

TABLE TALKS

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One of the handsomest of vegetables is the solid, beautifully shaped, purple-black and firm-textured eggplant. Sadly, it is also one of the most neglected of foods.

In Israel, where eggplant often takes the place of meat for a main course, these three recipes are favorites:

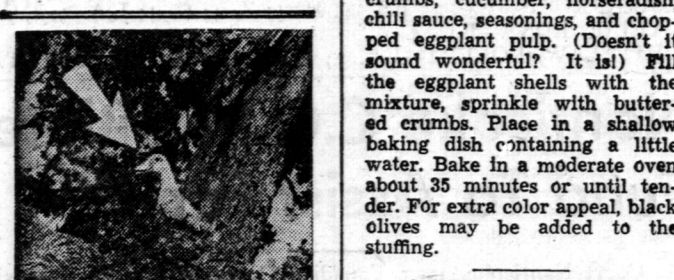
Eggplant-Cheese Casserole
1 cup macaroni (elbow)
1 1/2 cups eggplant
1 green pepper and two onions (diced)
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 No. 2 can tomato

Wash the eggplant and slice 3/4 inch thick; sauté in vegetable oil; then remove. Add a beaten egg, salt, pepper, and onion. Add thin layer of eggplant, half the macaroni, the rest of the eggplant and the rest of the macaroni. Add 1 1/2 cups of boiling water. Cover and bake 45 minutes in a hot oven, 425° F. Uncover. Dust with 1/2 cup grated Cheddar cheese. Top with 3 ounces creamed cottage cheese and grill until bubbly and pale gold.

Eggplant Fritters
Boil whole eggplant, peel, and mash the pulp. Add a beaten egg, 3/4 cup enriched flour, 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 cup milk. Drop by heaping tablespoons on a hot, oiled griddle. Fry like pancakes, turning once.

Eggplant Salad
Broil a 1 1/2 pounds unpeeled eggplant under a low heat about 20 minutes, turning often. Remove the skin and mash the pulp. Add 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 1 1/2 tablespoons salad oil, and 1 tablespoon vinegar or lemon juice. Season to taste with garlic salt and onion salt. Serve cold on lettuce, for a salad that looks and tastes much like chopped chicken livers and is equally a gourmet's delight.

Two eggplant dishes to combine with meat are easy and inexpensive. Your favorite meat loaf mix, put into a baking loaf pan in layers, alternated with thin layers of eggplant and served with mushroom sauce is excellent.



SITTING DUCK — Ducks, too, don't build nests in trees. That's for the birds. But this duck, arrow, doesn't know that so she goes right on building in a tree in Greenville.



HELL HAVE TO BE QUICK—This Conservation Department officer had better not waste any more time scratching his head over his department's new assignment—a census of the state's rabbit population. While he's adding up totals, the bunnies, experts at multiplication, may well have census takers outnumbered before they acquire enough data to determine new dates for the hunting season.

Baked Eggplant with Sausage
Wash and pare the eggplant and cut in slices about half inch thick. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and dip in beaten egg and crumbs. Place in a greased, shallow baking dish. Spread each slice with about 1 tablespoon tomato purée. Add one onion that has been thinly sliced and fried lightly in butter. Top each slice of eggplant with a mound of bulk sausage. For color, you may use a thin slice of pepper and two link sausages. Bake in a hot oven (400°) about 25 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

A very special company vegetable which may be prepared in advance and heated just before the guests arrive is this:

1 medium eggplant
4 sliced fresh tomatoes
1/2 cup onion, finely diced
1/4 cup butter
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1/2 cup buttered crumbs

Wash and pare eggplant, cut into thin circles and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Dip in flour or in egg and bread crumbs and brown on both sides in a small amount of butter. Arrange layers of eggplant and tomato slices in greased casserole. Sprinkle each layer with onion and butter, brown sugar, and some salt and pepper. Reserve some tomato slices to garnish the top. Sprinkle top with buttered crumbs. Garnish with tomato slices. Bake in a moderate oven 40 to 45 minutes. Serves six.

