

SOCIALISM IN GERMANY

Among the causes of the success of Socialism in Germany, not the least is the fact that the military career in its higher offices is not open to the middle classes. The *Vossische Zeitung* publishes the following statistics on the matter which speak for themselves:— 'Of the 42 officers who form a military suite of the Emperor, not a single one belongs to the bourgeoisie. Of the 22 adjutants of the princes royal there are only two, and two in all from the marines. Among the 42 adjutants of the reigning German princes there are but six. An officer of the middle-classes has never been able to achieve the distinction of being appointed Chief of the General Staff, Minister of War, Governor of Berlin, Commander of the Police, Captain of the Palace Guard, General Inspector of Cavalry, President of the Examination Commission, Inspector of the Schools of War, Commander of the Corps of Cadets, and so on. . . . All the marshals, and all the colonel-generals are nobles; 46 generals out of 49, 73 lieutenant-generals out of 100, and 129 general-majors out of 189 are also of the nobility.' There is no officer in the Guards who has not a title. The magic 'von' before their names advances junior officers over the heads of ordinary lieutenants.

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Banana Pudding.

Peel six bananas and pass them through a sieve; add four tablespoonfuls of castor sugar, three finely-crumbled sponge cakes, the juice of a lemon, three tablespoonfuls of cream, two tablespoonfuls strawberry jam previously passed through a sieve. Mix all well together, then add half a teaspoonful vanilla essence, and lastly pour in gently the stiffly-whisked whites of two eggs. Butter a pudding mould, put in the mixture, cover the top of mould with buttered paper, and steam from 1½ to 1½ hours. Turn out the pudding on to a hot dish, pour over some vanilla sauce, and serve hot.

Curried Haricot Beans with Eggs.

For this dish the following ingredients are needed: One pint of cooked haricot beans, three hard-boiled eggs, two ounces of butter, two small onions, half a sour apple, one tablespoonful ground rice, half-pint stock, one tablespoonful curry powder, one tablespoonful grated cocoanut, one lemon. Soak the beans in water overnight, and cook them till tender in slightly salted water. Melt the butter in a stewpan, add the chopped onion and apple, fry lightly for a few minutes; then add the rice, curry powder, and stock. Cook for five minutes. Now stir in the cooked haricot beans, add the juice of a lemon and the cocoanut; season to taste. Make the whole thoroughly hot in the prepared sauce. Serve in a border of well-cooked rice, garnished with slices of lemon and parsley.

Curried Eggs a la Madras.

Boil six eggs until hard, peel them, and put in cold water until required. Mince or chop finely half a small peeled onion, and fry with a little fresh butter in a saucepan. Add a dessertspoonful of Madras curry powder, a finely-minced sour apple, and three chopped Brazil nuts or six sweet almonds. Next mix an ounce of cornflour with a little milk, and stir into the above; then add about half a pint of milk, and boil up whilst stirring. Let it simmer for about fifteen minutes. Stir from time to time. If too thick add a little white stock. Cut the eggs in halves or quarters, and lay them in the sauce to get thoroughly hot through. Season with salt and a little lemon juice. Dish up the eggs neatly in a deep dish, strain the sauce over them, garnish with small bread croutons and lemon rings. Serve hot.

To Clean a Purse.

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