JEANNETTE VAN REYPEN'S HOUSEHOLD LETTER

Christmas Cookery, Dainty Dishes Easily Made—Puddings, Desserts, Cakes and Sauces.

At this time of the year every housekeeper's thoughts take a culinary turn, and any recipe for dishes suitable for entertaining are especially interesting. The following are tried and easily made dainties, concocted from easily obtained ingredients and are culled from many sources, including several from the private recipe books of women prominent in the social life of Washington, D. C.

Plum Pudding (Gouffe).

Take three-quarters of a pound of chopped suet, three-quarters of a pound of citron, three-quarters of a pound of sugar, three-quarters of a pound of bread crumbs, two apples cut into small dice, and the grated peel of a lemon; mix the whole in a basin, with three pounded cloves, a pinch of salt, six eggs and a half a gill of rum or brandy. Butter a pudding-mold, fill it with the mixture and tie a cloth over the top. Place a plate at the bottom of a kettle which is three parts full of boiling water. Put the pudding in and boil for four hours, keeping the pot replenished with boiling water. Turn out the pudding on a hot dish, sprinkle over it sugar, and pour over it half a pint of warm rum or brandy and light this when placing on the table.

Sauce—Serve with an ordinary brandy sauce or with a rum flavoring if that has been used in the pudding, or use

German Sauce—Made with eight yolks of eggs, quarter pound of sugar, three gills of Madeira and the grated peel of half a lemon. Stir over the fire until the spoon is coated.

Bavarian Creams.

There is no more delicious dessert than Bavarian Creams and few that admit of such variety of flavoring and are so easy to make. They have the advantage of being out of the way before the meal is prepared and can be served in many pretty forms, including the little paper cases that are usually employed for them by professional caterers. They are a cheap country dessert when one has plenty of cream and not expensive anywhere if prepared with the Pioneer evaporated milk which is an excellent substitute for fresh cream and when very cold whips perfectly needing only the ordinary amount of sugar and flavoring used with the new cream.

In making Bavarian Creams, do not add the whipped cream to the ingredients with the gelatine until they are quite cold and are beginning to set or they would dissolve the whip. The pineapple Bavarian is especially nice made with the canned fruit, but they are all delicious. Bavarian Creams make excellent Charlotte Russe fillings.

Bavarian Cream With Vanilla.

Whip one pint of chilled cream to a stiff froth, laying it on a sieve. Boil another pint of cream, or evaporated milk, with a vanilla bean and two tablespoonfuls of sugar until well flavored; then take off the fire and add half a box of gelatine that has been soaked for an hour in half a cupful of water, in a warm place near the range. When slightly cooled stir in the yolks of four eggs well beaten. When it has become quite cold and begins to thicken, stir without ceasing for a few minutes until it is very smooth, then fold in the whipped cream lightly until well mixed. Put into large or small molds or in paper cases and set to cool.

Bavarian Cream With Pineapple.

Add gelatine to grated canned pineapple; sweetening to taste after the same fashion as in the preceding recipe and serve with pineapple juice, or in cases with a candied cherry on top, or mould in a large form and serve with a border of whipped cream sweetened and flavored with pounded almonds, with cherries and other candied fruits as a garniture. This is a beautiful dish and very delicious.

Bavarian Cream With Peaches, Strawberries, Raspberries, or Any Other Fruits.

Reduce the fruit, fresh or canned, to a marmalade, thicken with the dissolved gelatine and add the whipped cream as in other Bavarians.

Bavarian Cream With Coffee.

Throw three heaping tablespoonsful of fresh roasted and ground coffee into a pint of boiling rich milk or evaporated milk diluted one-half. Strain and add to it the yolks of four eggs well beaten, with an even cupful of sugar. Stir the custard over the fire until it begins to thicken; take it off and add the half box dissolved gelatine, stir until smooth when it begins to set and add the pint of well whipped cream.

Friar's Omelette.

Stew six or seven good sized apples as for apple sauce; stir in when cooked and still warm, butter the size of a pigeon's egg and one cupful of sugar; when cold, stir in three well beaten eggs and a little lemon juice. Put a small piece of butter in a saute pan (frying pan in English), and when hot throw in a cupful of bread-crumbs, stir until they assume a light brown color. Butter a mould and sprinkle on the bottom and sides as many of these bread-crumbs as will adhere; fill in the apple mixture, sprinkle bread-crumbs on top and bake for 15 or 20 minutes, and turn out on a good sized platetr. It can be eaten plain or with a whipped cream sauce arranged as a border around the omelette.

Almond Macaroons.

In making Bavarian Creams one always has the whites of the eggs left over, and these can be profitably used for the macaroons that are such a delicious addition to any dessert or fruit course. This is an excellent recipe—Blanche and skin eight ounces of Jordan almonds and one ounce of bitter ones; dry them on a sieve and pound them to a smooth paste in a mortar, adding occasionally a very little water to prevent them from getting oily, or use almond paste, add five ounces of powdered sugar, one teaspoonful of powdered sugar, one teaspoonful eggs beaten to a stiff froth; with a spoon put this on paper in drops the size of a walnut, bake in a slow oven until they are of a light brown color and firmly et. Use waxed paper, or remove from the ordinary kind by slightly moistening the under side.

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