DOMESTIC

(By MAUREEN.)

To Pickle Pork.

Pork should be pickled one day after butchering, if this is possible. To pickle 50lb of pork, boil together for 30 minutes three gallons of water, 5lb of salt, 2lb of sugar, and 3oz of saltpetre, previously dissolved in a little hot water. Pour this, when cold, over the pork in a barrel. It can be taken out and smoked at the end of two or three weeks, or, if you do not choose to smoke the pork, each piece should be taken out, rubbed well with dry salt, and returned to the barrel.

Salt Pork.

Salt pork can be served in a variety of ways to break the monotony. If this slices are dipped in flour and fried a light brown, and then dipped in a batter made from one beaten egg, a pinch of salt, and thickened with flour, returned to the hot fat and browned again, it will be found delicious.

Roast Salt Pork.

First boil the pork, then remove to the reasting pau. When you have scored the rind both ways, place in the oven and bake a rich brown.

About Cooking Beans.

A word about the cooking of any dried bean. It is not necessary to soak these beans if you will cook them in the right way. They contain albuminous substance which may be soaked soft, and starch which must be cooked soft. You can combine the two operations by the most gentle sort of cooking. Hard cooking hardens the albuminous substance, unless it has been soaked soft, just as strong heat stiffens egg white.

Gingerbread.

Take three large breakfastcupfuls of flour, two large breakfastcupfuls of sugar, one large breakfastcupful of treacle, one large breakfastcupful of boiling water, a third of a pound of butter (or good beef dripping),) one tablespoonful of ground ginger, one tablespoonful of ground cinnamon, one dessertspoonful of baking powder, a pinch of salt. Mix the sugar, treacle, and butter (or dripping) well together, beat the egg, and stir in; then, the spices, powder, and salt. Add the flour, gradually moisteuing with a little hot water at a time. Bake in a moderate oven for about 25 minutes, in a flat, well-greased tin.

Stuffed Turnips.

Boil turnips whole until tender. Then hollow out the centre and fill with sausage-meat. Bake until the sausage is done, basting the turnips with the sausage drippings.

This is a dish that may be varied in several ways. Cook $\frac{1}{2}$ b of rice in new milk till it swells, then flavor nicely with vanilla, and stir in the yolks of two eggs; line a pie-dish with this mixture, and then place a layer of stewed fruit on it; whisk the whites of the eggs to a froth to make a meringue on the top. Bake in the oven till colored. Instead of using fruit or jam the juice of a

lemon may be stirred into the rice with sugar to taste. Food Value of Vegetables.

Asparagus, cabbage, cauliflower, and celery are chiefly valued for their mineral salts, and for the bulk, variety, and relish they give to the diet.

Cabbage contains a great amount of sulphur, and for this reason frequently causes flatulence. Cauliflower, which is of the same family, is more easily digested.

Celery is said to be more digestible cooked than raw. Beets, carrots, and parsnips all contain a large percentage of sugar. Carrots and parsnips, when young and tender, are very nutritious.

Spinach, containing as it does a large amount of iron, can scarcely be ignored as a valuable spring vegetable dish.

Rhubarb is rich in oxalic acid, which does much to tone up the system.

Household Hints.

The white of an egg applied to a burn excludes the air and prevents inflammation.

Vinegar placed in a pot of dried-up glue will moisten and make it liquid again.

Cotton-wool dipped in methylated spirit will clean photographs without destroying their polished surface.

To remove scorch marks from linen cut an onion in two and rub the scorched part with it. Then soak the article in cold water.

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