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## Murphy's Slaw

A man named Murphy said one day  
“Whatever can go wrong, will.”  
I thought that a very negative way  
to look at life until.  
I went to make a special dish  
for my extra special spouse  
to make his appetite feverish  
when he walked into the house  
The grater on the carrots made  
a softly, rhythmic, swish  
as I scraped off the tip of my finger  
and watched blood drip into the dish.  
The cabbage, a little less than fresh,  
turned to mush inside the bowl.  
Now carrots, blood, and cabbage juice  
were taking the joy from my soul.  
The dressing wouldn't come out right,  
lumps were everywhere.  
I'm sure that even Julia Child  
couldn't save this bill of fare.  
My special treat, when all combined,  
was the worst mess I ever saw  
But it graced the table, and as we ate  
I told the family, “It's Murphy's Slaw!”

