POACHED SALMON WITH GREEN PEPPERCORN, GINGER, AND ORANGE SAUCE ©

2 cups water

1 cup dry white wine 4 slices of fresh gingerroot.

flattened with the side of a knife

1 tablespoon black peppercorns, bruised

1 bay leaf

a 31/2- to 4-pound salmon fillet

For the sauce

½ cup sour cream

¼ cup mayonnaise

2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard

1½ tablespoons grated peeled fresh gingerroot

1 teaspoon freshly grated orange zest

2 tablespoons fresh orange juice

1½ tablespoons drained green peppercorns

1/2 teaspoon sugar

1 tablespoon white-wine vinegar

braised onion ribbons with celery and sliced baked potatoes with parsley butter (recipes follow) as accompaniments

In a small saucepan bring the water and the wine to a boil with the gingerroot, the black peppercorns, and the bay leaf and let the mixture stand, off the heat, for 5 minutes. In a large buttered baking dish arrange