

Spice Cake.

One cupful of light brown sugar and half a cupful of butter beaten to a cream, the yolks of two eggs beaten, half a cupful of sour milk; next stir in half a cupful of sifted flour, a cupful of stoned raisins, chopped fine, one teaspoonful of ground cloves, one of cinnamon, and a little nutmeg. Next add the whites of two eggs well beaten, enough flour to thicken, and half a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in hot water. Stir well.

#### Sweet Pickle.

Two gallons of chopped cabbage, five one gill of salt, one quart of onions celery, a little celery seed, three pounds of sugar and three quarts of vinegar. Put all together in a porcelain-lined kettle, boil well and stir frequently. Tie the ground spices together in a little muslin bag.

#### Salted Almonds.

Shell, blanch and dry the almonds; allow two teaspoons of butter for each cup of almonds; put these in a fryingpan and cook, with moderate heat, until the almonds are a delicate brown, way, first removing the shell and brown skin. Walnuts can be salted the same way, also.

#### Sponge Cake.

Beat the yolks of six eggs until very light, add two cups of sugar and beat for fifteen minutes; whip in three beaten egg-whites, a cup of boiling water, then one and a half cups of flour, sifted with one teaspoonful of baking of relief in an hour of rest gave place powder. Flavor to suit the taste, mix gently and bake in a sheet or a loaf. Use the three remaining egg-whites for the king.

Chrysanthemum Cake.

Cream a half-pint of butter with a pound of sugar, and the beaten whites of eight eggs, one and a half pints of flour that has been sifted with one and a half teaspoonfuls of baking powder, add a half-pint of milk and the grated rind of one orange. Color the batter to a light pink with cochineal and bake in layer tins. Cover with a red or deep pink icing.

# Creamed Salt Fish.

one well-beaten egg. When prepared in this way, and eaten with a well-ago," said the undertaker. "Diphtheria.

# Poor Man's Sauces.

Very useful "Poor Man's Sauces," are made by varying the flavoring added to ordinary brown sauce (made with brown thickening and brown stock). It may be finished off with ketchup, either mushroom or walnut, or with essence of anchovy, or with capers, oysters, lobster, onlon, what you will.

# Vegetable Cutlets.

Another nice luncheon dish is made as follows: Cut into bits cooked cauliflower, carrots, celery or asparagus with the joy of the world. But even tips to measure one pint. Add one cup of thick, seasoned white sauce. When comfort. Happy are those who find cool form into cutlets, dip in egg and cracker or bread crumbs and fry in deep fat. Garnish with olives. Serve with green buttered peas.

# English Cookies.

Two eggs, two cups brown sugar, one cup butter, six tablespoons sour eggs, then the cream, cinnamon, cloves, raisins, and soda. Add flour enough to make soft dough.

# Pear Jelly.

minutes. Put in dish, and add to set, syrup one-half of a box of soaked gelatine; let it boil up and strain over pears.

# Graham Diamonds.

To four cups of Graham flour add vised." one teaspoon of salt, one teaspoon of sugar and pour on boiling water to scald thoroughly. Work into a soft dough, roll out one-half inch thick, cut dough, roll out one-half inch thick, cut into diamonds with a sharp knife and in each space has been printed. 'Got up bake one-half hour in a quick oven or ate breakfast, lunch and dinner and went until crisp.

#### FAITH IN SANTA CLAUS.

I used to watch for Santa Claus
With childish faith sublime.
And listen in the snowy night
To hear his sleigh bells chime.
Beside the door on Christmas eve
I put a truss of hay
To feed the prancing steeds
That sped him on his way.

I pictured him a jolly man
With beard of frosty white,
And cheeks so fat that when he laughed
They hid his eyes from sight;
A heart that overflowed with love
For little girls and boys,
And on his back a bulging pack,
Brimful of gorgeous toys.

If children of a larger growth
Could have a Christmas tree
From Father Time, one gift alone
Would be enough for me—
Let others take the gems and gold,
And trifles light and vain,
But give me back my old belief
In Santa Claus again!
—I

CHRISTMAS OF THE SORROWFUL

Even Those Who Mourn Have Sources of Comfort at Yule-Tide.

