

Here's A Shower Of Recipes

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If your plans for this month of June include a shower or a graduation party, these recipes may interest you.

The tomato aspic, which will serve 12 persons, may be prepared 12 hours in advance and assembled at the last minute. Served with a raspberry sherbet, the sponge cake takes on a party air when sprinkled with pink sugar and a small vase of pink rosebuds nestles in its center.

TOMATO ASPIC RING

WITH SHRIMP

- 4 envelopes unflavored gelatin
- 1 c. consommé or clam juice
- 4 c. tomato juice
- 2 t. salt
- 2 t. sugar
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/4 t. thyme
- 8 peppercorns
- 1 onion, cut in two
- Few celery leaves
- 3 T. lemon juice
- 2 lbs. cooked shrimp

Grapefruit cut into sections
LIME DRESSING
1/3 c. fresh lime juice
Grated rind off one lime
1/3 c. clear honey
1 c. salad oil
1/4 t. paprika
1 t. prepared mustard
1 t. salt

Blend all the ingredients thoroughly and keep in a cool place (not refrigerated). To make the tomato aspic, soften the gelatin in the cold consommé or clam juice, for five minutes. Meanwhile, simmer for 15 minutes the tomato juice with the salt, sugar, bay leaf, thyme, peppercorns, onion and celery leaves. Strain and add the softened gelatin and lemon juice. Stir until gelatin is dissolved. Cool, then pour into a nine or 10-inch ring mold. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Toss the prepared shrimp with a few spoonful of the lime dressing and refrigerate in a covered dish for six to 12 hours before serving. Peel the grapefruit and cut into neat sections. Toss with a little of the dressing and refrigerate.

To serve, unmold the aspic, fill center with the shrimp and the grapefruit tossed together. Garnish with parsley or watercress and serve the remainder of the lime dressing in a separate bowl.

ROSE SPONGE CAKE

- 6 eggs
- 1/4 c. sugar
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1 T. rose water
- 1 T. grated orange peel
- 3 T. orange juice
- 3 T. lemon juice
- 1/4 c. all-purpose flour

Have eggs at room temperature. Place the whites in a large bowl and beat at medium speed until foamy. Gradually beat in, two tablespoons at a time, a half-cup of the sugar. Continue beating until soft peaks form when the beater is raised. Set aside.

Place the yolks in a bowl, beat until thick and lemon-colored, then gradually add the remaining sugar, beating until very thick. Add the rose water, orange-peel, orange juice and lemon juice. When well-mixed, gradually add the flour, do not stir more than one minute.

Fold in the beaten egg whites until well blended. Pour the batter into an ungreased large tube pan. Bake 40 minutes in a 350-degree oven. Invert pan on a bottle, if the tube has hole, or turn it on a wire rack. Let cool before unmolding.

GREEN BEANS AMANDINE

- 3 lbs. fresh green beans
- 1/4 c. sugar
- juice of one lemon
- 3 green onions, finely chopped
- 6 T. salad oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 3 T. butter
- 1/4 t. curry powder
- 1/4 lb. slivered blanched almonds

Wash the beans, removing ends and threads when necessary. Cut on the diagonal or split in half. Place in a sauce pan and pour boiling water over them. Add the sugar and boil, 10 to 12 minutes at the most (they'll be limp if you overcook.) Drain, place in a large bowl and cover with ice cubes. Let this stand for a few hours. Drain well and wrap the beans in absorbent cloth. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Blend together the lemon juice, green onions, salad oil, salt and pepper. Set aside.

Heat the butter in a large frying pan. Add the curry powder, stir until well mixed. Add the slivered almonds and stir in the curry butter, over low heat until golden brown. Spread the browned almonds in absorbent paper.

To serve, toss the cold green beans with the lemon dressing and taste for seasoning. Place in a serving bowl and top with the curried almonds.

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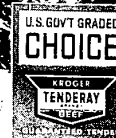
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