

HOME MAKERS' CORNER

BY "LYNETTE"

APPLES

At the present time apples are plentiful, and those of us who have them growing begin to wonder how we can vary our apple desserts to save our families from boredom. Here are a few stand-bys and variations.

When baking apples many people leave the cores in, but a delightful change is to remove the cores and stuff the apples with dates.

Apple Crisp is a quickly prepared and satisfying apple dish. Core and slice six apples into a pie-dish. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ of a cup of water and sprinkle the top with a crumb mixture made from $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of wholemeal, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, and 2 tablespoons of butter. Bake in moderate oven (340 degrees F.). As a variation, cinnamon or cloves may be sprinkled on the apples before the crumbs or orange juice may be added to the water and the rind incorporated in the crumbs. This gives the apples a flavour of quinces.

Some find it difficult to make a good light sponge crust for stewed apples. Here is a "fool-proof" recipe. Beat 1 egg, add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar and beat for 5 minutes. Fold in 1 cup flour sifted, with a pinch of salt and 1 teaspoon baking powder. Add enough milk to make an easily poured batter, and put on to the HOT fruit. A few passion fruit added to the apple makes a delicious variation.

As a "fancy" sweet, Porcupine apples have few rivals. Core and peel six apples and steam all till tender (15 or 20 minutes). Cool and cover with a meringue made from 2 stiffly beaten egg whites to which have been added $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sugar. Blanch and slice thinly a few almonds and stick them into the meringue to form a porcupine effect. Bake in a slow oven (300 F.) for about 15 minutes, preferably on a wooden slab.

SOLUTION TO NO. 21

Across.—1, Bears; 6, Slash; 11, Antenatally; 13, Ice; 14, One; 15, Lie; 16, To; 17, Sow; 18, G.N.; 19, Sums; 22, Haha; 24, Repayment; 25, Many; 26, Snip; 29, Pop; 31, N.L.; 32, Dip; 34, Our; 35, Ego; 36, Intensively; 39, Agony; 40, Mary's.

Down.—1, Baits; 2, Encouraging; 3, Ate; 4, Concerning; 5, Snob; 6, Stew; 7, La; 8, All; 9, Slightly; 10, Hyena; 12, Anonymous; 20, Men; 21, Spy; 22, Hes; 23, Ann; 25, Media; 27, Ploys; 29, Pony; 30, Prime; 33, P.T.O.; 35, E'er; 37, En; 38, V.A.

MRS. HICKSON AGAIN

My Dear Winnie,

It seems a long time since I wrote to you, but the time does fly. I really think sometimes that the sun travels faster than it used to when we were little. The day just comes and seems to be over before you know it has begun.

One thing, I have been to the Dominion Convention again. I'm getting to be quite a good delegate. I enjoy myself seeing all the faces I saw last time. And so many seem to know me—at least they just treat me like an old friend, and I never have a lonely minute.

This time we did seem to have a lot to do. There was no time to waste, it seemed, because the President kept things up to time. I came away thinking there would be a lot to do this year. Not that one hasn't plenty any time, but it did seem as if there was a sort of a move on somehow. What I mean—well, for one thing, they are going in for having a regular Secretary working at Headquarters. And that reminds me—I went to see that place this time. It's a very nice sort of oldish house right on a corner, and the tram stops right at the door. And clean! I thought I knew something about polishing a floor but I never saw a floor that looked like a looking-glass that had got out of place before. It was just lovely. It was nice to see how comfortable all the rooms were and to think that so

many could have a nice little room to come-home to and be independent so to speak. I believe some changes have to be made though.

But the thing is that we are to try to get enough money to make the house clear of debt. Somebody said that if every member paid a penny a day it would be cleared up. Well, that sounds easy these days. We never look at a penny nowadays. Of course I suppose some might do it and others not, and that would sort of put the reckoning out of gear. Anyhow, we are going to do something about it.

Then another thing was about the Secretary I said was to be working for the Dominion. It will take a bit of money for her salary. But some other expenses will be done away with somehow or other, and it won't be so bad. Mrs. Grigg told us how much work has to be done for the "White Ribbon" every month, and that would be done for her and her helpers, and Mrs. Toomer would not need to be kept going like she is. There was a lot about it, but anyway we will have to help with the money.

It sounds as if there was nothing but money to be thought about, but that's not it at all, Winnie. We did seem to realise that praver was something we needed more of and I learned such a lot about all sorts of things. I dare not say any more. I hope you are all well as we are. Lorna is doing very well.

With love from

MEG.

"W.R. CROSSWORD" — 22

CLUES

Across

- 1—Chew.
- 5—Valuable possession.
- 9—Beginnings.
- 11—Exists.
- 13—Musical Drama.
- 14—No. 1 across in first person.
- 15—Speech defect.
- 17—Glass in window space.
- 19—Crafty.
- 20—Yorkshire stream.
- 22—Cap.
- 23—Land of the shamrock.
- 24—Remove a liquid surface.
- 25—Half a pair.
- 26—Enquire.
- 28—A place of moaning.
- 30—Skin trouble.
- 32—Quote.
- 33—Concerning.
- 34—Where the water was bitter.
- 37—For example.
- 38—A slender, lofty turret.
- 40—Daily record.
- 41—Fish basket.

Down

- 1—Letters in quantities.
- 2—Negative.
- 3—Harvest.
- 4—Rose fruit.
- 5—Tune.
- 6—Speak crossly.
- 7—Steam ship.
- 8—Measured.
- 10—Equipment.
- 12—Hush.
- 14—Enliven.
- 16—Hooter.
- 18—Proof of absence.
- 20—Personification of truth.
- 21—Scotch river.
- 25—Rowed.
- 27—Woman's name.

- 29—Royal.
- 31—Eastern ruler.
- 32—English river.
- 35—One of many.
- 36—Part of circle.
- 38—Master of Arts.
- 39—A note of the scale.

