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RHUBARB.

Here are some recipes for pre-
paring rhubarb for next winter's
use. Rhubarb is one of the
fruits that retains much of its
fresh flavor when canned—par-
tly, of course, because we never
eat it uncooked.

CANNED RHUBARB.

Scald the jars thoroughly in
which the rhubarb is canned,
and fill them to overflowing with
the boiling syrup. Then seal
tight. Wash the rhubarb, then
peel it and cut it in two-inch
lengths. Pack it into jars as
tight as possible. To each jar
allow half a cupful of water and
a cupful of sugar. With sugar
and water in this proportion,
make a syrup, boiling until
clear. Then pour it into the
jars, filling them to overflowing.
Place the jars on a rack in a
canner or boiler, pour in water
up to the shoulders of the jars,
cover the boiler or canner and
cook until the fruit is tender.
Have ready some boiling syrup,
remove the jars from the canner,
fill if necessary again to over-
flowing with the hot syrup and
seal tight.

RHUBARB JAM.

Allow a pound of sugar to a
pound of rhubarb, weighed after
it has been washed, cut and
peeled, and one lemon. Shred
the yellow part of the lemon
rinds and cut the pulp into small
pieces. Add the rhubarb and
put the sugar on top—all in an
earthen dish. Cover and stand
in a cool place for twelve hours.
Then turn into a preserving ket-
tle and boil slowly for there-
quarters of an hour, stirring of-
ten to keep from burning. Pour
into jam jars and cool and cover
with brandied paper or para-
fine.

RHUBARB CONSERVE.

Allow one lemon, one pound
of dried figs, four pounds of su-
gar and two pounds of broken
nut meats to five pounds of rhu-
barb. Cut the rhubarb into
inch lengths, break or cut the
into small pieces and grate the
yellow peel from the lemon.
Pour the juice over the ingredi-
ents and stand away for the
night. Then simmer slowly for
an hour and when thick turn in-
to glasses. Cool and cover
with paraffine.

POTATO TURNOVERS.

Add one well-beaten egg to a
pint of cold mashed potatoes.
Use sweet milk and flour to
make a dough that can be rolled.
Roll it as thin as for tea biscuits
and cut it into oval shapes.
Have ready some well-seasoned
chopped meat. Place a spoonful
of the meat upon one half of each
oval and turn the other half over
it. Pinch the edges together.
Bake the turnovers in a hot
oven.

CORN BREAD.

Two cups cornmeal, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup
flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sour
cream, 1 tsp. soda, 1 tsp. salt, 1
egg. Mix cornmeal, flour, su-
gar and salt, add soda mixed in
sour cream, add enough water
to make the right stiffness.
Lastly add the egg.

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on the top of the table, due to
the accidental application of heat
from hot dishes, need not worry
the careful housewife long if she
will remember that the original
appearance of the varnish may
be restored by simply reform-
ing its surface. To do this it is
necessary to apply some varnish
solvent—not varnish remover—
and then allow it to dry. The
most easily obtained solvents
are alcohol and ammonia. Moi-
sten a bit of clean cloth with the
solvent, rub it quickly over the
white spot, then let it dry. Per-
mit the moistened cloth to touch
the varnish but a few seconds,
for as soon as the varnish is act-
ed upon by the solvent, it will
rub off, leaving the wood of the
table bare.

**Austrians Meet
With Awful Loss**

London, June 14.—A Petrograd
despatch to the Morning Post says:
"What makes it worse for the
enemy is that prisoners not actual-
ly three corps which suffer dis-
aster, but equivalent in number to
three corps, were captured in
large batches over 300 miles of
front. In prisoner alone, there-
fore, it may be taken that from
nine to a dozen army corps of the
enemy have suffered losses perilous
ly near the limit of loss which
experience has shown the best
armies are capable of bearing with-
out losing all their military value.
When the killed and wounded are
also reckoned, it is plain the
entire Austro-German army on
this 300 mile front has suffered an
almost irreparable disaster.
"On the extreme south, on the
borders of Rumania, the Aust-
rian retreat is rapidly becoming a
route. In this region the retreat-
ing enemy seems to be in a very
tight corner for he must either
proceed northwestward into Gali-
cia, which offers small chances
under the circumstances, of re-
covery and none of ultimate safe-
ty, or else make his way back
across the eastern chain of the
Carpathians, which with the Rus-
sian cavalry at his heels, means
abandonment of everything.
Though public attention, latter-
ly has very naturally been concen-
trated upon General Brusiloff's push
on the southwestern section of the
Russians' European front, it must
not be supposed that the remain-
ing four hundred miles of front is

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quiescent. The Germans holding
everything north of Pinsk are be-
ing kept fully occupied. They can
evidently withdraw but very inade-
quate forces to make good their
own flank laid bare by the Aus-
trians' retreat.

Already there are signs that the
general engagement is now spread-
ing northwards and it must be re-
membered that the three hundred
mile section which has been the
scene of a magnificent week's
work by Brusiloff's armies, is only
part of the strategic scheme in pro-
cess of execution by Russia. Indeed
the Russian public is hoping that
the Russian's entire European
front is only part of the strategic
scheme which involves simultane-
ously every yard of all the allied
fronts wherever situated or by
whomsoever held.

London, June 14.—A Petrograd
despatch to the Daily News says:

"The preparations for launching
Brusiloff's great offensive will be
remembered as one of the best
kept secrets in military history.
Here were two armies at close
grips, from 20 to 30 yards apart
in some places, and never separat-
ed for more than two miles, and
yet one of these armies was in
complete ignorance of the death-
blow which the other spent months
preparing."

How hopeful General Brusiloff
feels about developing his initial
victory into a far greater triumph
is shown by a telegram he sent
thanking the Union of Zemstvos

for its congratulations.
He says: "Trusting in the help
of God, and relying on the strong
and unwavering spirit of the troops
and the support of the nation be-
hind them, I firmly and confidently
hope to gain such a success as will
utterly crush the enemy."

**Little Optimism
Among The Leaders**

London, June 15.—Negotiations
for a settlement of the Irish ques-
tion have reached a highly critical
stage, and there is little optimism
among those engaged in them.
The Ulster Unionists demand
that the proposed settlement shall



be definite and final. This, if per-
sisted in, will destroy all hopes of
an agreement, as the purely pro-
visional character of the proposed
arrangement is only an offset offer-
ed to the Nationalists in Ulster
and to three provinces for the ex-
clusion of six Ulster counties. John
Redmond met the Catholic Bishops
of Ulster and Cardinal Logue at
Aamagh, to-day, to urge acceptan-
ce of Lloyd George's scheme. Sir
Edward Carson was engaged at the
same time in reasoning with his
Orange followers to induce them to
accept a provisional scheme.

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