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the grandmother' going so carefully down the collar steps herself, with her little bowl of spices in her hand, to rub the nieat, and when she was a little gid she had watched her grandmother doing it, so it must be quite an old recipe. The result is so delicious that the recipe is worth copying, and if there isn't time to get it done before Christmas, it would be just as nice to have at New Year's. house:
The Christmas cake is made,
And two big fat plum puddings
On the pantry shelf are laid.
The big box up in Mother's room,
(Peep in it if you dare!)
is full of knobbly parcels,
For there's Christmas in the air.

December is surely the magic month of the year as far as the children are concerned. How they love to help with all the Christmas preparations, the making of simple presents, getting the fruit ready for the mincemeat, spreading almond icing on the cake, shining the five and ten-cent pieces to stir into the plum pudding. Already they have been down to the bush to choose the Christmas tree, which the ten-year-old shape, lay a little suet over and under been down to the bush to choose the Christmas tree, which the ten-year-old says he is going to cut all by himself this year. I think an older member of the family will have to inspect it first, as they have probably chosen one big enough for a community tree in the town hall. We do hope there will be a little snow for Christmas; it is so much more fun bringing the tree home on a hand sleigh, with the two-year-old riding in state among the branches, than it is dragging it over the mud.

Spiced Beef's the Thing.

The spiced heef samehaw set appended.

The spiced beef somehow got crowded out of the verse, and it surely isn't a thing to be neglected. In the old days it was considered one of the most important things to be prepared for the festive season, and was never left to careless hands. I can remember my vrong feet. He says he puts his trot sers on backwards 'cause he likes t hear them split when he sits down This morning he wept loud and long because the six-year-old sister has a birthday next week, and his doesn't come till July, and it's a lot more'n a year since his last one. The generous year since his last one. The generous little two-year-old, who will be three in February, restored a temporary peace by saying "We will give you my birfday, Bill." Time will show whether he holds her to his promise.

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The three girls, in common with mos other little girls in North America, want Advertiser Ma-ma dolls for Christmas These dolls should be made with a silencer attachment. If they arrive before Christmas, how in the world car they be secreted in the box in Mother's

room without making their presence known to their future owners? The frost is holding off so nicely that the farmer is able to speed the plow at odd times. Last year the ground was frozen hard nearly a month earlier than this, so this lovely mild weather should shorten the winter considerably. Other things that point to a mild winter are the shortage of nuts and also of bittersweet berries, as we have discovered to our sorrow. However, we won't quarrel with any conditions which tend

o shorten the winter.
The squirrels have multiplied abun-lantly this summer, and have made up loaf of bread for fowl . for the nut shortage by storing plenty of corn. At times they are an awful pest, and are such sly little things that they are almost impossible to trap or poison. Some of our neighbors had a lot of mischievous squirrels take possession of their attic, and they tried every way to dislodge them. At last the little animals seemed to grasp the idea that they weren't welcome; and, becoming despondent, they committed suicide in the water tank, So, whenever the water began to taste queer, the family knew they had caught another squirrel.

We nearly had the roof mended last week, but it was too slippery—that is a ways the trouble with roofs-they never leak on dry days. Ours always chooses a wet night, and we fly around putting pails and basins in position to catch the gentle rain from heaven so it won't make wet spots on the floors. It falls with a musical thud into the basin on top of the cupboard, with a high soprano tinkle into the tin pail in the hall, and splashes joyfully into a tub in the kitchen. The whole effect is beautiful and most soothing in the still watches of the night, when one wants to sieep. Some day I am going to chase a man up on the roof, take away the ladder, and not let him down until every leaky spot is mended.

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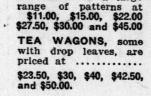
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