the little cookbook column



Hello, I'm Esther Coley, Home Economist for Hunt-Wesson Foods, Fullerton, California. Read my column every week. I'm sure you'll find something to interest you. I'll have tips and hints about buying and preparing food. And I'll answer any questions you may have about cooking. Be sure to look for my series of Little Cookbooks in Ebony Magazine.

You'll love them. October's Little Cookbook is all about ground beef. How to do it to it deliciously, nutritiously and economically. Get your copy. You'll refer to it time and time again.

This week's tip,
After peeling onions, work hands in cold water, then rub them with salt—takes off odor.

Dear Esther:
I would like to surprise my family with a different tasting barbeque sauce. Can you suggest a nice spicy sauce for me?
John A. Mack, Chicago, Ill.

Mix together 2 6-oz. cans Hunt's Tomato Paste, 2 cups water, 2 Tablesp. brown sugar, 2 teasp. minced onions, 2 teasp. butter or margarine, 2 teasp. Worcestershire sauce, 2 teasp. vinegar, 1 teasp. Tabasco sauce, 4 pepper corns, 2 garlic cloves—minced.

Dear Esther:
Are higher priced cuts of meat usually more nutritious than lesser priced cuts of meat?
Mattie Florence, Dallas, Tex.

No—some of your most economical meats are the most nutritious. All meats are excellent sources of protein, rich in B vitamins, iron and niacin. This is especially true of lower cost variety meats like liver, kidney and heart.

Dear Esther:
Is there any difference in the nutritive value of white or brown eggs?
Grace Peeples, Detroit, Mich.

There is no difference in the nutritive value of eggs. White and brown eggs all have the same nutritive value.

Dear Esther:
I am very interested in methods of preserving vitamins in foods. What vitamins are lost or inactivated by cooking, and especially by overcooking.
Henrietta Smith, Houston, Tex.

Overcooking results in the loss of vitamin C, vitamin B^1 and vitamin B^2. Also, overcooking some foods changes the flavor and texture.

Dear Esther:
How long is it safe to keep ground beef in the refrigerator?
Mary Valentine, Newark, N.J.

Ground beef should be used within two days. Otherwise, wrap and freeze it for safe use later.

Hassling with cooking? Ask Esther for help. Write:
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Firefighters form black organization

Members of the Vulcan Blazers, newly organized group of local firefighters, attended the Black Professional Firefighters convention in Hartford, Conn. last week.

As a result of the convention the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters (I.B.P.F.F.) was formed.

The members, which met Oct. 1, 2, and 3rd, listed three aims of the convention: to pool the experience of black firefighters from different sections of the country; to participate in workshops to formulate solutions to the problems of harassment of firefighters and the high rates of fires and deaths in ghetto neighborhoods; and to help implement the findings of the convention in areas where those problems exist.

The workshop panels discussed recruitment of black youth, harassment of firefighters, promotional and internal problems and fire prevention in the black community.

Other convention activities included banquets, cocktail receptions and speeches and discussions.

The firefighters were greeted by Connecticut Governor John Dempsey, Hartford Councilman Allyn Martin and Hartford Fire Chief Edward M. Curtin Jr.

Featured speaker at the formal convention banquet was Robert Oliver Lowery, Buffalo, N.Y. fire commissioner since January, 1966.

Elected officers at the convention included two Baltimore Vulcan Blazers. John O. Frayer was elected financial secretary of the international organization and Samuel Wilson is regional vice-president of the southeast region which includes states from Georgia to Conn.

Other Baltimore firefighters attending the convention were: Charles R. Thomas, president; Francis R. Handy, 2nd vice president; David Echol, Baltimore City Fire Department public relations; Calvin Brown, Maurice Moody, Anthony Gaines, Lawrence Holly, Charles Finney, Samuel Jenkins, Capt. Louis R. Harper, Lieut. Arthur Hicks, Howard Owens, George McKnight, Bernard Scott, and Robert Sisco.

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