Stuffed Eggplant
1 eggplant
1/2 cup diced bacon
1 cup sliced mushrooms
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1 cup bread crumbs
1/2 cup cucumber, chopped
2 tablespoons horseradish
3/4 cup ketchup or chili sauce
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/2 cup buttered crumbs



A REAL DIFFERENCE
Just before the balloting began in the 1940 Republican Convention, the latter Wendell Wilkie sought to enlist the support of crusty delegate Jim Watson of Indiana. "Sorry, Wendell," snapped Watson, "but you're just not my kind of dependable, day-in-and-day-out Republican." "I am now," maintained Mr. Wilkie, "though I admit I once was a Democrat." "Once was?" snorted Watson. "Well, let me tell you what happened. I once converted if a fancy woman truly repented and wanted to join my church, I'd welcome her with open arms. I'd even lead her personally to the front pew. But by the eternal, I wouldn't ask her to lead the choir!"

Villiers-Cotteter, young Dumas used to roam the woods with an old teacher. One day he resolved to go to Paris, see plays, meet famous authors, but he had no money. Very well, he would pouch his way there with a gun. He did so, arrived with four hares, twelve partridges, two quails and a change for them got a lodging in a hotel for two days.

Years later when he was becoming famous he met this Paris, an actress who had been given a small part in the play "Teresa" on which Dumas collaborated. She was so enraptured by the audience's appreciation that she threw herself gratefully into his arms, saying he had made her future. He took her out to supper, then to his home. She stayed fourteen years.

He contracted cholera in the 1833 epidemic that swept Paris. One evening when he came in his cook, Catherine, said: "Oh, Sir! How pale you are!"

He went to a mirror. He looked terrible. "That's funny," he said, "I'm cold."

"Oh, sir!" cried Catherine. "Dumas how it always starts!"

Dumas went even paler. "We haven't a second to lose!" he cried. "Quick, a piece of sugar dipped in ether, then a doctor!"

Feeling weak, he went to bed. Catherine, taking leave of her senses, brought him—instead of the piece of sugar—a wineglass full of ether. No longer knowing what he was doing, he grabbed it, drank it in a single gulp, then fainted. When he came to the doctor was at his side, and the cholera had vanished. Unintentionally Catherine had discovered a remedy for the plague!

One evening he took Ida to a reception at the palace of the Duke and Duchess of Orleans. She was eager to see the royal couple and Dumas thought she would meet them. The Duke, however, sizing up the situation, welcomed them cordially, but as they were leaving said to Dumas: "It is, of course, understood that you could have presented only wife to me."

THE CHIEF CAUSE OF DIVORCE is marriage.

GERTRUDE LAWRENCE AND HER CANARIES
Gertrude returned from her Skylark tour in November of 1940. She was home only a few days when she—rather we should say—acquired a canary all our own. It came in the form of a beauteous wedding present from Woolcott.

The canary's name was... Gertrude was intense... advised his "Darling Amanda" was Franklin. Woolcott's admiration of our recently re-elected President was intense... used Gertrude some misgivings. If she was going to have a pet named for an important personage, she preferred that the namesake be British...

HE FARM FRONT

by John Russell

It deals only incidentally with agriculture, I thought the following article was... **Probing Secrets Of Human Brain**

Scientists are going to examine the brain of Professor Albert Einstein... The Theory of Relativity... died recently. They are... to learn something about... of the greatest intellects... day and will seek to... of knowledge which... research is steadily... up concerning the brain... Examination of the brain... remain feature of post... items. Where, in case of... den death, the cause of... is doubtful, changes in... may indicate cerebral... even when there is... sign. Death may be... to certain types of... other types of poisons... affect the cerebral system.

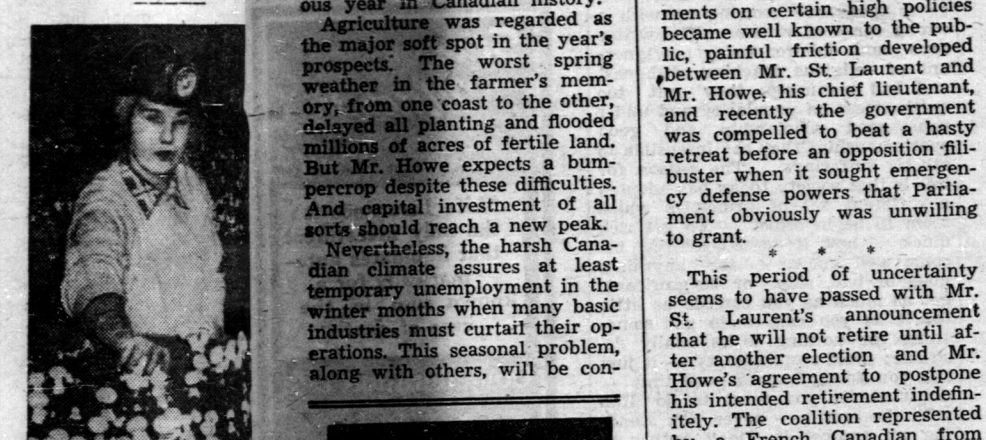
Fashion Ties Fall Necklines Just for Fun
lish import-fashioned green-tinted wool. Hope its sets off the elastic-boots overblouse, which is worn with pleated, unpressed skirt.

