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Christmas Day Menus

DINNER.

Cream of Chicken Soup.
Olives Celery Salted Nuts
Roast turkey with oyster stuffing
Cranberry jelly Plum jelly
Catsup Pickles
Potato snow Creamed squash
Scalloped Cauliflower
Chicken salad Cheese straws
Plum pudding Mince pie
Fruit cake
Nuts Fruit Bonbons
Coffee

SUPPER.

Chicken and oyster croquettes
Brown bread and butter sandwiches
Strawberries in jelly Peach trifle
Chocolate walnut cake
Tea Cocoa

Cream of Chicken Soup.—Wash a large, fat chicken, carefully, put it into a soup kettle with one gallon cold water, and let it come slowly to a boil. Add one teaspoon salt and skim carefully. Let it cook slowly until the chicken is quite tender, then take it up. Add to the soup one small minced onion, a sprig of parsley and a bit of celery. Let simmer half an hour longer, then strain. Return it to the kettle with half teacup rice and two tenspoons salt. Cover the kettle and let the soup boil until the rice is done, then add a lump of butter and one large cup sweet cream. Let get very hot and serve at once with bread sticks.

Roast Turkey With Oyster Stuffing. For a ten-pound turkey, take one quart bread crumbs, half cup butter cut in bits, one teaspoon finely powdered summer savory, half teaspoon powdered thyme, and salt and pepper to taste. Mix all well together. Rub the turkey with salt and pepper, then put in a spoonful of the crumbs, followed by a few well-drained, nicely seasoned oysters (allowing one plat the inter for the turkey), and continue this until the bird is full enough. Do not fill it too full, or the stuffing will be heavy. Baste the turkey with the oyster liquor, and cook until tender and richly browned.

Potato Snow.—Boil into pipe quart hot mashed potatoes four tablespoons butter, half cup cream or milk, one scant teaspoon salt and a dash of white pepper. Beat thoroughly with a fork, then beat in quickly the stiffly whipped whites of three eggs. Press through a heated colander and serve at once. Keep the potatoes on the back of the range while preparing them, as they must not be allowed to cook.

Creamed Squash.—Cook and mash the squash thoroughly, season to taste, and beat in half cup sweet cream and a generous lump of butter.

Scalloped Cauliflower.—Butter a baking dish well, put in a layer of cooked cauliflower broken small, season to taste and cover with bits of butter and bread crumbs. Continue until the dish is full, then pour over enough thick white sauce, cover closely, and bake in a quick oven for 20 minutes.

Chicken Salad.—Mix together two cups diced celery, two cups diced cold chicken, and half cup blanched and coarsely chopped almonds. Moisten with mayonnaise and keep very cold until time to serve, and then turn into a salad bowl, pour a little mayonnaise over the top, and garnish with celery sprigs.

Cheese Straws.—Roll puff paste one-fourth inch thick, sprinkle one-half with grated cheese, seasoned with salt and cayenne, fold, roll, and again sprinkle with the seasoned cheese; repeat, cut in strips, five inches by one-fourth inch, and bake in a hot oven. Serve on a doily in little rings of puff paste.

Plum Pudding.—One pound raisins stoned and chopped, one pound currants washed and dried, three-quarters pound bread crumbs, half pound flour, three-quarters pound beef suet, three eggs, half pound citron, and orange peel, half nutmeg, one teaspoon ground ginger, two tenspoons baking powder and just enough sweet milk to moisten slightly. Tie in a cloth and boil for four hours.

Mince Meat.—Three cups chopped beef, six cups tart apples, finely chopped, one cup chopped suet, one cup each vinegar and cider, two cups each seeded raisins, molasses and sugar, one tablespoon each cloves and cinnamon, half grated nutmeg and half tablespoon salt. Bake in two crusts.

Chicken and Oyster Croquettes.—Chop cold boiled chicken very fine, season to taste, add a little minced parsley, and moisten with cream sufficient to make a paste. Add one well-beaten egg to each one pint chicken. Parboil large oysters and remove the tough muscles. Allow two or three to each croquette. Season and coat thickly with the chicken croquette mixture, dip in dry bread crumbs, then in egg and soft stale bread crumbs. Fry in deep fat and drain on brown paper. Garnish with parsley.

