Be Your Own Party Caterer

BRELLY
The hostess at a recent party was being complimented on the food.

She said, "I found a new caterer. Isn't she great? Last Christmas season everyone we knew had the same caterer and the food was the same at every party."

It doesn't take a great deal of time to prepare your own canapes and hors d'oeuvres. Many can be made ahead of time and it is fun to plan an interesting assortment.

Garnishes can dress up a simple tidbit and make it look elegant. Try a few crisp slices of radish or small onion rings.

Beat one egg with a little milk and a few grains of salt. Place in a buttered pie tin and Place in a buttered pie tin and place pie tin in a pan of water in a 300-degree oven. Bake until set, about 20 minutes. These cold scrambled eggs can be cut in fancy shapes or just in strips and criss-crossed for a garnish.

CUCUMBERS WITH HERRING

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Party rye bread slices

Pickled herring in sour cream
i cucumber

Paprika

Score cucumber with fork
tines and cut in thin slices.

Soak in salled ice water until

crisp, then drain on paper
towel. Butter slices of bread.

Place two slices of cucumber
on each slice, one overlapping
the other. Place a piece of the
herring on this and sprinkle
with, paprika. This is a great
combination.

SMOKED OYSTERS

1 can smoked oysters Party rye bread Cream cheese Chopped chives Radish slices

Spread cream cheese on party rye slices. Drain oysters well and put three or four, depending on size, in the center of the cream cheese. Sprinkle with chives and top with three or four thin slices of radish.

SWEET AND SOUR MEAT BALLS

1 lb. hamburger 1 t. minced onion 1 bottle chili sauce 1/3 c. grape jelly

Mix onion with hamburger and shape into small balls, you should have about 30. Heat jelly with the chill sauce in a large frying pan. Bring to a boil and add the meat balls. Simmer genty for 30 to 40 minutes. Do not stir. Serve in a chafing dish. These may be made a day ahead.

VEGETABLE DIPS 1 head cauliflower 1 bunch celery Green pepper Carrots

Soak cauliflower in cold water and cutt-into separate flowerets. Wash well and cut other vegetables into strips. Place vegetables in a plastic bag in refrigerator to crisp.

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DIP NO. 1: Season sour
cream to taste with lemon and
pepper and crushed dill.

DIP NO. 2: Mix together a
two-ownce jar of Bovril or BV, one pint of Miracle Whip,
eight ounces of cream cheese
and one small onion, finely
chopped.

Both these dips complement the crisp raw vegetables.

STUFFED MUSHROOM CAPS

16 medium mushrooms
½ c. fresh chopped parsley
1 can (4 ounces) mushrooms
stems and pieces, chopped
fine
1 T. dehydrated onion flakes

½ t. thyme 2 chicken bouillon cubes,

Freshly ground pepper 1/4 c. water

Remove stems from mushrooms. Cover caps with water; Bring to a boil and simmer until caps are semi soft. Finely chop stems and add to remaining ingredients. Heat in a non-stick skillelt until mixture is tender. Remove from heat and suff into caps. Place on a baking sheet and bake at 375 degrees for about 20 minutes. Serve warm.



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