THIS PUDDING FAIRLY SHOUTS 'TRY ME!'
(See Recipes Below)

ADD ONE CUP OF IMAGINATION

Once upon a time a friend told me that to her the addition of "one cup of imagination" was the most important ingredient that could be used in any recipe. So whole heartedly do I agree with her that today I want to give you a number of recipes to which that ingredient, imagination, has been added. In fact, so successfully has this been done that each of these recipes is different, yet each is delicious — each fairly shouts "Try me!"

These recipes, moreover, have been chosen as luncheon favorites because, of all of the meals of the day, the family luncheon some way seems to be most neglected.

Take the baked apricot and tapioca pudding for example; have you ever before thought of serving a coffee sauce with such a pudding? Yet the blend of flavors which results from combining this particular pudding with this particular sauce is really delicious—long to be remembered.

Sausage Stand-Up.
(Serves 4 to 6)

1 8-ounce package spaghetti (broken small)
1 pound breakfast sausages
¾ cup minced onion
1 clove garlic (minced)
4 tablespoons parsley (finely chopped)
1 can tomato paste (6-ounce)
1 cup water
1¼ teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
½ teaspoon sugar
¾ cup grated cheese

Cook broken spaghetti in boiling water (6 cups) (1 teaspoon salt per quart water) until tender, about 20 minutes, then drain. Place sausages in skillet, add ¼ cup of water and cook until nicely browned, about 15 minutes. Saute onion, garlic, and parsley in sausage fat for 5 minutes, until onions are yellow and transparent. Remove from fat and combine with tomato paste and seasonings. Combine spaghetti with tomato sauce and turn into buttered casserole. Tuck sausages into spaghetti in upright position, so that just the end of each sausage shows. Sprinkle grated cheese over top and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for 20 minutes.

Baked Apricot and Tapioca Pudding
(Serves 6 to 8)

½ cup pearl tapioca
½ cup evaporated apricots or 2 cups canned apricots
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons lemon juice
3 cups warm water
1 tablespoon butter

Soak pearl tapioca in cold water, to cover, for one hour. Wash apricots and place in a well-greased 1½-quart heat-resistant glass casserole. Add sugar, salt, lemon juice and warm water. Drain tapioca; stir it into the fruit mixture in casserole and cot with bits of butter. Cover the dish and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for 1 hour or until the tapioca parts are translucent. Cool, top with whipped cream, if desired, and serve with coffee sauce.

Coffee Sauce.

½ cup sugar
1½ tablespoons cornstarch
⅛ teaspoon salt
1 cup hot coffee, regular strength
2 tablespoons butter
¼ teaspoon nutmeg, if desired

Blend sugar, cornstarch and salt in the upper part of a 1-quart heat-resistant glass double boiler. Add coffee and cook until it thickens, stirring constantly. Blend in butter and nutmeg. Cool and serve with apricot and tapioca pudding.

Hot Dogs in Blankets.

When baking fresh yeast rolls, wrap strips of the dough around wieners, allowing the ends to stick out of their dough blanket. Give the dough time to double in bulk and bake as usual. These hot dogs in blankets should be served piping hot.

My Style Spaghetti.
(Serves 5 to 6)

½ cup olive oil
1 small onion, chopped
1 green pepper, seeded and chopped
1 pound ground beef
1½ teaspoons salt
1 cup tomato puree
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
½ cup grated cheese
1 cup canned corn
½ package spaghetti, cooked

Heat olive oil in frying pan and add onion, green pepper and ground beef. Fry until brown and then add the salt, tomato puree, and Worcestershire sauce. Stir in the grated cheese together with the corn and cooked spaghetti. Place in buttered baking casserole and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for approximately 40 minutes.

Honey All-Bran Spice Cookies.
(Makes 2½ dozen cookies)

¼ cup shortening
½ cup honey
¼ cup sugar
1 egg
1 cup All-Bran
1⅓ cups flour
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon soda
⅛ teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup seedless raisins

Blend shortening, sugar and honey thoroughly. Add egg and beat until creamy. Add bran. Sift flour once before measuring. Add salt, baking powder, soda, cloves and cinnamon. Combine with raisins. Add to first mixture and beat well. Drop dough by teaspoons on lightly greased baking sheet about 2½ inches apart. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) about 12 to 15 minutes.

