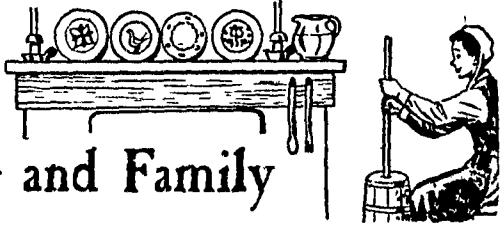


# For the Farm Wife and Family



## Easter Menu Suggestions

by Mrs. Richard C. Spence

Perhaps you are entertaining your family or a few friends at an Easter brunch after an early sunrise or church service this Easter Day. For this brunch we suggest this menu.

Fruit juice, pan-cooked ham, baked beans, bran muffins and coffee.

This hearty breakfast can easily be assembled in less than half an hour, even with guests coming. The baked beans can be fixed the modern way, quickly, by using canned beans and giving them a step-up flavor, that of molasses, mustard and vinegar. The ham is skillet cooked or broiled. The muffins can be made ahead and heated

### Glazed Ham Steak

1 1/2 inch thick slice of ready-to-eat ham  
4 tablespoons molasses, divided

Slash fat edges of ham to prevent curling. Stud fat edge with whole cloves, if desired. Place in a heavy skillet. Do not add fat or water. Pan broil slowly about five minutes on each side. or until meat is browned. Spread two tablespoons of the molasses on surface of ham; turn ham in skillet and spread with remaining two tablespoons molasses. Cook over low heat two minutes longer. Six servings.

### Quick Baked Beans

1/4 cup molasses  
1 tablespoon vinegar  
1 tablespoon prepared mustard  
1/4 teaspoon Tabasco  
2 cans (1 pound each) baked beans  
Combine molasses, vine-

gar, mustard and Tabasco; mix well. Add to beans. Spoon into six individual bean pots; it desired top each serving with 1/2 strip uncooked bacon. Bake in a hot oven (425 degrees) 30 minutes.

Note: If desired, mixture may be turned into skillet and heated on top or range, 10 to 15 minutes Omit ba-

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**Molasses Bran Muffins**  
1/4 cup shortening  
1/4 cup unsulphured molasses  
1 egg  
1 cup bran  
3/4 cup milk  
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour  
2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup finely cut dates

Blend together shortening and molasses Add egg; beat well. Stir in bran and milk; let stand until most of moisture is taken up. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Add to molasses mixture with dates. stir only until blended. Fill greased muffin pans 3/4 full. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) 30 minutes. Makes 12 small muffins.

**TO THE LADIES WHO SENT US SOME BREAD RECIPES** We certainly are grateful for the response to a request for home-baked bread recipes These recipes will appear in a very few weeks. Meanwhile, if you have some bread recipes or other recipes you would like to share with other readers, send them to Mrs. Richard C. Spence, Food Editor, Lancaster Farming, Box 1524, Lancaster, Pa.

A way with leftover ham  
**Ham Balls With Cranberry Sauce**  
1 pound ground cooked ham  
1/2 cup enriched bread crumbs  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
2 eggs, beaten  
1/4 cup water  
3 tablespoons shortening  
8 ounces broad noodles  
1/4 cup granulated sugar  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
1 cup water  
1 cup raw cranberries  
2 tablespoons cornstarch  
2 tablespoons water  
1 teaspoon grated orange rind  
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted

Combine ham, bread crumbs and pepper. Mix eggs and 1/4 cup water. Add to ham mixture and mix thoroughly. Shape mixture into balls. Melt shortening in large skillet.

Add ham balls and cook until browned on all sides, about 20 minutes. Meanwhile cook noodles. For sauce, combine sugars and one cup water and bring to boiling. Add cranberries and cook until skins pop, about five minutes.

Combine cornstarch with two tablespoons water. Stir into cranberry sauce until thickened. Add orange rind and ring constantly. Rinse with hot water and well.

Add noodles to melted butter or margarine and lightly to coat noodles. Buttered noodles hot ham balls and cranberry sauce. Makes four servings.

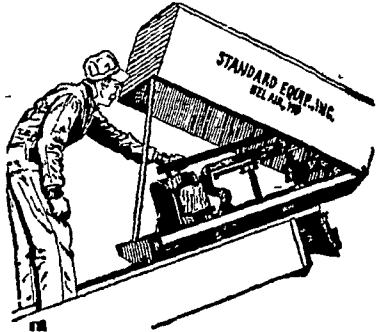
It's entirely within the rules of good meal planning to practice deception. Leftover turkey. Turkey legs are one example of legal deceit. Mix chopped turkey with elbow macaroni, batter, and seasonings. Then fry fourth-cup portions of this mixture. Serve with gravy or a sauce, if you like.

### Turkey Fritters

4 ounces elbow macaroni  
1 cup sifted enriched bread crumbs  
1 1/4 teaspoons poultry seasoning  
1/2 teaspoon dried onion  
2 eggs, beaten  
1/2 cup milk  
1 teaspoon melted butter or margarine

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