

HEALTH AND HOME HINTS.

Rice and Cheese.—One teacupful of rice to four cupfuls of hot water. Boil rapidly for twenty minutes. On bottom of buttered baking dish, put layer of bread crumbs, then a thick layer of rice and grated cheese, another of cheese. Finish with bread crumbs on top. Pour over all a cold mixture of one egg, one cupful of milk, two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, one tablespoonful of salt, one-fourth teaspoonful of dry mustard. Bake twenty minutes in a quick oven. This is delicious as a luncheon dish, or as a substitute for potatoes with meat.

Cheese Balls.—Beat the whites of two eggs stiff. Have ready one-half cupful of finely grated cheese. Mix cheese and beaten eggs quickly. Roll into balls with floured hands, and fry in hot fat. Serve while hot.

In serving a poached egg to an invalid, trim the ragged edges of the white with a biscuit cutter.

Lemon juice improves the flavor of scrambled eggs, if a few drops are added while they are cooking.

Planked sirloin steak, baked like fish on a hardwood board, is a delightful change from broiled or smothered steak.

For successful sponge cake, the flour should be sifted four times before measured, the sugar twice and the tins should be lined with greased paper.

Southern cooks never wash waffle irons, cleaning them with coarse salt and plenty of clean brown paper and putting them away in a fresh paper bag.

A fad of the hour is to serve, with the salad, little rounds of piecrust rolled very thin, fried in hot fat and sprinkled with granulated sugar.

Delicious eggballs to serve with soup are made from the yolks of two hard-boiled eggs mashed with an equal amount of boiled potatoes, well-seasoned and bound together with the raw yolk of an egg. Roll in flour, making them the size of cherries, and drop (in the skimmer), for a minute, into boiling water, then serve in the soup.

The Chicago Department of Health gives this recipe for killing flies. Put two teaspoonfuls of ordinary formaldehyde in a pint of water, and place where flies mostly congregate.

We have found this to be the greatest fly destroyer we have yet seen," said an official of the Health Department.

A lady has found a sure cure for broken dishes. If the dish to be mended can be tied with a stout string, then place it in boiling milk and left one hour, you can never tell the dish had been broken, and it can afterwards be put in boiling water without the pieces coming apart. This experiment has been tried and proven, and many are the broken dishes which were thought to be useless, which are now as good as new.

☞ Linen that is badly scorched may be improved thus: Boil well half a pint of vinegar, half an ounce of soap, two ounces of fullers' earth and the juice of a few onions. Spread this over the linen wherever it is scorched; and leave it to dry, when dry wash the garment, and the scorch will have disappeared.

Bread that has been toasted until it has become brown has had the starch in it largely converted into dextrine, and hence, so far as the brown portion is concerned, one of the processes of digestion is gone through before the bread is taken to the stomach. It will be found that the thinner the slices of bread, and the more thoroughly they are toasted, the easier digestion will be.

Thin sugar cookies, if flavored with bitter almonds make a good substitute for macaroons.

After using fat for deep frying, turn it into a bowl of hot water, stir well and set aside to cool. When cold, the clarified fat can be removed in a cake from the top of the water.

SPARKLES.

"Oh, mamma, I'm to travel with Edgar in Egypt—the lands of the pyramids and hieroglyphics!"

"Well, dear, remember I can't have you bringing any of those things home with you."

"There's a proverb that fits every man."

"What one fits me?"

"To whom God gives office, He also gives brains."

"But I have no office."

"Well, don't you see how it fits!"

"Last Sunday," says the Philosopher of Folly, "our pastor preached what I call a well-timed sermon. I saw six men holding their watches on him."

"Do editors ever do wrong?" "No."
"What do they do?" "They do write."

A Sunday-school boy, upon being asked what made the Tower of Pisa lean, replied: "Because of the famine in the land."

The Minister—"Then you don't think I practice what I preach."

The Deacon—"No, sir, I don't. You've been preachin' on the subjec' o' resignation fur twa years, an' ye hivna resigned yit."

"What were you and Mr. Smith talking about in the parlor?" demanded Miss Blushie's mother.

"Oh, we were discussing our kith and kin," replied the young lady.

"Yeth, you wath," interposed her little sister. "Mr. Thumith asked you for a kith, and you thaid 'You kin.'"

Some children were telling their father what they got at school. The eldest got reading, spelling and definitions. "And what do you get, my little man?" said the father to a rosy-cheeked little fellow.

"Oh, I dets readin', spellin' and spankin'."

Husband—"Excuse me, dear, but don't you cook much more for dinner than we can use?"

Wife—"Of course! If I didn't, how could I economize by utilizing left-over dishes?"

First Young Doctor—"When will you be able to get married?"

Second Young Doctor—"I'm waiting now for only three operations more."

Little Mary went into the country on a visit to her grandmother. Walking in the garden she chanced to spy a peacock, a bird she had never seen. She ran quickly into the house and cried out:

"Oh, grandma, come out and see. There's an old chicken in full bloom."

"I suppose you know all this about the dangerous places in this channel?"

"Nope," replied the pilot.

"You don't!" exclaimed the president. "Then why are you in charge of that wheel?"

"Because I know where the bad places ain't."

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