

The Christmas Dinner

(AND SPECIAL DRESSING)

chopped, 1-4 cup stoned and chopped dates, 1-2 cup blanched and shredded almonds, 1-2 cup candied cherries, 1-4 cup minced candied orange and lemon peel, 2 squares bitter chocolate, 1 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla, few grains salt.

Soften gelatine in cold water for ten minutes. Grate chocolate and add boiling water, stir until melted. Add sugar and hot milk. Bring mixture to the boiling point and remove as one from the fire. Stir in softened gelatine. Let stand until cool and stir in salt, vanilla and prepared fruit and nuts. Turn into a mold and let stand several hours or overnight in a cold place. Unmold and serve garnished with whipped cream and candied cherries.

Gingerbread
So much for the dinner itself. The gingerbread house is our next consideration. This should be baked one or two days before Christmas and hidden in a safe place until wanted.

A good cookie mixture is baked in six sheets. Two are ten by seven inches, for the sides of the house. Two are six by ten for the ends of the house and two are ten by three for the roof. Of course you can choose your own proportions and make the house any size you choose.

The ends are cut to fit into the point of the roof. The pieces are put together with a heavy sirup boiled to the crack stage.

Windows and doors can be cut in the house after the sheets are baked. If the mixture bakes unevenly trim the pieces to uniform size.

The following recipe is particularly good for the cookie mixture.

Cookie Mixture
Three-fourths cup butter, 1 cup brown sugar, 1-2 cup molasses, 1 egg, 1-2 cup sour cream, 1-1/4 teaspoons soda, 5 cups flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons ginger, 1 teaspoon cinnamon.

Cream butter. Beat in sugar. Add molasses and beat until smooth. Add egg well beaten. Dissolve soda in sour cream and add to mixture. Mix and sift flour, salt, ginger and cinnamon and add to first mixture. Chill for several hours. Roll very thin and cut in the described sheets. Bake 12 minutes in a moderate oven. Let cool before using to build the house.

This same cookie mixture is used to make the figure of Santa. Baked frosting can be used for snow and fur trimmings on Santa's coat.

This centerpiece will take

time to make, but it won't take much money, which is worth thinking about at this time of the year.

MANY NOW TAKING TEACHING TESTS

The teachers presenting themselves Wednesday for one or more of the subjects given in the state teachers' examination of Jacksonville are as follows: Miss Isabel Milton, Ashland; Mrs. Rea Hoover, Butte Falls; Mrs. Marie Disney, Central Point; Mrs. Nettie B. Sheley, Central Point; Mrs. Myrl D. Watson, Central Point; Miss Eldae Sutherland, Central Point; Mrs. Jennie White, Central Point; Mrs. Mary H. Butler, Eagle Point; Miss Mabel Everhard, Leland; Miss Jessie Jensen, Medford; Mrs. Emma Q. Turner, Medford; Mrs. Gertrude Parry, Phoenix; Mrs. Eula Middlebush, Trail.

SHAKESPEARE FAVORITE OF U. O. TEACHER

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third of a series of interviews with members of the University of Oregon faculty who are thoroughly conversant with literature. Each professor was asked what 12 books he would select if he were shipwrecked and had enough time to secure the volumes from a complete ship's library.
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore., Dec. 15.—(Special) —"Part of the pleasure of reading is the joy of discussion afterward and for this reason I do not believe that I could enjoy reading very much under the conditions you have suggested."
Alta Cooney Hoover, instructor in the English department, had been asked to name twelve books that she would select from a complete library if her ship had

been wrecked and she was cast away on a desert island with no hopes of rescue for a good many years.

"Besides," she added, "twelve is a very limited number. Can't you make it twelve hundred?"
"Well, if it must be no more I will name some that I would probably choose. No doubt I will leave out the most important ones as I would probably do if I really were shipwrecked and were able to make a choice."
Mrs. Hoover reflected a minute and then named Shakespeare at the head of her list.

"What Shakespeare work of Shakespeare?" she was asked.
"Oh, all of his plays," she made a sweeping gesture. "All of them in one volume."
"Then," she added, "I would pick Pops' Diary next."

Pops' Diary was followed by quick succession by Milton's "Ninthcentury Century Poets," Voltaire's "Candide," Shakespeare's "As You Like It," "The Merchant of Venice," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Romeo and Juliet," "The Taming of the Shrew," "Twelfth Night," "The Merry Wives of Windsor," "The Tempest," "The Winter's Tale," "The Comedy of Errors," "The Two Gentlemen of Verona," "The Winter's Tale," "The Comedy of Errors," "The Two Gentlemen of Verona."

like them and don't think I would like any of them so quickly as I would of others."
"What," she asked, "do you mean when you say 'Pops' Diary'?"
"That is about all I can say," she finished by laughing over her book in which she had been studying the adventures of a writer and spoken English.

"That is only nine books," she was reminded.

"Oh!" she suggested, "Pops' Diary is usually in four volumes and then you could certainly get the number you wanted. I chose quality instead of quantity."



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