

Household Hints.

GINGER FRUIT CAKE.—Four eggs whites and yolks, beaten separately, one cupful of brown sugar, two cupfuls of New Orleans molasses; one cupful of butter, three-quarters cup of sour milk, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in the milk; two tablespoonfuls of ginger, one-half pound of chopped raisins, one-half pound of dried currants, one teaspoonful each of cloves, cinnamon and allspice; sprinkle the fruit well with flour to keep it from setting in the cake; one quart of flour; add the whites of the eggs last and bake for an hour and ten minutes.

MINCE PIE.—Four pounds of raisins, stoned and cut fine, four pounds of currants, well washed, eight pounds of apples, peeled, core removed and cut up fine, three pounds of moist sugar, one and one-half pounds of candied peel cut fine, four pounds of suet, quite fresh, and finely shredded, three pounds of beef cooked and minced, quarter ounce of mixed spice, quarter ounce of ground ginger, mix all well together and place in a large, deep jar, then pour over hot sweet cider reduced to one quart by being boiled with a pint of maple syrup.

ROAST SPARE RIB.—A roast spare rib, with apple butter, was never absent from the beautifully-spread tables of an old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner. Aside from the fact that roast meats—which are nowadays baked meats—do not taste as they used, few modern cooks know exactly how to prepare a spare rib. Cover the meat with a greased brown paper until about half done, then remove and dredge with flour. It must be basted frequently. About ten minutes before it is done, sprinkle fine bread crumbs seasoned with powdered sage, pepper, salt and finely-minced onion over the surface. Baste once during the ten minutes that it must remain in the oven. Lift out the meat to a hot dish, free the gravy from fat, thicken with browned flour, season to taste and send to the table in a gravy boat.

PUMPKIN PIE.—Take off the rind and take out the seed of a small pumpkin. Cut the rest into small pieces and stew over a moderate fire with just enough water to keep from burning at the bottom of the pot. When stewed soft, turn off the water and steam over a slow fire for fifteen or twenty minutes, taking care not to scorch. Then remove from the fire and strain through a colander when cool. If the pies are to be very rich, to a quart of strained pumpkin put two quarts of milk and ten eggs; if plain, use only a quart of milk to one of pumpkin and three or four eggs. Add sugar, salt and ginger to taste. Mace and the grated rind of lemon can also be added if wished. Pumpkin pies require a very hot oven and long baking unless there are many eggs in them. Heat the mixture before filling into the paste, or the crust will bake too hard before the pumpkin is done.

PLUM PUDDING.—This requires three pints of milk, eight eggs, a ten cent loaf of baker's bread, one cupful of sugar, one pound of raisins, one teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of vanilla extract, and one half cupful of butter. Remove the seeds from the raisins. Place the milk and raisins in a double boiler, and make them boiling hot. Beat the eggs slightly, add the sugar then the boiling milk, the salt and vanilla. Slice the bread and spread it with the softened butter; then put the slices in the hot custard. Butter well a deep brown pudding pan. Put a layer of the soaked bread in; then more bread and more raisins until all is used, having the last layer of bread. Bake it in a slow oven for two hours. When ready for serving turn it from the pan into a pudding dish and use with it a hard sauce made from one-half cupful of butter, beaten to a cream, and one cupful of powdered sugar beaten into it until it is very light and creamy. Add one-half teaspoonful of vanilla extract. Pile it roughly on a pretty dish and grate nutmeg over it.

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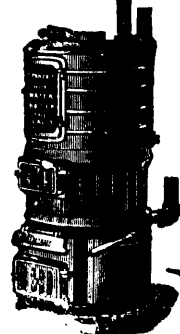
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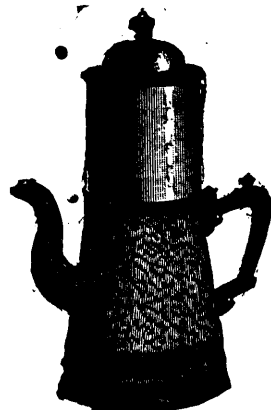
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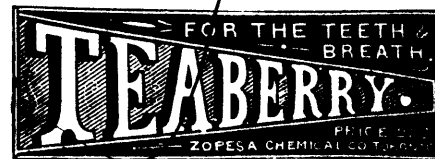
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