

TABLE TALKS

Jane Andrews

High time to be thinking of that Christmas baking so, with our further ad do here are recipes for a fruit cake and a pudding. Take the word of countless lovers of good foods who have sampled them, they're both really delicious.

PLUM PUDDING WITH HARD SAUCE
2 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon each: soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon allspice
1/4 cup each: raisins, currants
1/4 cup each: chopped figs, citron, candied cherries, blanched almonds
1 tablespoon chopped candied orange peel
1/2 cup each: chopped apple, chopped nut, molasses, milk
2 eggs, well beaten

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, soda, salt, and spices and sift together three times. Sift 1/2 cup flour mixture over dried fruits and nuts and mix well. Combine remaining ingredients, add flour and beat thoroughly. Add fruit and nuts. Turn into greased molds, filling 3/4 full; cover tightly. Steam about 3 hours. Serve hot with hard sauce. Serves 12.

For Hard Sauce, cream 1/2 cup butter, add gradually 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar and cream until fluffy. Then add 1 teaspoon vanilla and dash of salt; chill.

FRUIT CAKE (10 eggs)
4 1/2 cups sifted cake flour
1 1/2 cups baking powder
1/2 teaspoon each: cloves, cinnamon, mace
1 pound butter or other shortening
1 pound brown sugar
10 eggs, well beaten
1/2 pound each: candied cherries, candied pineapple, mixed candied lemon and orange peel, thinly sliced citron, chopped nut meats
1 pound each: sliced dates, raisins, currants
1 cup each: honey and molasses
1 cup cider

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and spices, and sift together three times. Cream shortening thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add remaining ingredients in order. Then add flour gradually. Turn into loaf pans, 9x5x3 inches, which have been greased. Bake in slow oven (250°F.) about 4 hours, or until done. Makes 10 pounds fruit cake. Store several days to a month before using. To store, brush lightly with port, brandy, or grape juice, wrap in waxed paper, and keep in airtight box.

CHRISTMAS TREE COOKIES
2 1/2 cups sifted cake flour
1 1/2 cups baking powder
1/2 teaspoon soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup sugar
2 eggs well beaten
3 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, soda, and salt; sift three times. Cream butter, add sugar gradually, creaming until light. Add eggs and chocolate and beat well. Add flour in small amounts. Chill. Roll 1/4 inch thick on slightly floured board. Cut with floured cookie cutter in Christmas tree shapes. Place on ungreased baking sheet; brush with glaze mixture made by mixing beaten egg with 1 cup milk. Decorate using colored sugars, candied, or coconut. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 9 minutes. Makes 30. (Other cutters may be used, such as wreaths, stars, and crescents.)

SUGAR COOKIE STARS
2 1/2 cups sifted cake flour
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YOUNGSTERS' DELIGHT—These two youngsters thrill to the possibilities in what seems to them a prime playhouse. It's a replica of an old British building, built by Col. V. Johnstone on his estate at Burlington, Prince Edward Island. It is just one of many replicas of famous buildings he has created through the years.



QUICK AND THE LAME—Four-year-old Marlene Olsen, right, watches her 20-month-old sister, Karen, hoping that some day she'll be as lightfooted as Karen. Marlene, a polio patient since 1955, is the U.S. 1957 March of Dimes Poster Girl. Her picture will be displayed on millions of posters and coin counters throughout the nation beginning January 2.

Swept Off Feet By a Ghost

When his pretty and vivacious daughter Hettie came knocking at his study door, the Rev. Samuel Wesley, an insouciant man at the best of times, slammed down his quill pen and shouted a bad-tempered "Come in!"

Hettie, alone of the nineteen children of the ambitious would-be poet-parson, was not afraid of the Rev. Samuel, one of whose sons was later to become famous as John Wesley, founder of Methodism.

Now she came into the room and said: "Father, the children are being frightened in their beds by very strange noises. Please come and reassure them."

"What nonsense is this?" snorted the parson. "Oh well, I suppose I must come."

When he entered the bedroom all the children were huddled under their bed-clothes. The room was silent as he stood there, with Hettie beside him holding high the flickering candle.

He was about to return to his study, resolved to deal with the culprits next morning for unnecessarily disturbing him, when a sudden loud rapping startled him. A series of terrific knocks reverberated from the bedroom ceiling, followed by curious rumblings.

