

Household Hints.

CORKS may be made air and water tight by keeping them for five minutes under melted paraffine: they must be kept down with a wire screen.

In mixing mustard for table use never add vinegar which destroys its life and flavour. Boil water for moistening it and let the water become blood warm.

A GOOD disinfectant is made by dissolving half a drachm of nitrate of lead in a pint of boiling water, then dissolve two drachms of common salt in eight or ten quarts of water.

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CODFISH.—When codfish is purchased, pick it and prepare all of it for the table, and seal it in a glass jar ready for use. This prevents its becoming tough and dry, and also spreading its fragrance around.

CHOCOLATE PUDDING.—Heat a quart of milk to near the boiling point. Thicken with dissolved corn starch and sweeten. Stir in half a teacup of grated chocolate. Flavour with vanilla and serve with cream when cold.

POTTED SHANK.—Boil a shank of beef till tender; chop the meat and season with salt, pepper, and (if liked) half a nutmeg. Reduce the liquor to three pints, add the meat, cool in a mould. It should turn out well when cold.

A GOOD furniture polish is made by melting two ounces of beeswax, one ounce of turpentine, and one drachm of powdered rosin together, with a gentle heat, and rubbing on, when cold, with a soft flannel cloth and polishing with a soft linen or silk cloth.

PLAIN CORN BREAD.—Sift the meal, stir in salt to taste. Pour into it water enough to make a dough moderately soft. Bake in a hot oven. Use cold water. If the oven is not hot the bread will be a failure. One quart of meal and about the same of water will make two good loaves of bread.

ANGEL CAKE.—The whites of eleven eggs, one and a half cupfuls of powdered sugar, one cupful of flour, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar. Sift the flour four times. Beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth, add the sugar gradually, then the flour and cream of tartar. Bake in a pan with a tube in the centre.

TO CAN STRAWBERRIES.—Select perfect fruit, just ripe, hull the berries and put them in glass cans, then set them in cold or lukewarm water in a kettle over the fire. When the water boils, fill the can with boiling hot syrup, remove them from the fire and seal. The bottom of the kettle should have wooden strips for the cans to rest on.

BROWN BETTIE.—Brown Bettie is a simple and easily made pudding. Put alternate layers of bread crumbs and chopped apples in a pudding dish, season each layer with sugar, cinnamon and a little lump of butter. For a dish holding a quart and a half you need two teacups of hot water, bake for an hour and a half. Have the top brown. Serve with plenty of sweet cream.

STRAWBERRY SAUCE.—To a teacupful of granulated sugar add half a teacupful of butter, rub them to a cream, then add a pint of strawberries (or any small fruit in season), mashing and mixing thoroughly. Pile it in a glass dish. The hot pudding will melt the butter, and you will find the whole delicious. As a sauce for the pudding cold I would recommend.

EGG CHOWDER.—Take six potatoes of medium size, three eggs, four crackers, one quart of milk, a slice of salt pork and one onion; prepare pork the same as for fish chowder, add potatoes sliced, milk and onion, and salt and pepper to taste; when the potatoes are nearly cooked, add the eggs well beaten and the crackers.

PUDDING SAUCE.—Two tablespoonfuls of butter, four tablespoonfuls of granulated sugar, one teaspoonful of flour, cream them in a tin cup, pour into it slowly one teacupful of boiling water, stirring vigorously, add half a teacupful of pickled peach vinegar, the juice of half a lemon and the grated peel, add nutmeg and a pinch of salt; boil all up together, and serve very hot.

MOLASSES SHINGLES.—Two tumblers of molasses, one tumbler of sweet milk, one teacupful of shortening, one tablespoonful level full of saleratus (put dry with molasses), a teaspoonful of salt, spice to taste and flour enough to roll out. Roll thin and cut into shingle shape. In mixing the saleratus in, make it fine first and then beat thoroughly, letting it form all it will before adding aught else.

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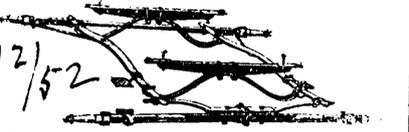
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