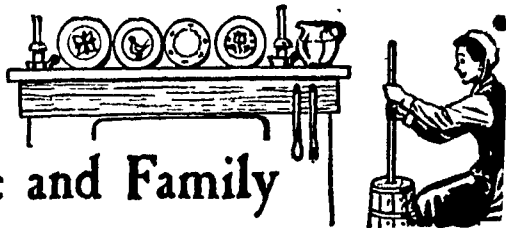


For the Farm Wife and Family



Ice Cream Leads The Parade

By Mrs. Richard C. Spence

Here's a way to give the youngsters a treat that goes with the Easter season—using ice cream, THE favorite dessert. All four of these ice cream ideas are simply scrumptious and certainly befitting the occasion.

The first of this tasty four-some is called Easter Petites. It's ice cream served up daintily on crunchy meringues. This recipe is one you will do well to copy. It calls for the addition of semi-sweet chocolate, that lends its own rich flavor to the delicate meringue. Or, for a little variation, scatter confetti-colored decorettes midst the airy swirls. The decorettes impact a gay, spring-like touch. Serve chocolate and vanilla ice cream balls (use a melon ball cutter to form the shapes) with the chocolate meringue baskets and a vanilla-strawberry combination with the others. For a final flourish, top these Easter Ice Cream Petites with your favorite sauce.

EASTER ICE CREAM PETITES

6 egg whites
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 cups sugar

1 cup grated semi-sweet chocolate
Chocolate and vanilla ice cream

Beat egg whites and salt until frothy. Add sugar a tablespoonful at a time, and beat until meringue is very stiff and will hold peaks. Fold in chocolate, a small amount at a time. Cover a cookie sheet with brown paper, and using a spoon or pastry tube, shape small meringues. Bake in a 250 degree preheated oven for 1 hour. Remove from cookie sheet when cool.

Prepare ice cream balls ahead of time. Scoop chocolate and vanilla ice cream with a melon ball scoop. Keep in refrigerator tray until hard and ready to serve. Put sev-

eral scoops of each in meringue shells. Top with chocolate sauce, if desired.

MULTI-COLORED: Omit chocolate and fold in two tablespoons multi-colored decorettes in the meringue mixture. Use strawberry and vanilla ice cream and top with sweetened sliced strawberries if desired.

Another idea for an Easter treat for the children is to make Easter hats for the little daddies and plump Ice Cream Bunnies for little men, of ice cream, gum drops and cereal, currants and cinnamon candies.

The Easter Hats are fun—and simple to make. The collar and hat are cereal cookies, perched atop and below the face which is a round scoop of ice cream. Currants and a red cinnamon candy make the eyes and mouth. You'll find it fun to decorate the hats—they can be funny, sedate, frivolous, or whatever your whimsey makes them. A touch of marshmallow cream on the cookie hold the decorations in place.

ICE CREAM COOKIE HATS COOKIES

3/4 cup sifted flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla

1/4 cup milk
1/2 cup finely chopped nuts
1 1/2 cups quick cooking or old fashioned oats, uncooked.

Sift dry ingredients together. Cream butter. Add sugar and mix well. Beat in egg and vanilla. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with milk. Blend in chopped nuts and oats. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto lightly buttered cookie sheet. Bake in a 350 degree preheated oven for 10 to 12 minutes. Cool on cake racks.

top with a cookie "hat". Make a face on the ice cream with cinnamon candy and currants. Serve at once.

The Bunny consists of two scoops of ice cream of different sizes, rolled in a delicious cereal mixture. The small one is placed atop the larger one. Two long gum drops or a stick of licorice makes a gay collar. Hold the gum drops in place with toothpicks.

ICE CREAM AND CEREAL BUNNIES

FOR DECORATING

Vanilla ice cream
Marshmallow cream
Colored gum drops
Red cinnamon candies
Chocolate bits
Currants
Candied cherries and citron

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted
2 cups cornflakes
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup finely chopped nuts
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 quart vanilla ice cream
Colored gum drops

Combine melted butter, cornflakes, brown sugar, nuts and cinnamon and mix well. Scoop out 12 balls of ice cream—6 large ones for the bodies of the bunnies and 6 small ones for the heads. Roll the balls in the com-

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