





People, Problems Add Holiday Lore

Friends who visited the Robert Reilly home last December got a real Christmas surprise. In this Grants Pass, Ore., household the Christmas tree "grew" out of the ceiling-or at least, was suspended there, upside down.

Will it start a trend? Will more and more families hang their Christmas trees from the ceiling? Only time can tell!

Christmas customs start with people and, often, with problems. In the case of the upside-down tree the problem was, "Where to put the tree?" and the humorous solution was reached when the family just couldn't decide.

Creating Pudding Many well-established traditions had their legendary beginnings in the inventive reaction of people to problems, large or

Take plum pudding, for example - as many people do at Christmas time! The very first plum pudding was an answer to

adversity, so legend says. An English king and his hunting party were lost in the forest on Christmas Eve. Commanded by the king, the cook prepared dinner, using the foods he had on hand - some meat from a stag, some bits of wild game, flour, birds' eggs, sugar, dried plums, ale and brandy.

The cook not only created a delicious emergency dish, he also invented plum pudding, which tradition says must contain these same ingredients if it is to be the 'real thing.'

Lighting the Tree

A pleasant problem with a happy solution led to the custom of decorating the Christmas tree with lights.

Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, returning from a Christmas Eve service, walked under a starlit sky and was inspired by a wish to reproduce the heavenly scene for his family.

How to show some small reflection of the glory of the heavens on the first Holy Night? Luther solved the problem by lighting candles and placing them on the boughs of an evergreen.

For Feasting . . .

Good food is traditional at Christmas, and the special treats provided for the season include almost everything, ranging from baked carp in Austria to roast pig in Hawaii.

In France, it's traditional to serve a Christmas supper after Midnight mass, but the main dish varies according to the section of the country - roast goose in Alsace, turkey in Burgundy, oysters

England has a mouth-watering array of traditional dishes for Christmas feasting, among them plum pudding. As the pudding is being prepared, it's customary for each member of the family to stir it, making a wish for the New



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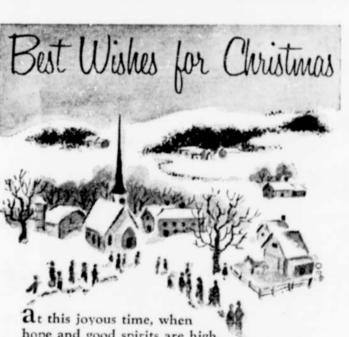
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