Twenty express wagons, backed up against the curb, waited the arrival of the Limited-twenty express wagons and a hearse. It was Christmas day tablespoonfuls of mustard, three gills and Sunday, and the drivers were adding of mustard seed, two saltspoonfuls of a Sabbath day's hard labor to a week of mustard seed, two saltspoonfuls of ground pepper, two of ground cloves, far into the night. There were none too many wagons, as the wire had assured chopped fine, half a gallon of chopped the office, for a vast bulk of delayed Christmas matter was coming on the

On the Limited, too, was to arrive the body of a good man, who had gone away in search of health, and had found it in the land where pain is no more. His son waited the arrival of the belated train, and choked down unhappy thoughts which seemed the sadder because all the world was happy, while he and his household were in grief. He arranged the preliminaries with the express com-pany, and waited in its freight room with the undertaker, expecting every stirring frequently, say, for one-quar- minute that the train would arrive. But ter of an hour. Then sprinkle with sible to get word of it. So there was nothing to do but wait and think sad

Forty expressmen and drivers waited also, exchanging as they waited their tales of hard service and late hours, and grumbling a little at the work before them

Still the train delayed. An hour, a half-hour more passed, and the time dragged slowly. The hard-luck stories had all been told. The temporary sense to a restless desire on the part of the expressmen to get at their work and finish it. A period of silence succeeded the noisy clatter. Then one of the men be-

'Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King!

Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing!

Several voices joined, and all the others listened. The tune was "Antioch." with its adaptation of the opening strains of the "Messiah;" and the bass voices came in full and strong in their response, "And heaven and nature sing."

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus' followed, and then a number of other gospel hymns. The sad-hearted man felt Put a cup of the shredded codfish himself strangely moved, and drew imin a strainer and pour boiling water perceptibly nearer to the group of singthrough it, then stir it into one cup of ers. At last they sang, "Shall We Gathwhite sauce. Let it stand over hot er at the River?" and he looked through water, and just before serving add swimming eyes and saw that the under-

baked, hot, mealy potato, it will of- They all went at once; all I had. I've away. ten prove more palatable than the more been thinking a good deal when I saw expensive breakfast of steak or chops. other men going home with Christmas things

He choked and moved away, but nearer to the singers, and when they sang equally useful for fish, flesh, or fowl, the last verse he was singing with them. · Then the mourner forgot his own grief. He, too, had a voice, and in the next hymn he joined the steadily growing chorus. Half an hour they sang together, and when the train came in they all felt that they had been joining in a Christmas service, and that some of the Christmas spirit had come to them.

Death keeps no holidays. No season is exempt from his dread visits. The homes to which he comes are often the sadder because of their pathetic contrast to the sorrowful there are sources of them, even through their tears .- Youth's Companion.

A Quaint Christmas Custom.

The burning of the ashen fagot is a curious custom observed in Devon and Somerset on Christmas eve. The fagot consists of green ash sticks cut lengthways and neatly fastened into a bundle cream, one tablespoon soda, one cup with withy bands. At 8 o'clock in the raisins, one tablespoon of cinnamon evening this is placed on the fire with and one tablespoon of cloves. Beat much ceremony, when the family and inthe butter and sugar together, add the vited guests are gathered round the hearth. The flames lick round the bundle, and, when the first green withe holding the fagots bursts, glasses are raised and emptied to "A Merry Christmas!" The breaking of each bond is the signal Peel and quarter twelve pears, Stew for a fresh toast. Legend accounts for tender in a little water. Drain, and this custom by the story that a fire of add to syrup made of one pound of ash wood warmed the stable at Bethleadd to syrup made of one pound of sugar boiled with one pint of water wood fire kindled by Alfred the Great and juice of two lemons. Cook ten during his lonely wanderings in Somer-

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"She gave it to him. She won it playing 'bridge.' "

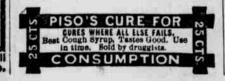
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In Self-Defense.

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"They wanted to send him to some place where he could talk politics all he wished to, and they wouldn't have to listen to him."—Cleveland Leader.

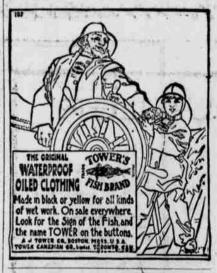


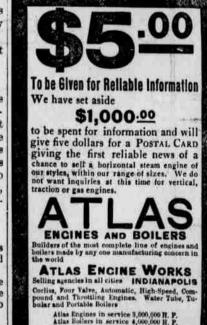
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