

HOUSEHOLD.

SEVERAL CAKES IN ONE.—Frequently a housekeeper wishes to place a variety of cake before a guest and has not time to follow several receipts. Imperial cake has the advantage of making from one proportion three varieties. A proportion of it can be baked in a biscuit tin, iced, and when the icing has stood till it is firm enough to mark it off in squares with a knife, melt a little charcoal in a cup over a teakettle, and with a small camel's hair brush mark each square as the taste dictates. Two small bar tins can be made, one with citron or raisins and one plain cake, or a cake of three layers and a bar tin. Two kinds of layer cake can be made by cutting the layers in halves and filling each with something different. A piece of white writing paper can be placed between the halves, and they can be placed lightly together so they will not become dry. The receipt calls for seven ounces of butter for a rich, cake six for a plainer one; one pound of powdered sugar; one pound of sifted flour, a scant half-pint of milk, one teaspoon of soda, slightly more than level, then level teaspoons of cream tartar and five eggs. Flavor with almond, vanilla, or rose. Pulverize the soda thoroughly and sift it and the cream tartar with the flour. It is better to sift it twice, beat the butter to a cream and stir the sugar in. Then add the yolks of the eggs well beaten and stir for a few minutes and then add the milk. Have some one stir in the flour while the eggs are being beaten to a stiff froth. The whites must be lightly stirred in just before the cake is ready to be put into the pan. Bake in a quick oven.

CORNED BEEF.—To four gallons of water add one and one-half pounds of sugar or molasses, two ounces of saltpeter and six pounds of rock salt or pure common salt. If the meat is to be kept through the summer or more than three months, use nine pounds of salt. Boil all together gently and skim. Have the beef or tongue closely packed in the vessel in which they are to remain and pour the pickle over while boiling hot. Pour on enough to cover the meat well and place a weight upon it. The meat will be fit for use in ten days. The same pickle may be used the second time by adding about one-third of the ingredients and heating it again. This amount of pickle will suffice for one hundred pounds of meat.

PIGEON IN PASTRY SHELL.—Make the shells as for a tart. Baste the pigeon with melted butter and roast on a spit or stew for thirty minutes. Then make a sauce of the gravy, thickened with a little flour, some shreds of onions and chopped parsley, open the paste shells, lay the pigeons in a cover of gravy, close the shells let them be warmed through, and when cold set a medallion on the top of each of jam jelly or marmalade as preferred, bitter orange is the best.

JELLIED ORANGES.—Cut a small round piece from the blossom end of six oranges. Carefully remove the pulp with the aid of a spoon. Place the skins in cold water and prepare a filling of the extracted juice of the oranges, half a box of gelatine one cup of boiling water. When hardened fill the skins and set in cool place. In serving, cut the oranges crosswise and arrange in glass dish.

STEWED CUCUMBERS.—Three large cucumbers cut lengthwise the size of the dish they are intended to be served in; take out the seeds and put them into boiling water with a little salt, and let them simmer for five minutes, then place them in another saucepan with half pint of good brown gravy and let them boil over a brisk fire until they are tender. Should they be bitter add a lump of sugar; carefully dish them, skim the sauce, pour it over the cucumbers and serve.

DRIED APPLE CAKE.—Three cups dried apples, soaked over night and chopped fine; stew in three cups of molasses; take three eggs, three cups of flour, one cup butter, two teaspoons of soda, one and a half pounds raisins, half a pound of currants, allspice, cinnamon and nutmeg to taste. This will make two large loaves.

EGG SALAD.—Take one dozen or less hard boiled eggs, slice on one side and remove the yolk; mash or rub the yolks into a smooth paste; moisten with vinegar and add a small quantity of made mustard and salt.

Fill the whites with the mixture and place on a dish, serve with lettuce.

COFFEE CAKE.—One cup of sugar, one cup melted butter, one cup New Orleans molasses, one cup strong coffee, one egg one teaspoonful baking powder one teaspoonful ground cloves one tablespoonful ground cinnamon, one half pound each of raisins and currants, four cups sifted flour.

MOLASSES COOKIES.—One cup butter, two cups of molasses, one teaspoonful cloves one tablespoonful ginger, sufficient flour to make a stiff batter, no dough. Mold with the hands into small cakes and bake in a steady rather than quick oven, as they are apt to burn.

COOKIES.—Two eggs, one and one-half teaspoonful of sugar, one cupful of butter, one-half cupful sweet milk two teaspoonful of soda, nutmeg to taste. Mix in enough flour to roll cut into round cakes and bake in a quick oven.

WASHINGTON CAKE.—One pound of brown sugar, one pound of flour, one-half pound of butter, two pounds of stoned raisins, four eggs, two teaspoonful of soda dissolved in half a cup hot water, one-half pint of molasses, two grated nutmegs.

SOFT GINGERBREAD.—One egg, one cup brown sugar, one-half cup of molasses, one-half tablespoonful of butter, one-half cup of sour cream, one-half teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of ginger, flour enough to stiffen. Bake in a moderate oven.

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