Life More Dramatic Than His Novels
Grasping a stable beam with your two hands, could you lift a horse between your thighs? Or, thrusting four fingers into four gun barrels, carry them in your armpits?

French author Andre Maurois, in a new life of "Alexandre Dumas," says that Dumas' father could do these things as a dragoner. He became renowned for his Herculean exploits.

The son's Herculean exploits were in loving a formidable number of women, three of whom bore him children, and in writing a prodigious number of plays and novels, including "The Three Musketeers," "The Count of Monte Cristo" and "The Black Tulip."

Brought up in the country at



THIS GAME WASN'T HOT — The deck may cool off, but so will they. That's how these ice-men felt while playing cards on a 300-pound cake of ice. Ice even formed the chairs.

MMM-USHROOS — Muskrat is a byproduct of Mink. — At least, he is on the limestone mine (Minnesota) used in smelting ore, which contains, 56 degree temperature, high humidity, and... used culture for the rooms to grow in, separate camera with one of the harvest hands, Mmm-usshroos.

LADY WITH A PROBLEM—Mrs. Una Schmidt Fine washes clothes as her son 2-year-old son watches. Mrs. Fine married Alfred D. Fine after she was convinced that her husband was killed in Korea. But Schmidt appeared one of the 11 citizens released by the Chinese Communists. Mrs. Fine says she is undecided about what to do when he returns.

THE DIFFERENCE SHOWS UP — At night, in the lights of an auto's headlights, these two snowflakes look entirely different. The difference can mean life or death. Suit in photo of left is a standard suit and is invisible. The one of right is made of reflective yarn, which is being introduced in fall for garments for men, women and children.

THE RISING SUN

As the sun comes up, a rusty color pervades the slopes. When the sun goes higher, the air becomes hotter and a mist engulfs the upper mountainside, causing the summit to disappear for hours at a time.

Because the soil is extremely fertile, bumper crops are harvested. Principal products being grapes, olives, nuts, lemons, figs, and other fruits. The low-lying region is known as the "cultivated zone." As one ascends a couple thousand feet, a visitor comes to the belt known as the "woody" or forest region. The "desert zone" is from 6,300 feet to the summit.

It takes about seven to eight hours to ascend to the summit from Nicolosi. Most tourists who decide to go up Mount Etna usually climb their motorized trek at a hotel-restaurant about midway up the mountain. From a dining table, they are privileged with a splendid view of many miles, especially interesting at sundown.

Find Pre-Historic Animal's Skeleton

Paleontologists from the University of Oregon and eastern societies are busy under the mid-summer sun removing from the central Oregon desert the remains of one of the most important Pacific Northwest scientific discoveries in many years.

The "gold" they are mining is the skeleton of a brontothere, an enormous, extinct mammal that roamed the shores of the inland sea some 60 million years ago. Fossils have been found west of the Rocky Mountains in North America.

Is There Life On The Planet Venus?
While the outlook for life on Venus can hardly be characterized as bright, perhaps it is not quite so hopeless as modern observations would lead us to believe. The negative results for oxygen and water vapor mean only that these gases cannot be detected by the spectrograph at the depth to which we can penetrate into the atmosphere. If the white, reflecting layer consists of cirrus clouds, the amount of water vapor above them may be very small, since cirrus is formed at a great height, where the temperature is so low that the clouds consist mostly of ice particles. Water, in the form of liquid or ice, would not show in the spectrum of Venus since the spectrograph can detect water only in the gaseous state. Hence it is possible that water may be on Venus but in such minute amounts at a high level as to be unobservable.

More Cigarettes
Burk Water Lower
Output of cigarettes increased to 21,158,000,000 in 1953 from 18,037,268,000 in 1952, but factory selling value decreased to \$289,424,673 from \$299,947,758.

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