

and then very carefully strained make black currant jelly. After straining boil with equal weight of sugar.

When making apricot pie a few spoonfuls of rhubarb sauce can be added. Take equal quantities of red currants, loaf sugar and rhubarb juice, boil and strain, and when it boils a second time drop in some ripe strawberries, one at a time, and a delicious dessert results.

The plain rhubarb juice boiled with sugar and a little molasses until thick and dark makes a fine coloring for gravies and soups.

They say if you cut up the stalks before washing them they will cut easier, and not be so apt to string. Anyhow, use a sharp knife.

I always either steam or bake rhubarb sauce. One time I was visiting where they had a boarder, and a fussy one, too. He said that he never ate rhubarb sauce—didn't care for it. I had a good-natured chat with him about it, and found he had never seen any but the very stringy, stew-to-pieces kind. So I had no difficulty in persuading him to taste some that I prepared.

It was the nice red sort. You may be sure I did not peel it. I cut it into inch lengths and placed it in the glass dish it was to be served in, with plenty of sugar; covered it, so the steam wouldn't condense and make too much syrup, and steamed gently until it was soft enough to pierce easily with a silver fork. It has so much juice of its own it doesn't ever need any water when cooked this way. Dear me! The way that man eat that would make you forget he had ever imagined he didn't like plain rhubarb sauce. I didn't blame him. To begin with, it looked luscious, and then its taste was equal to its appearance.

**Selected Recipes.**

**Dandelion Greens.**—It is the acrid flavor of this weed that makes it a favorite in spring days. Only the tenderest and smallest plants should be used. Most persons prefer to sacrifice some of the benefits to be derived from their dark juices rather than eat anything as bitter as they naturally are. So the leaves are parboiled in two waters and rinsed in cold water after each draining. Then they are boiled for fifteen minutes, or until tender. Drain them, run cold water over them, and chop fine. Just before serving, heat them in a frying-pan with a little butter, salt and pepper. Send them to the table with the top garnished with hard-boiled eggs.

**New Potatoes with Parsley Sauce.**—Select small new potatoes and scrub with a small brush or a rough wet cloth until the outer skin is rubbed off. Do not use a knife, except to remove blemishes. Boil in salted water and when drained place in a serving dish and pour over them the thick parsley sauce which can be made as follows: Melt five tablespoonfuls of butter in a saucepan, add six tablespoonfuls of flour and cook slowly together for five minutes. Add one teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of white pepper and three cupfuls of hot milk. Stir until smooth and very thick, cook slowly for five minutes, then keep hot in a double boiler.

One-half of a cupful of this is to be slightly reduced with one-quarter of a cupful of hot milk and the strained juice of a half lemon, one tablespoonful of chopped parsley added, and poured over the potatoes in the serving dish.

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