Mrs. Hering's Famous Pot Pie

The Walnut Room, Marshall Field's, Chicago, 1890s

Total Time: 30 minutes

Serves: 4

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Cut circles from 1 sheet frozen puff pastry dough, thawed, to fit the tops of four 10- to 12ounce ovenproof ramekins. Cut 2-3 slashes in each circle and set aside. // In a large saucepan, melt 3 tablespoons butter over medium-high heat. Whisk in 1/4 cup all-purpose flour until there are no lumps, and cook 1 minute more. Add 2 cups chicken broth, whisking constantly until smooth. Bring to a boil and cook, whisking occasionally, until thickened, about 4 minutes. Add 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste. Stir in 3 cups cooked, shredded chicken breast, ½ cup small frozen peas, thawed, and ½ cup diced carrots. Divide mixture among baking dishes. Top each with a pastry round, tucking edges into ramekin. Beat 1 large egg with a splash of water. Lightly brush pastry tops with egg wash. Place baking dishes on a baking sheet and transfer to oven. Bake until pastry is golden and filling begins to bubble, about 25 minutes. Serve hot.

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