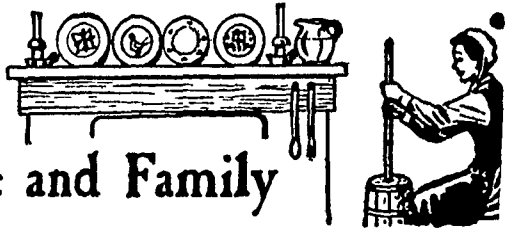


For the Farm Wife and Family



Try These Chocolate Desserts

By Mrs. Richard C. Spence

There are very few people who do not like the yummy taste of chocolate and it follows that many of our desserts are chocolate desserts, such as cakes, puddings, cookies, etc. Some of the following recipes may be new to you, others may be old favorites. At any rate make them for your family and hear them rate you as the "best cook there ever was."

An easy way to add chocolate flavor to your recipes is by using the semi-sweet chocolate bits. For instance, try these:

POLKA DOT SQUARES

- 3/4 cup butter or shortening
- 2 1/4 cups brown sugar, firmly packed (1 pound)
- 2 3/4 cups sifted flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup nuts
- 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate pieces (2 6-ounce packages)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Melt the shortening in large saucepan. Add sugar

and remove from heat - cool approximately 10 minutes. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt and set aside. Add eggs to sugar mixture and beat well. Add flour mixture, nuts, and chocolate pieces; mix well. Spread in a greased pan, 15"x10"x1". Bake at 400 degrees for 18 minutes. Cool; cut in 2 inch squares. Makes about 3 doz.

WAL-NUTTY CHOCOLATE BARS

- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons sifted flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 6 tablespoons sugar (granulated)
- 6 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon water
- 1 egg
- 1 6-ounce package semi-sweet chocolate pieces
- 1/2 cup maple-blended syrup

- 2 tablespoons vegetable shortening
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 6-ounce package semi-sweet chocolate pieces
- 2 cups coarsely chopped walnuts

Sift together and set aside the flour, baking soda, and salt. Blend the butter, sugars, vanilla, and water. Beat in the egg. Add flour mixture and mix well. Press into ungreased pan 13"x9"x2". Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.

Sprinkle 1 6-ounce package chocolate pieces over baked cookie; let stand 2 minutes to melt, then spread to cover top.

Combine maple syrup, shortening, vanilla, salt, 6-ounce package chocolate pieces, and stir over (not boiling) water till melted. Add nuts and stir blended. Spoon over top of baked cookie mixture and spread evenly. Bake at 350 degrees for eight minutes. Cool and cut in 1 1/2"x1" bars. Makes 32 bars.

CHOCOLATE FUDGIES

- 2 6-ounce packages semi-sweet chocolate pieces
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup maple-blended syrup
- 3 cups finely crushed vanilla wafer crumbs
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows

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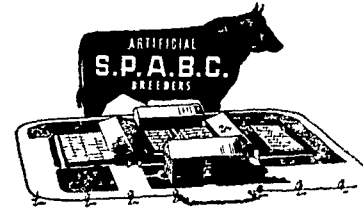
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