

WIFE SAVERS

By Mrs. Mary Morton

"I don't see why it is that my children always act worse when we have guests than at any other time," said a mother. Well, there is a certain nerve strain to "company" in most families. The children are expected to keep unnaturally clean; they use that the very best china and silver are used and that there is a prospect of unusual goodies to be enjoyed and that Mother is under more or less of a strain and consequently not quite herself, and this all tends to create an unnatural state of mind in the child and make him not quite responsible for his behavior. Isn't this a very usual condition in most homes when guests are expected? It is much less liable to occur in homes where there are frequent visitors and where they are treated as a matter of course. The home where good manners are practiced every day and not "put on" for company is the one where the strain is least felt. Mothers may teach their children courtesy through playing visitors. They may come in and call on her and, without realizing it, they may be taught just how to greet and entertain callers.

To keep oilcloth from breaking at the corners over tables, use adhesive cloth, or paste squares of heavy muslin on wrong side of oilcloth at the corners.

Baked Beans.—My favorite manner of preparing baked beans is to soak a pound of beans overnight in cold water. In the morning pour off the water, put on fresh with half a teaspoon of soda. Let this come to a boil and pour off, put on fresh and skim it as it reaches the boiling point. Then let simmer until the skins will roll up when you take a few in a spoon and blow on them. I forgot to say in the first place that you must wash the beans thoroughly before putting to soak. There is usually a good deal of dust on them. Mix one teaspoon of dry mustard smooth with a little water and stir into the beans also a tablespoon of dark molasses, a teaspoon of salt, pepper, and a can of tomato soup or a pint of strained tomatoes. Score the rind of a quarter of a pound of salt pork and put it into the beans. Put on a cover that is perforated and let the beans bake slowly for about four hours. The to-

matoes may be left out if you prefer, or butter may be substituted for the pork, making it a wholly vegetarian dish.

A speck of melted butter and a drop of vanilla added to each cup of cocoa greatly improves the flavor.

Cheese Omelet.—Two egg whites, two egg yolks, one-half cup milk, one tablespoon butter, one tablespoon flour, one-half teaspoon salt, pepper, one-quarter cup grated cheese, one tablespoon butter. Melt one tablespoon butter, add flour, stir until thick. Add seasonings and cheese, and when the mixture has cooled stir in the beaten egg yolks. Fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites and proceed as for the plain omelet. Serve with a garnish of cranberry jelly.

When pressing wool dresses or men's suits the pressing cloth should be of wool or part wool, for the use of a woolen pressing cloth will ward off that shiny look.

Even when doing "light housekeeping," do not depend on canned foods for a steady diet. These are valuable for emergencies and are even a part of a well rounded dietary, but if you do not include freshly cooked vegetables you are in danger of missing some of the essential vitamins. It is said that to get that "peppy" feeling you should try eating prunes for breakfast, spinach and baked apples for lunch, and baked potatoes and shredded cabbage for dinner every day for a week.

Olapodrida.—Three cups boiled rice, one-quarter cup butter, small bit of onion, five hard-boiled eggs, one pint stewed tomatoes, seasonings. Cover bottom of baking dish with rice. Sprinkle on a layer of chopped egg, bit of onion and tomato, repeat, and dot top with butter. Season well. Bake covered for one hour and remove lid to brown the last ten minutes. Instead of butter, strips of raw bacon may be laid over the top. This serves six people generously.

Some people do not care to do cross-stitch work, but admire the unusually attractive designs which can be obtained for this needlework. Try the idea of using the designs, but embroidering French knots instead of the crosses. It is easy to do, rapid, and very decorative.

When elaborately carved furniture is to be polished, it is a good idea to take out the dust with a soft-bristled brush, then apply polish with another brush. It is so hard to get into the carved corners that only a soft brush will do the work. Do not wet the brush too much with the polish, but use only enough to cleanse the carvings.

This is a southern favorite and can be made of preserved as well as of fresh fruit. Pare and quarter tart apples, dip each piece in melted butter, then roll it in spiced sugar. Have ready a crust-lined shallow, square baking pan and fill with the apples. Turn over them a half cupful of honey or maple syrup and an equal amount of water. Bake the cobbler until the apples are soft and the crust is done. Serve it hot with a little sweet cream or with whipped cream. Peaches, fresh or canned, plums and large strawberries make excellent cobbler, made practically the same way. The butter should be omitted in case of berries.

TORRANCE NOTES

 Guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John Dennis of Susana and Carson streets were Mrs. Mittie Egerton and Charles Ball, of Alhambra, and Mr. and Mrs. Church, of Wisconsin.

Mrs. C. Jones of East Carson street is spending some time in Laverne Valley.

STORIES

CAUGHT

The housewife was busily engaged with the family washing one Monday morning when she saw the rent collector coming up the path to the door. She instructed her little son to answer the bell and tell the visitor that she had gone out on an errand.

Since the room offered no better hiding place, she crouched behind a clotheshorse, on which the clothes were hanging of dry.

The boy opened the door and told the tale, according to his mother's instructions. When he had finished the visitor cast a sharp glance toward the screen of drying clothes and remarked:

"Well, my lad, just tell your mother I called, and you might tell her that the next time she goes down the street she would do better to take her feet with her."

PLENTY

A few days before the Dempsey-Gibbons fight at Shelby one of the cowboys in the rodeo was badly hurt while bulldozing. The steer ripped a great wound in his face, and it was necessary to take twenty stitches to close the gash. A little later the unfortunate cowboy sauntered down the main street of Shelby with nothing more than one eye showing through the bandages. An itinerant street vendor, intent upon trade, hailed him with "Want a souvenir of Shelby?" The cowboy eyed him severely and said: "When I get away from here I don't want nothing more than I got to remember it by."

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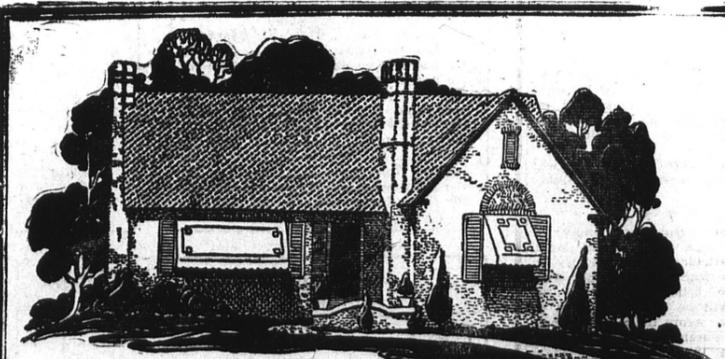
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