Mrs Greenkeeper's Own Corner

with Ann Mawson

January is the month we usually ask relations, friends and neighbours in for the evening, for Christmas cake, mince pies, etc., so the best idea is to plan a buffet supper. The most important thing about this is to serve manageable food. Arrange a dish of cold meat and a large pork pie cut into nice easy portions. Plates should be large enough to hold a choice of food; now for some recipes.

**Stuffed Eggs**

Hard boil as many eggs as you will require. Plunge into cold water and peel. Cut the eggs in half and carefully take out the yolks. Mash this up with finely chopped sweet mustard pickle and fill the whites again. Place on crisp green lettuce leaves.

**Stuffed Tomatoes**

For this take large, firm tomatoes. Cut in half horizontally, or just remove the top if not very large. Take out the soft centre pulp, leaving some of the hard flesh around the sides. Mix the pulp with hard boiled egg and chopped onion, or rice and chopped ham makes a very delicious filling, or cottage cheese, then stuff the tomatoes with one of these mixtures and sprinkle with a little salad dressing.

**Stuffed Celery**

Take a large, fresh celery, separate each stick, wash and scrape until white. Cut into pieces about 2 in. long and fill with soft cream cheese. Sprinkle with cayenne pepper.

**Cheese with Nuts**

Cream cheese, ketchup, mustard, walnuts. Make a paste with the mustard, cheese and ketchup over a low heat. Put a little between two walnut halves, thus sticking them together.

**Savoury Spreads**

These can be used on open bridge rolls or plain biscuits.

**Watercress Butter**

Add a squeeze of lemon juice and lots of chopped watercress to the butter.

**Carrot Butter**

Add grated carrot mixed with seasoning.

**Parsley Butter**

Add finely chopped parsley and a squeeze of lemon juice to the butter.

**Cheese Butter**

Add finely grated cheese to the butter.

**Anchovy Butter**

A little anchovy paste mixed with the butter.

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Lots of people like their mince pies warm, so you could have a few warm and the rest cold. May I wish you all a very Happy New Year until February.

**KIBITZER**

A sportsman to the nth degree
In the fairways, on the tee,
He never lets his shadow screen
My putting line upon the green.
But once my ball is on its way
Right for the hole, it’s in I’d say,
He opens up in frenzied din—
“Great shot! You’ve got it, boy! It’s IN! ”
It’s NOT, it never makes the cup,
But would have if he’d just shut up!
—S. L. Kuykendall.

**LUCKY FOR HIM**

At the edge of the water hole of a New York area course, a boy leaned over the fence bordering the fairway, watching foursomes plump their shots into the water. A baby brother, barely old enough to toddle, stood beside him. One of the players’ balls landed only two feet from where the youngsters stood.

“Young man,” he cried in agitation as he came running up, “don’t you know any better than to expose your little brother to these golf shots?”

“It won’t hurt him,” said the boy, confidently “He’s deaf!”

—Fred F Lynch.