# TABLE TALKS

In old-time baking, measur-ing was a matter of judgment. es called for "buiter the size of an egg," a "heaping cup of sugar," or "enough flour to tiffen." The results varied with each cook, and with every trial. No wonder baking was a hardwon art!

. . . Today, there's no need for guesswork. Modern tested recies all talk a common language. They are founded upon exact, lard measurements - the use of standard measuring cups, standard measuring spoons, and level measures. These measures are the same in every kitchen. They make it possible to get the same fine baking results, every . . .

So use standard tools for your baking. You can buy these in almost any town. You need standard measuring cups, one for the dry ingredients, another for liquids, and one or two sets cf standard measuring spoons. With this simple but correct equipment it is possible to measure acurately every ingredient called for in the usual baking

A standard measuring cup is an accurate half-pint measure—the equivalent of 16 level tablespoons. It is grooved on one side to read 1/4, 1/2, and 3/4; on the other, to read 1/3 and 2/3. For measuring liquids a glass measuring cup is convenient, as the top extends above the cup line and so prevents spilling. A set of graduated measuring cups has advantages, too, for level measurements of 1, 1/2, 1/3, and 1/4cup amounts of dry ingredients or shortening.

A set of standard measuring one teaspoon, one half-teaspoon and one-quarter teaspoon. The tablespoon is the equivalent of level teaspoons.

That's the success rule for every modern recipe. The exact technique for measuring each ingredient is given here. This is the way to get uniform, exact measures every time!



SWEET ARRANGEMENT - If you have a nice taste in flowers, you'd enjoy this floral offering. ssoms of sugar and a vase of almond paste are placed on display at a pastry and confection show in Paris, France, by master confectioner Jean De-

Flour has a tendency to pack on standing. So always sift flour once before measuring. Remem ber, the woman too busy to bother to sift may put an extra half-cup of flour in her cake

and ruin it. Lift the sifted flour lightly by spoonsfuls into the measuring cup and level off by drawing the edge of a spatula or straight knife across the top. (Do not press flour or shake it down in cup.) . . .

slightly to the proper fraction mark. Or use the correct meacups; fill and level off as just directed. Use a dry standard measuring

For fractions of cup, fill cup

baking powder. Even a little too much or too little can give disappointing results. Be sure to use the baking powder called fo in the recipe and the exact amount specified.

Use special care in measurin spoon. Dip the spoon into the baking powder and fill it full. Then level off spoon lightly with edge of spatula or straight knife For fractions, use the small sizes of your set of measuring

There are several ways to measure solid shortening. Small amounts are more easily measured by tablespoons: fractions of cups may be measured in graduated measuring cups. Use one of these convenient ways: (1) Press shortening into a measuring cup (or tablespoon), packing it tightly. Then level off

at top or fraction mark. (2) An easy way to measure pound for 1 cup. With print but ter, ¼ pound equals ½ cup. (3) Or measure shortening by

water displacement. For ample, to measure 1/2 cup shortening, fill cup haif-full of cold water; add shortening until water rises to the top of cup; then drain off all water. This leaves ½ cup shortening in the cup. sure melted shortening like a liquid.

With granulated or white sugar, fill a standard measuring cup or spoon with the sugar, and level off with edge of spatula of straight knife.

Brown sugar needs to be packed into the cup so firmly that it holds the shape of the cup when turned out. This gives consistent measurement. Average-sized eggs (medium to large) are used in these recipes. If using small eggs, allow about 31/2 tablespoons slightly

mixed whole eggs for each egg Use special care in measuring liquids for undermeasuring is a

common fault. For accuracy, set measuring wise the surface of the liquid may slant and deceive you. Fill until liquid flows into the correct groove-mark of cup; do

Thick liquids and syrup, such as molasses, corn syrup, or honey, should be poured into the spoon or cup from the container or from another spoon. If the cup has already been used to measure shortening or water, the syrup will empty out readily. Do not dip a measuring spoon into sticky liquids for too much will cling to underside of spoon, causing overmeasurement or



"THIS IS A BATH?"-Gunner Aubrey Johnson, right, and his pattery mate take a snow bath near Fort Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, during winter maneuvers on the Arctic tundra. Completion of the snow house, in background, is one of their assign-

### End of a Tale ---



JASPER, A PET RACCOON at Algonquin Park, lived uneventfully until he crossed the main track of the Canadian National Rail-



... HE DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT. The train cut off his tail. Jasper is all right now, but he is unhappy about the loss of his tail, and so is his owner, guide Jack Wilkinson. Wilkinson has asked the railway "What are you going to do about it?"

