

HOUSEHOLD.

Butter Made in an Ice Cream Freezer.

Women sometimes get some good ideas. I don't say that patronizingly. I simply raise my hat and make the statement. Here is an idea that occurred to my wife last summer, and one that proved itself a great success. We had just moved out from the city to a three-acre piece of land, and, like most 'town farmers,' we wanted to make our three acres give us everything, says a writer in the 'National Magazine.' One of the first things we intended to be independent about was our butter. We had bought a good Jersey, and she was giving us nearly three gallons a day, so we had lots of cream, but hadn't bought a churn.

Said my wife:
'What's the matter with the ice cream freezer?'

I said I had never heard of butter being made in that utensil. She said that didn't matter; she didn't see why it shouldn't be, so we poured two quarts of nice, rich cream into the freezer and turned the crank. Well, to cut a long story short, the cream became butter—at last, but it was a long trip—nearly two hours.

The fact that the butter did 'come,' however, set me thinking, and now—well, now I wouldn't swap my big ice cream freezer as a butter producer for the best churn on earth. With it I will undertake to bring butter any day in fifteen minutes; that is, if I take care of the cream up to the time of churning. This is my plan:

I churn twice a week—Tuesdays and Saturdays. If the weather is cool, I keep on the side of the stove a big two-gallon crock. Into this I pour all the cream that we don't use and allow it to sour. If the weather is hot I allow it to sour away from the stove. On churning days I take my big freezer and empty the contents of the crock into it. In the place where the ice is generally packed, I pour a couple of quarts of very cold water right from the well. Some days when it is very hot I chop off a bit of ice and throw that into the water; but in cool or cold weather I have no trouble. Then I simply turn the crank and in anywhere from ten to fifteen minutes I get butter—and fine butter, too.—'Globe and Commercial Advertiser,' New York.

Selected Recipes.

PLAIN CREAM PIE.—Beat one-quarter cup of butter with one-half cup of sugar until light and creamy. Add one well beaten egg, one-half cup of milk and one cup of pastry flour sifted with two level teaspoons of baking powder. Bake in two round pans and spread a cream filling between.

LEMON COOKIES.—Take two cups of sugar, one cup of butter, the juice of one lemon, and the grated rind, three eggs well beaten. After all the ingredients are thoroughly beaten add a scant teaspoonful of soda dissolved in half a cup of milk. Use enough flour to make a stiff dough. Roll out and cut into hearts and diamonds. Bake a light brown.

STRAWBERRY JELLY.—Soak two ounces (half a box) of gelatine in half a cupful of cold water until soft; then pour over it one cupful of boiling water and stir until thoroughly dissolved. Add half a cupful of sugar, and flavor or not as desired. Strain into a deep bowl, and as soon as it begins to harden, whip with a wire egg beater until it is frothy all the way through. Then add one pint of strawberries that have been chopped rather fine, covered with pulverized sugar for an hour, and drained from the liquid. Beat gently till well mixed; pour into moulds that have been wet in cold water, and set in a refrigerator to harden. Serve very cold with whipped cream.

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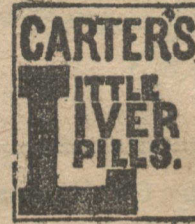
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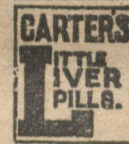
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