Peach Trifle.—Make a sponge cake with six eggs, two cups sugar, one tablespoon lemon juice, half cup boiling water and two cups sifted flour. Beat the yolks and sugar until light, add flavoring, then the stiffly whipped whites, next the hot water, then the flour. Bake in a large loaf. When cool take out the center, leaving an inch rim on sides and bottom. Stick the cake rather full of blanched almonds, and thickly cover inside and outside with pink frosting. Drain the syrup from preserved peaches, cut in halves and fill the cavity of the cake with them. Sprinkle with a few blanched and chopped almonds, and heap over the top whipped cream, sweetened and delicately flavored, and make pink with a little strawberry syrup. Do not fill the cake until just before serving.

Chocolate Walnut Cake.—Make a good layer cake after any preferred recipe. For the filling whip the whites of three eggs until very stiff, add confectioner's sugar enough to make rather thick, half teaspoon vanilla, four tablespoons melted chocolate and half cup English walnut meats chopped fine. Place between layers and over the cake. Decorate with halved English walnut meats.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES.

For the more fancy candies there are two ways of making the cream that is the foundation of all the varieties; one uncooked, by using eggs, the other by boiling the sugar. The latter is the best for candies that are to be kept several days.

Foundation for Candy—No. 1: Separate the whites of 2 eggs from the yolks, measure them and add the same amount of water. Stir in enough powdered sugar to make a paste stiff enough to mold into forms.

Foundation for Candy—No. 2: Put into a saucepan twice as much granulated sugar as water, say 2 cups water and 4 of sugar. When the sugar is about dissolved set the pan on the stove and heat slowly. Do not stir the mixture while it is cooking. Ten minutes after the sugar begins to boil, try a little by dropping it into cold water. If it will roll into a soft ball without sticking to the fingers, it is cooked enough. Take from the stove and set to cool. Test it frequently, and as soon as the finger can be put in it comfortably, commence beating it with a wooden spoon, and continue until it is white and stiff. Take out the spoon time dented with the hand until it is smooth and soft. If it becomes too hard at any time, add a few drops of hot water.

Chocolate Creams—Melt several sticks of chocolate by breaking into bits, and putting them into a bowl, and set over a kettle of boiling water. While the chocolate is melting make a cream from recipe No. 1 and from it mold a number of thimble-shaped pieces about an inch long. Set them on a buttered pan to dry for an hour. Then, using a wooden toothpick to hold them on, dip each piece into the melted chocolate until thoroughly coated. Put them on the platter again until the chocolate hardens.

Nut Candy—Make a cream by using recipe No. 2, and from it mold a number of little balls. Have ready a number of English walnuts. Put the half of a nut on each side of a ball, pressing them firmly in place. Roll in powdered sugar.

Another delicious nut candy is made by chopping any kind of nuts fine and working them through the cream. This is molded square, and cut into slices an inch thick.

Fig and Date Candies—These candies are made almost like nut candy. The figs are torn in two, and the cream made by either recipe is in a armchair, desk blotter.

For mother, or an elderly lady, is suggested, carving set, bread-fork, roast-fork, tea-ball, berry spoon, soup-ladle, cheese-scoop, cut-glass berry-bowl, vase, decanter, vinegar bottle, caraffe, knife and fork rests, salt and pepper set, candelabra, chafing dish, biscuit jar, marmalade pot, tea set, fruit set, butter dish, fancy shawl, tea gown, house gown, umbrella shawl, fascinator, cape, house slippers, fur-lined gloves, silk scarf, handkerchief, thimble, spectacle case, writing desk, work-basket rocking chair, package self-threading needles, comb and brush, shopping bag, or dressing sacque.

FOR A YOUNG MAN.

A young man might appreciate a signet ring, watch, chain, locket, set of studs, cuff-links, wallet, card case, pipe, cane, umbrella, gold or silver pencil, shaving strop, shaving outfit, pair of military brushes, cigar-case, cigarette case, cigar or cigarette ash-tray, smoking set, bag tag, nameplate, coat-hanger, key ring, tobacco jar, pair suspenders, pair of skates, stick pin, scarf, a scarf pin, handkerchief, necktie, slippers, books, stamp box, box of cigars, tobacco pouch, gloves, gauntlets, fur cap, glove case, handkerchief case, Bible, collar and cuff case, hat brush, clothes brush, silver whisk, smoking jacket, bath robe, dressing gown, or smoking cap.