BEST-EVER MUFFINS 2 cups sifted flour 2½ teaspoons baking powder 2 tablespoons sugar ¾ teaspoon salt

1 egg,well beaten 3/4 cup milk Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, sugar and salt

Cut in shortening. Combine egg and milk and add all at once to flour mixture. To mix, draw spoon from side of bowl toward center (15 times), turning bowl gradually. Chop spoon through batter (10

and sift into bowl.

flour is dampened (only about 5 strokes). Turn into greased muffin pans, filling each about 3 full. Bake in hot oven (400°F.) 25 minutes. or until done. Makes 10 large

imes). Then stir only until all

Regular Method Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, sugar, and salt

Combine egg and milk and add to flour mixture. Add melted shortening. To mix, draw spoon from side of bowl toward center (15 times), turning bowl gradual-

ly. Chop spoon through batter (10 times). Then stir only until all flour is dampened (only about 5 strokes). Turn into greased muffin pans, filling each about % full. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 25 minutes, or until done. Makes 10 large muffins.

DELICIOUS VARIATIONS

CORN MUFFINS Use only 1 cup sifted flour in Muffins, but increase baking powder to 3 teaspoons and add s cup yellow corn meal to sift-

BRAN MUFFINS Use only 1 cup sifted flour in nuffins. Increase baking powder to a 3 teaspoons and add 11/4 cups 40% Bran Flakes to batter before baking.

SPICY-CRUST MUFFINS Mix together 2 tablespoons sugar and ¼ teaspoon cinnamon. Sprinkle this spice mixture over batter in pans before

DATE OR PRUNE MUFFINS Add % cup finely cut dates or prunes to egg-milk mixture for

DE LUXE MUFFINS Use 1/2 cup shortening instead of 1/3 cup in muffins. BLUEBERRY MUFFINS Make muffins with ½ cup

instead of 1/3 cup. Fold 1 cup blueberries into bat-CRANBERRY MUFFINS Make muffins with ½ cup hortening instead of 1/3 cup. Chop 1 cup cranberries; sprinkle with 2 tablespoons sugar and

#### How Can I? By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I remove all dirt and grease from the hair?

A Wet the hair with warm water and then rub into the scaip the juice of a lemon, instead of soap. Rinse the hair thoroughly and dry with a soft towel. This will leave the hair soft and glossy. Q. What is a good cleaner for silver?

A. An excellent cleaner, and one that does not scratch, is common cooking soda. Follow by polishing with a soft cloth. Q. How can I prevent the discoloring and wilting of vegetables when they must stand after paring?

with cold water. Q. How can I sterilize the

A. Use a solution of chloride of zinc, which can be purchased at any drug store. Use one half pint to two gallons of water and pour through the pipes every week or two. Q. How can I improve the

flavor of iced tea? A. Try adding a few drops of lemon juice and a sprig of mint to each glass of iced tea. O. Should figs and dates be washed before using them? A. Yes, by all means, and wash them thoroughly. Place in a colander and pour boiling

water over them. Q. How can I make the teeth whiter? A. Use soda water with any good tooth paste, instead of tap water. It will make the teeth whiter, and will give a soothing sensation to the gums and

Q. How can I remove mud stains from woolen garments and also from tan shoes? A. By rubbing the spots with the moist cut side of a raw potato, changing to a clean slice of potato when the one piece is

Q. How can I make linen window shades look like new? A. Apply brickdust with a clean, soft cloth. Q. How can I sew buttons on a garment so that it is easy for

a child to fasten? A. When sewing buttons on children's garments a good idea to sew each one over a pin. Then slip the pin out, which leaves a small amount of looseness to the button, making it easier for the child to fasten.

