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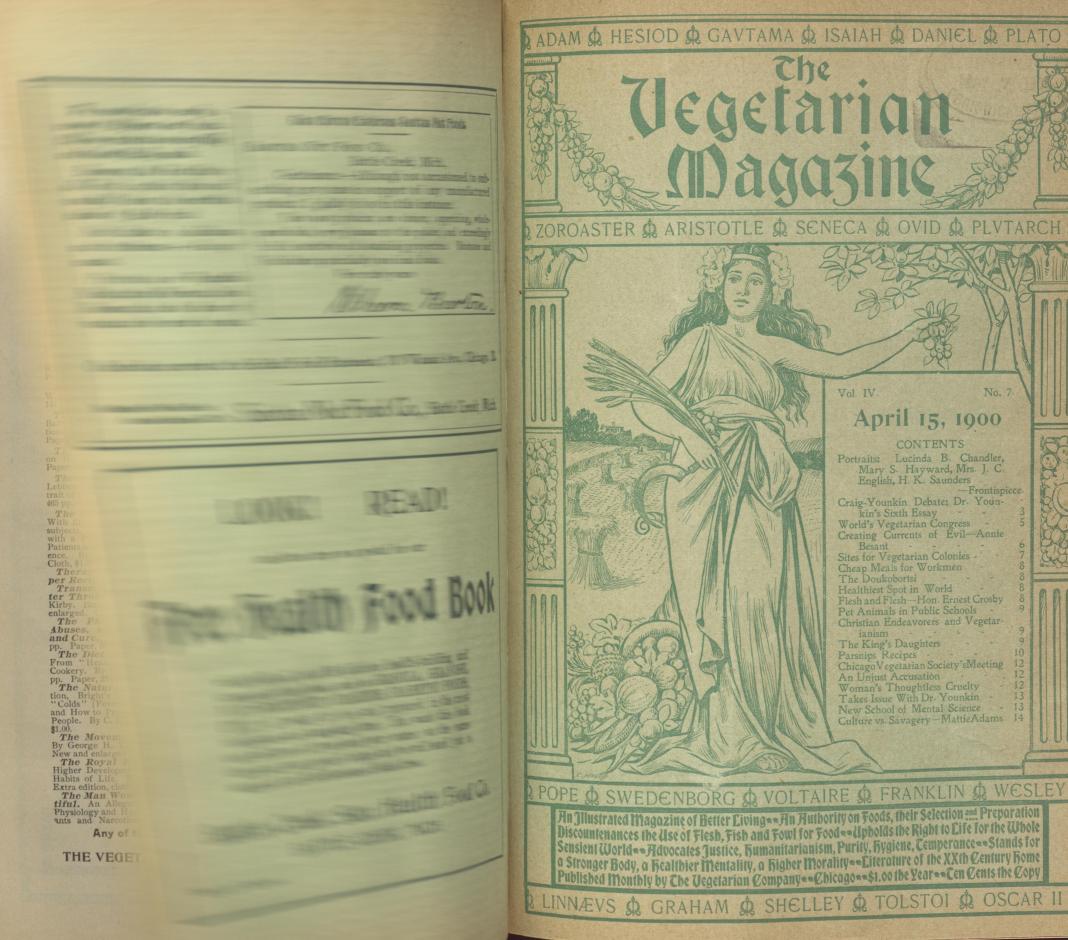


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Of Interest to the Housewife,

Conducted by Rena Michaels Atchison, Ph. D.

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Parsnips.

Parsnips are not used on the table as often as they deserve. In addition to being a delicious article of diet when properly cooked they contain 3 ounces of solid food to the pound. In common with all other vegetables they should never be boiled, as they thereby lose not only the soluble salts but other of the nutritive elements, and for the same reason they should never be soaked in water previous to cooking. They ought to be steamed instead of being boiled. The following are a few ways of cooking this vegetable:

Fried Parsnips.

Wash and scrape the parsnips, cut them lengthwise in thin strips, roll in beaten egg, then in cornmeal or cracker crumbs, and fry brown in butter or "konut."

Buttered Parsnips.

Wash and scrape the parsnips, cut in thin slices lengthwise, and cook in a steamer until tender. Drain, add a large spoonful of butter and seasoning to taste. Shake the saucepan to keep the parsnips from burning until the butter is melted, then turn into a heated dish and serve at once.

Parsnips With Butter Sauce.

Wash and scrape the parsnips, and cut in thin slices lengthwise. Cook until tender in slightly salted water, drain, put in a heated dish, season to taste, and pour over a sauce made as follows: Rub 3 tablespoons butter into 1 tablespoon flour until perfectly smooth, then pour on it 1 cup boiling water, stirring rapidly all the time. Keep it just at the boiling point for five minutes, but it must not boil or it will be oily.

Creamed Parsnips.

Cook the parsnips as directed above, drain and turn on them I cup rich milk or cream, a lump of butter, and season-

ing to taste. Let it get very hot and serve at once.

Mashed Parsnips.

Wash, scrape and cut in small pieces. Boil until tender, drain, add a little salt, a lump of butter and half cup sweet milk or cream. Mash fine, and serve at once.

Baked Parsnips.

Wash and scrape the parsnips, and cut in halves if very large, boil until nearly done, then drain, season, spread with soft butter, and put in a baking dish with one small cup milk. Bake until a delicate brown, and serve at once.

Parsnip Fritters.

To half a dozen boiled mashed parsnips add 2 tablespoonfuls flour, 2 beaten eggs and seasoning to taste. Form into small, flat cakes and fry brown in butter. Garnish with parsley and serve hot.

Puree of Tomato.

One small, can of tomatoes or one quart of peeled and cut fresh ones; half bay leaf, 2 sprigs of parsley and 2 stalks of celery (if in season) tied together; I quart of water, I tablespoonful of Wahl's Bouillon-Stock; put all in a saucepan, the interior of which has been rubbed with a clove of garlic; boil 20 minutes, add I tablespoonful of cornstarch in water, cook 3 minutes longer and strain; add small piece of butter and serve with small crusts.



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