A young lady might be remembered by a pair of beaded slippers, fan, pair of gloves, fancy garters, silk petticoat, silk blouse, silk dress, new hat, lace handkerchief, glove box, bottle of perfume, two or three of the latest books, sofa cushion, rainy-day coat, burnt leather photograph holder, pocketbook, belt, fancy belt buckle, toilet set, manicure set, pull box, salve box, glove stretcher, whist counters, vinaigrettes, salts bottle, perfume bottle, ink-well, pen-rack, fancy stationery, ring, brooch, bracelet, necklace, neck chain, necklet, chatelaine, watch, stick pin, paper knife, bookmark, shoe horn, button-hook, silver-mounted whisk or brush, embroidery scissors, nail polisher, nail scissors, glove darner, silver chatelaine, thimble, thimble-holder, needlecase, hat brush, opera glasses, vases and bric-a-brac china, lorgnettes, card case, miniature brooch, hat pin, sterling silver chain purse, hand mirror or hand brush.

FOR CHILDREN.

A boy may be pleased with a pair of skates, hockey stick and puck, Henty books, Boys' Own, knife, set of soldier suit, silk scarf, handkerchief, football, lacrosse stick, a suit of clothes, pair of boots, cuff buttons, watch and chain, air rifle, parlor game, set of boxing gloves, pair of moccassins, sleigh, toboggan, sweater and toque, box of paints, bull's eye lantern, tool chest, magic lantern, dog harness, crayons, blackboard. For boys nothing better can be suggested than some mechanical toy, which arouses inventiveness in the youthful mind. In this line may be suggested a little engine, a steamboat, torpedo boat, or something in electrical apparatus. As has been aptly said anything that will make a noise or a racket suits small boys, such as toy pistols, toy cannon, bugle, or horn.

Little girls have a great fondness for dolls and their appurtenances, doll's set, tea set, set of furniture, doll's house, a small broom or carpet sweeper, doll's carriage, Girls' Own Annual, books of poems, rings, watches, sleigh, or doll's sideboard.

Choosing Xmas Presents

The approach of Christmas, while it is looked forward to by most people as the happiest time of the year, brings with it many attendant cares and anxieties. Carrying out the Divine message of Peace on Earth, Good-will to Men, it has become the custom, as a token of the good will man bears to his fellow, to make Christmas Day a day of feasting, and honor it with the donation of presents, which have taken many an hour in choice and preparation. Scarcely have the digestive organs, so sadly overturned in many cases, not so much with the quantity as with the quality of the Christmas viands, been restored by medical aid to their normal condition, ere thoughts are turned to the next Christmas. Forthwith many have been known to start point lace handkerchiefs, or centerpieces, and a great variety of fancy work in preparation for the next Christmas.

Others not so far-seeing make no such thoughtful provision, and leave the question of presents until they realize that Christmas is but a week or more away. How often one hears "Whatever will I get Dad?" "I wonder what Jack would like?" "What'll I sent to So-and-So?" Some of these expressions are uttered in the deepest despair. Quite frequently the family take counsel, starting off when "dad" is out, and when a decision has been reached, "dad" is called in and "mater" is innocently away calling or shopping. Thus everyone knows what the other is going to get, but is left in sublime ignorance as to his or her own presents. This plan works well in most cases, but occasionally a younger member of the Arab conspiracy reveals the great secret or tauntingly says, "Oh, I know what you're goin' to get." "Now, you mustn't tell—if you do know!" chimes in somebody.

Besides, there are people who write down a list of all the presents they would like to have given them on Christmas. Persons desirous of making presentations can pick out of this list a certain present and be sure of striking something the recipient will like.

WHAT TO CHOOSE.

Yet again are those who have not the remotest idea what presents to buy or get, and it is for those unfortunates, to save them possibly many a weary hour of brain worry, that the following suggestions are given. The list appended is not exhaustive, but merely intended to suggest. The articles mentioned vary in price from the lowest to a moderately high price.

