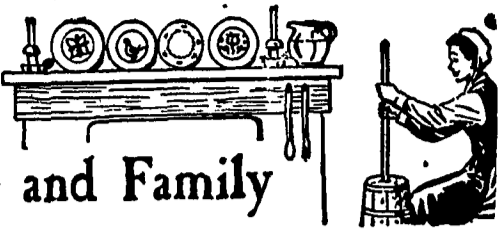


For the Farm Wife and Family



BREADS OF SPRING

By Mrs. Richard C. Spence

Lengthening days and a profusion of flowers coming forth into bloom are but two signs that spring is here. Springtime is a time for hopscotch with puddles, a handful of violets picked with love or a stroll in the park. Young or old, everyone has a warm glow that's spring fever.

Do you feel like making something for a special person or enjoying the newly warm outdoors all day long? Do you feel creative? Begin to discover the warmth of spring by sharing it. Quick breads are so delightful at this time of year. Bake spicy little loaves of bread for a grandparent or invalid. Take your pick of any of the quick bread recipes we have for you; bake them and share them with someone — your kindness will long be remembered.

SPICY RAISIN BREAD

- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

- 1/2 cup firmly-packed brown sugar
- 1 cup raisins
- 3/4 cup rolled oats, quick or old-fashioned, uncooked
- 1/4 cup melted or liquid shortening
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup milk

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and spices into bowl. Add remaining ingred-

ients; stir only until blended. Pour batter into 4 greased 4 1/2 x 2 1/4 x 2-inch loaf pans or 1 greased 8 1/2 x 4 1/2 x 2 1/2-inch loaf pan. Bake small loaves in preheated moderate oven (350 degrees) 40 to 45 minutes; bake large loaf 55 to 60 minutes. Remove from pans immediately and cool thoroughly. For ease in slicing, wrap cooled bread and store one day before slicing. Drizzle with confectioners' sugar frosting, if desired.

TROPICAL BREAD

- 1 1/4 cups sifted flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup mashed ripe bananas
- 1/4 cup buttermilk or sour milk
- 1/3 cup soft shortening
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup whole bran cereal
- 3/4 cup cut, dried apricots
- 1/2 cup chopped walnut meats

Sift together flour, baking

powder, soda and salt. Combine bananas and buttermilk. Blend shortening and sugar; add eggs and beat well. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with buttermilk, stirring after each addition only until combined. Stir in whole bran cereal, apricots and nutmeats. Spread in greased 9 1/2 x 5 1/4-inch pan. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) about 1 hour, or until done. Let stand until cold before slicing.

BERRY PATCH TEA CAKE

- 1 1/2 cups sifted flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup soft shortening

1 egg. For the filling: 1/2 cup evaporated milk, 1/2 cup fruit preserves, strawberry or raspberry, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 2 cups cornflakes, 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt, nutmeg and sugar into mixing bowl. Add shortening, egg and milk; stir until combined. Spread in greased 9 x 9 inch baking pan.

Spread preserves over batter. Crush cornflakes slightly; toss lightly with cinnamon and butter. Sprinkle over preserves. Cut through toppings into dough with knife at regular intervals to give a marbled appearance. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) about 1 hour, or until done. Let stand until cold before slicing.

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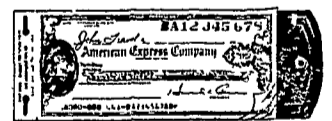


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