## ● Timely Tips

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ed effect.

Combine or arrange salads just before serving for a fresh appetizing appearance.

**Rainy Day Box For Children**

On a rainy day children need activities to amuse themselves. By having several unusual, but simple toys, your child will be content for the day.

**Rainy Day Box Top**

Empty wooden spools are an excellent base for dolls or necklaces; spools make fine wheels.

Tin cans with no sharp edges bend themselves to a variety of play activities. Save cans of different sizes so one fits inside another. Tin cans may be made into towers, nested together, painted different colors, or used as toy containers.

A large carton provides endless possibilities.

Drums made of round cereal boxes are wonderful. A piece of sring to tie the empty box around the child's neck and a couple of short sticks are all that is needed for the drums.

**Blanched Almonds—The Gourmet Touch**

Toast slivered almonds and sprinkle over hot creamed dried beef that you serve in toast cups.

Sprinkle toasted slivered almonds over cooked green beans or perk up appetites.

Dice blanched almonds, toast, stir into applesauce. Add a dash of cinnamon and you have a crunchy go-with for meat.

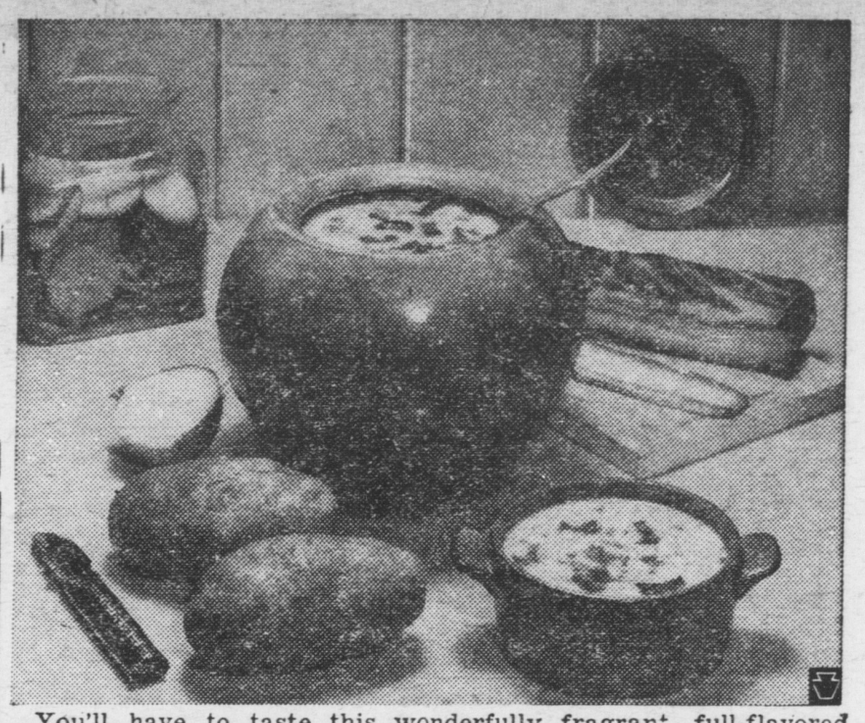
Blend bits of candied cherries and untoasted slivered almonds into whipped honey. Spread on split English muffins and place under the broiler until golden brown. Makes an easy hot bread for breakfast or with hot chocolate for an afternoon snack.

**Lighting Essentials.**

For adequate lighting in your house, buy lamp, bulbs, shades, and diffusing bowls with a critical eye. The proper size and design of the lampshade will effect the effectiveness of light.

A diffusing bowl softens and directs the light rays and protects you from looking directly into the light bulb. The bowl helps to distribute light more effectively in all directions.

When replacing bulbs, diffusers, shades, buy those that are the same size and style as the original ones. Doing this, you provide effective light and safety.



You'll have to taste this wonderfully fragrant, full-flavored potato-and-creamed chicken soup before you'll believe that this delicious tasting dish can be made in just minutes! With hot buttered rolls or a sandwich it's a complete, satisfying meal. It's especially timely now when those choice, all-purpose Russet potatoes from Washington State are plentiful, at reasonable in-season prices. Washington growers say the mineral rich lava soil of their high mountain valleys give these Russets extra flavor and important nutritive values so you can enjoy them in all your favorite potato dishes.

**RUSSET POTATO-CHICKEN SOUP**

- 6 slices bacon
- ⅔ cup chopped onion or frozen chives
- 2 medium Washington State Russet potatoes
- 1 cup water
- 2 (10½ oz.) cans cream of chicken soup
- 2½ cups milk
- ¾ tsp. salt
- 2 tbsps. snipped parsley

Snip bacon into 1-inch pieces. In large saucepan, cook bacon until crisp. Set bacon aside. Pour off all but three tablespoons fat. Add chopped chives or onions and cook slightly. Peel potatoes and dice. Add potatoes, water and salt to cooked onions. Cover and cook 10 mins. or until potatoes are tender. Mash slightly, if desired. Blend in undiluted soup and milk. Heat but do not boil. Garnish with crisp bacon bits and parsley and serve. Makes 4 to 6 servings.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