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WIFE SAVERS

By Mrs. Mary Morton

The housewife will find that her pie crust is much better and that the pie may be baked in much less time if she will place the filling for pumpkin and custard pies over a blaze and heat slightly before pouring it into the unbaked crust.

Orange Pudding.—Take grated rind and juice of one orange, one-half cup sugar, two eggs, one-half cup cracker crumbs, one quart milk. Bake like custard and serve cold.

Orange Marmalade.—Take three oranges, one lemon, remove seeds. Put through meat chopper. Add eleven cups cold water and let stand twenty-four hours, then boil for one and one-half hours. Remove from fire, add four pounds granulated sugar, and let stand again twenty-four hours. Now boil until thick, about one and one-half or two hours.

Orange and Rhubarb Marmalade.—Peel the thin yellow rind from one-half dozen oranges, and cut into thin shreds. Remove all white pith and slice pulps. Cut into small pieces two pounds of rhubarb. Put the orange peel and rhubarb into preserving kettle together with two pounds of sugar. Cook gently and occasionally stir until reduced to the desired consistency. Turn into jars, but leave uncovered until the following day. Cover and make airtight. This is excellent, inexpensive and keeps well. This recipe may be made with canned rhubarb or filed for spring canning season.

Orange and Apple Compote.—Peel six oranges and three fine sweet apples. Core the apples. Cut the oranges and apples across in thin slices and arrange in alternate circles in glass dish. Sprinkle among them one ounce of finely chopped nuts, and pour a syrup, made as follows, over the fruit.

Syrup.—Use the thin part of the rind of three of the oranges, half a pint of water and four ounces of sugar. Boil for ten minutes, removing any scum that rises. Strain and pour over the fruit. Serve cold. (Avoid using any of the white rind of oranges, as it gives a bitter flavor.)

FORMING FOOD HABITS

When feeding children during the second year remember that after the diet plan satisfies the child's requirements, and is assured of being wholesome and plentiful, there is yet another condition to be met: The food must be of such character as to lead the children to the formation of good eating habits. This is the period when a lifetime of health or its opposite is usually decided.

Escalloped Cauliflower, Savory Sauce.—Cook the cauliflower, separate into flowerets and arrange in alternate layers with the savory sauce in a buttered baking dish. When the dish is filled, cover with buttered crumbs and bake in a hot oven until browned and the sauce bubbles through the crumbs. To make the sauce, melt two tablespoons of butter, blend in two tablespoons of flour and gradually a large cupful of strained tomato liquor. Stir constantly until thick and smooth and season with a tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, salt, mustard and paprika to taste and one cupful of grated American cheese. Cook until the cheese is melted.

Crumb Cake.—Two cups brown

sugar, two cups flour, one-half cup butter or substitute. Mix this together as if for pie. When mixed, take out one-half cup. Then add one egg well beaten, one cup sour milk, one teaspoon soda, two teaspoons grated nutmeg. Mix well and bake in shallow pan. Sprinkle on top with the half cup of crumbs which you took out.

Scalloped Tomatoes.—Three slices of stale white bread, soak in water and squeeze dry. Mix a quart can of tomatoes, salt, pepper, a teaspoon of cinnamon, a half cup of sugar, and the bread. Pour into buttered baking dish, top with two tablespoons of bread crumbs and a tablespoon of butter, in small pieces; bake thirty minutes in a moderate oven. A finely chopped or grated onion may be added if you like the flavor.

Cocoon Custard Pie.—Two-thirds of a cup of sugar, three tablespoons of cornstarch, and an eighth teaspoon of salt. Add two cups of milk and cook slowly in a double boiler for twenty-five minutes, or until the mixture is thick and creamy and the cornstarch thoroughly cooked. Add a half cup of shredded cocoon, two egg yolks and a teaspoon of lemon extract and cook for one minute. When cool pour into baked pie shell and cover with meringue made of two egg whites and four tablespoons of powdered sugar.

COPPER KETTLE CLEANER

Lemon juice is one of the best applications there is to brighten up a copper kettle which has become blackened with use. A small quantity of salt added to the lemon juice increases its efficacy. Afterward the kettle should be washed in warm water and dried thoroughly.

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When washing with an electric washer always wear a close-fitting cap; then there is no danger of getting your hair caught in the wringer when bending over the tub.

Combinations of vegetables canned with tomatoes are easily done and satisfactorily kept. They can be baked au gratin for a luncheon or supper dish, served with meat, or used for soup. The tomato helps to preserve the other vegetables. Practically any vegetable can be used. Prepare each individually, pack in layers in jars, add salt, will with cooked tomatoes, and process in hot water bath for two hours, or at five pounds pressure for sixty minutes. Use tomatoes, corn, lima beans, string beans, peas, carrots, okra, onions, summer squash, and seasonings, such as salt and green or red peppers.

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BUSY

Jones made a motor trip through three southern states last summer. Among the places of historical interest that he visited was a famous Civil war battlefield. The site was distant from any city or town and was in a country unsuited to agriculture. There was little to distinguish the battlefield from any of the surrounding country for miles around except a stone marker and an aged caretaker. The old man in charge of the place took a great delight in showing Jones over the ground, and Jones, in turn, became interested in the old man. "Don't you get lonesome out here all by yourself?" Jones asked. "Oh, no," the old man assured him. "You see, during a part of the year I live with my son down in Atlanta, and while I'm out here I manage to keep too busy to get lonesome." "But what do you do when there are no visitors?" Jones inquired. "Well, I don't tell this to everybody," and the old man winked and smiled, "but it takes a lot of time to keep old bullets scattered around for the visitors to carry off."

MORAL

A settlement worker was speaking of the relaxed moral standards that she found among the people in her district in New York—owing, she thought, to the upsetting conditions of the war period. "One boy I knew," she said, "was recently sent to the reform school, and a neighbor was trying to console the lad's mother. "Yes," said the mother, "it is a shame. He was such a good boy, too. Everything he stole he used to bring right home to me."

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