

Favorite Recipes

PAstry FLOUR

3 cups Drifted Snow flour
1 cup of Corn Starch
Sift together 5 times and keep in a can ready for Angel and other cakes.

BROWN BREAD

6 cups of Bran (Ralston's)
3 cups white flour
1 cup molasses
3 cups buttermilk
1 1/2 teaspoons soda dissolved in milk
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
Add 1 cup raisins (seedless) and bake 2 hours in moderate oven.

TO MAKE SAUSAGE

10 lbs pork
3 rounding tablespoons salt
1 1/2 tablespoons black pepper
1 tablespoon (level) ground cloves
1/4 or less of Cayenne pepper, sprinkle over all
Then grind mixture.

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ONE JUMP AHEAD OF THE HOLIDAYS

In former days, our grandmothers began getting ready for the Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts at the first cold snap in the fall. They made gallons of mince meat, even baked pies, cooked and canned pumpkin for pies and puddings, and began fattening the prize turkey.

All of these things are done for us today but even so there are many foods which are better prepared in the home kitchen. Instead of waiting until the rush of Thanksgiving it is a good plan to start making preparations for your dinner now.

The steamed pudding can be made early—in fact, like fruit cake, it is improved by standing. Some one has called the plum pudding the crowning glory of the holiday feast. Here is a fruity one that will answer to this when served with a delicious hard sauce.

Holiday Plum Pudding

1 cup bread crumbs
1 cup chopped apples
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/2 cup flour
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 cup milk
2 eggs, beaten well
1 cup chopped suet
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup sliced citron
1/2 tsp nutmeg
1/2 tsp cloves
2 cups nectar raisins
1/2 tsp cinnamon
Mix soft bread crumbs, finely chopped suet, apples, sugar, fruits, and nuts; sift flour, spices and salt. Combine mixtures, add eggs and milk. Butter a covered mold well and dredge with sugar. Have a kettle half full of boiling water; place a rack or plate on the bottom, set the tightly covered mold on the rack and cover kettle. Keep water constantly boiling about two hours until pudding is cooked.

Hard Sauce

1/2 cup butter
2 cups powdered sugar
1 egg white (may be omitted)
1 tsp vanilla
Cream the butter and sugar together until very smooth. Add egg white and vanilla and beat until fluffy. Chill and serve.

For a simplified and yet delicious light fruit cake this recipe is one of the best.

Golden Fruit Cake

1 lb. butter.
10 eggs
2 cups fine can sugar
4 cups sifted flour
6 oz. candied pineapple (1 cup)
8 oz. large whole cherries, sliced
1 cup sliced citron (6 oz.)
8 oz. pecans
2 1/4 cups currants
6 cups white raisins
1-3 cup cooking sherry
Cream the butter and sugar to a light fluff, then add eggs slowly, which have been well beaten. Add the flour, then the sherry. After fruits have been sliced, coat them with a little flour and add all at one time to the above mixture, mixing thoroughly. Decorate top with a few whole nuts and fruits after mixture is placed in pans. Bake in 300 deg. for 2 to 4 hours, depending upon the size and number of pans in which cakes are baked.

Economic Highlights

Biggest business news of many weeks was the announcement of the reciprocal trade agreement between this country and Canada. It is also making big political news—the doc-

ument was no sooner signed, than reverberations were heard from various parts of the country which held that the President had "sold them down the river." There is also considerable criticism of the fact that the President worked in secrecy, did not consult many industries involved.

Power to make such agreements was conferred on the Executive branch of government by the Congress before last. The President is authorized to make sweeping changes in tariff rates on practically all commodities. Several other agreements have been put into effect during the last two years, but have caused relatively little comment, in that the agreeing countries were small. Canada, with its great timber and agricultural resources, and its nearness to the U. S., is a horse of an entirely different color.

Canadian concessions are many. Duties on 180 different Canadian imports from this country have been either reduced or eliminated entirely. Examples: 50 per cent cut in the duty on agricultural machinery, and 25 to 80 per cent cuts in the duties on other machinery; reductions in meat duties ranging from 25 to 50 per cent; no duty at all on oranges during the four months from January through April; abolition of the duty on magazines; substantial reductions in the duties on automobiles, radios, refrigerators, etc. In addition, Canada agrees to put the U. S. in the "most favored nation" classification. This means that all U. S. imports to Canada will be subjected to duties as low as those of any other country, with the exception of the British Empire.

Canada naturally expected a good deal in return for all this, and she got it. U. S. concessions include reductions in tariffs and excise charges against more than 50 items. Examples: Reduction in duties on cattle from one-third to one-half; 50 per cent cut in the liquor tariff, from \$5.00 to \$2.50 per gallon; 43 per cent slash in the duty on cream; 50 per cent cut in the lumber tariff and excise tax. In some cases, notably cattle and various types of lumber, Canadian exports under the lower duties are limited in amount.

Big question, of course, is: What nation got the most out of the agreement? And when it comes to answering that, you can get about as many opinions as you want. Businessmen which see in the agreement an opportunity to increase their Canadian trade, such as the automobile and machinery makers, are naturally strong for it. Businesses which see in increased Canadian exports a menace to their markets and current price structures, are worried and angry.