Cheese Soup With Rice
(Serves 5)

1 cup cooked carrot (very finely diced)
4 cups milk
1 tablespoon chopped onion
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup grated cheese
2 tablespoons chopped pimiento
2 egg yolks
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon white pepper
½ cup rice (cooked)

Add carrot and onion to milk and scald. Melt butter in saucepan, add flour and blend to a smooth paste. Add milk gradually to flour mixture, stirring all the time. Add cheese, salt and pepper, stirring until cheese is melted. Pour over well-beaten egg yolks, stirring constantly. Serve at once with spoonful of hot cooked rice.

Mexican Spaghetti.
(Serves 8 to 10)

½ pound spaghetti
1 can peas (No. 2)
½ pound raw ham (ground)
½ pound American cheese (grated)
1 can tomatoes (No. 2)
⅓ cup green pepper (cut fine)
1 tablespoon pimiento (cut fine)
2 tablespoons butter (melted)
1 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
Bacon strips

Cook the spaghetti in boiling, salted water. Drain. In a baking dish arrange layers of spaghetti, peas, ground ham and cheese and combine tomatoes, green pepper, pimiento, butter, and seasonings. Pour over the spaghetti. Cover with grated cheese and top with bacon strips. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for one hour.

Refrigerator Hamburgers.
(Serves 5)

1 pound hamburger
2 tablespoons finely minced onion
¼ cup chopped green pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
1 tablespoon horseradish

Mix all ingredients together, and shape into a roll 2½ inches in diameter. Let stand in the refrigerator several hours or over night. When ready to use, cut in slices ¾ inches thick and fry or broil as for regular hamburgers.

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Business Contract

By R. H. WILKINSON
(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

DANA MILTON was thinking of the future.

"Look here, Simon," he said, "I've been thinking this thing over and I've come to the conclusion that it won't be good policy for us to become equal partners."

"You mean you don't think we ought to buy the business?"

"It isn't that. I think the business is worth every cent its owners are asking. But you know, Simon, you and I have only known each other a couple of months. True, we worked fine together and were pretty successful on that last proposition. But—well, I just don't think it's good policy for two ambitious young men to put an equal amount of money in a business."

"I get it," said Simon. "Maybe you're right." He looked at Dana craftily. "I'd like to be the one to put the money in, Dana. It was I who discovered the thing."

Dana nodded. "I thought you'd feel that way about it, Simon. And I'm willing to withdraw, provided, of course, that you give me a contract—assure me of a job during the next five years."

"Fair enough." Simon extended his hand. Secretly he was elated. He knew that Dana was a conscientious worker, a good salesman.

Simon and Dana took the insurance company over in May. Within a month's time they discovered it wasn't the profit-paying proposition both had anticipated. It was run down at the heel, so to speak.

Simon was angered and not a little worried. Yet he had put too much money into the thing to let it go.

By fall a little business began to come in and then a little more. During October they broke even. November showed a profit, and December still a greater profit. During January and February the gross business increased in leaps and bounds. Simon, watching the weekly returns, began to lick his lips. In April he dug out the contract he had made with Dana and perused its contents. There was, he saw, a chance for complaint. The contract provided that Dana be paid a percentage of the gross business; that he should sell policies at the rate charged by previous owners. There, thought Simon, was the snag. Dana had cut the rate in order to start the ball rolling.

Simon summoned Dana. "Dana," he said, "I notice you've been selling at reduced rates. We can't make a profit that way."

"That was the only way to get things going."

Simon shook his head. "I'm sorry. Our contract provided that you sell at rates charged by the previous owners. You ignored the clause, thereby causing no little dissension among our clients. I'll have to let you go."

"Let me go! Why, you can't do that! We have a contract!"

Simon looked at him icily. "You broke the contract, mister."

It wasn't until Dana had reached home and broken the news to Hattie, his wife, that he realized what losing his job meant.

