Mrs Greenkeeper's Own Corner

with Ann Mawson

This month I have a few household hints I have had passed on to me and thought you too might find them useful.

To Pare Apples
Pour some boiling water over them before paring, letting them stand for one minute. They can then be pared quite thinly and easily.

Beetroot
There will be no danger of cooked beetroot becoming mouldy, no matter how long it is allowed to lie if a little dry mustard is placed in a muslin bag beside it.

Cake out of Tins
Before attempting to take baked cakes out of tins, stand on a wet dish cloth for a few minutes and you will find the cakes leave the tins very easily.

Cheese in Summer
Saturate a clean cloth in vinegar, wring it out well and place over cheese. By doing this it will be found that any sort of cheese will keep as fresh and free from mould as when first cut—for any length of time.

Beating the White of an Egg
To beat the white of an egg add a pinch of tartar to them when half beaten. The whites will then never fall down before they are used.

Scrambled Eggs
When scrambling eggs add one tablespoon of fine breadcrumbs and one tablespoon milk to every beaten egg. Season with pepper and salt and cook in the usual way. By this means stale bread will be used up and one egg will go as far as two.

To keep the yolk of an egg
When only the white is required, beat up the yolk with a little cold water and it will keep fresh for several days.

Forcemeat
When making forcemeat, if the bread is soaked it will not need so many eggs to bind it.

Burnt Milk
If milk has been burned, pour it at once into a jug and stand it in a basin of cold water until it is cool, when all traces of burnt smell and taste will have disappeared.

Oversalted Soup
If you discover this in time, add one or two unsalted potatoes and the soup will lose the saltiness.

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