



Oma's Secret Wurstmittel (Wurstmitzel)

This little story that took place in Molidorf of long ago was told to me by my father Nikolaus Geml.

This goes way back to when dad a very young lad. Being an only son, he was a bit spoiled by his beloved grandmother... .

I'll title this remembrance: Oma's Secret 'Wurstmittel' 'Wurstmittel' is the name of the delicacy prepared by dad's grandmother for which she was quite well known.

Dad's grandmother was an excellent cook and baker. Her reputation spread not only among the family and more distant relatives, but among the neighbors as well. Her specialty was called 'Wurstmittel' or Wurstmitzel.



I guess you could translate this as sausage-in-the middle- perhaps an early version of the currently popular hot dog. Most women back in those days baked their own bread. Each and every woman prided herself on turning out a perfect batch ...tasty, robust and

satisfying.

Well this old Oma (grandmother) took it a step further. On baking day she not only made tasty loaves of bread but also baked some smaller loaves and put a stub of sausage in the middle of the dough. She then baked the resulting rolls with flavorful success in an outdoor oven.

As the batch was baking this wonderful aroma would begin to spread and soon there were plenty of noses poking over the fence. Of course one of the most frequent questions: Is the wurstmittel ready yet... Of course there was always a little extra to give out to the unexpected visitors on baking day.

One of the most frequent visitors was the young son of the family who operated the store in Molidorf. As soon as he scented the aroma of baking, he would promptly jump over the fence, come into the yard to keep an eye on the results much to my dad's dismay.

Of course Dad being the favorite was never left empty handed for long and that must have been the secret of the Wurstmittel ...there was always plenty to go around.

He was always rewarded with the first taste fresh out of the oven which was simply too hot to eat. By tossing it from hand to hand it cooled off enough to sample without getting burnt in the process.

Yummy!!! Guaranteed a hit every time!!! A wonderful lunch...a great snack and yes the sausage in the middle was also home made. Unfortunately no one has this recipe.