Q. How can I prevent water from settling to the bottom of the dish when baking custard? A For a baked custard, warm the milk before adding the eggs. For very yellow custard fold into batter before baking. ard, white eggs. brown eggs, for a lighter cust-

## DARK-EYED MELINDA FOOLED 'EM ALL

The Times about journe

Another Astor, this time a vid, publisher of The Observe broke a lance in Mrs. Macket

Even after Melinda crosse

Russia in September, 1953,

harsh to say about her. He

believed her to be the inno

Those who have studied

Maclean-Burgess case can

claim that it was "den

peace-loving" Melinda who

the nerves of steel: That ei

Donald Maclean or Guy B

would have cracked up

her ordeal or taken to dri

And the Maclean children

between Marxist-Leninist

sons, can now boast to

Russian playmates how

clever mother made comp mugs of Lady Violet and

Dr. Christian A. Wolf, i

nationally known physicist, native of Denmark, states to

experiments which he has man

prove definitely that birds h

through their feathers, especia

ly their tail feathers.

birds have regular ears,

of their acute sense of hearing. Wolfe says, come through

the auditory aid of feathers.

TAKES VOWS - Boyce Brow

man on an alto sax, has gi

up the world of jazz for a time in a Catholic monastr

Brown, 45, took his vows a

lay brother of the Servite

thers. Order of the Servant

St. Mary at a monastery. 'It's

a gloomy life," he says, "

it's more exciting than m

was." He'll play his sax

on special occasions.

once rated the nation's h

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her common sense.

London — (NEA) — In Britain the Asquiths speak only to the Astors, and the Astors only to God. But American-born Melinla Maclean, wife of Soviet spy Donald Maclean, was an excep-

Dark-eyed Melinda had both the Asquiths and the Astors speaking up for her in public. She also fooled Sir Winston Churchill's son, Randolph. None suspected that she, herself, was double-dealer, perhaps the

cleverest of the lot. Society swells rushed to Melinda's defense following the flight to Russia of her husband wife, "demure and peaces ing," whose loyalty to her band had proved stronger Donald, one-time head of the American Department of the British Foreign Office, with his friend and fellow diplomat-spy,

Guy Burgess.
"Don't Malign Melinda," was the watchword in the best British circles. Now that Melinda is revealed

to be living in cozy comfort with her co-conspirators in a dacha just outside Moscow, some of Britain's most aristocratic faces are crimson. To think that this charming girl could turn out to be a Communist plotter and renegade, too! Among the reddest faces is

that of Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, Lady Violet is not only an Asquith, the daughter of a British prime minister, but good friend to have in time of trouble. It was Lady Violet who helped Donald Maclean get his first job at the Foreign Office; she sat on the selection Board that tipped him for the post. It was Lady Violet who helped to create the picture of Melinda Maclean as the poor, innocent, long-suffering wife of a brilliant, but erratic husband, who divided his time between

alcohol and Communism. Was it Melinda's fault that Donald Mclean turned out to be a traitor? After all, Melinda, herself, had no interest in poli-Was she to blame that Maclean also became a booze-hound and a pervert? Hadn't

her husband tried to strangle her

that time in Cairo? And didn't

he desert her for the Russians

just as she was about to bear him his third child? So it was argued in the best British circles. And 39-year-old, Chicago-born Melinda took full advantage of the favorable climate of opinion thus created. For Melinda had a problem: she needed to get closer to the Iron Curtain, so that she could duck behind it quickly

when the time came for her to join her husband. So Melinda came to Lady Vioous story of how she. Melinda Maclean, was being hounded and persecuted by the British press as the wife of "The Missing Dip-

It was an elaborate build-up

by Mrs. Maclean for the removal of her family to Switzerland, where they could enjoy "greater privacy.' Lady Violet fell for the story

hook, line and sinker. First, she wrote a letter to The Times. It just so happens that The Times is owned by a friend of hers, Colonel J. J. Astor, Lady Violet called his attention to what she described as a "flagrant violation of the ethics of journalism." an interview with Melinda she described as phony.
Next, Lady Violet got her son-

THE GOOD SHEPHERD - A dutiful shepherd defies the

to lead his flock down a snowy mountainside near Rieli, li

in search of food. The sheep were led many miles lower

coast during Europe's severest cold wave of the century with

their pasture lands became a desert of snow.



