

Queer Presents Royalty Receives

Did you send the Queen a greeting card last Christmas? It is estimated that she received thousands of people did, from all parts of the world — and they're causing an acute secretarial problem at Buckingham Palace.

Among the well-wishers are many socially ambitious folk who would like to boast that the Queen has sent them a Christmas card. They will be disappointed, however, for Her Majesty sends a "return card" only to people personally known to her.

Every year the Queen's secretarial clerks — hard-working Miss Luker and Miss Olivia Short — make a gallant attempt to acknowledge all Christmas greetings. Nowadays, however, the postage bill is becoming so huge that the Household Treasurer would like to see the matter dealt with by the insertion of a phrase of thanks in the Queen's Christmas broadcast.

The snag is that this might increase the royal Christmas card avalanche — and already the Palace has to pass a truckload of cards to children's hospitals.

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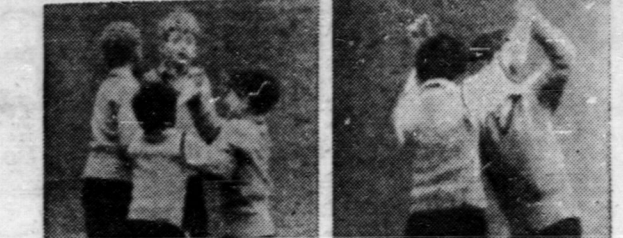
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BOYS WILL BE BOYS—This four-way combo shows Prince Charles swapping punches with a fellow pupil on January 29, the second day of his precedent-shattering attendance at an exclusive London boys' school. "The Prince had a slight difference of opinion with a fellow pupil," a London newspaper reported. At upper left, upper right and lower left Charles is shown at right. In last photo he is at left. The paper said "Charles won by giving his opponent one hefty shove."

TABLE TALKS

by Jane Andrews.

Too many of us, when we plan having chicken, think only of the younger — and more expensive! — birds, fit for roasting and frying. This is a great mistake as the older fowl, if properly cooked of course, have a flavour and goodness all their own.

Stewing Chicken
Stewing chicken has always played an important role in meal planning. Its meat is so often the choice for chicken salads, pies, shortcakes, sandwiches, croquettes, casseroles and soups.

Stewing and braising, moist-heat methods, are used for cooking this mature, less tender chicken. Moist heat is required to soften its connective tissue and low to moderate heat is the rule.

Place whole or cut-up stewing chicken in a kettle. For each pound of chicken, add ½ to 1 cup water and ½ teaspoon salt. The quantity of water used depends on the amount of broth wanted. For additional flavour, add 3 or 4 pepper berries, 1 small carrot, 1 small onion, 2 ribs of celery and a clove.

Simmer chicken until the thickest portions are fork-tender — 2½ to 4 hours. Remove chicken, then cool chicken and broth promptly. Cover and refrigerate until chicken is to be used immediately. One pound of stewing chicken will yield about 1 cup diced cooked chicken meat.

Braised Fowl
To braise an older bird, tuck the legs into the band of skin under the tail. Place the bird, breast up on a rack in a large kettle. Pour in boiling water up to rack but not over the bird. Cover the kettle and let water boil gently but not furiously. Add more boiling water as required. After 1½ hours steaming, remove bird.

Stuff bird with your favourite stuffing, truss, cook with fat and sprinkle with salt. Place on a rack in a roasting pan. Add 1 cup of broth from steaming kettle. Cover and cook in a moderate oven of 350 degrees until fowl is tender — 1½ to 2 hours. Turn the bird occasionally to

cook it evenly. If the bird is not browned by the time it is tender, broil for a short time without the lid.

Chicken with Dumplings
Salt and pepper
Flour
1 can (15-oz) peas
1 medium size onion
1 cup diced celery
1 cup packaged biscuit mix
Cut chicken into serving pieces and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Dredge with flour. Brown in a saucepan. Pour off excess fat.
Drain liquid from peas. Measure and add enough water to make 4 cups of liquid. Pour over browned pieces of chicken.
Cool. Cut in pieces to 3 hours.
Remove chicken pieces. Thicken liquid with a thin flour and water paste.
Replace chicken in thickened gravy. Add peas.
Make dumplings according to directions on package of biscuit mix. Serves six.

