

Domestic

(By MAUREEN.)

TOMATOES.

Make the most of the tomatoes while they are in season. Here are four good recipes. The first two may be used as central dishes for a Friday lunch.

Stuffed Tomatoes: Cut a thin slice from the stem end of large, smooth tomatoes. Remove the seeds and soft pulp, and mix with the pulp an equal amount of buttered cracker crumbs. Season to taste with salt, pepper, sugar, and onion juice. Fill the cavity with the mixture, heaping it in the centre, and sprinkle buttered crumbs over the top. Place the tomatoes in a granite pan, and bake until the crumbs are brown. Take them up carefully with a broad knife, and serve very hot. A small quantity of cooked meat finely chopped may be used with the crumbs, as it imparts a fine flavor.

Tomato Eggs: Take as many large round tomatoes as you wish to serve, cut off the tops, removing enough of the centres to permit filling with a fresh egg. Season the egg with salt and pepper and put a bit of butter on top. Bake the tomatoes with enough water to cover them for about half an hour.

Fried Green Tomatoes: Slice green tomatoes and place them in salt water for ten minutes, then drain. Melt a teaspoonful each of lard, suet, and butter. Roll the tomato slices in flour after salting and peppering them well. Brown on both sides.

Fried Tomatoes: Slice red ripe tomatoes without peeling them. Fry the slices in butter, turning them and sprinkling them with salt and pepper. Then place them on a hot plate. Put a teaspoonful of flour in the skillet with the hot butter, rub to a paste and pour in half a cupful of milk. Stir thoroughly and season with salt and pepper. Pour the mixture on the fried tomatoes and serve hot.

Spaghetti Croquettes.

Boil one-quarter pound of spaghetti until tender, then drain and place in cold water for a second. This is called blanching, and removes all the glutinous matter on the outside, besides whitening the paste. Chop the spaghetti fine, then add it to the white sauce, to which add the yolk of an egg and one tablespoonful of cheese. Cool and proceed as for any other croquette. Serve with a plain cream or tomato sauce.

Turnip Croquettes.

Wash, pare, and cut into thin slices six medium-sized turnips; then boil until tender, adding a teaspoonful of sugar to the water; drain when tender, mash and wring out the surplus water by placing the mashed vegetable in a cheese-cloth. To each half-pint of turnip add the beaten yolk of one egg, season with salt and pepper, then mix in half a cupful of mashed potato, put through a sieve; form into croquettes, and proceed to the crumbing, egging, and frying as though you were making a meat croquette.

Household Hints.

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If the clock needs cleaning, put a piece of cotton saturated with paraffin on the floor of it, and the fumes arising will loosen the dirt and give the wheels a new lease of life.

To prevent work being soiled by the sewing machine after oiling, keep a strip of cloth tied around the needle-bar just above the needle. When this is done, the work will not be soiled, as the cloth absorbs the oil instead of allowing it to flow to the needle.

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