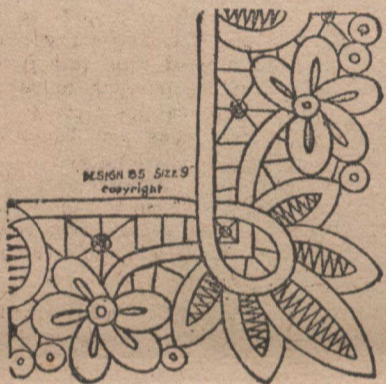


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Selected Recipes.

WHAT TWO EGGS WILL DO.—Two eggs, half a cup of milk and one large tablespoonful of flour. Separate the yolks from the whites, and beat the whites until perfectly stiff; next beat the yolks, braiding the flour in with them; add the milk, putting it in very gradually, not more than a teaspoonful of a time, and lastly, beat the whites thoroughly into the mixture. Have ready a well-buttered spider, and, as the edges cook, lift them. Brown the top in the oven, and fold it over as it is taken from the spider. If these directions are followed exactly this omelet is easily made, and once used, generally takes the place of all recipes formerly in favor.

FIVE LAYER CAKES.—Few people are familiar with coffee as a flavoring for layer cake, yet it makes one of the most delicious known. For the layers, cream one-half pound of butter and one pound of sugar. Add six well-beaten eggs, one pound and one ounce of flour, one-half pint of milk and two even teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Beat vigorously, and bake in round jelly cake pans. To make the filling, tie two large tablespoonfuls of well-ground Mocha and Java coffee in a piece of cheese-cloth, put the bag in the pot and pour over it three-quarters of a cupful of boiling water. Cover closely and let simmer slowly for ten minutes. Remove from the fire and let stand until settled. Reserve one tablespoonful for icing. Put the remainder in a double boiler and add three-quarters of a cup of sugar, a pinch of salt and three-quarters of a cup of milk. Thicken with two tablespoonfuls of flour rubbed to a paste with a little milk, and allow the mixture to cook for two minutes; then pour over one well-beaten egg and spread between the layers. To make the icing stir one-quarter of a pound of confectionery sugar into the tablespoonful of hot coffee and spread over the surface of the cake.

POACHED EGGS.—Take one pint of sweet milk and let come almost to a boil. Then add half a tablespoonful of butter, a little salt, and six well-beaten eggs, and stir steadily till it thickens, take from the fire before it gets very thick and pour over buttered toast.

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