

The Little Feller's Stockin'

Oh, it's Christmas Eve, and moonlight, and
the Christmas air is chill,
And the frosty Christmas holly shines and
sparkles on the hill,
And the Christmas sleigh-bells jingle and the
Christmas laughter rings,
As the last stray shoppers hurry, takin' home
the Christmas things;
And up yonder in the attic there's a little
trundle bed
Where there's Christmas dreams a-dancin'
through a sleepy, curly head;
And it's "Merry Christmas," Mary, once
agin fer me and you,
With the little feller's stockin' hangin' up
beside the flue.

"Tisn't silk, that little stockin', and it isn't
much fer show,
And the darns are pretty plenty 'round
about the heel and toe,
And the color's kind er faded, and it's sort
er worn and old,
But it really is surprisin' what a lot of love
'twill hold;
And the little hand that hung it by the chim-
ney there along,
Has a grip upon our heartstrings that is
mighty firm and strong;
So old Sanny won't fergit it, though it isn't
fine and new—
That plain little worsted stockin' hangin' up
beside the flue.

And the crops may fail, and leave us with
our plans all knocked ter smash,
And the mortgage may hang heavy, and the
bills use up the cash,
But whenever comes the season, just so
long's we've got a dime,
There'll be somethin' in that stockin'—won't
there, Mary?—every time.
And if in amongst our sunshine there's a
shower or two of rain,
Why, we'll face it bravely smiling, and we'll
try not ter complain,
Long as Christmas comes and finds us here
together, me and you,
With the little feller's stockin' hangin' up
beside the flue.

—Joe Lincoln.

Recipes.

If when making a beef-steak pie you
get the meat the night before wanted
and sprinkle it with salt and vinegar,
the meat will be more tender and a much
nicer flavor.

When tea has been put into the tea-
pot, it should at once be filled up with
boiling water. It is a great mistake
to put only a little drop of water on
the leaves first, filling the pot after-
wards.

Always keep cheese well covered in
a cheese dish, or it will become dry
and tasteless. If the cheese is wrapped
in a cloth moistened with vinegar it
will keep beautifully moist, and retain
its flavor longer.

Ink spots on mahogany may be re-
moved by touching with a feather
dipped in oil of vitrol diluted with
twice its quantity of water. The
spot should be well and quickly
rubbed.

For a sprain nothing will give re-
lief more quickly than cold salt water;
swellings may often be reduced very
quickly by frequent bathing of the
part affected, in strong brine, and,
taken moderately, it is an antidote
for alcoholic poison. It is an excel-
lent hair tonic.

To keep bread and butter fresh and
moist when cut, put in a cool place,
cover closely with a serviette or clean
cloth that has been wrung out of cold
water, and many hours after it will be
as moist as when first cut. It is very
convenient to prepare the bread and
butter for the afternoon tea in this
way.

Take cold chicken, cut in small
pieces, using the thickened gravy for
wetting, pouring it while hot over a
beaten egg; put a thick layer of crumbs
in a buttered pan, then one of chicken
and gravy, alternating till all are used,
having the last layer of crumbs; bake,
covered for half an hour, then uncover
and brown.

Tainted meat is sometimes cooked
by ignorant cooks who do not know
how to treat it to make it perfectly
nice. First scrape the affected parts
with a knife, and cut off what is ab-
solutely necessary. Then dip a cloth
in vinegar, and with it wipe over the
meat previous to cooking. Meat that
is at all doubtful, which is to be boiled,
should be put into cold water and
brought to the boil. Throw away the
water, and add fresh hot water to cook
the joint in.

Beat together two eggs, add one
cupful of milk, one-half of a teaspoon-
ful of salt, one tablespoonful of sugar,
two tablespoonfuls of melted butter,
two and one-half cupfuls of flour, one
heaping teaspoonful of baking powder
and one cupful of cranberries, coarsely
chopped; steam for two hours and
serve with a sweet sauce.

