IRISH COLCANNON (CREAMY POTATOES AND CABBAGE)

INGREDIENTS

1 lb cabbage or 1 lb kale

1lb potato, peeled and diced (about 4 potatoes)

2 small leeks chopped

½ cup cream

½ teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

1/2 teaspoon mace

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Strip outer leaves from cabbage.
- 2. Shred cabbage (or kale), place in a saucepan with water to cover the bottom and bring to a boil.
- 3. Reduce heat and simmer until crisp-tender, about 5-10 minutes.
- 4. Drain well.
- 5. (opt.) Liquefy in blender.
- 6. Boil potatoes in a separate kettle, covered with water, until tender.
- 7. In a small saucepan cook leeks or onions and cream (or milk) about 10 minutes.
- 8. Mash potatoes then season with salt, pepper and mace.
- 9. Mix in the onions and milk.
- 10. Combine the potato mixture with cabbage or kale, beating it to a pale green fluff over low heat.
- 11. Pour into a deep warmed dish.
- 12. Dab with butter or margarine.
- 13. NOTE: Leftovers can be fried in oil until crisp and brown on both sides.
- 14. OPTION: Substitute ground nutmeg for mace.