

Puddings of The Past

MARVELOUS AND MIGHTY PLUM PUDDING.

With regard to the determination of a number of British officers in the Boer War not to miss their Christmas pudding, a delightful story was told by a famous general on his return from South Africa.

He related how he and a brother officer had rummaged around, the camp in search of the wherewithal to concoct a substitute for a Christmas pudding.

They collected a quaint mixture of raisins, currants, jam, scraps of bread, and pieces of chocolate. This they tied up in a red handkerchief and boiled over the camp-fire.

When they thought that their "pudding" was cooked sufficiently they examined it, and found that the red dye from the handkerchief had got mixed up in the pudding! Not to be deterred by such a trifle from celebrating their Christmas rite, the gallant officers shut their eyes and ate every parcel!

Wheeled to the Table.

The stoutest eater of modern Christmas puddings would quail at sight of some of the monsters of other days.

Consider this, from a newspaper of 1770: "On Monday last was brought from Hawick to Berwick, to be shipped to London for Sir Henry Grey, a Christmas pudding, the contents whereof are as follows: Two bushels of flour, 20lb. of butter, four geese, ten turkeys, two rabbits, four wild ducks, two woodcocks, six snipes, four partridges, two tongues, two curlews, seven blackbirds, and six pigeons."

This pudding was 9ft. in circumference, weighed 12st., and had to be wheeled to the table on a specially constructed trolley by two strong men! In the year 1718 a huge pudding, which took fourteen days to boil, was made in the Red Lion Inn, in Southwark. It weighed 1,000lb., and when it was cooked was taken to the Swan Tavern on Fish Street Hill, City, on a cart drawn by six donkeys. The escort consisted of a band playing upon huge instruments! The drummers lugged a drum 18ft. long and 4ft. in diameter.

However, this mammoth delicacy never reached its destination, for the crowd could not resist it, and making a sudden dash, they demolished the pudding very quickly.

A City Morsel.

The landlord of the Cock tavern in Tottenham Street, City, made a plum pudding to celebrate the jubilee of King George III. It weighed 500lb.—10lb. for every year the King had then reigned. He presented this pudding as a prize to be eaten for by teams of six men from various trades in Westminster.

The teams had to prove their prowess as eaters on a meal of tripe. The pudding was won by a team of watermen. A kindly spectator offered them six guineas for the pudding. This they accepted, and the purchaser then had it distributed among the poor of the district.

In the year 1819 a Christmas pudding weighing 900lb. was made at Painsford; but even this was but a pail compared with the one made at Ashton, Lancashire, about the same time. This last pudding weighed 3,000lb., and it took eleven men to lift it from the ground.

The folk of Painsford made another monster pudding for Christmas, 1858. This one weighed nearly two tons, and cost £4 to make; 573lb. of flour, 82lb. of raisins, 360 quarts of milk, and 144 nutmegs were a few of its ingredients.

Curious Christmas Cures

Holly berries played an important part in the domestic medicine of our forefathers before pills came into vogue. The dose was ten, taken before breakfast.

The leaves of the holly were also used by our ancestors to make a medicine for gout. They were soaked in water for forty-eight hours, then boiled, and the resultant liquid strained through a jelly-bag and bottled for future use.

In some parts of England a kind of medicinal cordial is still made from mistletoe berries. The method adopted is very similar to that used for making elderberry wine, but the pressed-out juice, after fermentation, is stored for use.

Prepared and matured after this fashion, mistletoe cordial used to be highly esteemed as a corrective for "vapours," "spleen," "humours," and other mysterious maladies from which our too convivial ancestors suffered after their gargantuan feasts at Christmas.

Another curious remedy of olden times was some grease taken from the church-bells on Christmas Eve after the chimes were rung! This was believed to be a sovereign remedy for rheumatism. A common-sense explanation, however, lurks beneath this superstition; for the lubricant in question undoubtedly possessed a certain curative power through its being impregnated with the combined oils of the zinc, tin, and copper of which bell metal is composed.

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