

# From Boar's Head To Turkey; Christmas Banquets Change

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of knighthood give abundant proof of the role which eating — and drinking — played in the celebration in England and Europe. Christmas revelry lasted for two weeks on a scale comparable to the Roman Saturnalia — revelry marked by feasting and carousing when the feudal chief held forth.

**Boar's Head Special**  
Chief among Christmas dishes in the baronial hall was the boar's head which was brought into the vaulted refectory with trumpets, pomp and panoply. It lay in a gold and silver salver according to the richness of the feudal lord. Epicures insisted that it be served with "roguish mustard" and with choice wines.

But culinary ability was put to no sterner task than in the preparation of Argus — roasted peacock — which was supposed to be food for lovers. This was brought into the hall with ritual, too — accompanied by noble lords and ladies. It was also something designed to command attention, for the peacock first had been skinned and the plumage retained intact. After the bird was cooked it was again encased in its brilliant feathered coat with the beak carefully glued.

Other mediaeval dishes which are part of the chronicle of time included geese, capons and pheasants which were "drenched with ambergris" to say nothing of pies of carps' tongues.

One of the great Christmas

dishes of the Middle Ages was "frumenty." This is what the cooks of the day were told to do: — "Take clean wheat and bray it in a mortar that the hulls be all gone off, and seethe it 'til it bursts. Take it up and let it cool and take clean fresh broth and sweetmilk of almonds or kinc and temper it all. Then take the yolk of eggs, boil it a little and set it down and mess it forth with fat venison or fresh mutton."

**Mince and Mutton**  
The mince pie (chief among the causes of childish Christmas anguish) was known as mutton pie as early as 1596. The mutton pie graduated into a pie of neat's tongues, spiced and flavored, whence finally emerged the mince pie as it is known today.

But the progenitor of the pride and glory of Christmas dinner made famous by the prose of Washington Irving and Dickens was the plum pudding which, like many Christmas edibles, was subject to progressive treatment as time marched on. First reference is made to it as plum porridge or pottage and unlike its heavy descendant, it was served as the first course.

Liquid refreshment in the early days ran the whole gamut of the wine lists — different vintages for each course, heavy stouts, light barley ales, to say nothing of the cordials offered unblushingly as gastronomic aids than for enjoyment of drinking.

A thirteenth-century carolist devoted a ballad to the bibulous tendencies. He sang:  
"Lording, Christmas loves good drinking  
"Wines of Cascoigne, France, Anjou  
"English ale that drowns out thinking  
"Prince of liquors, old and new  
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