

## Domestic

By Maureen

### Bread Sauce.

2 tablespoonsful of breadcrumbs, 1 small onion, one-third of a teaspoonful of salt,  $\frac{1}{4}$  a cupful of milk,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a teaspoonful of pepper. Boil the onion in the milk for 15 minutes, strain the milk over the crumbs, add the seasonings, and simmer slowly for 10 minutes; serve at once.

### Cucumber Salad.

Procure sound large cucumbers, pare thickly from end to end. Cut in thin round slices, strew thickly with salt, put in a bowl, press down heavily with pieces of marble or brick for three hours. Then press or with a lemon-squeezer squeeze out every drop of water; put in a salad-bowl, lay thin slices of onion over, season with white pepper, add 1 teaspoonful of olive oil, pour over enough vinegar to wet well, and serve. A tiny bit of sugar and some cut-up parsley may be added if desired.

### Blackberry Vinegar.

This old-fashioned and palatable beverage is made as follows:—Crush 3 quarts of ripe blackberries, and pour over them 2 quarts of best vinegar. Let it stand for 24 hours, then strain through muslin or a jelly-bag, and add the liquid to 3 quarts of fresh berries. Let it stand and strain as before. Repeat a third time if the beverage is not rich and strong enough. Put it in a jar, and stand in a pan of boiling water. Boil quickly for one hour, then bottle for use. Two tablespoonsful of this to one glass of water make a delicious drink.

### Browning Pastry.

Even when the oven is quite right and the pastry has been made moderately rich a woman will feel dissatisfied at the appearance of a pie because she misses the rich brown gloss that she has seen on pastry made by practical cooks. This is produced by egg wash. An egg is beaten up with a little sugar and a small quantity of milk is added. With this wash the pie is brushed over after the pastry has been finished.

### Spotted Silver.

The little black specks that appear on silver articles that have been laid aside for some time should be cleaned with a paste of whiting, free of grit, and olive oil. Then slightly polish with a piece of old silk. In some cases the specks and stains are very obstinate, and it will be best to smear the article with the paste and allow it to remain on for a considerable time. It should then be wiped off

and polished with either a piece of silk or a good soft piece of chamois leather and rouge.

### Discolored Cooking Utensils.

Do not waste time and labor trying to scrape clean blackened or scorched baking-dishes or cooking platters. Rubbing them hard with damp salt is a good and effectual though tedious way of doing the job. But if a little ash and water are placed in them and if they are allowed to heat slowly at the back of the grate they may be quickly scoured back to their original cleanness. Any brown discoloration on cups and saucers caused by stale tea or coffee can be got rid of quickly by rubbing them with a flannel dipped in whiting.

### Household Hints.

To "freshen" salt fish, soak in sour milk.

When roasting meat, turn with a spoon instead of a fork, as the latter pierces the meat and lets the juice out.

When anything burns into a kettle or dish, fill with cold water and add large lumps of soda; boil a few minutes.

When ironing, stand the iron on a clean white brick; it will retain the heat much longer than if put on an ordinary stand.

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

Be sure the basin and knife are dry when whisking an egg. There will then be no difficulty in getting it to foam quickly.

A quarter of a teaspoonful of baking-powder added to mashed potatoes while beating them will make them light and fluffy.

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