



TASTE SURPRISES

HOMEMADE GIFTS BRING HOLIDAY CHEER

There's an old saying that a gift from the kitchen is a gift of love. These holiday goodies are full of taste surprise. They're all made with dark or golden raisins and what's best of all, they're easy to do. Inexpensive containers and gay wrappings add to the festiveness of these gifts from the kitchen.

All of these gifts are designed with grownups in mind. A jar of Christmas conserve makes a nice accompaniment to serve with fowl and other meats. It's delicious too as a topping for puddings. Squares of creamy fudge and butter have melt-in-your-mouth goodness.

The sophisticated confection balls which are a cross between a candy and a cookie are a perfect accompaniment to serve with small blacks after a fancy dinner.

The nibble jar is filled with dark and golden raisins and slivered almonds which are lightly salted and butter toasted to chewy goodness. It's a delicious nibble to have at hand while you wrap presents, address Christmas cards or trim the tree.

CHRISTMAS CONSERVE
Combine 2 cups dark raisins, 2 cups golden raisins with grated rind and juice from 3 oranges and 1 lemon. Add 1/2 pound each chopped walnuts and whole blanched almonds, 3/4 cups sugar and 1 cup grape juice. Simmer over low heat, stirring occasionally for one hour or until mixture is thick. Spoon into sterilized jars; cover with wax.

RAISIN RUM 'N' BUTTER FUDGE
1/4 cup golden raisins
1 tablespoon dark rum
1 pound brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup evaporated milk
1 tablespoon light corn syrup
2 tablespoons butter
Finely chop golden raisins and mix with rum. Combine remainder of ingredients in large saucepan. Cook and stir over moderate heat

BALLS OF GOOD CHEER
2 cups dark raisins
2 cups pecans
1 pound vanilla wafers
1/2 pound powdered sugar
2 tablespoons cocoa
1/4 to 1-3 cup light corn syrup
6 ounces bourbon
Finely chop raisins and pecans. Crush vanilla wafers into fine crumbs. Combine all ingredients adding the larger amount of corn syrup if wafers are very dry. Mix thoroughly with hands. Shape into one-inch balls. Roll in 1/4 cup powdered sugar mixed with 1 teaspoon instant coffee powder. Store in air-tight container. Makes 6 dozen balls.

until mixture begins to boil. Cook to soft ball stage (238 degrees). Remove from heat; let stand without stirring until bottom of pan is lukewarm. Beat until thick and creamy and candy begins to lose its gloss. Stir in raisins. Pour into buttered 8-inch square pan. Cut into squares while warm. Makes about 1 1/4 pounds.

NEW YEAR'S CUSTOM

Touching a pig at midnight on Dec. 31 is thought to be good luck in Hungary, and many restaurants turn an animal loose to add to the merriment of the guests. The American Meat Institute suggests that touching your fork to a festive pork roast or ham on New Year's Eve is a more convenient way of celebrating. There'll be fewer bruises, too.

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By RUTH KING

SHOPPING LIST IDEA

Does your Christmas list include the hard-to-please and those - who - have - everything? Here's a gift suggestion from the American Meat Institute that might solve your problems. Why not take advantage of the gift certificates and colorful packages of meat that packers and retailers are featuring this year? There's always room on the menu in the freezer for more meat, and it's a gift the whole family can enjoy.

HOME-MADE BISCUIT MIX

You can make your own biscuit mix to keep in the refrigerator for quick biscuits, muffins or gems. Recommended proportions are 8 cups sifted enriched flour, 1/4 cup baking powder, 4 teaspoons salt, 1 cup lard for soft wheat flour or 1 1/2 cups lard for hard wheat flour. Sift flour with baking powder and salt. Cut in lard until mixture has a fine even crumb. Cover closely and keep in refrigerator until needed. It doesn't contain this handy item, may be kept at least a month.

