

Culinary Goof-Ups

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Some of us know how to cook before we get married. The rest of us have to learn on the job.

Funny stories abound about newlyweds' cooking fiascoes. One newly married couple decided to heat up a can of food. But there was one thing they didn't know. They didn't know that before you heat up a can, you're supposed to open it first.

So they put the sealed can on the stove. The can exploded and its contents sprayed all over the walls.

I was one of those who learned to cook on the job-at "The School Of Hard Knocks." I had my own experience, which was aggravating when it happened, but makes for a funny story now.

When my husband and I were first married I didn't know the first thing about cooking. One day I decided to make something interesting for supper – giblets. I've always liked giblets but the only place I'd ever seen them is in my chicken soup on Friday night. Since I happened to like this kind of meat, I figured why not have it as a main course. I suppose I made some kind of side dish to go along with it, but this was so long ago, I

can't remember. But, I certainly remember what happened with those giblets!

I put them in a small pot of water, sprinkled in the spices, and let it boil for a while. After some time, I came back to

check how it was coming along.

Oh no! The water was almost gone! And the giblets were still too raw. I assumed the spices had boiled out as well.

What a pain! But oh well. I refilled the

pot with water and I re-added all the spices.

Again I let it boil for a while, and then I came to check on it.

Oh no! Not again! Once more the water was almost gone, and the giblets were still too raw.

Feeling quite frustrated and annoyed at this point, I added more water. And more spices.

This scene repeated itself several times before my husband came home for supper. When we sat down to eat, I told him what happened.

"Spices don't boil out," my husband told me, matter-of-factly.

"They don't??"

Oh yeah-right. Liquids evaporate. Solids don't. I guess I forgot my science.

It's a good thing my husband likes spicy food – so no harm done.

All I can say is if you're about to get married and you don't know how to cook brace yourself for some interesting adventures. Don't worry. You'll survive. With time and practice you'll learn how to cook. And you'll have some funny stories to tell for years to come.

