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Cooking for Cupid



By BETTY BARCLAY

The roses, candy and ribboned gifts that arrive on Saint Valentine's Day, are all appreciated. But even lovers must eat. Make your holiday meals stand out by serving at least one dainty that is "new" to your family and guests.

Valentine Rennet-Custard
3 cups milk (not canned)
1 package rennet powder
Red candy hearts
Set out 4 or 5 dessert dishes. Warm ordinary or homogenized milk slowly, stirring constantly. Test a drop frequently on inside of wrist. When COMFORTABLY WARM (110° F.) not hot, remove at once from heat. Stir rennet powder into milk quickly until dissolved, not over 2 minutes. Four of once, while still liquid, into the dessert glasses. Do not move until set, about 10 minutes. Then chill in refrigerator. Just before serving, place candy hearts on top of the rennet-custards.

Cherry Pie
(Using corn flakes as thickener)
1 recipe pie-crust
1/2 cup corn flakes
1 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 No. 2 1/2 can sour red cherries
Line 9-inch pie plate with about 1/4 of pastry, rolled 1/4 inch thick. Sprinkle bottom of shell with cereal. Combine sugar and salt; sprinkle 1/2 over cereal. Then fill with canned cherries and juice and add remaining sugar. Moisten edge of pastry with cold water. Adjust top crust, cutting several slits to permit escape of steam. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 35 minutes, or until filling is done.

Cereal with Gelatine Cubes
Dissolve 1 package fruit-flavored gelatine in 1 pint hot water. Turn into shallow pan. Chill until firm. Cut in cubes. Serve as a garnish on cold cereal.

Quick-Frozen Foods Are Boon To Hostess
It's easy for a hostess who doubles as chief cook to greet guests with enthusiasm now that an abundance of quick-frozen vegetables and fruits is back on the market. These treats assure garden fresh flavor. The quick-frozen vegetables are ready to cook when they come from their cartons and the quick-frozen fruits are ready to serve as soon as they are thawed. Quick-frozen chicken is another dependable helper. Toss it with quick-frozen peas and quick-frozen golden cut corn, and serve with quick-frozen strawberries or peaches for dessert for a sumptuous company menu that takes only a few minutes' kitchen duty. The new quick-frozen grapefruit sections, too, are delicious in fruit cups served for dessert. They are prepared before quick-freezing.

Crisp Clothes Have Gait Party Look
The children will always look dressed for a party if you keep them supplied with crisply fresh clothes. Be sure to ease your ironing task by adding a specially prepared wax-like product to the starch to keep the iron from sticking and pulling. You can save time by ironing the clothes as soon as they are dry enough. The wax-like product in the starch makes it unnecessary to dry the clothes first, then sprinkle them. It helps keep them clean longer, too, because it gives them a satiny, dirt-resisting finish.

When Baby Goes Visiting
If you've promised to bring baby with you to a gathering with friends or family, prepare ahead of time to protect him against possible inclement weather. Just before you start out, anoint his neck, cheeks and chin, wrists and hands, with baby lotion. This emulsion of mineral oil and lanolin, with an antiseptic added for extra protection, serves the double purpose of cleansing and lubricating baby's skin. In your traveling bag pack a couple of sweaters of different weights, so that you can easily dress baby more or less warmly. And take along a bottle of baby lotion. You will find it better than water to give his face and hands an end-of-the-journey cleansing.

TEACHERS' UNION GROWS
Louisville, Ky.—The American Federation of Teachers (AFL) here has grown in less than a month from 85 members to 403. In addition, 17 members of the local have transferred to the newly chartered local at the University of Louisville.

HIGHER OUTPUT AND EMPLOYMENT SEEN FOR 1950

Washington, D. C.—An increase of 90 per cent above 1939 production levels is possible in 1950, resting on a Labor force of 62.5 million—7 million more than in 1940—and further growth in productivity resulting from continuing increase in the development and application of technical knowledge. This estimate is based upon an extensive and detailed study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of problems of postwar reconversion—employment, summarized in a series of articles entitled "Full Employment Patterns: 1950," and scheduled for the February and March issues of the "Monthly Labor Review."

The BIS estimates, the articles warn, are not unconditional forecasts for 1950. The results are based upon a series of specific assumptions, which although

reasonable, cannot be regarded as certain. For example, a reduction in the current 40-hour scheduled work-week would bring a corresponding reduction in the levels of production required to maintain the labor force.

The 90 per cent increase in production, of course, would not apply to every industry. The aircraft industry, for example, can be expected to expand even more, while coal production reasonably would fail to reach the estimated average. In many industries, such as steel and electrical power, attainment of estimated levels would require appreciable expansion of present capacities.

High levels of demand are essential to the maintenance of the estimated high levels of production. Noting that the proportion of income saved by a family with an income of \$2,000 (measured in 1935-39 dollars) declined from 20 per cent in 1901 to 3.5 in 1941, the articles indicate that sus-

tained demand may require the application of a greater proportion of consumer income to current purchases.

Achievement of the implied high levels of production and output per man-hour, the analysis indicates, will make possible wage rates and investment returns lower than those now prevailing. In addition, the resulting high income levels could produce a high tax revenue at moderate tax rates.

The analysis upon which the articles are based, embodies a new method of analysis which per-

mits direct incorporation of specific figures for individual industries and yields results in equal detail. Earlier studies of this type have relied upon measures of production, employment, productivity, and other factors in terms of the entire national economy or very broad segments of it.

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