

Some Menus for Evening Parties Are Discussed Today by Mrs. Wilson

These May Be Served in Buffet Fashion or Cafeteria Style if There Are Too Many Guests to Sit at Table

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MAINTAIN inquiries for menus for parties, evening affairs, and home entertainment surely show the trend of the times. Folks are returning to the all home-prepared foods.

If you have occasion to entertain more guests than can be conveniently seated at the table, then use a buffet service. It may be used for a wedding breakfast, for the afternoon tea and in the evening, and called a spread. The host is served with the refreshments, and he can either find a comfortable place to sit or else stand up.

The buffet service is used for serving a crowd in a small place, and it is usual to have the table set up and neatly arranged, although this service may be used and served in platter style.

A smart function recently served the buffet luncheon in cafeteria style, and it proved to be a great success. Instead of trays, extra-large size dinner plates were used, and the fork and spoon were rolled in the napkin. This, with a cup, was placed on the dinner plate and handed to the guest, who then passed to the several small tables placed about the room for a helping of the food.

The arrangement of the dishes depends largely upon the menu, the money to be expended upon it and the number of guests to be served. It is possible for the housewife to arrange and serve a splendid menu by this method with the aid of one person, for much of the actual preparation can be done beforehand.

Usually the menu consists of one hot and one cold dish, with either rolls buttered or dainty bread and butter sandwiches, with a dessert and the usual relishes, such as coffee, pickles, radishes, or cranberry sauce. In a service of this kind you should keep in mind the fact that the menu should be one that is easily eaten with a fork or a spoon.

This method will also prevent waste, for once the food becomes tossed it is almost sure to be wasted. If you have some young girl friends, by all means ask them to preside at the various tables, or else to take charge of one portion of the service. A punch is the usual beverage at most social affairs, followed by either tea, coffee or chocolate with the food.

Arrange to have plenty of napkins, and if this is not possible you will find that you can purchase a paper napkin that will prove to be a close rival of the linen one. These paper napkins are extra large and of linen-like texture, and really help out very well. Arrange the napkins with the silver, and also at each place where there is a service of food; this will make for the comfort of your guests.

Some suggestive menus and how to serve them:

- No. 1 Olives, Salted Nuts, Creamed Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Bread and Butter Sandwiches, Coffee, Ice Cream and Cake, Candies, Mints

- No. 2 Sweet Pickles, Celery, Mashed Potatoes, Potato Salad, Whole Ham, Bread and Butter, Fancy Tart, Ice Cream, Coffee

- No. 3 Pickled Watermelon Rind, Salted Nuts, Celery, Olives, Chicken a la King or cuts of thinly sliced Baked Ham, Potato Croquette, Hot Biscuits, Orange Ice, Coffee

- No. 4 Pickles, Olives, Creamed Oysters, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Cake, Ice Cream, Tea, Coffee or Chocolate

- No. 5 Radishes, Pickles, Celery, Chicken and Sweetbread Croquettes, Colelaw, Buttered Rolls, Cake, Ice Cream, Coffee

Recipes for twenty-five persons. Creamed Chicken Tomcany. Place in large saucepan. Two cups of milk, Two cups of flour, Two teaspoons of salt, Two teaspoons of white pepper, One teaspoon of paprika, One level teaspoon of mustard, One-half teaspoon of nutmeg. Stir or dissolve and bring slowly to a boil, cook for ten minutes, then add two quarts of chicken cut in inch pieces; one pound of mushrooms that have been peeled and parboiled and well drained; two tall cans of well-drained pimientos cut in pieces; one-half cup of butter; one cup of well-drained capers. Heat slowly to boiling point, then cook for fifteen minutes, fill into custard cups, sprinkle the top with fried bread crumbs and garnish with one-quarter of hard-boiled egg. The chicken may be brought to the serving table a little at a time, thus keeping hot until all are served. To prepare the chicken, select two five-pound stewing chickens and prepare in the usual manner and steam until tender. Let cook in the liquid, and when cold cut in pieces about one inch. Part of this liquid can be used in place of milk in the sauce. For this dish, open two cans of consommé and place in a bowl, adding two envelopes of gelatin, and stand away for half an hour to cook. Drain. Two cans of peas, Well and turn in mixing bowl and add Three cups of finely chopped celery, One cup of finely chopped green pepper, One cup of mayonnaise, One cup of cooked sliced carrots, One-half cup of grated onion, Two level tablespoons of salt, One teaspoon of pepper, Two tablespoons of Worcestershire sauce.

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Me and Puds Simkins was going around saying to the fellows, Hay, you got something on your nose, and wen they sed Wat and put their hand up to find out, we sed, Your fingers. Being a pretty good joke, and we started to try it on kids we never saw before, first Puds trying it on one and then me trying it on one. The one Puds tried it on being a kid with glasses but a fearsome expression, Puds saying, Hay fella, you got something on your nose. Wat? sed the kid putting his hand up and Puds sed, Your fingers, and the kid sed, Hay, don't you get lippy, for 2 pins Id punch you, in the mood, if it wasn't for these glasses Id do it anyway, none of your lip, now, do you want a pie? I do if you do, take those glasses off, sed Puds looking as if he would druther talk about hitting than sit.

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