Fruit Squares
1 cup sliced bread (all purpose) flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
¼ cup filberts
¼ cup chopped marshmallows
1 cup dates, chopped
¾ cup raisins
Line bottom of 8-inch square pan with foil. Grease foil and

Valued Keepsakes

When a Midlands cinema was shut down recently, a fifty-three-year-old housewife was offered two of its seats to take away and keep as souvenirs, because she had spent nearly 18,000 hours in one of them.

She had visited the cinema three times a week for forty-five years, and the man who had courted and married her had used the other seat.

For that housewife the seats will always be sentimental reminders of her courting days. Not since 1940, when a Birmingham man bought and erected in his dining-room the paving-stone on which he had proposed to his wife, has there been such an instance of devotion to inanimate objects connected with affairs of the heart.

A rich Frenchman treasured for years a daini' cambric handkerchief, keeping it in a glass

case in his bedroom. One night when he was at the theatre a thief broke in and stole it with other articles.

When he discovered his loss the owner revealed to the police that, twenty years earlier, that handkerchief had dried the tears of a petite mindinette who had jilted him on the day before they were due to wed. He offered a reward of \$5,000 for its return, but never saw it again.

In Vienna before the war a romantic young couple sat one evening with a lovely, black-haired Viennese girl in a café, where he had met her by chance a few hours before. An orchestra played, they drank wine and the count was deliciously happy, realizing that he was in love for the first time.

But that proved their first and only meeting. The girl happened to be married, and when she told him it nearly broke his heart. Next day he astonished the café proprietor by offering him a big sum for the table at which the pair had sat.

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Birdbrains!

One can only assume that the expression "birdbrains" as applied to persons of limited mentality, is an outgrowth of the fact that many birds possess the power of transportation still remain North, here to shiver and freeze with man. This, to most people, seems like a judgment for even a bird. How many men, possessing wings and the ability to speed safely and cheaply southward, would be around enduring the foul weather?

Yet birds do it, lots of them, and we can only assume that these are not as smart as the ones who go south even before the Christmas holidays. They don't stay out of loyalty to man, but probably because they don't know any better. The fact that they do hang around to share our misery during the winter should arouse a spirit of kinship even for those who claim to be their birds or leave them.

All of which is to say that now is the time for all good men and women to give a thought for the birds, their present unenviable state and their need for a few handouts while the ground is covered with snow and the winds are cold. If you do put out food, remember it should be in a spot inaccessible to other household pets. There is one ornery trait about most dogs: they will glut themselves on food left out for them no matter what it is, if they can get hold of it. The strained relationship between birds and cats need hardly be mentioned.

Birds are actually our good friends because they work all spring and summer dispatching all kinds of bugs and beetles. If it were not for the birds, we would be a whole lot worse off than we are. So let's give them a handout now, not in the spirit of donor to mendicant, but to willing workers who more than earn the few handouts of food you give them during their hungry and cold days in January. — Hartford Courant.

Inside was a note written by a serviceman on Christmas night a year earlier. It read: "I am an American soldier . . . twenty-one years old . . . This is my third Christmas from home . . ."

The girl wrote back warmly. Seven years and seventy letters passed before the American saved up enough money to visit Ireland and see the girl who had reported to the wedding date. But all the ex-soldier would say was: "She's very nice."

Said the blushing milkmaid: "After all, we only met a few hours ago. I don't think he was only a man in a bottle."

The older a person gets, the wilder the younger generation becomes.

Urges Income Tax Reductions

OTTAWA — The Canadian Chamber of Commerce recently urged the government to announce in the forthcoming budget a broad plan of deferred tax reductions appropriate to the developing surplus.

The Executive Council of the Canadian Chamber, in a brief to the Ministers of Finance and National Revenue said it would appear that there is at least from \$300 to \$400 millions of annual revenue that could be applied to tax cuts. The brief warned, however, that because of the inflationary pressure, the "full application of such tax reductions should be deferred to a time when inflationary pressures have subsided and when such reductions would be useful and constructive from every point of view."

Any such program of deferred tax reductions, the brief said, should include the following changes:

(a) Reductions in the lower and middle rates of tax on personal income. Such reductions would put more emphasis on

Blues Stop Riot

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