

About the House

FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

The following recipes have been used for years and are without fault.

Continental Cake—Two pounds flour sifted, 1 lb 3 oz butter, 1 lb 3 oz sugar, 1 lb 6 oz raisins seeded, 1 lb citron cut thin, 1 pt milk, 2 eggs, 1 large nutmeg, 1 gill boiled cider, 1 gill yeast.

Sister's Sweet Apple Pudding—One pint flour, 1 scant pint milk, 3 eggs, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 tablespoon sugar, 4 nutmeg grated, 2 qts sweet apples.

Queen Tomato Sauce—Simmer over a slow fire 6 whole tomatoes, 2 turnips, 2 apples, 2 onions and 2 small carrots, for 25 minutes.

Potato Biscuit—Cook and mash 3 doz large good potatoes, add 1 pt cream or rich milk, and when this mixture cools, add 1 teaspoon salt and flour enough to roll out, first mixing in flour 1 teaspoon baking powder to every 1 pt flour you find necessary to use.

Spiced Apples—Four pounds tart apples, 2 lbs brown sugar, 1 pt good cider vinegar, 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1 teaspoon arrowroot, 1 clove, 1 flake mace, 2 small pieces preserved ginger root.

Coddled Apples—Wash thoroughly unripe, dark green, sour apples. Put in a porcelain-lined or enameled kettle, cover with water and let them boil 15 minutes.

Try washing red table linen in water in which a little borax has been dissolved. Add a few drops of ammonia to the blue water to whiten the clothes.

For very yellow or grimy things, make an emulsion of kerosene, clear lime water and turpentine in equal parts. Shake them together until creamy, then add a cupful to a boiling of clothes and boil for half an hour.

Too Indulgent Mothers. Floretta Vining writes as follows: It is barely possible I may be growing rusty myself, but I see children ten years old and upwards who monopolize the entire conversation at a dinner table, of their mothers and fathers, where there are guests and fault with the food, and a good share of the time of the waitress is taken up in satisfying them.

amount of spending money of the youth, is really most all the father in ordinary circumstances can earn.

THE UP-TO-DATE BABY. It isn't correct any more to have things daintily pretty for the new-born baby just in order to have them daintily pretty, says a writer.

PLASTER STATUES. Many of the cheap plaster of Paris ornaments are in reality quite ornamental, but they soon show the effects of dust and smoke, and must be cast aside unless one knows how to clean them.

NEW UNIFORMS. The British Army's Future Fighting Kit. The War Office has at last decided upon the new military uniforms in detail, and the transformation of the soldier is expected to commence about the middle of the year, says the London Daily Mail.

BRITAIN'S AFRICAN ARMY. The Natives Are Said to Make Excellent Soldiers. The British Government has decided to create a native army in its various protectorates on the eastern coast of Africa, Somaliland, East Africa, Uganda and Central Africa.

WISE SAYINGS. Better to lose your argument than your friend. It's a wise man who can be silent on any subject.

TRAVELLER'S EL DORADO. Switzerland is surely the earthly paradise of the commercial traveller. At all of the principal stations "commercial season tickets" are issued to properly accredited commercial travellers.

ADVICE TO SMOKERS. The following advice to smokers is given by the Royal Academy of Belgium: "Do not use moist tobacco, since nicotine then escapes with the vapor and is not decomposed."

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OOM PAUL IN EXILE. How the Old Man Lives in the Little Town of Hilversum. The final scenes in the long and adventurous career of the ex-President of the South African Republic now on the point of absorption in the British dominions, are being enacted at a little town named Hilversum, in Holland.

THE FIELDS OF WATERLOO. Now the town presents a substantial appearance, with well-built houses and innumerable warehouses of corrugated iron.

68 DEGREES BELOW ZERO. At this point the ordinary thermometers are put out of business, as the miners say, and only a special indicator will show the temperature.

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