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# HOUSEHOLD

APPLE TOAST PUDDING.

Cut stale bread into slices about half an inch thick, pare off the crust and toest the bread lightly Spread a thin layer of butt r on the toast, arrange enough of it in a well-greased puddi dish to cover the bottom and line the sides; moisten the crust with a little boiling water and spread it thickly with well-sweetened apple sauce, sprinkling a little cinnamon or rutmeg on this Place another layer of toast on the sauce, cover this with the apple, and pit still a third thickness of toest o top of this. Strew bits of butter over the top, cover and hake for 20 minutes, uncover and brown crisply. They may either be served from the dish or the pudding may be turned out on a flat, hot dish. It may be eaten with cream and sugar or with a sauce made of wor ... will Pay You to Buy Now ing enough butter into a cun or fine sugar to beat to a cream and seasoning to taste with spice or with vanilla, or whip-Ping a little jelly into it.

#### GRANDMOTHER'S EMGLISH PLUM CAKE.

Beat one pound of butter to a cream. add gradually one pound of granulated sugar, and when very light add foueggs well beaten. Dissolve a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda in two tablespoonfuls of warm water, add it to one cupful of molasses, and then add the molasses to the tutter, sugar and eggs. Stir in half a pint of lukewarm, strong. black coffee, three cupfuls of flour, a jevel teaspoonful of allspice, half a teaspoonful of cloves, two teaspoonfuls o. cinnamon and one nutmeg, gratedf Beat thoroughly. Mix half a pound of shredded citron, two pounds of stone raisins and one pound of currents; flour them with halt a cupful of pastry flour stir them in carefully, and finally bake in fruit cake-pans in a slow oven fo two hours and a half.

#### CHOCOLATE BREAD PUDDING.

Materials-Two cups stale bread crun bs, 4 cups scalded milk, 2 squares bitter chocolate, 2-3 cup sugar, 2 eggs, 1-4 teaspoon salt, a teaspoon vanilla.

Utensils-Double boiler, mixing bowl, pudding ran, grater.

Directions-Put scalded milk ard breadcrumbs into bowl, let stand fifteen minutes. Melt chocolate in the double poiler, add sugar to it, then add this to milk and bread. Beat eggs without separating and add them with salt and vanille to milk mixture. Turn inte buttered pan, set pan in another of hot water and bake in slow oven or steam gently until pudding is firm at centre Serve hot with hard sauce or cold with cream.

#### Christmas Candies

## WHITE FONDANT.

Two cups of sugar, 1-2 cup of boiling water, 1-8 teaspoon of cream of tartar. Stir ingredients together and put into a smooth granite dish, heat gradually to beiling point, boil without stirring until it reaches the soft-ball stage. This can be determined by dropping a bit of the syrup in clear, cold water. Test frequently. When the syrup in the water will form a soft ball, pour the syrup on to a greased platter and allow it to cool, but not harden. When cool, work with a wooden spoon or ladle until white and ereamy. When the fondant begins to form lumps, knead with the hands until of a thick, creamy consistency; pack in an earthern dish and cover with oiled-paper. Let this stand twenty-four bours, then the flavoring, nuts, fruit and coloring can be added. During cooking, any sugar which forms on the sides of the dish should be wiped off carefully with a clean white cloth wet in clean, cold water. If covered and set away this will keep for weeks so you can prepare it ahead and make it up just in time for

#### CHOCOLATE CARMELS.

Four cupfuls of granulated sugar, one half-cup of butter, one-half cup of thick cream, one-third of a pound of recognize the necessity and importchocolate, grated fine. Place the mix-lance of education and training, and ture in a saucepan and boil from 20 to its relation to agriculture. This can 30 minutes. When nearly done add the juice of half a lemon. otir as little as possible while cooking. Try from time farmer. Fifty miles is quite a disto time in water; when it remains hard in the water it is done. Pour into but | tered tins, and when nearly cool mark off into squares with the back of a knife buttered.

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These workmen are composed of five classes, in the following order, as to the amount of wages received: Cleavers, polishers, turners, cutters, and sawyers. Polishers and turners receive about the same wages. Certain cleavers get as much as \$120 a week. From this maximum wages grade downwards through the other classes to \$6 and \$8 a week for sawyers.

It is the task of the cleaver to split diamonds. Cutters take off the rough sharp edges and corners and determine the general shape of the stone. Polishers polish the stone and make their facets. Turners turn the diamonds around in the apparatus that holds them, so that the facets may be made, each fine diamond having from fifty-eight to sixty-four facets. Sawyers saw stones which cannot be cloven, or which it is more profitable to saw. Sometimes a stone is cleft and the parts then sawed, but very small stones cannot be sawed.

The Amsterdam diamond workers maintain a compact organization for their protection. No one can learn the trade without the consent of this organization, and only children of workers or of jewelers are eligible to become pupils. The waiting list always contains thousands of names. As a general thing pupils pay for instruction, sometimes as much as \$2,000 for cleaving, payable in instalments. In the case of polishers and turners there is a special school, the instruction fee being from \$120 to

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