### To Cook the Christmas Turkey.

A lady who is reputed to always have "good roast turkey," wrote out the following: "Unless it is badly soiled, never soak, wash, or wet a turkey, as many do. Indeed washing injures any kind of meats and fish, except those kept in salt brine. Carefully draw the turkey, and wipe thoroughly inside and out with a dry towel. It will thus keep longer uncooked, and be better flavored. If it chances to be a tough one, steam it an hour or two as needed, before baking. If one has not a steamer large enough, as few have, it may be done in a wash-boiler, supporting the bird above the water on a couple of inverted basins, or suspending it by strings from the handles. My family has learned to like plain stuffing rather than the highly-seasoned, rich, indigestible dressing so much in vogue. I use stale bread, chopped fine, just moistened with scalding water, not to a 'mush,' and add a little butter, salt, pepper, and, if desired, a small pinch of sweet marjoram or thyme; most like summer savory. After stuffing and sewing, fasten the wings and legs down closely with skewers or by tying with strings. Roast in the dripping pan without water. To keep the skin from scorching baste now and then with a little water seasoned with butter and salt. Bake through uniformly to a light brown, avoiding burning or hardening any part. A good oyster stuffing, when easily obtainable, is liked by many as follows: Drain off most of the liquor from the oysters, season with sufficient butter and pepper and roll them in cracker and bread crumbs. Fill the cavity of the turkey entirely with these."

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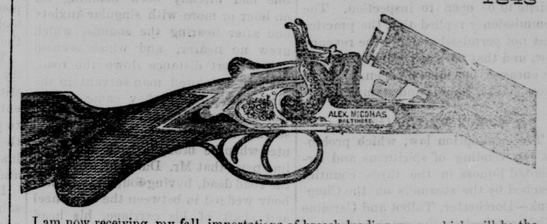


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