Boil two cupfuls of sugar with one-
third cupful of water until the syrup
threads when dropped from the tip of
the spoon; pour gradually onto the
whites of two eggs, beaten until very
foamy, but not dry; to one-third the
mixture add half a cupful of selected
prunes, stoned and cut in pieces, and
one-third cupful of almonds, blanched
and chopped; beat until cool enough to
hold its shape, then use as filling; use
the rest of the mixture as a frosting.

Take a nice fine-grained pumpkin
and stew down until all the water
evaporates (stirring often to prevent
burning); this takes several hours and
should be a rich brown color when
done; strain through a colander; take
one pint of the strained pumpkin, two-
thirds cupful sugar, two tablespoonfuls
of baking molasses, two eggs, well
beaten, one heaping teaspoonful ginger,
one pint of rich milk, pinch salt.
These ingredients well mixed will make
one nice, thick pie, baked with one
(under) crust.

To one cupful of warm wheat mush
add one-fourth cupful of brown sugar,
half a teaspoonful of salt, one table-
spoonful of butter, and one-fourth cake
of compressed yeast, dissolved in one-
fourth cupful of lukewarm water, then
add one cupful of walnut meats cut in-
to small pieces, three-fourths cupful of
dates cut in pieces, and enough flour
to make a dough that may be kneaded;
when well kneaded, cover and let rise
over night; in the morning, again
knead, shape into loaves, and when
again nearly doubled in bulk, bake in
a moderate oven.

Dining-Room Comfort.

The essentials of a dining-room are
not what some people consider them.
Some rooms there are dedicated to eat-
ing wherein the sun is allowed to shine
full into the faces of those occupying
certain seats at the table, while at least
one is placed with the back of his chair
in direct contact with a hot radiator.
There may be fine silver and china, but
the table is spread with a thin cloth only.
Sewing-tables obstruct the corners while
all the plants under process of cultiva-
tion, and not "pretty enough for the
parlor," are shelved before the windows.

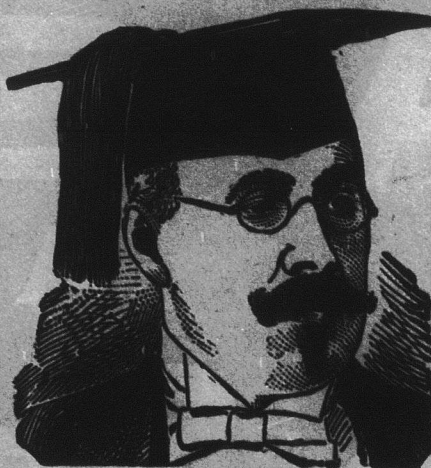
Nothing in the least unpleasant should
be allowed in the dining-room of all
apartments. The table should have a
heavy silence cloth, with flowers, cut
ones if possible, or those growing so
luxuriantly that there is no suggestion
of "dirt and sticks" about them. The
windows should be shaded, and a screen
may be used to shut off the extremes
of heat from any one person. Remove
all furniture except the sideboard, table
and chairs, and don't as you value peace
of mind, put pictures of dead pheasants
on the walls.

A very remarkable tree grows in Ne-
vada. It is called by the superstitious
Indians the witch tree. It grows to a
height of six or seven feet, and its
trunk at the base is about three times
the size of an ordinary man's wrist.
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is its luminosity, which is so great that
on the darkest night it can be seen
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Cooking with Sun Rays.

The various experiments made with
solar engines by the French in Algeria,
where the sun is never overclouded
and shines with great power, have
been attended in some instances with
marked success. The best apparatus
is stated to be a simple arrangement
of boiler and concave mirror, the
steam generated being condensed in a
coil tube surrounded by water, this be-
ing intended merely for distilling
water. But in India an inventor has
contrived some machines with which

more varied results are accomplished.
One of these is what is termed a cook-
ing box made of wood and lined with
reflecting mirrors, at the bottom of the
box being a small copper boiler cov-
ered with glass to retain the heat of
the rays concentrated by the mirrors
upon the boiler. In this contrivance
any sort of food may be quickly cook-
ed, the result being a stew or boil if
the steam is retained, or if allowed to
escape it is a bake. The heat with
this device may be augmented indefi-
nitely by increasing the diameter of
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