CONKIES

dry coconut, grated

3/4 lb. pumpkin, peeled and grated

1/2 lb. sweet potato, peeled and grated

3/4 lb. brown sugar

t. spice

½ t. nutmeg t. almond essence

ozs. raisins

cup flour

2 cups fresh corn flour or meal

t. salt

4 ozs. margarine, melted

2 ozs. lard, melted

1/2 pt. milk

inch squares of plantain leaves

Mix the coconut, pumpkin, sweet potato, sugar, spices, almond essence, raisins, flour, corn flour and salt together thoroughly. With a wooden spoon, stir in the fats and milk and mix until smooth. Place 2 tablespoons of the mixture onto each plantain leaf, fold the edges to make a neat parcel and tie securely. Steam the conkies on a rack over boiling water in a large saucepan, or in a steamer, for about 1 hour or until they are firm. Unwrap the conkies and serve on a heated dish. If plantain leaves are unavailable, the mixture may be steamed in a bowl.

CORN'N OIL

1 oz. falernum

ice

1 oz. Old Brigand rum

Mix the falernum and rum together and serve 'on the rocks'.

COU COU

4 okras, thinly sliced pt. boiling water

½ pt. corn meal

1/2 pt. cold water knob of butter

Cook the okras in the boiling water for 8 to 10 minutes. While they are cooking, mix the corn meal and cold water to a smooth paste. When the okras are soft, lower the heat, add salt and wet corn meal, stirring continuously with a cou cou stick (or wooden spoon), until the mixture becomes fairly stiff. When mixture breaks away cleanly from the saucepan, the cou cou is ready. Butter a bowl, turn the mixture into it, shaking it into the shape of the bowl and then turn it out into a serving dish. With the back of a spoon, make an indentation in the top and place a knob of butter in it.

DOVED PEAS

1 pt. pigeon peas

1 oz. corned pork, finely chopped

salt and pepper

1 medium onion, chopped lard for frying

Wash the peas and boil them with the onion and pork until the peas are tender. Drain well and then fry in a pan with a little boiling lard until browned.

EGG FLIP

egg, beaten lightly sugar to taste few grains of salt 2/3 cup milk, cold

½ t. vanilla essence or 1 T. rum dash aromatic bitters few grains nutmeg

To the egg, add sugar, salt, vanilla or rum. Add the milk gradually and whisk very thoroughly, then strain. Pour into a glass and shake bitters and nutmeg on the top. (Use vanilla for the children's flips and rum for the grown ups). If a rum flip is desired, use 11/2 ounces rum in place of 1 tablespoon rum.