

Poetry.

THE WEIGHT OF A WORD.

Have you ever thought of the weight of a word That falls in the heart like the song of a bird,

I saw a farmer at break of day Hoeing his corn in a careful way;

A sailor launched on an angry bay When the heavens entombed the face of the day

A poet passed with a song of God Hid in his heart like a gem in a clod.

A woman paused where a chandelier Threw into the darkness its poisoned spear;

Words! Words! They are little, yet mighty and brave; They rescue a nation, an empire save—

Household.

LUNCH CAKES.

One cup of green corn pulp, one tablespoonful of sugar and enough fine oatmeal to make the mixture sufficiently stiff to drop it in spoonfuls on the pan.

QUINCE MARMALADE.

Take the quinces that you have boiled for jelly and mash them with a spoon; to a pound of quinces take a pound of sugar; boil them together until they are well softened;

APPLE MERINGUE.

Two cups of strained apple sauce, four eggs, four tablespoonfuls of sugar for the sauce, one for the meringue; one tablespoonful of butter

stirred in the sauce while hot; some good pie crust; grated lemon peel for seasoning; beat four yolks and two whites light with sugar and whip with the sauce; have ready a pie plate lined with nice crust, baked, and fill with the mixture, spread with the meringue made of the remaining whites and sugar; brown lightly and quickly in a hot oven; eat cold.

CELERY SAUCE FOR TURKEY.

Boil a head of celery until quite tender, then put it through a sieve, put the yolk of an egg in a basin, and beat it well with the strained juice of a lemon, add the celery, and a couple of spoonfuls of liquor in which the turkey was boiled; salt and pepper to taste.

CORN FRITTERS.

Cut the corn from the cob and mince with a keen chopper, bruising as little as may be; allow two eggs to a heaping cupful of the minced grains, a half-cupful of milk, a tablespoonful of prepared flour, a saltspoonful of salt and a teacupful of melted butter. Beat the eggs light, add the milk, butter, salt, finally the flour. Bake on a griddle and send in very hot.

EGG BISCUITS.

One quart of prepared flour, a tablespoonful of lard and twice as much butter, a teaspoonful of salt, two cups of milk, the yolks of two eggs beaten light. Salt the flour and sift it twice in a bowl, rub in the shortening thoroughly and lightly; mix the yolks and milk together and pour into a hole in the flour, work into paste with as little handling as possible; roll into a sheet half an inch thick; cut into round cakes and bake in a floured pan. Eat hot.

LITTLE DUMPLINGS.

This recipe for little dumplings for stew requires sour cream and sour milk or sour buttermilk. Half a pint of buttermilk or sour milk, a pint of sour cream, one teaspoonful of soda in the milk, two well-beaten eggs, a little salt, and flour enough, with which is sifted one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, to make a stiff batter. Drop the batter by the spoonful into boiling water, boil for twenty minutes until the outside is done and put in the dish with the stew.

APPLE JAM.

If apples are decaying faster than you can save them, apple jam may be made that will keep for several weeks. To every pound of fruit, weighed after it is pared and sliced allow three quarters of a pound of sugar, and the juice and grated rind of half a lemon. Put the apples into a jar and set this into a pan of boiling water. Let the apples stew until quite tender, then put them into a porcelain kettle with the sugar and lemon juice. Stir until soft and let simmer for at least half an hour.

BOSTON CREAM CAKES.

Pour half a pint of boiling water over a cup of butter and while hot stir in two cups of flour. When the whole is very smooth and thoroughly scalded set away to cool. When cold, break in five eggs, stir until perfectly mixed, then add one-fourth teaspoon soda. Butter a pan, drop in the mixture, a tablespoon in a place, and bake in a quick oven. When the cakes are done they will be hollow, and the top must be sliced off, the inside filled with cream and the top replaced.

Cream for inside: Pint of milk, half-cup of flour, a cup of sugar and two eggs, stirred together and heated till of the consistency of cream; flavor with lemon.

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The ravages of phylloxera in France have not affected the wine crop of that country so much as was expected. It has, however, led to an enormous importation of raisins and currants, which it has been found are manufactured into wine. The juice used was the water in which the dried fruit had been thoroughly soaked. The vine growers naturally complained; but investigation has fully vindicated the manufactured wine. The fruit is obtained from Greece and Turkey. This new market for dried fruit will be good news for California grape growers, and they can now have the American market to themselves. The wine is being made, not only by large French manufacturers but by French housewives, and this insures a large and increasing demand for the dried fruit of Europe.

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