Lawn Work Either in new lawns airing, we sow grass seed early. rass thrives when the weather s cool and damp. Grass seed isually comes in packaged mix-tures. The reason is simple. We vant some early seed that will inate and grow quickly to vide some green and will lso provide some shade for the ver germinating, finer and well known agricultural fact hat a mixture of grasses or ers will give a thicker stand sually than a single variety sown alone. Of course, for very cialized purposes such as specialized purposes such as bowling or putting greens we

may use a single variety, but for ordinary lawn, mixtures are Lawns, of course, should be as level and the soil as fine as possible before any seed is sown windless day. Directions regarding the amount of seed should he followed carefully. Too many people seem to forget that grass is a crop and it will appreciate fertilizer and watering just like any other crop. A well fed lawn on good soil, will soon crowd out most weeds.

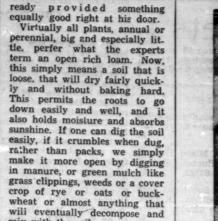
The Real Foundation Good seed is the very foundation of any successful garden. In this matter it is well to remember that we live in Canada and in this country we have our own sort of climate, soil and weather. For that reason it is most advisable to make sure that we get seed, and nursery stock especially selected for growing in Canada, hardy and vigorous and that will mature or bloom in our own particular climate. If we stick to the Canadian seed catalogue from any reputable house we cannot go wrong. Because every seed or plant that is listed there has been actually tested in Canada, has been grown successfully in our own climate and is especialsuited to Canadian condi-

Thousands of words type of garden soil and much more will be written. But it's a simple matter really, in spite of some of the big technical matter of fact almost anyone, unless he lives up on the permagarden soil if nature has not al-



UNIQUE HONOR roman entrant ever to win the Olympic gold medal for figure skating, Tenley Albright poses in Cortina, Italy, holding her awards.

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mix with the soil. If, on the other hand, our garden is sandy, we follow almost the same course and dig in lots of green stuff and manure to provide some body and water Of course one does not create

garden soil overnight or even over one season. It may take a year or so, particularly if the original is hard sub-soi clay or something similar. In this connection it would be ad visable to speed matters with an application of one of the soil onditioners now on the market These will open up even the toughest clay if applied properly. The main thing with garden soil, as with regular farming operations, is to keep plowing or digging in all the vegetable refuse we can get hold of. It is also an excellent idea to have

#### Fined For Tooting His Own Horn!

Andre Dubois, the Paris Prefect of Silence, had better look to his laws to see that there are no loopholes in them. I have to report an alarming development.
While Prefect Dubois has banned the automobile horn from Paris, it is still the law in England that every car must have fitted to it an instrument capable of giving audible warning of its approach. The other day this law led to a strange occurrence in a Yorkshire court. And that in turn led to a new legal ruling about automobile horns. In effect this ruling is that legally the horn is the instrument itself or casing and not the noise that comes out

be the law in Paris, the most formidable disturbance could ensue. Were Parisians to learn how to produce a sound like that of an automobile horn without any mechanical instrument they could hoot with impunity. I leave the consequence to M. Dubois' imagination For that is what Mr. John Lawrie Brown learned to dohe learned to make a noise like an electric horn without ac-

tually having an electric horn. He did not, however, hoot with Mr. Brown in fact was preat Dronfield charged with having no warning instrument fitted to his truck. He entered a please of not guilty. When it was time to present the case for the defence Mr. Brown rose and stated that he kept beside him

on the driving seat "a piece of an old horn." "I consider," he said. "that this complies with the law.' And then he launched his

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SHOOTIN' FOR KEEPS—No child's play is this game of marbles, played at an aircraft plant. "Glassies" are thumbed into molds before final forming of certain parts. Their presence is said to reduce shrinkage, and strengthen the molded items. Costs are said to have been reduced some 80 per cent by use of the mibs.

