

Steam Cooks Shrimp In Homemade Utensil

By DOROTHY JEAN ZACK

Vinegar and dry mustard steam up through shrimp to make the most delicious meal possible, feel two sisters whose families like the tasty dish cooked in their Catalpa street yards.

Their friends like their method, and the home-made or shop-made shrimp cooker has been reproduced many times already.

Mrs. Allen Keogh and Mrs. L. J. Stephens demonstrated how the cooker works in Mrs. Stephens' yard as they told details of an outdoor party for 14 guests that they co-hosted a week earlier.

THE SHRIMP are placed in layers on each of the metal racks, spaced about two inches apart on the central shaft. Also, each layer is placed celery salt and bay leaves. Several layers may be put on each rack, the two sisters agree.

The shaft, held by three small legs, is placed into its can—in the case of the one shown, a well-cleaned oil can with a tight-fitting cover. In the bottom of the can is a quart of vinegar and a can of dry mustard, mixed with a half cup of water.

EACH RACK LOAD of shrimp is dumped into a large wooden salad bowl for serving. The shrimp, which each guest peels himself, are eaten with lemon butter.

"We used about a pound and a half for the 14 neighbors we had," Mrs. Keogh says, "and just kept adding lemon juice until it tasted right. We used about seven lemons."

Finger bowls are used if the family is being formal, but for an outdoor party, they provide a large bowl of water for all.

COOKING OUTDOORS is better, because of the shrimp and seasoning odors, but it is possible indoors. Smaller amounts can be done in the same style in a large kettle or a deep well on the stove.

Outdoor meals are fine, according to the two families. The Keoghs have three youngsters, one just last month, and the Stephens one child.

COOKING TIME is about 35 to 40 minutes after the steam starts coming out of the cover's hole about the shaft. Test for doneness of the shrimp, which are usually of the medium size, is taking one out and tasting it, according to Mrs. Keogh.

Materials used by their father, Donald Kotta, in making the shrimp cooker are metal ranging for the racks, with a shaft of pipe soldered to each one. The shaft, which the four racks slip over, is of piping, to which are welded three legs; the five-gallon oil can and its cover; and a double wire hook that is used to insert into holes at the top of the shaft, to lift out the racks.



MRS. STEPHENS AND MRS. KEOGH Show shrimp cooker (Eccentric Photos)



RACKS HOLD SHRIMP Cooking in metal

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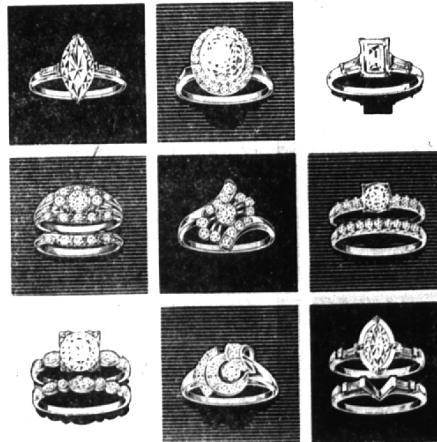
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