

Very Special Recipes.

A SAVOURY AND A HORS D'OEUVRE

When preparing hors d'oeuvre remember they should be:

1. In very tiny portions.
2. Rather highly seasoned.
3. Dainty to look at.

The savoury terminates the dinner, and may be served either hot or cold.

It, like the hors d'oeuvre, should be served in small portions. It may be composed of almost any kind of ingredient, the following being always popular: Oysters, smoked fish, olives, anchovies, cheese.

The same points must be remembered when making them as when preparing hors d'oeuvres.

Here is a delicious hors d'oeuvre.

STUFFED OLIVES.

Required:
Six or more stoned olives.
The same number of fillets of anchovy.
Two hard-boiled eggs.
Two teaspoonfuls of anchovy sauce.
One ounce of butter.
A small round of fried bread for each olive.

Salt and pepper.
Pound the butter and anchovy sauce together in a mortar, then add the yolks of the eggs and seasoning, and found all to a smooth paste; next rub the mixture through a fine sieve.

Have ready some tiny croûtes of bread, spread a little of the mixture on each, and fill each olive neatly with some. Arrange an olive on each croûte, placing a fillet of anchovy round the base of each.

Sprinkle over a little coriander pepper, and arrange on a lace paper.

Here is a particularly good cheese saucy:

ITALIAN CROQUETTES.

Required:
Two ounces of macaroni.
One ounce of butter. One gill of milk.
Two ounces of grated cheese.
Half an ounce of grated Gruyere cheese, if possible.

One yolk of egg. Salt and pepper.
Breadcrumbs and egg for coating.
Cook the macaroni until just tender in boiling salted water, then cut it into thin rings.

Melt the butter in a stewpan, stir the flour smoothly into it, add the milk, and stir the sauce over the fire until it boils and thickens; then add the macaroni, grated cheese, yolk of egg, and a good seasoning. Mix all thoroughly together, stirring it for a few minutes longer over the fire. Then spread it evenly over a plate, and let it cool.

Next shape it into small balls, then flatten them slightly so that they resemble small fish-cakes.

Brush each over with beaten egg, then coat with fine breadcrumbs. Fry them a golden brown in fat from which a bluish smoke is rising.

Drain well on paper, and serve piled up on a fancy paper. If liked, they may be sprinkled with a little grated cheese.

Society Gossip.

AUCKLAND.

Dear Sir, December 21.

The Auckland Choral Society opened their new season on Friday last with THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE OF THE "MESSIAH."

The soloists were Miss Lizzie Knight, Miss Katherine Grellet, Mr. W. Aspinall and Mr. Hamilton Hodges, and their rendering of the most difficult music was much appreciated. Hamilton Hodges especially winning for himself fresh laurels. The chorus work was particularly good, I thought, also the orchestra, though once or twice it was rather too loud and drowned the singing somewhat. The Choral Hall was crowded, but alas, very few had paid the performers the compliment of appearing in evening dress, though why I cannot imagine, as quite apart from their appearance, the heat last night would have driven most people into their daintiest and lightest garments I should think in such a crowd it was rather hard to discover anyone one knew, but I noticed Miss Lizzie Knight was gowned in a rich cream satin gown, with berthe of real lace caught up with a large pink rose; Miss Katherine Grellet wore a pretty Empire gown of pale green flit over silk pink roses on corsage; Mrs. Hamilton Hodges, grey duchesse satin, with cream lace on corsage; Madame Wiclaert was gracefully gowned in white satin, softened with chiffon and lace; Mrs. H. Wilson wore a black velvet Empire gown, with real lace berthe; Mrs. Kissling, handsome black silk, with black lace and silk cut; Miss Hargreaves, black satin, softened with lace; Miss Ansley was gowned in black Louise, with cream Maltese lace scarf; Mrs. Bush wore a lovely black pin striped chiffon over white taffeta, fine white lace outlining corsage, long white coat; Miss P. Butler, handsome black taffeta, relieved with white, lovely silver scarf; Mrs. Brigham was gowned in pale mauve with long blue silver coat; Mrs. Cooke was wearing a dainty white embroidered muslin, red opera coat; Miss C. Cooke, pretty white inserted gown, threaded with pale blue ribbon.

