family, it may consist simply of two dishes of fresh fruit in season, two of dried fruits and two each of cakes and nuts.

Coffee and tea are served *lastly*, poured into tiny cups and served clear, passed around on a tray to each guest, then the sugar and cream passed, that each person may be allowed to season his black coffee or *café noir* to suit himself.

A family dinner, even with a few friends, can be made quite attractive and satisfactory without much display or expense; consisting first of good soup, then fish garnished with suitable additions, followed by a roast; then vegetables and some made dishes, a salad, crackers, cheese and olives, then dessert. This sensible meal, well-cooked and neatly served, is pleasing to almost any one, and is within the means of any housekeeper in ordinary circumstances.