For father, or an elderly gentleman, is suggested a cane, pipe, leather wallet, gold watch, chain, or locket, gold-rimmed spectacles or eye glasses, mantel clock, umbrella, cigar-case, shaving apparatus, cork-screw, cuff-links, set of studs, napkin ring, tobacco set, tobacco jar, fur cap, fur coat, gauntlets, signet ring, Masonic or emblematic ring, pair of military brushes, cigar ash-tray, bag tag, coat hanger, pair silver-mounted or silk suspenders, scarf pin, silk muffler, match-case, pair of slippers, inkstand, box of cigars, armchair, desk blotter.

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A SIMPLE MERRY CHRISTMAS.

It was on Christmas eve and our folks had decided not to have our annual gathering, but as the time grew near, I began to feel that we ought to have some celebration, writes a farmer's wife. "Well," I said to Jacob, "I believe we ought to go to town and lay in a few Christmas joys." So we went, and I purchased a few toys, books, little useful articles and some foolish things with which to play jokes, besides nuts and candy. I got pink netting and made little boots, with needle and red yarn to hold the children's candy, nuts and popcorn. I had taken in several nice yellow rolls of butter, but I did not say what I bought with the butter money to Jacob.

When we returned I made a small Christmas tree and drew the sofa across the corner in front of it. As I stood cooking and thinking if only our near relatives and neighbors would come, Jacob remarked: "Are you looking for the boys and their folks over?" "We never know who may come," I replied, "and anyway, the weather is so cold that cooking will keep well. But still I think one ought to celebrate." After dinner I called my yougest boy (all we have at home) and said, "How would you like a horseback ride with a message for all our folks—brothers and their families, aunts, uncles, and cousins, to come over early to-morrow and eat supper, and for each to bring something for the table?"

Well, they came and that early; it seemed as if the message was all that was needed. We were ready and had soon set before them the usual Christmas fare, which abounds in good things. The supper over and the kitchen tidied, we distributed our presents to all, and I produced my "jokers" to jollity the occasion. I then turned to our company and said: "If Jacob don't care, we will have the boys set the dining table and chairs out on the porch, so as to make room for an old-fashioned game of blind-man's buff, and all will play, from six to 50 years old" (that included all). They all consented, even to Jacob.

Well, of all the laughing we had it that night. You should have heard the children laugh and clap their hands to see their mamma run and their papa sit close up in the corner. We would first have two more blindfolded and the first caught was the next blindman; if it was a lady, we chose another lady.

About 11 o'clock we adjourned, and all expressed themselves as having had a good time. Our neighbor B. said he enjoyed himself the best he ever did in his life, not excepting when he was a young man. So, you see, we did celebrate.

FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK.

If you will have a turkey-cock your festal-board to grace,
Whose advent you can calmly wait with smooth, unruffled face,
Safe in the knowledge that its life has early been cut short,
Be wise in time and note these points before the bird is bought.
See that its legs are smooth and black, its eyes not sunk, but bright,
Its feet quite moist and flexible, its breast both plump and white;
Then, if its spurs have not been scraped, you need no farther look,
But strike a bargain if you can, and take it home to cook.

To Test the Heat of the Oven.—Take a sheet of white paper and place it in the oven. If too hot the paper will quickly blacken or burn up; if it is a delicate brown the oven is fit for pastry; should the paper turn dark yellow, cakes may be baked; and if only light yellow, sponge cakes and biscuits may be put in.

To Prevent Glass from Cracking.—At Christmas time especially one likes bright lamps and sparkling crystal. But there is always the fear of lamp-chimneys and crystal cracking with any extra heat. If you follow these directions, however, there will be bright lamps and sparkling crystal without fear of cracking. Take a pan large enough to hold the articles you wish to make heat proof. Lay in bottom of pan some folds of flannel or other soft material, then lay in glass or crystal. Bring gently to the boil, and boil for few minutes. The articles are then thoroughly heat-proof.

CHRISTMAS MORNING.

On Christmas morning, dark or white,
The home is happy, eyes are bright,
Faces merry, voices gay,
Speak Love's blessing on the day.

