Christmas Cake

ONE AND A QUARTER lbs. butter, 1lb. sugar, 11lbs. flour, 12 eggs, 1lb. currants, 1lb. raisins, 1 1b. sultanas, alb. peel, 4ozs. of cherries, 4ozs. ground almonds, 2 tablespoons glycerine, 2 tablespoons brandy, 1 nutmeg (grated), 1 teaspoon cinnamon, pinch salt, bottle

Cut up fruit very fine and scak all night in ginger ale (a 6d. bottle for the amount of fruit will do). cream the butter and sugar, add eggs well beaten, little by little, not to have the mixture curdle, beat well. Then add flour and spices, fruit and lastly the glycerine and brandy.

Note:-Do not dry the fruit after it has been soaking in the ginger

This cake requires 4½ hours cooking. For an electric oven 400, bottom element low, when range comes down to 300 put top element on for a while. For a gas oven, the same time for cooking, shelf three ledges from the top all the time. Regulo at four for an hour, then down to two for the remainder of the time.

PRIZE RECIPE

Fried Chicken, Corn Fritters

AS a number of people have young roosters to be killed at this time of the year I am sending a recipe for a delicious and unusual dish. Cut a young plump chicken into pieces and roll in flour seasoned with salt and penper. Heat 2 tablespoons of butter in a pan, fry the chicken quickly till it browns, then reduce heat and simmer gently for ½-hour.

Mix the contents of one tin of sweet corn with 1-tea-spoon of baking powder, 1 well beaten egg, salt and paprika. Stir in enough enough grated breadcrumbs to absorb the moisture and beat well. Drop tablespoonfuls of the mixture into a pan of heated butter and fry golden brown. Drain on paper.

Lift the chicken on to a hot dish, add a tablespoon of flour to the butter in the pan, cook a few minutes and add a cup of vegetable water if available, boil up and pour over the chicken. Surround dish with the fritters.

I have made the same dish with a young rabbit which, while not as delicate in flavour as chicken, is equally delicious.—Mrs. M.M.L. (Taumarunui).

Macaroon Custard

THREE dessertspoons powdered gelatine, 4 cup cold water, 4 cup sugar, 3 eggs, 21 cups milk, 2 cup cream, 6 macaroons, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 6 drained cherries, whipped cream.

Mix the egg yolks and sugar, gradually add milk and stir over boiling water until custard coats the spoon, and remove from heat. Moisten gelatine with cold water and dissolve over boiling water, then stir into custard. Whisk egg whites to stiff froth, and add, with the vanilla and crushed macaroons to custard. When cold, add the cream and pour the mixture into wet moulds. Leave until firmly set, then unmould and serve on glass dishes garnished with cherries and whipped cream.

Ham Custard

HAIF-POUND good short pastry. 1 to 11b. ham, 3 eggs, salt and

pepper to taste, 12 pints milk. Line a pastry dish with pastry. Beat eggs, add milk, ham cut up finely, salt and pepper. Pour into pie dish, bake in slow oven 1 to 13 hours or until pastry is cooked and custard set. Leave until quite cold and serve with said. Mrs. (Auckland)

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