

Cook's Question Corner

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When serving, pour some of the reserved broth over portions. Pies can be reheated. When doing so, make a hole in top and pour balance of the broth into the pie before reheating.

ANSWER - Rose M. Markley, Williamsport, asked for a recipe for easy-to-make, cut-out sugar cookies. Thanks to Rita Kline, Hastings, for the following recipe.

Cut-Out Sugar Cookies

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| 4 cups sifted flour | 2 teaspoons baking powder |
| ¼ teaspoon baking soda | ½ teaspoon salt |
| 1 cup soft margarine | 2 cups sugar |
| 2 eggs | ¼ cup milk |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla | ¼ teaspoon nutmeg |

Cream together margarine, sugar and eggs. Add vanilla and mix. Sift together all dry ingredients. Add alternately with the milk to creamed mixture. Refrigerate dough 2 hours for easier handling. Roll out on a floured board and cut with cookie cutter. Bake at 375°F. for 10 to 12 minutes

Powdered Sugar Icing

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| 1 pound powdered sugar | ¼ cup butter-flavored vegetable shortening |
| Milk | 2 teaspoons vanilla |
| Dash of salt | |
| A few drops food coloring | |

Beat all ingredients together. Gradually add enough milk to make smooth and spread on cookies.

ANSWER - Mrs. Galen Gockley, Mohnton, requested a recipe for Johnny Cake. Thanks to Mrs. David Weaver, Newville, for the following recipe, and to all the others who shared Johnny Cake recipes.

Johnny Cake

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| 1 cup corn meal | 1 cup sifted flour |
| ½ teaspoon salt | 4 teaspoons baking powder |
| 1 egg | 1 cup milk |
| ¼ cup oil or shortening | |

(When using sour milk or buttermilk, use 1 teaspoon soda and 3 teaspoons baking powder.) Mix and bake in greased cake pan. Serve hot with fruit and milk.

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



In the days before I leave on a trip there are many things to do. Part of the fun of a trip is the anticipation—and getting ready to go.

As my husband is tied down with his dairy herd, he doesn't feel that he can get away for ten days. So, I spend most of the day before I leave making meals for him that he can reheat. Casseroles, soups and frozen hamburger patties are easy for him to prepare. If left on his own, I think he would live on toast, cheese and eggs, plus lots of carrot sticks.

I received a list of things to do in advance from the travel agency. And, among the 34 things listed are such items as purchase batteries for camera, pay bills due while you're away, put valuables in safe deposit box, arrange kennel for pets, purchase travelers checks, label luggage, wrap houseplants with plastic and purchase trip insurance. Now not all of these apply to me.

On this sheet from the Rural Route Tours is also a list of 15 things to pack and that doesn't include any clothes. This time I purchased a travel clock and a folding umbrella as previously I'd always borrowed them from my children. An extra pair of glasses

is good insurance since a near-sighted person like myself would surely miss a lot without glasses. Depending on where one goes, sun glasses and suntan lotion are also necessary.

Another long list contains 18 items to carry in your purse or flight bag. Suitcases do not always arrive with you at your destination. So it is suggested that you carry personal items and a change of clothes and shoes in case your bag is late in reaching you after your flight. On one trip a woman waited three days for her suitcases and was given \$100 the first night by the tour director to buy clothes at one of the shipboard shops for a party.

So I'd better be sure everything is packed that I'll need before my husband drives me to the Philadelphia Airport for my plane to New Orleans.

My husband drove me to the Philadelphia Airport to catch a plane to New Orleans at noon on Friday. Due to fog, the plane and its 100 passengers left an hour late. Therefore, we arrived quite late and got out of heavy clouds only as we neared Louisiana.

It was 74°F. in New Orleans and we have been enjoying the camelia and azalea blossoms. Our Royal Sonesta Hotel in the French Quarter was quite elegant. But I definitely would not recommend walking Bourbon Street at night for conservative people as it could be called a "red light" district. Cars are barred in the afternoon and evening so crowds can walk on the street and watch clowns, musicians and dancers perform.

New Orleans is three to 10 feet below sea level; therefore, all of its cemeteries have the coffins and marble markers placed high above the ground because flooding is a problem.

This area gets 60 inches of rain each year, but our tour group has been lucky to have only sunshine so far. People here are already mowing their lawns and the live oak trees are covered with Spanish moss. We saw one 600-year-old tree. On a walking tour we saw many ornate cast iron balcony railings and we had lunch in Jackson Square.

We have eaten in many famous restaurants and are served lots of shrimp, Jambalaya, crayfish and crab meat. Last night we ate at the "Court of Two Sisters" and were seated outdoors under purple wisteria. The food was good and the setting elegant, but so was the price.

We crossed the Mississippi River on a ferry and walked through an oyster factory and visited a net maker. A tour through Jungle Gardens to see thousands of snowy egrets and watch an alligator being fed a frankfurter ended our busy day.

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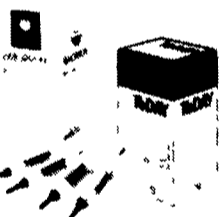
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