On Christmas morning, be it spent
Where tints of brightest June are blent,
Tropic fashion; tempest tossed;
Rain bejeweled, gommed with frost.

On Christmas morning, all is fair,
Hope and joy are everywhere.
Now and ever, shade or shine,
Welcome in the day divine.

WHY THE DEAD SEA IS DEAD.

Conditions That Exist in This Body of Water.

Scientific observation justifies the estimate that a daily average of 6,500,000 tons of water is received into the Dead Sea from the Jordan and other sources during the year. During the rainy season the amount is very much greater; during the dry season it is, of course, very much less, but this average will be maintained year after year. There is no outlet, and the level is kept down by evaporation only, which is very rapid because of the intense heat, the dry atmosphere and the dry winds which are constantly blowing down the gorges between the mountains.

This evaporation causes a haze or mist to hang over the sea at all times, and, when it is more rapid than usual, heavy clouds form and thunderstorms sometimes rage, with great violence in the pocket between the cliffs, even in the dry season. A flood of rain often falls upon the surface of the sea when the sun is shining, and the atmosphere is as dry as a bone half a mile from the shore. The mountains around the Dead Sea are rarely seen with distinctness because of this haze.

The waters of the Jordan, when they reach the sea, are as brown as the earth through which they flow—a thick solution of mud—but the instant they mingle with the salt water of the lake the particles of soil are precipitated, and they become as clear as crystal, with an intensely green tint. Carrying so much soil and having so swift a current, one would suppose that the sea would be discolored for a considerable distance, but it is not so. The discoloration is remarkably slight. The Jordan has quite a delta at its mouth, breaking into a number of streams and frequently changing its course because of the obstructions brought down by its own current.

REMARKABLE ENGINE.

An Example of What British Locomotives Can Do.

The London and Northwestern engine, Charles Dickens, is in many respects a notable locomotive. It is the record engine of England, and, incidentally, an example of what British locomotives can do. It has just completed its second 1,000,000 miles. The ordinary lot of a railway engine is to run about 20,000 miles a year, so the record in this instance is practically equal to 100 years' service. But the Charles Dickens is only 20 years' of age, having been turned out at Crewe in February, 1882. Its work has been to take an early train starting at 6:30 in the morning, from Manchester to London, a distance of about 200 miles, returning from London the same day at 4 in the afternoon. It recently completed its five thousand three hundred and twelfth round trip in addition to nearly 200 other trips that it has made, and it is significant that during the whole of its long journeys not a single passenger on the trains which it has hauled has suffered injury.

In the 20 years of its service the speed has gradually risen from 42 to 50½ miles an hour, and this in spite of the fact that the weight of the trains has been increased by an addition of heavy dining and corridor cars and other weight-involving luxuries of modern travel.

During its 20 years of service the engine has burned 27,486 tons of coal and has evaporated 204,771 tons of water, the consumption of coal averaging 32 pounds to the mile—a remarkably economical performance. The engine has been laid up for repairs during this period only 12 per cent. of the time, and the cost of its maintenance has been a fraction over one penny per mile.

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CONVINCING HER FATHER.

The young and winsome maiden spoke to her father on behalf of George, the youth who had won her heart, but who was not her father's favorite.

"Father," she said, gently, "I want to tell you something, and you mustn't be angry."

"Very well," he replied, "I promise," and he bent forward and kissed her.

"I want to tell you, father, that George and I are in love and we want to get married."

The father forgot his promise in a second and began to storm.

"Haven't I told you I wouldn't have him about the house? Haven't I forbidden you to see him?" he cried, excitedly. "Now, once for all, I tell you if he comes here again, I'll kick him out."

"Now, papa, dear," she said, "you'll do nothing of the sort. George is young and healthy, and the champion all-round athlete of his club, and we had a conference this morning, and I told him I'd love him just the same even if he had to pound you clean out of shape in defending his rights in this case; so you might as well submit now and save us the necessity of resorting to harsh measures. See?"

He saw.

Ivory may be made flexible by steeping it in a solution of hydrochloric acid.