Mr Cyril Callow chairman of the bench, said, "Well, er, yes." (Almost immediately afterward

he wished he had not.) The sound of an electric horn rang round the walls of the court. It was an electric horn to end all eletric horns. It was also an electric horn to end all courts. The terrible sound echoing eerily through the cor-

There was then a long silence, for which all present except maybe the defendant were profoundly thankful.

The magistrate decided that while Mr. Brown could indubitably make a noise like a horn, he was not in fact or in law himself "an instrument giving audible warning of approach."
So they fined him ten shillings. The London Daily Mail, sens ing a human story behind this case in a hitherto dusty court, sent a reporter to intervie

"Just the sort of thing he would do," said Mrs. Brown, as than anything manufactured. times—never got used to it.

did a lot of motor-cycling. Sometimes I'd be on the pillion, and he'd do his Klaxon imitaoff the back.

thing out of the way. as he grew more middle-aged wouldn't do this sort of

ter have never copied their father's tricks. Mrs. Brown sighed. "There's "We've done everything we

be tourists in Paris. They may teach Parisians a hoot. If I were M. Dubois I'd make certain that Gallic logic changes the law so that what counts

STARTED WRONG

Two fathers were discussing

"It does," agreed the other

Back in the eighties a young

baby, and like many young

couples they needed more money

than they had. But then he had

an idea - and idea that might

make enough money, and win enough fame, to solve all their

problems; an idea for a play about a hotel on the state line,

half in Nevada and half in California, and combining . . . the best features of both. He finally

got it written — with what ef-fort and what joy, only the

amateur writer knows — and sent if off to a producer (or maybe an agent) in New York.

And nothing happened.

It made the rounds of the

New York producers, and nothing continued to happen. Meanwhile Bacon and his wife continued to play in vaudeville, and made a living; but baby grew older; with pain, Bacon cut down the play that embodied

"For," he declared with studied emphasis, "I myself can mitate an electric horn. And have been able to do this perfectly, since I was a small

So Mr. Brown, driving home his advantage as he would his truck, asked if the court would like an example of his talent, by way of proof for his case.

the upbringin of children. "Yes," said one, "a great deal depends on the formation of "My mother paid a woman to wheel me about when I was a baby, and I've been pushed for money ever since." **Belated Fame For** Vaudeville Actor actor named Frank Bacon was playing in California vaudeville with his wife. They had a

7. Happy 8. Very warm 9 Indolent 10. Shops 11. Photographic baths 16 Prosperous PUZZLE times 33. If times 34 M pagoda 8 22 Grow strong 35 12. Sin Land measure Pull hard 4. Card game



which kept them afloat. But it was a long way from California vaudeville glories of Broadway; he still hoped for better things, still

it was produced on Broadway

her husband went his rounds in the Birmingham area. "He claims it's a better warning "It's like the worst kind of Klaxon horn. I've heard it many "Before we were married we

tion. It nearly frightened me "It certainly cleared every-"He has elaborated it since he was a boy. We thought that

thing. But he has." Brown's son and daugh-

a grandson, though," she said. can to stop him, but his imitation of an electric horn shows promise of being worse than A whole new generation of electric horns may be growing up. Many of them are going to

there is not the instrument but the noise. - John Allen May in The Christian Science Monitor.

The court seemed taken aback.

TESUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper Luke 22: 7-23 Memory Selection: As often a ye eat this bread, and drink thi

kept sending the play around— and at last a producer took it.

He gave it to the best play doc

tor of the time for reworking:

with Bacon playing the laed;

ever run in New York up

ran longer than any play had

that time, and he made a mil-

lion dollars out of it-when he

was sixty-four. - From "Bu

We Were Born Free." by Elmer

cup, ye do shew forth the Lord's death till he come. I Cerinthians This is a very appropriate lesson as we approach the Easter season. It was the last evening before the crucifixion. There were some saddening circumstances ciples, "which of them should be accounted the greatest." Per

haps that is why no one of them offered to wash the dusty feet of his companions. That was the office of the lowest in rank. No one was going to thus compro-mise his chances for position by doing this menial task. Jesus laid aside his garments, girded himself and washed their feet.