GARDEN PARTY AT MOUNT ALBERT

The Hon. George Fowlds and Mrs. Fowlds gave a garden party on Saturday at their residence, Mount Albert, which proved a great success, as the arrangements were excellent, and the weather all that could be desired. Invitations had been forwarded to 1500 members of Mr. Fowlds' election committee, private friends, and also members of both Houses at present in Auckland. The Hon. Geo. Fowlds arrived in the morning from Wellington to be present at the function. Special trains were engaged by Mr. Fowlds to convey the guests to and from Mount Albert. Large marquees were erected, at which ample refreshments were dispensed. Musical selections by an efficient orchestra contributed to the enjoyment of the visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Fowlds welcomed each guest upon arrival in front of the entrance to the residence.

PERSONAL.

Judge MacCormick returned to Auckland by the Victoria, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Marjorie MacCormick, who has been visiting Mrs. H. J. Lewis, Gisborne.

PHYLLIS BROWN.

GISBORNE.

Dear Sir, December 17.

We have had quite a number of entertainments here lately. First and foremost, J. C. Williamson's company, who played "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" last Thursday and Friday evenings to crowded houses on both occasions.

AMONGST THE AUDIENCE AT THE THEATRE

were Mrs. and Miss Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. Mann, Miss Brodriek, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. V. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Ian Simson, Mrs. Jex-Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Symes, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Tomblinson, Mrs. Traill, Mr. and Mrs. H. de Lantour, Miss A. de Lantour, Mr. and Mrs. O. Monckton, Miss Gillingham, Mr. and Mrs. C. Busker, Mr. and Mrs. F. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Kissling, Miss Booth, the Misses Davies, Mrs. A. Symms and Miss Hanly, the Rev. Dawson Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. R. Crawford, Mr. Mrs., and Miss White, Miss Coop, the Rev. Cockerill, Mrs. and the Misses Barker, Mr. Dalrymple, the Misses Lewis, the Misses Old, Mr. and Mrs. Thodev.

On Thursday afternoon the Misses Beere gave a very

PLEASANT AFTERNOON TEA

at their home, "Erina" (Whanapoko), in honour of Miss Stella Hamilton, whose marriage took place a few days later. About 20 girl friends were present, each guest bringing a cup and saucer as a small token of remembrance for the bride elect.

A VERY ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON TEA

was given on Monday last by Miss Daisy Bennett to say farewell to Miss Yolande Sherratt, who was married on the following day. A novel form of guessing competition, when everyone tried to find out what animal's name was fastened on to their back, by questioning each other, no one being allowed to give a direct answer, evoked much mirth and amusement, the prize winners being Miss Nolan and Miss de Lantour. Amongst those present were the Misses Sherratt (3), Wachmann, MacLean, Nolan, de Lantour, Schumacher, Foster, Woodbine-Johnstone, Gillingham, Pyke, Evans, and many others.

PERSONALS.

Miss Rosmarie Rees, who has been absent for nearly eight years in England, where she has had many theatrical successes, returned to Gisborne last week,

and intends spending a long holiday with her parents at "The Bungalow." Mrs. Luak (Napier) and family are also staying with Mr. and Mrs. Rees, "The Bungalow." Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Holmes, who have been in Gisborne for some months, and have both, I am sorry to say, been in indifferent health, returned to the Bays (Akaroa) by the Waikare on Sunday.

Miss E. Williamson is visiting friends up the East Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Sherratt went to Napier on Wednesday evening to be present at the wedding of Mrs. Sherratt's sister to Mr. Donnelly.

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