Christmas Eve on a Train

Four travelers who were snowbound in a Western passenger train on Christmas Eve speedily became acquainted with each other and sat about the stove at the end of the car to "talk it over." One of the men was a drummer, another a cowboy, the third a big cattleman, and the last the minister who tells the story. They finally fell into conversation with a poor woman and her two children, the only remaining passengers, and found that the mother, who had tried to maintain herself by sewing since her husband's death, was giving up the unequal struggle and going home to live with "grandma."

The little threadbare children had been promised a joyous Christmas there, and when they found that the blockade would prevent their getting further for the present they cried bitterly until sleep quieted them. Just before they dropped off the drummer remarked:

"Say, parson, we've got to give these children some Christmas."

"That's what!" said the cowboy.

"I'm agreed," added the cattleman.

The children were told to hang up their stockings.

"We ain't got none," quavered the little girl, "cuz 'cepin' those we've got on, and ma says it's too cold to take 'em off."

"I've got two pairs of new woolen socks," said the cattleman eagerly. "I ain't never worn 'em, and you're welcome to 'em."

The children clapped their hands, but their faces fell when the elder remarked:

"But Santa Claus will know they're not our stockings. He'll put in all the things for you."

"Lord love you!" roared the burly cattleman. "He won't. bring me nothin'. One of us'll sit up, anyhow, and tell him it's for you."

Then the children knelt down on the floor of the car beside their improvised beds. Instinctively the hands of the men went to their heads, and at the first words of "Now I lay me" hats were off.

The cowboy stood twirling his hat and looking at the little kneeling figures. The cattleman's vision seemed dimmed, while in the eyes of the traveling man shone a distant look—a look across snow-filled prairies to the home of about 200 miles, returning from London the same day at 4 in the afternoon. It recently completed its five thousand three hundred and twelfth round trip in addition to nearly 200 other trips that it has made, and it is significant that during the whole of its long journeys not a single passenger on the trains which it has hauled has suffered injury.

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MERRY OLD ENGLAND

NEWS BY MAIL ABOUT JOHN BULL AND HIS PEOPLE.

Occurrences in the Land That Reigns Supreme in the Commercial World.

Bedford jail is only to be used in future for prisoners under 18 years of age.

Because her husband is undergoing penal servitude a woman was refused out-door relief at Llanelly.

Blackpool corporation has purchased twelve acres of land for a military camp and rifle range of 2,000 yards.

Jones was the surname of nearly 100 of the 600 delegates to the Welsh Baptist Conference at Merthyr Tydfil.

In a ten-mile go-as-you-please race between a champion donkey and a pony at Leeds the latter proved the victor.

Posted at Paddington, a letter traveled to Washington, D. S., before it reached the addressee at Westminster.

Efforts are being made by the Liverpool Hairdressers' Association to secure a general closing of barber shops on Sunday.

Owing to the increased cost of labor and materials the burial fees at Crewe Cemetery have been advanced 75 per cent.

Driffield's old stocks, which formerly stood in the market place, have been placed in the grounds of the Sessions Court.

Norwich School Board has refused to establish a housewifery class for the instruction of girls in domestic work and marketing.

Cockermouth (Cumberland) Guardians have refused to purchase seventy-two tooth brushes for the children under their care.

A debtor appearing at Halifax Bankruptcy Court declined to kiss the Testament "for reasons of health," and was allowed to affirm.

"Jerry Still Works, England," was the address written on a bush near letter which has found its way safely to Jarrow Steel Works.

Peeping into a booth at a Bolton fair just as a performing bird was firing a miniature cannon, a boy received the charge in his eye.

Two billiard tables and all the fittings for the game of pool, pyramids, and smoker pool were purchased by the Shah when he was in London.

They live long who live in the Hertfordshire village of Long Marston. According to the Rev. H. M. Bowden, one-tenth of the inhabitants have reached the age of 90 years.

Originally built for passenger traffic on the River Tay, the twin-screw steamer Thistle has been purchased by the Government, and will be sent to Haulbowline, Ireland, to carry troops.

Two and one-half inches is the diameter of a trunk of a young birch tree several yards long which has been found in the center of a piece of Canadian birch planking sawn at High Wycombe.

Three soldiers, sons of a blind basketmaker living at Uffculme, Devon, have returned from South Africa after serving at the front without receiving a single wound or suffering from illness.