It was a lesson they would never forget. The way to greatness is the way of service. was rebuked for his boldness and self-sufficiency by the prediction that before the crowed twice he would

Jesus three times. Peter didn't believe it till it happened. Then he went out and wept bitterly. Judas was there. When Jesu had identified him as the be trayer he went out to do the fiendish deed. It was not a happy evening.
But the occasion lives in the

hearts of Chistians around the the world for a more important reason than any of these. Jesus instituted a lasting memorial of his death. The broken bread symbolized his body that was broken for us and the wine, his blood that was shed for us. As we partake of these our hearts are humbled. Why did he love us so? We are rebuked for our selfish ambitions and our self-suffi ciency. We are led to rely more fully on his sacrifices for us. It is not enough to believe that Jesus was a good man, the best that ever lived. In the suppers we are reminded that he was the

Son of God. That's why. "His blood atones for all the race, and sprinkles now throne of grace." In Him there is forgiveness and cleansing from sin. Let us partake of the benefits bought for us at so great a cost.

Wash old powder puffs and keep them with your cleaning equipment to use in applying wax polish to furniture and kitchen surfaces.

Upsidedown to Prevent Peeking

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# THE FARM FRONT

Poets, from the time of Solomon down, have sung about the beauties of Spring. I have a feeling, however, that few of them did their singing while trying to dig a bogged-down tractor out of a gully, or watching an early-April freeze ruin a crop that should have been blanketed with snow for another couple of weeks.

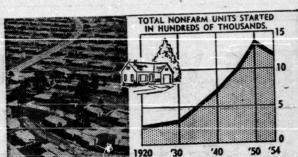
However, there isn't much percentage in always looking backward and any time you hear some nostalgia-smitten gaffer moaning for the "good old days," just ask him "Like what?"

. . .

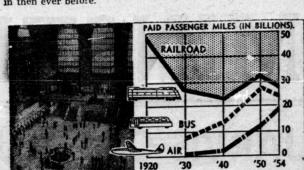
Like back in 1900, when, more than 500,000 infants under a year old would die each year? The present number is 100,000, with promise that science will continue to reduce the death toll. In 1900 travel was by horse and wagon or coal-dust dirty, drafty trains. That's when food distribution was so limited that families lived on a narrow, montonous diet and a single organge in the toe of his Christmas stocking was a great treat for Junior. Well - you get the idea. The graphs below tell more of the story. So when you meet that nostalgic gaffer just tell him - ia the slang of his day - "Go 'way back and sit down!"



ABUNDANT FOOD-North Americans are the best-fed nation in all history. The rapid development of farm mechanization, development of new fertilizers and scientific agricultural skills give us enough food to feed ourselves, to give and sell abroad and still have a tremendous surplus.



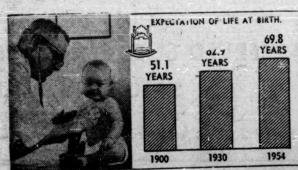
BETTER HOUSING-And more of it. Homebuilding now is retreating from the peak of 1950, but it is still hundreds of thousands of units above a decade ago. And the new homes being built are more healthful, more comfortable and more convenient to live



VARIED TRAVEL-Railroads first expanded horse-and-buggy traveling to new horizons, enabling us to circulate farther, see more country, meet more people. Automobiles put a continent on wheels. Then airplanes expanded our horizons to the far ends of



STRONGER DEFENSES-Western defensive weapons and techniques of Warld War II astonished the world. Today most of these marvels are obsolete. We live in the jet age and are rapidly moving into the "intercontinental missle" era that was only a fictionscience authors' dream a few years ago.



many diseases that once took terrible toll of life. Medical research brings nearer the day when the few undefeated "killer" diseases remaining will meet their Waterloo. Th average baby born today can expect to live nearly nine years longer than one born in 1906.