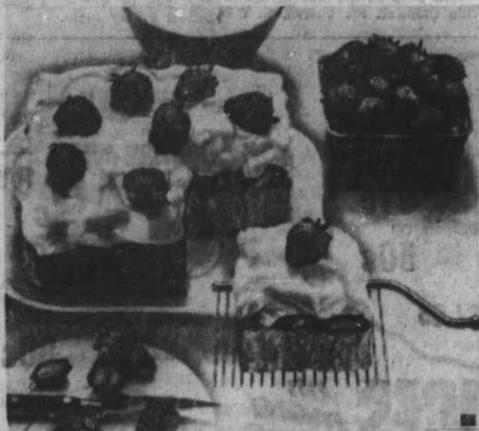


Dessert? Luscious Strawberries!



SYMPHONY IN FLAVORS — Sponge cake, strawberries and vanilla whipped cream.

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NOTHING COULD BE SWEETER than ripe red strawberries and whipped cream atop hot milk sponge cake. Make the cake when you have time, cover it tightly in plastic see-through wrapping and store it in the refrigerator. When you're ready to bring forth a delightful dessert, add the strawberries and cream.

As soon as you bring your basket of strawberries home from the market, tumble them out into a big container where each berry will have room of its own, and refrigerate. Wash the berries just before using and hull those that are to be sliced. Leave the hull on some of the loveliest berries for garnishing.

Another delectable way to serve fresh strawberries is to bake a sponge-cake for a roll from a standard recipe, then use sliced strawberries and whipped cream (sweetened) for the filling. When we do this, we like to add a little unflavored gelatin (softened in a little cold water and then dissolved over hot water) to the cream. This way the filling stands up well (after the cake roll is refrigerated) and slices perfectly. Some of the whipped cream may be used for frosting the cake and it can be garnished with whole berries. Shiny green leaves with strawberries nestling on them will make a pretty background for the platter from which you serve the cake.

STRAWBERRY SPONGE CAKE
Ingredients: 1 cup sifted cake flour, 1 teaspoon double-acting baking powder, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 3 eggs, 1 cup sugar, 1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract, 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind, 6 tablespoons hot milk, 1 pint fresh strawberries.

2 tablespoons sugar, Vanilla whipped cream.

Method: Grease and line the bottom of a cake pan (8 by 8 by 2 inches) with waxed paper. Pre-heat oven to moderate (350 degrees). Sift together the cake flour, baking powder and salt. Beat egg: 7 to 10 minutes or until they are lemon-colored and about as thick as whipped cream. Gradually beat in 1 cup sugar, vanilla and grated lemon rind. Quickly fold in sifted flour mixture all at one time, mixing only until just blended and using as few strokes as possible. Quickly blend in hot milk. Turn into the prepared cake pan. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean. Invert on a wire rack to cool 30 minutes. Then loosen cake around the edges and turn out onto a serving plate. Remove paper. In the meantime, wash, cap and slice strawberries; save a few uncapped berries for garnishing. Sprinkle sliced berries with 2 tablespoons sugar; spread over cake. Top with Vanilla whipped cream. Garnish with whole, uncapped strawberries. Makes 9 servings.

Note: For the Vanilla whipped cream, whip 3/4 cup heavy cream until almost stiff. Beat in 1 1/2 tablespoons sugar and 3/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract lightly; do not overmix.

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