

DECEMBER'S
BIRTHSTONE

The turquoise and the sircan, blue gems tinted lightly with green, symbolize prosperity as December's birthstone.

As if to bear out the significance of December's good luck stones, the birthday list for this month abounds with famous names; among contemporaries are humorist James Thurber, painter Henri Matisse and popular leading lady Mary Martin. In the historical spotlight are Sir Isaac Newton, English philosopher and mathematician, inventor Eli Whitney, Woodrow Wilson and Louis Pasteur, famed French chemist.

Because an ancient Persian king

discovered a turquoise mine on the eve of a victorious battle, the stone came to symbolize victory or a fortunate event. The word "turquoise" is derived from "Turki," meaning Turkey stone for this gem was one of the first to reach Europe through Turkish gem markets, according to the Jewelry Industry Council.

Although the turquoise has been significant in many cultures and countries, it was the most treasured of all gems in Tibet.

Found in Persia, Egypt, Turkestan, Australia and the United States, the turquoise lends itself to dramatic jewelry designs, using large individual stones in rings, bracelets and earrings. Smaller pieces of fine turquoise are frequently combined with other col-

ored stones in clips and other jewelry.

The sircan, alternate stone for December, has been known since before the days of Christ and was once believed to contain magic power against evil spirits and poison. Ceylon and Siam are chief sources of sircans.

Like diamonds, sircans need skillful cutting with many facets to show their fire and brilliance.

TOPPING FOR PUDDING

A delicious dessert is made by topping chilled tapioca cream with orange flavored coconut. Sprinkle 1½ teaspoons grated orange rind over 1 cup coconut; and rub coconut or shake in glass jar until color and zest of orange are evenly distributed.



CHIC CHEX — looking ahead to resort vacation or an early glimpse of what's new for '55. Chic Chex is executed by Rose Marie Reid who believes that fresh, crisp patterns need not be found exclusively in cottons. Typically abreast of fashion with its new higher, rounded bra line, banded with decoratively stitched cuffs that are repeated slant-wise at hips for simulated pockets, it combines high style with the impeccable fit of lastest. Rose Marie Reid's exclusive models are carried in Klamath Falls.

POP CORN BALLS

For a tasty chocolate coated pop corn ball, mix 1 cup sugar, ½ cup water, ½ cup white corn syrup, 3 tablespoons butter and 3 squares chocolate. Cook to hard ball stage (245 degrees F.). Pour over 4 quarts freshly popped corn and mix quickly. Butter hands and freezer until needed.

For practical use around the house, try a soap coating on stubborn window ropes and pulleys to make them slide up and down more easily. You can keep the hinges, locks and gates around your home quiet by "greasing" them with soap. You will also find that irksome keys turn more smoothly in their locks if rubbed with soap.

QUICK COOKIES

Add chopped pecans to a prepared cookie mix. Roll in waxed paper, refrigerate several hours, then slice roll water-thin. Spread strawberry jam between each two slices. Bake according to cookie mix directions.

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