Wymondham, Norfolk, Congregational Church, which celebrated its 250th anniversary last week, has only had eighteen pastors since it was opened. Its present pastor has held office for 32 years.

Once an artist's model and a very handsome woman, Julia Tucker, more recently a vendor of matches outside the Stock Exchange, was found dead in Spitalfields, having accidentally suffocated herself while drunk.

"I never bother the poor. It is rich people and Sovereigns that I go in for," said Samuel Beresford, who was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment at Stalybridge for attempting to obtain money by means of a fictitious letter.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

There is so much joy and delight to the children in a Christmas tree that it amply repays the trouble of preparation. It is a great addition to the children's pleasure to let them help make it ready. They can string popcorn and cranberries, polish the apples, make the cornucopias for candy and cut the paper for long festoons, and enjoy the work.

Long strings of white and dark red tissue paper, gummed to make strings long enough for festoons, folded once and cut nearly across from each side in alternate slits, opens into a graceful openwork trimming. Made of tinfoil this is wonderfully pretty on the tree, but this material must be handled carefully and not laid down after it is stretched open. Pretty festoons are also made by interlacing rings of gold or silver paper. Strings of nuts and raisins are ornamental as well as toothsome. With needle and coarse thread string peanuts and raisins alternately, or popcorn and raisins.

Another form of decoration is to wrap peanuts in fringed squares of gay tissue papers and tie them to gilt cord or colored string by looping the cord around them with one knot. They look pretty.

Get some English walnuts and split them. Take out the meats, which will do for the Christmas candy or cake. Write a "fortune" for each nut on a little slip of paper and glue the shells together again, with the "fortune" inside. Work a tack into the stem end after the glue is perfectly dry; this will serve to suspend it from the tree, then gild the nuts all over and hang from the boughs with narrow ribbon.

Popcorn balls are pretty on a tree, and these and a little homemade candy will help out in the decoration and dressing of a little tree. When everything is in readiness the children can be excluded while the tree is dressed and the presents put on, and it will be just as beautiful and wonderful to them as if they had one behind doors ready for it.

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When grown people neglect their ailments and allow them to develop into serious diseases, they have no one to blame but themselves.

With children it is different, because they do not realize the seriousness of a neglected cold nor the means of obtaining cure, and many a child, as he grows older and finds himself a victim of pneumonia, consumption, bronchitis, asthma or throat trouble, cannot but see that his parents were responsible for neglecting treatment when his ailment began in the form of a cold.

To-day the schools have many a vacant seat on account of coughs and colds, and many children who are there should be at home. What treatment are these children getting? Do their parents realize the seriousness of neglecting to cure a cold? Have they proved the merits of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine as a cure for coughs and colds, bronchitis, croup, whooping cough, and all kindred ills?

Very many have, for there is no preparation for throat and lung diseases that has anything like the sale of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine.

Be careful when you buy to see that the portrait and signature of Dr. Chase is on the wrapper. If you send the children to the store, warn them not to accept any imitation or substitution. Children like to take Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, and there is no remedy so prompt and effective. 25 cents a bottle; family size, three times as much, 60 cents; at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

DOMESTIC RECIPES.

Little Pigs in Blankets.—Cut bacon very thin, roll a good-sized oyster in each slice, securing it in place with a wooden toothpick. Fry in hot lard till done.

Plain Plum Pudding.—Mix one quart of fine, soft bread crumbs, half cup of chopped suet and the same quantity of sugar; a cup of raisins and one of sour milk, half a teaspoon of salt, quarter teaspoon each of mace and cloves and three eggs, well beaten. Turn into a buttered mold and steam three hours.

Creamed Corn Beef Hash.—Chop cold corned beef comparatively fine and add an equal quantity of finely chopped potato; melt in a pan a tablespoonful of butter and add a half cup of cream; and when it is hot add the meat and potato.

Customer—"That umbrella you sold me is made of such miserably poor stuff that it won't last a month." Dealer—"Yah. Ve always zells dot kind to intellectual men like you. You gets thinking on great subjects, and becomes so absent-minded you lose it in dree veeks, and don you haf de satisfaction off knowing dat de man who vinds it vill get vet."