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into a baking dish with 2 onions, chopped finely, 2 tablespoons salt, 1lb. treacle, and enough vinegar to cover, and a little cayenne. Place in the oven with a cover on the dish for 2 hours (very slow oven). The mixture should be a nice chocolate colour. Put into pots and cover. The pickle is ready for use as soon as it is cold. This is simply delicious, such a change from the ordinary pickle.—Mrs. P.W. (Auckland).

Daisy Gateau

THREE sweet oranges, 2 bananas, $\frac{1}{2}$ -cup chopped walnuts, 3oz. sugar, 2 dessertspoonfuls gelatine. Whipped cream. Peel and remove pith and pips from oranges, peel and trim bananas. Take care not to break orange quarters. Place 2 cups of water in pan, add sugar and bring to boil, boil for five minutes, then sprinkle in the gelatine and stir until dissolved. Arrange some of the quarters and slices of bananas in glass dish, sprinkle with half of the walnuts. Strain the syrup over and allow to set. When set, whip cream very stiff, pile on the set jelly. Place remaining orange quarters to look like daisy petals, one slightly overlapping the other. Put a little heap of walnuts in centre to represent centre of daisy.—Mrs. E.A.B. (Dargaville).

Fruit Chutney

WHEN any bottled fruit or jam shows signs of fermenting, don't throw them away, even if sour. To a 2lb. jar use 1 bottle of vinegar, 1lb. sugar, minced garlic, onion, salt, mustard, cayenne and anything else you may fancy. Boil all together until thick. Bottle while hot.—Mrs. P.W. (Auckland).

Raisin Cracker

QUARTER lb. butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ -cup light brown sugar, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups of wholemeal, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ -teaspoon soda dissolved in $\frac{1}{2}$ -cup warm water, 1lb. blue seeded or seedless raisins, good handful walnuts. Cream butter and sugar, add soda dissolved in water, and then wholemeal and flour. Roll out on greaseproof paper, spread half with raisins put through the mincer and walnuts crushed well with rolling pin. Easy to turn over with paper and pinch the edges, slip paper on to tray, bake and cut in fingers when cold. Ice with a thin lemon icing if liked, but I prefer it without.—Mrs. W. (Timaru).

Plain Plum Pudding

PUT in a mixing bowl 4oz. flour, 4oz. breadcrumbs, 4oz. sugar, 1 teaspoonful baking soda, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful nutmeg, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful cinnamon, 1 cup sultanas, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful salt. In a saucepan put 1 breakfast cup of milk and 4oz. of chopped suet. Bring to the boil, then mix with dry ingredients. Steam 3 to 4 hours. Serve with sauce or cream.—Mrs. J.W. (Dunedin).

Special Fish Pie

ONE pound and a half any cooked fish, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. mashed potatoes, a little finely-chopped parsley, 1 tablespoon finely-chopped onion, 2 medium-sized parsnips (boiled and sliced), $1\frac{1}{2}$ table-spoons butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder, seasoning and milk. Mash potatoes, season, moisten with a little milk, mix in parsley and onion, then add baking powder and beat all lightly together. Divide into halves. Line a buttered casserole (bottom and sides) with one-half, cover with a thick layer of sliced parsnip, then a layer of shredded fish. Dot over with butter. Add another layer of parsnips, lastly rest of mashed potatoes. Place lid on casserole, and bake pie 45 minutes in a good oven. Just before removing from oven, take lid off to brown. Serve with tomato sauce.—Miss A. (Miramar).

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