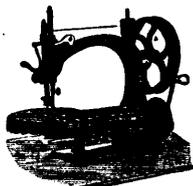


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CHEESE SANDWICHES.—Slice of brown bread and butter, thin slices of cheese. Cut from a nice fat Cheshire cheese, or any good rich cheese, some slices about half inch thick and place them between some slices of brown bread and butter, like sandwiches. Place them on a plate in the oven, and when the bread is toasted, serve in a napkin very hot and very quickly.—Mrs. Betton's Household Management.

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A GERMAN METHOD OF COOKING POTATOES.—Eight to ten middling-sized potatoes, three ounces of butter, two tablespoonsful of flour, half pint of broth, two tablespoonsful of vinegar. Put the butter and flour into a stewpan; stir over the fire until the butter is of a nice brown colour, and add the broth and vinegar; peel and cut the potatoes into long thin slices, lay them in the gravy, and let them simmer gently until tender, which will be in from ten to fifteen minutes, and serve very hot. A laurel leaf simmered with the potatoes is an improvement.

STRAWBERRY SHORT CAKE.—Make a crust sufficient to cover the bottom of two pie-dishes, rolled thin, of the ingredients which would make raised biscuits; bake both at once; have two boxes or two quarts of strawberries thoroughly cleansed and well sweetened; as soon as the paste is baked, while hot, spread with good butter, cover with half of the berries, sprinkling more sugar on top; cover with the other baked biscuit, butter as before, add the other half of the berries, with more sugar, and wrap well with a clean towel, and cover with a blanket, to remain to steam until cold.

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BROWN SOUP.—Butter well the bottom of an iron saucepan, and shake into it a quarter of a pound of flour, sprinkle a little water with the tips of the fingers over it, then stir well with a wooden or iron spoon. It should form into little pellets. Continue stirring until it has become a deep brown. In fact, it ought to be roasted in the same manner as coffee berries, and when a good colour, the flour ought to be hard and crisp. Put into a soup tureen the quantity required, add sufficient boiling water, pepper, and salt, and serve. The browned flour when put into a tin will keep for many weeks, and can be used for browning and thickening gravies and soups, also to make a plate of soup at a moment's notice. It is also much recommended in any disorder of the bowels. I may add that this recipe is quite original, as an old servant in my family claims the invention of it.—Sylvia.