Most bitter protests have so far come from the timber interests. The entire Pacific Northwest, and a large part of the balance of the northern part of this country, lives on lumber. Canadian competition has always been a vexing problem, as Canadian lumber is produced by super-cheap labor, largely oriental, and can be sold cheaper, even when transport charges are added. Former tariff against Canadian lumber was \$1.00 per thousand board feet, plus an excise tax of \$3.00 per thousand board feet. New agreement cuts both of these in half, making a total duty against the Canadian producers of \$2.00 instead of \$4.00. Pacific Northwest producers, looking nervously across the border into British Columbia's vast timber areas say that they face ruin, that the \$2.00 cut will make it impossible for them to meet the competition. Administration answer is that cheaper prices will stimulate building and that, as Canada is limited to an annual export of 250,000,000 board feet of Douglas fir and western hemlock, American timbermen will be better off in the long run. However, many observers say that signing of the treaty has made it virtually impossible for the President to carry the northwestern states in the next election.

One thing seems certain. Beneficiaries of the treaty both here and in Canada will be the consumers. Many products will be cheaper at retail than in the past.

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talk of taking the agreement to court, to test its constitutionality.

The Literary Digest poll has never been wrong. Some wits have suggested that its pre-election polls be used to determine the winner, thus saving the government the vast expense attendant on a national election.

The Digest has now started a new poll on whether or not "You now approve the acts and policies of the Roosevelt New Deal to date." Not enough return has yet been obtained to give a decisive answer—but results are interesting.

Forty thousand ballots from five states, all of which Mr. Roosevelt carried in 1932, show that 53 per cent of the voters are against the New Deal. A similar poll, carried on in early 1934, show that 61 per cent were favorable.

Minnesota Paper Gives Interesting Historical Sketch

A marked copy of the Blue Earth County Enterprise, published by H. C. Hotelling at Mapleton, Minnesota, was received at this office this week. Mr. Hotelling was for about twenty years the secretary of the National Editorial Association and is one of the best known newspaper men in the United States. Mapleton is a small town in southern Minnesota just a few miles from the city of Mankato, the birthplace of the editor of this paper. The events described by Mr. Hotelling occurred before our time and probably accounts for the fact that he did not mention having known us at the time he knew the rest of the family.

The article follows: "Our boyhood playmate, John Walker Powell, D. D., is now writing the daily sermonettes for the Minneapolis Journal. Dr. Powell is a son of Rev. John W. Powell, who was the first pastor of the Methodist church at Mankato and was active in affairs at Shelbyville, now Amboy, in the early days of the county. Rev. Powell was a power in his day and usually was awarded the honor of giving the opening sermon at the big camp meetings which were held each year. He was a tall, raw-boned Hoosier whose zeal in the Master's vineyard was such as to carry conviction and power. This pioneer clergyman was a frequent visitor at the Hotelling home as were also other early clergymen and circuit riders, Rev. Wm. Copp, Rev. B. Y. Coffin, Rev. Albert Perkins. My father was a zealous Methodist and donated the site for the present church in Mankato.

"On retiring from the ministry, Father Powell lived on Bunker Hill, near the present tourist park, and his oldest son, Rass, and my brother Albert were quite chummy, usually hunting big game together. This had an inclination to bring the two families together and I became acquainted with the other two boys, Judd, who is now in the real estate business in Minneapolis, and John, one of the prominent clergymen of the Flour City.

"These short daily sermonettes,

about 300 words, indicate the son is a chip of the old block, as they all carry a message. We quote from a recent one where Dr. Powell took for his text Psalms 24:3, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?" Hewing to the line, the sermonizer declared:

"There is nothing mysterious about goodness—except the source of some men's capacity for it. We all know a good man when we see him. When a George Washington or an Abraham Lincoln, a Phillips Brooks, a Will Rogers, dies, the whole nation is plunged into mourning. These men had faults, committed sins, were guilty of follies, known to their friends or patent to the eye of the historian. But who cares? Their lives were filled with truth and honesty, with kindness and helpfulness. We could trust them, we could build on them as on a foundation of granite. The essential simplicity of their lives won universal trust and affection."

"Thousands of lesser instances come to mind," said Dr. Powell, and then he made a reference which can easily be applied to the late William A. Hanna of Mapleton, when he said:

"A man died in a Minnesota village a few weeks ago. The whole community feels his loss almost as keenly as his nearest and dearest. His name was not known beyond his county. What of that? In his own sphere he was a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night. Who of us has not known splendid men and brave, sweet women, whose lives were a benediction, and whose memory will strengthen their children's children?"

And then, philosopher like he is, he asks the question, "Is there anything in such lives that the meanness of us cannot emulate? Who knows what problems of economic welfare, of national security might be solved if we would all live as simply and sincerely?"

Dr. Powell delivered the address to the Mapleton Old Settlers' Association 22 years ago and it was one of the best addresses ever given before the association."

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all S. P. points in the west will be on sale December 12 to January 1, with a final return limit of January 14. Reductions will apply on both coach-tourist and first-class tickets. Ormandy said. Special low holiday roundtrips to Eastern cities, good via California, will be on sale during the same period with a final return limit of January 31.

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