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SOME AMERICAN SUGGESTIONS

Shirred Eggs

(1) Plain. - Butter individual little oven dishes, or even saucers, and carefully break in one or two eggs as desired. Dust lightly with salt and pepper, and add a good knob of butter. Set the

dishes in a shallow baking tin of boiling the skin of some people, because he had digestible

(2) With Mushrooms. - Lightly fry the mushrooms in butter, then put a spoonful in the little dish before breaking in the egg.

(3) With Tomato.—Put a spoonful of bears out this theory: tomato steamed soft in butter, under

small left-over pieces of ham, or chicken, or veal, or tongue, can be sliced or diced up and heated up in a good white sauce with parsley; and a layer of this tasty mixture put under the egg and then shirred as above.

Scalloped Eggs

(1) Plain.-Make a good white sauce by melting 3 tablespoons of butter, stirring in 3 tablespoons of flour and melting together, then gradually adding about 2 cups of milk and cooking till nicely thickened, seasoning with pepper and salt and adding half a cupful of grated cheese. Have ready 6 hard-boiled eggs. Butter a casecrole or baking dish, and put in a layer of the sliced eggs; cover with the sauce, and repeat till all is used up. Cover with soft breadcrumbs mixed with melted butter, and put into a hot oven till nicely browned.

(2) With Chicken .-- Cover each layer of sliced eggs with minced cooked chicken (or fowl) and any left-over stuffing. This is a lovely way of using little bits of left-over fowl, such as the legs!

(3) With Crayfish.—Cover the sliced she wore kid gloves. She tried everyeggs with chopped crayfish. Tinned crab is very nice indeed too.

Egg and Onion Pie

Cook a good pie-shell first. Make a filling by mixing a cupful of good rich white sauce with 2 cups of cooked sliced onion, and 4 or 5 sliced hardboiled eggs. Season with a good dash of Worcester sauce, and put this all into the hot pie-shell. Sprinkle liberally with chopped parsley and serve.

FROM THE MAIL BAG 1

Dve Off Gloves

Every now and then I get a despairing letter from one of our "Daisy Petals" who is having trouble with a new pair of gloves. One lady described her embarrassment at a very smart luncheon party on finding that when she removed her beautiful new gloves, her hands were a startling shade of blue! Various remedies have been suggesteddusting the hands with talcum powder before putting on the gloves; wearing a thin pair of silk gloves inside, and even painting over the inside of the glove with white of egg! None of these ways is really quite effective, and the only comfort is that after a while, the dye does stop coming out.

The buyer in the glove department of one of our largest drapers told me once that he had come to the conclusion that the cause of the trouble was acidity in

water, and cook the eggs gently in the often sold say, 20 pairs of a certain oven until they are set - about ten kind of glove to as many different minutes. They can be cooked directly in people, and found that perhaps three of the oven without the hot water, in a these would be troubled with dye-stain, shorter time, but will not be quite as and the others not at all. It is a very old-established shop, and he knows many of his customers quite well, and so was able to get in touch with them and "check-up" on the matter.

Here is a letter from Auckland which

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I heard you read a letter this morn-(4) With Creamed Left-overs. - Any ing from a lady whose hands have become stained by her kid gloves. As you said, it is caused by acidity. A friend of mine had the same problem every time

Kidney Flan

This amount makes a flan enough for about five people. You need ½lb. short pastry, 6 sheeps' kidneys, 3 eggs, 1oz. butter, chopped parsley, salt and pepper. Make the pastry case with the short crust.

Skin the kidneys, roll them in flour, pepper and salt, and put them into a saucepan with a little water. Stew slowly until tender. Flavour well. Melt loz. butter in a frying pan, break in the eggs and scramble them. Fill the pastry case with the stewed kidneys, then cover with the scrambled eggs. A few fried tomatoes may also be placed on top. Serve very hot.

thing to overcome this rather embarrassing predicament. She found that the best thing was to rub her hands with good talcum powder before putting on the gloves. Of course this acidity is a state of health, and can be checked by diet. My friend was so bad that if she used a needle, it was covered with red rust in a few hours, and useless for further sewing. She ruined the wheel of her sewing machine also-it was just pitted with rust. Her husband enamelled the wheel, which overcame that difficulty. Hoping that the hint about the powder will help the poor "Daisy Petal" in trouble; and with kind regards and best wishes for you.

"E.A." (Mission Bay).

Wool Bed Covers

Deat Aunt Daisy,

You have been speaking of bedcovers from wool. I've made a number for the Lady Galway Guild, and they are very much admired, being light and ever so warm. I make little bags, 6in. square when finished, fill them with a handful of well-teased wool, and make an evelet hole in the middle. This evelet holds the wool and prevents it from getting lumpy, as well as making seration holes for health's sake. Any larger pieces of material are used in other quilts, making larger bags, filled with well-teased wool, and quilted on the machine; putting an eyelet in each division. Also, pieces too small for the bags are joined crazy fashion, just as shapes occur, and likewise filled. When washing the wool, I use a dessertspoonful of kerosene to each tubful of wool. It does help to remove that "sheepy" smell.

-"Bell" (Maungaturoto).



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