This, certainly, was not the doing of mischievous children. "To-morrow," he puzzled and now rather scared parson announced, "I shall buy a mastiff. We'll soon unlearn the rascal who is molesting someone in the house and stop this nonsense."

That was on December 1st. Silence had descended on the months of haunting, two months during which the story of the ghost-ridden Rectory at Epworth, Lincolnshire, became a national sensation.

On the following evening Samuel Wesley seated himself at his desk. But now beside him lay a magnificent mastiff. Silence had descended on the rectory. Mrs. Wesley and the children were all in bed.

How Can I Bargain?

By Anne Ashley

Q. What is a good bargain for a fern?
A. Use sodium chloride, potassium nitrate, and magnesia. Mix and bottle. Dissolve in water and use as a fertilizer. It is a good bargain for a fern.

Q. What is a good application for burn?
A. Scraped potatoes are a very cooling application for burns and scalds. Change the application frequently.

Q. How can I remove stains and paint from window glass?
A. Wash with hot, sharp vinegar.

Q. How can I clear water that has a milky appearance?
A. By dissolving a small piece of rock alum in a pint of water, and using this much to a tub of water.

Q. How can I clean underwear kid gloves?
A. Try rubbing them very lightly with fine sandpaper.

Q. How can I prevent fat from splattering on the stove?
A. It will not splatter if you fry it a little salt is added to it.

Q. How can I remove a broken cork that has fallen inside a bottle?
A. Pour enough ammonia in the bottle to float the cork. Wait a few days. The ammonia will eat away enough of the cork to permit its easy removal.

Q. How can I do while hanging a picture?
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AT REST IN NEST—The pilot of this light plane, Dr. David L. Poise (inset), descended unhurt set it down in what he thought was an open field, but got himself hung up 35 feet above ground. The plane, hardly damaged, was brought down by crane.

THE FARM FRONT

by John Russell

Canada's poultry industry, if considered on a dollar basis has increased four fold since pre-war days and ranks fifth in agricultural production on the basis of farm cash income. In relation to products of the forest and mine, the value of the poultry industry exceeds copper, nickel, iron ore, structural material and asbestos. Only in 1955 did the value of crude petroleum at the well head exceed that of the poultry industry.

There has been a tremendous transition in the poultry industry in the last few years. Production has become highly specialized, processing is now done on a gigantic scale and marketing methods are receiving more attention than ever before. Broiler production is largely responsible for this recent trend towards specialization. Ten years ago the chicken broiler was just beginning to seriously take root in Canada. It soon became evident that broilers could be produced in large numbers with a quick crop turnover at a relatively low labor cost. Broiler chickens can be finished for market in from nine to ten weeks and turkey broilers can be handled in approximately 12 to 14 weeks. This means a specialized broiler producer can handle about three and one-half crops per year.

Many things affect prices, including the nationality of the buyer. Americans pay more for servants, bicycle taxis, fruit, and night watchmen. They pay more than wealthy European businessmen and millionaire Jews. Soon after our arrival in Java, we were appraised of this situation by a British Government official. "The Dutch don't pay a living wage," he said drily. "Americans pay too much for everything and spoil things for the rest of us."

Then in that uncanny way the British have of being perfect at what they are doing, he added, "We British pay just the right amount." Like most Europeans, he does not realize that our servants would not accept any other state of affairs, especially since for American families they work harder and longer hours for their higher wages.

Turkey broilers have followed the same pattern as chickens over the last five to ten years. Turkeys used to be produced primarily for Christmas and Thanksgiving and although the big volume is still at the end of the year, they are now sold more generally throughout the year. The small sized turkey is competing actively with the broiler chicken and has influenced the trend toward broiler production. This has resulted in a substantial increase in turkey-growing in Canada.

Poultry marketings in 1955 were 45 per cent higher than the 1943-47 period — which up to then was a record — and egg marketings were up 4 per cent. During the war years large quantities of poultry and eggs were exported but today the bulk is consumed on the home market.

Turkey marketings through Canadian processing plants have increased from 18 million pounds in 1951 to 41 million pounds in 1955. The original work done in Canada in the development of the broad-breasted bronze turkey

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

BY REV. R. BARCLAY WARREN B.A. B.D.

