

Scientific and Useful.

POTATO BALLS.—Use mashed potatoes left from the dinner, or mash them for the purpose, add the yolk of an egg, and make into flattened cakes. Dip these in egg and cracker crumbs, and fry, or place upon a greased griddle and brown evenly on both sides.

CARE OF OIL-CLOTHS.—Take coach varnish and renew all your oil-cloths. Wash them clean, wipe dry, and apply a coat of varnish. Be careful not to step on them until they are dry. If this is done twice a year, the oil-cloths will last twice as long as they will without it.

MENDING CASHMERE.—Amerino or cashmere dress may be mended neatly by wetting a piece of court-plaster of exactly the same shade as the goods, and putting it on the wrong side, pressing down every frayed edge and every thread, and laying a weight until it is thoroughly dry.

DELICIOUS BREAKFAST DISH.—For any family of six, take three cups of mashed potatoes, one-half of a cup of flour, and half a tea-cup of sweet milk, two well-beaten eggs, and a little salt; mix well together, shape them small and drop into hot lard, or roll them into little balls and fry them in a wire basket in boiling lard.

HOME REMEDY FOR CROUP.—Use powdered alum and sugar, one part alum and nine of sugar; giving as much as would be put on the end of a case knife, every hour or so; throwing it down, dry, in the throat. Put cold water on the throat and cover well with lannel. Rub the chest with a small quantity of kerosene, and bathe the feet and limbs with hot mustard water.

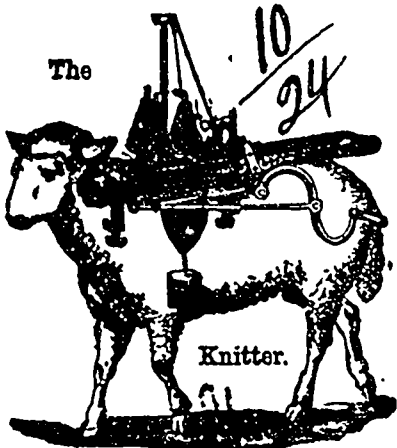
CREAM BISCUIT.—Take two teaspoons cream tartar, one teaspoon soda, and a pinch of salt. Sift thoroughly through one quart of flour. Now take one pint of sour cream and stir in lightly with a spoon. If not stiff enough to roll, add a little more flour; don't make it too stiff. Roll to three-quarters of an inch in thickness; have your oven hot enough to bake them in ten minutes.

CAN CORN FRITTERS.—One may gain that variety which is essential at the well-regulated table by preparing corn in this way once in awhile: Take a can of corn, open it, and spread the corn over a platter to make sure there are not bits of stalk or silk left in it; beat two eggs very light, stir in with them two tablespoonfuls of flour, one teaspoonful (not heaping) of salt, half a teaspoonful of pepper; have some lard very hot in a saucpan; and drop in the corn, a large spoonful at a time; fry same as green-corn fritters till a light brown.

CHICKEN PIE.—Cut up the chickens and stew until tender. Then take them from the gravy, and spread on a flat dish to cool, having first well seasoned them with butter, pepper and salt. Make a batter of one quart of milk, three cups of flour, three table-spoonfuls of melted butter, one-half teaspoon of soda, one teaspoonful of cream tartar, and a little salt. Butter a pudding dish, and put a layer of chicken at the bottom, and then a cupful of batter over it. Proceed till the dish is full. The batter must form the crust. Bake an hour, and serve the thickened gravy in a gravy boat.

MILK PUDDINGS.—Milk is insufficiently used in making simple puddings of such farinaceous foods as rice, tapioca, and sago. Distaste for these is engendered very often, I believe, because the milk is stinked in making them, or poor, skimmed milk is used. Abundance of new milk should be employed, and more milk, or cream, should be added when they are taken. In Scottish households this matter is well understood, and a distinct pudding-plate, like a soup-plate, is used for this course. The dry masses commonly served as milky puddings in England are exactly fitted to create disgust for what should be a most excellent and delicious part of a wholesome dinner for both children and adults.—Popular Science Monthly.

HOW TO CUT CAKE.—It is sometimes desirable to know how to cut a cake in a great many pieces, and have them all in good shape. A large round cake may be cut in this way: Mark a circle in the centre by placing on it a tea-cup, press it slightly down, then remove it and cut the circle thus marked. Then to make another and larger circle lay a saucer on the cake, and cut around it with a thin sharp knife. The cake is now divided into three parts; cut each of these in as many pieces of uniform size as possible. Now of course there is danger that the outer row of pieces will present a demoralized appearance; to prevent this put a napkin or a strip of cloth around the edge, and tie as tightly as you can without crowding the pieces too closely together.



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