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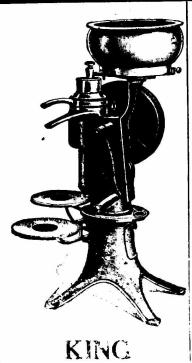
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book. I will close with a riddle: What is the first thing you do when you go in water? Ans.—Get wet. Wishing the Beavers every success.

TREDDIE A. HAMILTON (age 7). R. R. No. 1, Orton, Ont.

#### The Bird.

There is a bird in the wildwood, His songs are the sweetest heard: He would be a king if he ever could And yet he is only a bird.

He sings when the morning's breaking, He sings when the bright sun shines; He brightens you heart when it's aching, For he sings as sweet as the chimes.

He sings when the dew is falling, He sings when the morning breaks, You may often hear him calling Sometimes when your heart aches.

And he rises early at the dawn With song for the rising day, And sings away in a tree on the lawn Till the children come to play.

EVA TAYLOR (age 10 years).

This poem is very good, for a little ten-year-old, Eva. It "makes sense", and you have only made one mistake in the rhyme—"shines" and "chimes". Some day you will make no mistakes

## The Ingle Nook.

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## Why Not Make a Salad?

"Oh dear, what shall I get ready for tea."—Haven't you heard that plaint over and over from the housewife, especially during summer when work

calls and energy tarries?

Well, why not make a salad? There are salads that may form the chief dish at the evening meal, and there are others that may be served with meat. You will need nothing more save bread and butter or rolls and tea, with fruit, and, perhaps, cake, if the family insist on it

Salads are wholesome, too, and, if necessary, may be made very nutritious. Indeed, the "salad habit" is one that may be recommended on every count, not the least of which is the ease with which the most of them may be prepared.

## Dressings.

"You can make a salad out of anything," is often said, and that is quite true scraps of meat, vegetables, fruit cooked or uncooked, eggs, cheese, nuts, all work up nicely into these delicate dishes. But when you come right down to fundamentals you find that the dressing is, to a great extent, the salad. If it is poor and wishy-washy, or it too little or too much is used, the dish cannot possibly be a success; so, ostensibly, in learning to make salads the first thing is to master a few good preparations that will blend with vegeables or fruits of various kinds

Many people cannot touch oil dressings, others think salad comparatively poor without them, hence it is well to know how to make both. There are other mixtures, also, that are especially adapted to fruit salads.

Here is a method that makes a very good cooled dressing, without oil, that will keep very well for a week or more in a cool place. It is called Superior Salad Dussing: Take 4 eggs. cup vinegat, 2 tablespoons butter, 2 transports salt, I teaspoon mustard, I teasper's sugar. Beat the eggs. than peen the heated vinegar over, a ten drops at a time, beating well. real off the time, then best in cone, then best in into each vine Add the

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gradually I teaspoon of the olive oil, beating hard all the time. Add 5 drops lemon juice, then another teaspoon of the oil, then a few drops more lemon juice, and so on until a teacupful of oil and 2 tablespoons lemon juice have been used up. Add pepper and salt to taste. Cayenne

attractive when served with fish or colorless vegetable salads, such as potato. To make it, add to the usual dressing a generous quantity of scalded

is to be served with meat use ordinary dressing, omitting the mustard; if with cake, use whipped cream or the fruit juice, which may be mixed with a little sherry.

Chicken Salad.-Use the white meat. Cut it into bits and mix with some chopped celery or nuts and salad dressing—the oil dressing is best. Serve on lettuce If preferred, the celery may be omitted and a little chopped cheese and pickled cauliflower may be added. Garnish with sliced, hard-boiled

Ham Salad.—Chop nice lean ham and mix with chopped celery or celery seed. Pour over all a bacon dressing made as follows: Heat 2 tablespoons pork fat, stir in 1 tablespoon flour, add 1 cup water and let boil up. Add 1/2 cup vinegar and 2 eggs beaten with 1 teaspoon sugar, 12 teaspoon mustard and 12 teaspoon salt. Boil 4 minutes stirring all the time. Use when cold.

Will keep several days if covered.

Codfish Salad.—Mix boiled codfish with shredded cabbage and serve with mayonnaise.

Lobster Salad.-rirst make a jelly thus: Boil 6 coarse stalks of celery, half a small onion, and 2 tablespoonfuls of chopped parsley in 112 pints water, and season nicely. Strain and dissolve in it half an ounce gelatine dissolved in 2 tablespoons cold water. When partly cooled add a green vegetable coloring and turn into a ring mould. Serve on lettuce with the hole in the center filled with lobster, and mayonnaise on top. Stock may

be used for liquid.

Tongue Salad.—Mix together chopped tongue, celery and hard-boiled eggs. Mix with salad dressing and serve.

## Vegetable Salads.

Onion and Apple.—Boil 1 cup vinegar. Mix together 1 teaspoon mustard, 1 teaspoon cornstarch, ½ teaspoon salt and a little pepper with a beaten egg. Stir into boiling vinegar and cook till creamy. Pour over 2 mild tart apples and one onion chopped fine. Serve on lettuce.

Vegetable Salads.—Cooked vegetables of any kind-corn, dried or green beans, chopped beets, green peas, etc., make very good salads, alone or mixed with other vegetables, if dressed with a good dressing and nicely served on lettuce or water-cress. If liked, the dressing may be heated and stiffened with a little gelatine, then put into wet moulds alternately with the year. wet moulds alternately with the vegetables. Let stand over night. One tablespoon granulated gelatine is enough for half a pint of dressing. Canned tomatoes make a very nice salad if cooked with a slice of onions and a few cloves, nicely seasoned, strained, then stiffened into a jelly with the gelatine. Diced potatoes may be mixed with chopped cucumber, celery or a very little onion and hard-boiled egg, then mixed with dressing. Nuts may be used instead of the egg.

Jelly Salad. -With a tart lemon jelly made with jelly powder may be mixed chopped pickles, celery and tiny onions, or, if preferred, chopped beets or shredded cabbage. Let stiffen and serve on cress. When making such jellies put a layer in a mould and let stiffen a little in a cold place, then add a layer of vegetables, continuing until full.

Water-cress and Egg. - Arrange cres torn to pieces and chopped hard-hoiled eggs in layers. Serve with dressing. Beet Salad. Small, boiled beets may he scooped out and the centers filled with any vegetable mixture that liked, mixed with dressing chopped cucumber and celery are very nice.

## Fruit Salad.

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