

DOMESTIC

(BY MAUREEN.)

Sausage and Tomato Pie.

Take some sausages, and to prevent them from bursting blanch them for five minutes in slightly salted boiling water. Then fry two onions, cut two tomatoes in slices, and have ready some mashed potatoes. Now take a baking dish and lay the tomatoes on the bottom, seasoned with pepper and salt. Arrange on them the sausage and onions. Add a little gravy and cover with the mashed potatoes and bake 30 minutes.

Cake Recipes.

Victoria Sandwich.—3 or 4 eggs, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb flour, a good tablespoonful butter. Beat the yolks of the eggs and the sugar together until creamy, add the whites of the eggs stiffly beaten, and beat again until strong-looking bubbles are formed. Sift the flour and stir it in lightly. Have the butter melted ready, and add it whilst the flour is being added. Mix thoroughly, taking care not to let the butter run to the bottom. Bake in two sandwich tins which have been evenly buttered and then dusted with a mixture of castor sugar and flour.

Sponge Roll.—One teacupful self-raising flour, 4 eggs, 1 teacupful castor sugar. Beat the eggs as in the previous recipe for 25 minutes in all, then add the sifted flour and fold it in. Bake in a shallow square tin. Turn out when cooked, spread with jam or whipped cream before it is cold, and roll.

Cheese Omelette.

Beat three eggs and three tablespoonfuls milk, a pinch of salt, and a dash of pepper. Put a spoonful of butter in a frying pan. When hot, turn in the omelette; let it cook slowly, and when ready to fold, sprinkle thickly with grated cheese; fold in half, and turn on to a hot plate. Sprinkle with finely minced parsley and grated cheese, and place in a hot oven until the cheese is melted.

Sweet Tomato Pickle.

Slice one gallon of green tomatoes, salt with one cupful salt and let stand over night. Drain, add one quart vinegar, one pound brown sugar one tablespoonful mustard, allspice, cloves, cinnamon, and one teacupful cayenne. Boil until tender and well flavoured. Bottle and seal.

Potato Puffs.

Two cups cold mashed potatoes, 1 egg, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cupful flour, 1 cupful minced cooked meat, 1 small onion,

pepper and salt to taste. Make the potatoes and flour into a stiff dough with the egg, roll out half an inch thick, grate the onion, add to the minced meat with pepper and salt, cut the pastry into small squares, place a little mince on each, turn over and press well together; fry in boiling fat until a golden brown.

Household Hints.

When a fire is burning away too vigorously, a little dry salt sprinkled on the top will have a restraining effect.

A potato, finely chopped and spread on a handkerchief, will ease the pain of a scald, and take out all inflammation.

If linoleum, when new, is varnished on the back and allowed thoroughly to dry before laying, it will last much longer.

To prevent suet from sticking to the knife when chopping, sprinkle it with ground rice.

To clean rusty hooks or other articles similarly discolored, soak them in ammonia and water.

To get rid of flies, mix half a teaspoonful of black pepper with a teaspoonful of cream and leave in a saucer on the mantelpiece or table.

All lacquered work should be washed with plain soap and hot water, and polished with a wash-leather. No acids or soda should be used.

The white of a raw egg applied to a burn or scald will prevent inflammation and relieve the stinging pain.

Two parts of spirits of ammonia to one of turpentine will soften old paint or varnish and make its removal easy.

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