IN SANTA'S BAG FOR YOU

Does your husband like his meat juicy? Do you like to serve meat that's picture - pretty? If your answer to these questions is "yes," the American Meat Institute suggests you take advantage of meat tongs. Meat tongs enable homemakers to handle meat without any fork pricks - the meat loses less juice and both the taste and appearance are improved. If your kitchen drawer in refrigerator until needed. It doesn't contain this handy item, order a pair from Santa.

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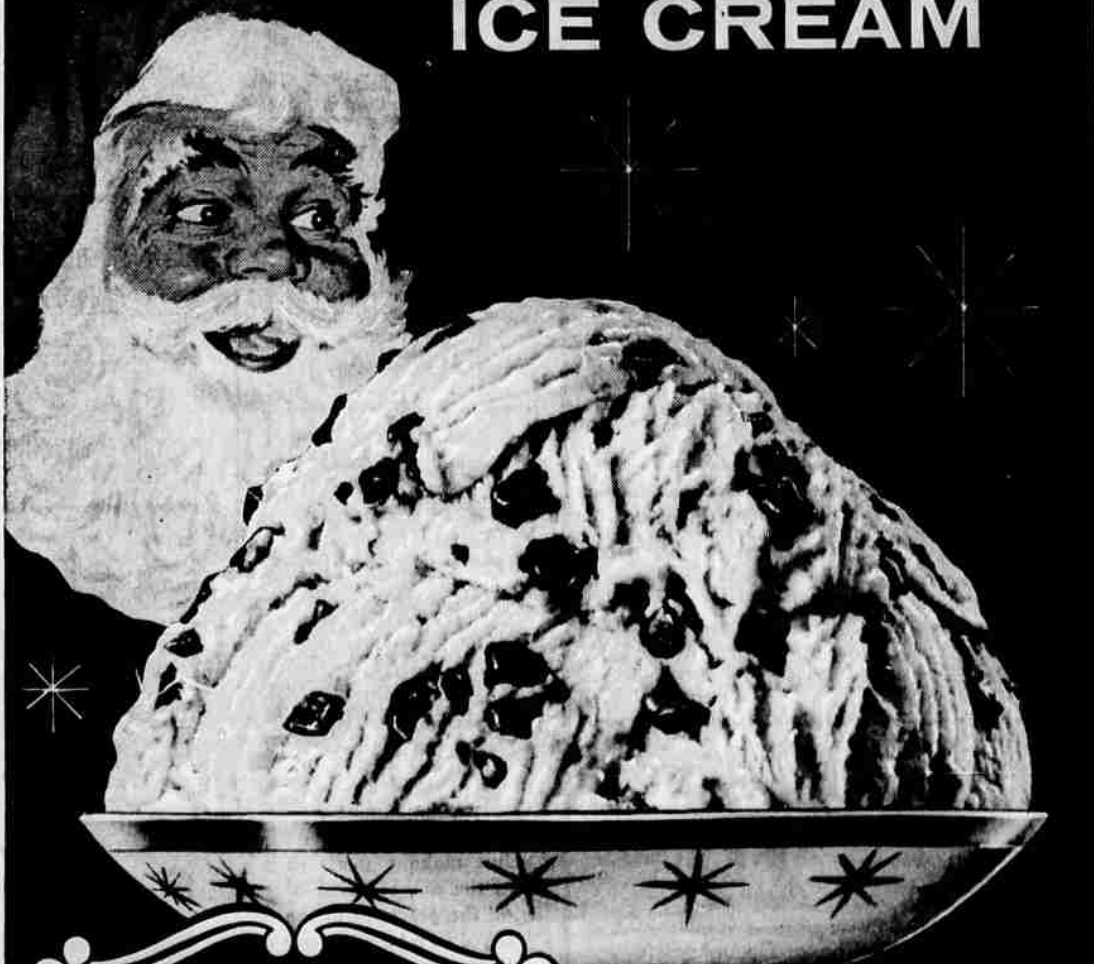
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Wines Are Tradition At Holiday Time

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Traditionally, wines have always played a prominent part in the hospitality and festive celebrations synonymous with Christmas and New Year's. For centuries, wines have been used to

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