SALADS.

Mrs. Ewing's Fifth Lecture to the Class in Cooking.

The attendance Tuesday afternoon was greatly increased, every available seat in the large hall being taken, the subject—Salad Making—being a especially interesting one, particularly to those who do not understand it. Every one appreciates the value of a good salad to a dinner, for it is very often the most tempting of a hundred-and-one-course affair, the particular delicacy a dinner and is always dainty and delightful.

Having answered a few questions pertaining to previous lessons, Mrs. Ewing made a remark to some, of having had sufficient time for the hours, and then proceeded with the day's lesson. The table was well supplied with chicken, celery, potatoes, tomatoes, potatoes, fruits and cream mixed in shred, waiting the dressing. On general principles Mrs. Ewing decorates salads with a certain fashion to be the most important consideration in making salad. Therefore it is quite necessary to know how to add the dressing to the salad. Many, things make good salad when properly dressed which become ruined if an improper dressing is applied; for lettuce, chicory, cucumbers and cresses, use French dressing; for tomatoes, mayonnaise dressing; for cucumbers, cream of boiled dressing. In speaking of the different dishes for the dressing, Mrs. Ewing is most particular as to every detail pertaining to the washing, cutting and making of the salad vinegar. She gave a very entertaining lecture in regard to preparing materials and preparing them for salad, stating that the time one takes to do a thing depends largely upon how it is done. In using the knife a short, sharp knife, she stated, that any hardware store would cost it at thirty cents, while in a year it would be worth a hundred dollars as a timesaver. With this knife the tomatoes were halved, the pickles halved and halves cut and the ends of cups left perfectly clean. The salad afterwards served in these cups on the lettuce leaf was judged so nicely that Mrs. Ewing in a rather amusing manner asked if we think if they could stacked anything as pretty as that. The tomatoes were stripped, cubed, placed on a platter and sprinkled with salt. The platter should be tipped at an angle of forty-five degrees to allow the water to drain off them, and set away in a cool place until wanted. When ready for use, a teaspoonful of mixed salad should be carefully mixed with the tomatoes and the whole covered with the mayonnaise dressing. The lettuce and cresses, which make a most decorative salad, should never be cut, but served and eaten as far as possible without. In preparing them, first place them on ice or in ice water, shake free from the water and dry by tumbling about in a towel if you have no French chief for the purpose, and served with French dressing. The cold boiled potatoes were sliced very thin and served with the boiled dressing, into which two tablespoonfuls of mixed mustard and parsley have been stirred. The chicken salad was prepared from the white meat cut up small and mixed with an equal quantity of cold celery cut somewhat fine, and served with boiled dressing.

The secret in making the mayonnaise patently is in having everything cold. If it looks yellow and greasy it is never right; it should look creamy and smooth and should show no separation of the oil.

The yolk of one egg is beaten in a small bowl and the oil drop, one by very slowly while the egg is rapidly beaten; let the oil drop until the mixture is hard to beat, and two teaspoonfuls of lemon juice—the juice is to make it lighter to color and to keep it from separating. Add more oil as rapidly as you please, but all the time, and alternately with the oil three more spoonfuls of lemon juice with the first consistency is reached or until it again becomes hard to beat; set aside to keep cool. Wash for one egg two teaspoonfuls of a mixture made of salt, pepper and mustard. This mixture might always be kept on hand; it is made of three teaspoonfuls of salt, one of mustard, and a half teaspoonful of pepper. In answer to the question, How long will this dressing keep, Mrs. Ewing answered not long. Where the family are fond of it, but seldom it will keep in a cool place perhaps two weeks. She gave out, however, advice preparing it to keep.

Boiled and French dressing were also made and the directions carefully given; also a delicious fruit salad made with grapes, oranges and the apple, to be served with the meat of game course, or sweetened more and served with whipped cream for a dessert.

The lesson lasted half an hour over the time and the meal all pronounced it the most interesting of the course. This morning at ten Mrs. Ewing held a special lesson in bread making and Thursday she promises a lesson on "Chiquoise codfish balls and Oysters' worth of frying."

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