The next day Dana received a letter from the insurance company in which Simon stated he had turned the matter over to his lawyer. Dana considered various possibilities. He needed money at once. Remembering that Simon's greatest weakness was his own sense of importance, he decided on a plan.

He visited a local printer and ordered some important looking letterheads, with his name at the top.

Two days later another letter arrived from Simon. It stated that he would like to meet Dana in Attorney Harry Davis' office on Wednesday.

Dana called up his printer and asked for his letterheads, and was told they weren't ready. Perturbed, Dana waited two days longer and then, upon being advised that the copy for his letterheads had been mislaid, sat down to answer Simon's letter on plain white paper.

The letter was hardly completed when the front doorbell rang and Hattie admitted a small wizened man.

"My name," he explained, "is Davis. Attorney Davis. I'm representing Simon Douglas." He paused, coughed. "Mr. Douglas says you have neglected to answer his letters. Your silence has disturbed him. He seems to think you are preparing to bring suit. And whereas there is little on which you could base a suit, Mr. Douglas feels that court action would injure his business. He is—ah—prepared to make you a proposition."

Dana wet his lips. "What kind of a proposition?"

"You were to receive a percentage of the gross business. The sum total of things for a year would, in normal times, amount to about $3,000. Mr. Douglas is prepared to pay you $2,000, if you will destroy the contract."

Dana gulped. The amount was twice that for which he had intended to bring suit. And a suit, if successful, might have netted him $500.

After a moment he said: "Very well, I'll take the check and hand over the contract. The money will come in handy to pay for my letterheads."

And at the look of bewilderment on the attorney's face, Dana grinned.

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"Yes; I got it for a ridiculous figure."
"Oh, I can see that!"

Next Best

"Why did they hang that picture?"

"Because they couldn't find the artist."

The rain rains mostly upon the just. The unjust keep borrowing his umbrella.

Grounds for Suspicions

"I've searched high and low for the furniture cream recipe your mother gave me—"

"Here!" said her husband, putting down his spoon, "where did you get the recipe for this soup?"

Beginner Didn't Want Possibility to Be Wasted

The instructor was teaching the awkward fellow to drive a car.

"Put out your left hand to signal that you are about to move off. Then with your left foot step in the clutch. With your right hand put the gearshift into first. Gradually ease up on the clutch, the while stepping gently on the accelerator with your right foot.

"When the car has gathered speed, again step in the clutch, shifting with the right hand to second. Then with the left foot slowly let out the clutch, accelerating with the right foot. Then repeat to shift to high speed. Keep your eyes on the road ahead."

"There's nothing useful I could do with my nose, is there?" inquired the beginner.

ASK ME ANOTHER ?
A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

The Questions

1. What is the only state in the Union which is bounded by one state alone?
2. Which of the following is a natural magnet—Capstone, thunderstone or lodestone?
3. What are known as cardinal winds?
4. When was the boundary between the United States and Canada finally determined?
5. What are the odors of the principal gases that are used in war?
6. How many shillings are there in a British pound?
7. How small can diamonds be cut?
8. Who said: "I know of no method to secure the repeal of bad or obnoxious laws so effective as their stringent execution"?
9. In what city is the street called the Strand?

The Answers

1. Maine.
2. Lodestone.
3. Winds blowing from due north, east, south or west.
4. The boundary between the United States and Canada was not completely determined until 1925, or 142 years after our country signed the treaty with England.
5. As nearly as can be described, mustard gas smells like garlic; lewisite like geraniums; phosgene like musty hay; and tear gas like apple blossoms.
6. Twenty.
7. Some diamond cutters have become so expert in cutting very small diamonds for mass settings that they produce regular 58-facet stones so small that as many as 800 weigh only one carat.
8. Ulysses S. Grant (inaugural address March 4, 1869).
9. London (from Fleet street to Trafalgar square, parallel to and near the Thames).

Circumstances

There are no circumstances, however unfortunate, that clever people do not extract some advantage from; and none, however fortunate, that the imprudent cannot turn to their own prejudice.—La Rochefoucauld.

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