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled
John 14: 1-14

Memory Selection: Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in me, believe also in me. John 14:1.

People everywhere are longing for peace. It is therefore no accident that books dealing with personal inner security have in recent years found a ready sale. We see them in the bookstores written by Jews, Roman Catholics and Protestants. Each of these writers is attempting to give the reading public a formula for achieving what men deep down in their hearts want most, namely, peace of mind or peace of soul. Fundamentally this is what Buddha craved. Stoic and Epicurean searched for it. Dante, the medieval Christian, left Florence in quest for it.

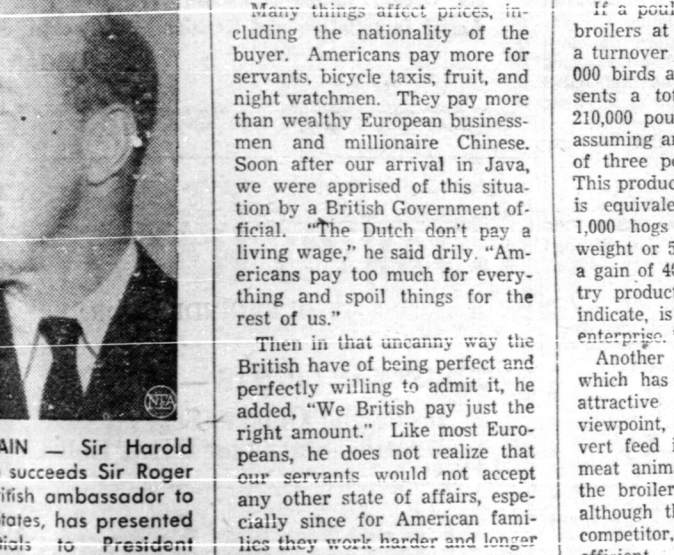
Most present day writers on these things are schooled in psychology and psychiatry. They know how the mind works. They are doing something worthwhile in helping people to think positively. Our complaint is that much of this writing bespeaks more familiarity with the workings of the human mind than with the mind that is in Christ Jesus. It falls short of being redemptive. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; not as the world gives, give I unto you. Yet not your heart be troubled neither is it afraid." 14:27. To inherit real peace calls for a complete surrender of ourselves to Jesus Christ. He will work a miracle in the life. The mere cultivation of good habits of thinking will fall short of the goal. But Jesus Christ in a moment will dispel our fears and give peace. As we walk daily with Him and learn more fully to cast our care upon Him that peace will deepen. A vital experience of faith in Jesus Christ who shed his blood for us and rose again the third day as Lord over death will do more to bring peace than all the best sellers on peace can possibly do. We need Jesus Christ. But we must turn our back on our sins before He will enter our hearts to reign. He is the Prince of Peace.

Jesus Christ is the Way to heaven. He is also the Way to happiness in this life.

Drive With Care



DOLLS FOR THE WORLD'S CHILDREN—Winners of a national doll contest appear with their creations at United Nations, N.Y. First place winner is Nancy Schieber, 16, center, with "Alfred the Beefeater." Runners-up are Cynthia Harvey, 15, left, with "Cindy" and Margaret Barrett, 19, right, holding baby doll "Mary." Nancy will make a 16-day trip to Europe, during which she'll distribute dolls for needy children.



BRITAIN — Sir Harold Groom, who succeeds Sir Roger Groom as British ambassador to the United States, has presented credentials to President Eisenhower.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Screen from light
5. Abide before
6. Unbalanced
8. Make plump
9. Drive plant
11. Minus
13. Proton
14. Desert
15. Not far
16. Luxurious
17. Character
18. Unknown
24. Rescues
26. Hanger-on
27. Make perfect
28. Disunited
29. Fit together
30. Botch
31. Lay
32. Mendow
33. Writings
34. Before
35. Fly before
36. The wine
37. Cut off
38. Bedfellow
39. Hard skin
40. Operate
41. Ship's record
42. Game
43. Hanger-on

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THE ONTARIO SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN benefited to the extent of \$1,525 at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair when a prized Jersey Bull, donated by John Muloon, Vice-President of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, was auctioned off and the proceeds turned over to the Society. Here, left to right, are John Muloon, Carolyn Kerr, who accepted the money on behalf of the Crippled Children, and John Bull, Toronto, the purchaser.