MISCELLANEOUS.

USEFUL RECIPES.

VINEGAR CANDY.—This candy is revinegar, half a cupful of water, half a teaspoonful of butter. Season with lemon. Mix the sugar, water and vinegar together, boil until the candy is in cold water. Then add the butter and lemon.

MARYLAND OYSTER SOUP. - Take two quarts of oysters; strain from them all the liquor; put the liquor on to boil with half a pint of chopped celery, one pepper and salt to your taste, and one tablespoonful of fresh butter. When bushels of wheat, 2,335,599 bushels of this boils add the oysters. Just before corn, and 7,846,928 lbs of tobacco. taking it off put in the thickening, which is a little flour mixed with sweet cream; then add one quart of rich milk or cream, and when it has come to a boil pour into a tureen, into which you have put some small squares of cold bread. Serve very hot-

Spagnetti.—This is a favorite dish at some of the best restaurants. The macaroni used should be the best Italian, and must be placed to boil in a plenty of hot water. Let it cook ten or fifteen minutes, boiling hard all the while. When done it should retain some of its elasticity. If it lies perfectly flat, or sticks together, it has been too much cooked. A sauce for it is made by slowly boiling all the morning a piece of lean beefsteak (half a pound will suffice for a small family). To this you add enough canned or other tomatoes, an hour or so before serving, to give the sauce a rich red color. As much water only should be used as will right through me." leave the sauce rich and thick; this the cook will soon learn by experience. Let every one sprinkle grated Parmesan cheese on his spaghetti for himself.

CHEAP WAFFLES .-- One egg, one quart of flour, one quart of milk.

To CURE HAMS WITHOUT SMOKING.-Treat as usual as regards salt, saltpeter and sugar. Let them lie for six weeks, and then, instead of smoking, paint over with a solution of pyroligneous acid, and hang up to cure. Paint large hams twice.

CRULLERS.—Take five eggs and beat them well, stirring in sugar until quite sweet (try one pound), and add a teacupful of butter creamed; then add half a teaspoonful of soda to half a cupful of buttermilk, with sifted flour enough to make the dough about the stiffness of biscuit dough-allow one pound and a half of flour, say. Roll the pieces about as thick as your finger, and as long, for the dough must be cut into strips, and then form them into rings and double rings. Flavor with rings and double rings. Flavor with lemon or mace, and sometimes currants are added in such proportion as is fancied. These cakes are fried; and as failure most often occurs in the frying, we give a few particular directions in that regard. Have ready a round stew pan or skillet half full of melted lard. As soon as it begins to bubble a little, drop a cruller into it, which will sink. Take an egg whip, or something that will not hold the lard, and turn it over; it will then rise to the top as light as a puff. Then let it cook till it is a pretty light brown. The older crullers are, the better they get. If you do not burn your lard, it will do to use a second time, and if the above directions are attended to will give satisfaction with very little trouble. Put as many crullers in the pan to fry at one time as you can conveniently turn over.

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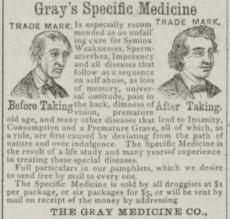
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