the rich skies, all day. And after,
Frost, with a gesture, stays the waves that dance
And wandering loveliness. He leaves a white
Unbroken Glory, a gathered radiance, A width, a shining peace, under the night.

Rupert Brooke.

MUSIC I HEARD WITH YOU

Music I heard with you was more than music,
And bread I broke with you was more than bread,
Now that I am without you, all is desolate;
All that was once so beautiful is dead.
Your hands once touched this table and this silver,
And I have seen your fingers hold this glass.
These things do not remember you, beloved,
And yet your touch upon them will not pass.

For it was in my heart you moved among them,
And blessed them with your hands and with your eyes.
And in my heart they will remember always—
They knew you once, O beautiful and wise.

Conrad Aiken.

I LOVE ALL

I love all beautiful things,
I seek and adore them;
God hath no better praise.
And man in his hasty days
Is honoured for them.

I too will something make
And joy in the making;
Altho' tomorrow it seems
Like the empty words of a dream
Remembered, wakening.

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ATOMIC BLONDE . . . Randi Anderson, 23, is the only girl who regularly covers Arctic regions of Canada. She was the first to reach uranium strike made by Gold Uranium Exploration. She flew in with part of geologists in bush plane.

HIGH FLIGHT

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-splashed clouds--and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of--wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace;
Where never lark, or even eagle flew;
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space
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