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### CHRISTMAS CANDY.

An expert candy-maker has contributed the following recipes for candy making to the New York Tribune.

In making creamed sugar for walnuts, almonds, dates, etc., take care to use confectioner's sugar, not simply powdered sugar. When mixing sugar with white of egg, mix one white at a time. The albumen hardens quickly, and gets stiff and too brittle to mold easily if a large quantity is mixed at one time.

A pair of scissors is generally more convenient for cutting candy than a table knife.

Wash the salt out of butter before using it to butter pans, plates or the hands.

Have all the plates exquisitely clean. Many a batch of candy has been spoiled by being made with dirty kettles, forks, etc.

If candy is made over a gas stove, must be watched lest it burn or boil over. The heat from a gas stove is much greater than from a coal range. If the candy does boil over it not only wastes the candy, but clogs up the gas holes, causing much trouble.

The brown sugar mentioned in the recipes is called coffee crushed. It is a light brown, moist sugar, and is sold by all grocers.

### BROWN BETTIES.

For brown betties, take two cups of brown sugar, one-half cup of rich milk, and then boil five minutes, stirring constantly. When almost done stir in one cup of chopped walnuts or blanched almonds. Do not chop the nuts too fine. Remove from the fire and stir till the mixture grains or looks sugary. Then pour into a well-buttered pan to the depth of half an inch. As the candy cools, mark it off into squares with a knife. This is a nice candy. Few people will believe that it is not made with maple sugar.

### CREAMED WALNUTS.

Mix together the white of one egg, half as much water, and one dessertspoonful of vanilla extract. Add confectioner's sugar until stiff enough to mold into balls. Press two halves of a walnut on either side of each ball. This cream can also be used as a foundation for dates, prunes and cherries, also for the inside of chocolate creams.

### SOFT CARAMELS.

One quart (or two pounds) of brown sugar, one half-pint of milk, two-thirds cup of butter, one-half cake of chocolate are the ingredients. Boil for soft caramels nine minutes, then remove from the fire and stir steadily for five minutes, but not until the mixture is so stiff that it will not pour into a pan. Mark off into squares. This candy will be rich and crumbly.

### VASSAR FUDGE.

A fudge that literally melts in the mouth requires two squares of chocolate, two cups of coffee crushed sugar, one cup of good milk, one tablespoonful of butter. Boil until it gets waxy when dropped into cold water. Add vanilla to taste, and beat of the butter, and beat till thick and creamy. To ascertain when the sugar is boiled enough, take a little out in a teaspoon and pour it into cold water. If it does, it will not mix with the water, but will harden into a ball.

### DUTCH CREAM NUT CANDY.

Stir together two cups of yellow C sugar, one cup of sugarhouse syrup, 1-1/2 cups of cream. Boil the mixture until it hardens in cold water, and is not brittle. Then add about one teaspoonful of vanilla extract and stir in the nuts. Hickory nuts are best, but almonds, blanched, will do. Remove from the stove and beat until it grows very stiff.

### MOLASSES CANDY.

Boil even quantities of molasses and granulated sugar, and a piece of butter the size of an egg, until crisp, when dropped into cold water. Pull in the hands or over a hook until creamy.

### MAPLE SUGAR CANDY.

Boil twelve minutes three cupfuls of sugar, one of cream, and a small piece of butter. Take from the fire, pour into another dish and stir until it thickens. Pour into buttered tins and cut in squares.

### PEPPERMINTS.

Boil hard for five minutes four cupfuls of white sugar, one cupful of hot water, twelve drops of oil of peppermint, fifteen drops of wintergreen. Pour into a bowl and stir briskly until the mixture begins to thicken. Then drop on a cold tin dish as fast as possible. A small teaspoon of the mixture dropped on the dish will make a lozenge as large as a half dollar. Do not place the lozenges so close together that they will run into each other or they will not be in good shape.

### BUTTER SCOTCH.

Take two cupfuls of molasses, two cupfuls of sugar, 1-1/2 cupfuls of butter and boil until brittle when dropped in water. Add some vanilla extract just before removing from the fire.

### GENESE.

For six minutes boil without stirring two cupfuls of white sugar, one-half cupful of butter, one-fourth cupful of molasses, one-fourth cupful of milk, 2-1/3 heaping tablespoonfuls of chocolate. Take from the fire, add vanilla extract to taste, and beat until the surface is smooth. The chocolate may be omitted, and a cupful of shredded coconut used instead.

### CREAM PEPPERMINTS.

For cream peppermints the ingredients are one cupful of white sugar, one-quarter of a cupful of water, eight drops of oil of peppermint. Boil five minutes, cool from the time it begins to boil. Remove from the fire, pour into another dish, and stir until creamy. Drop with a teaspoon on a marble slab or tin dish that is very cold.

J. C. R. MEN DISSATISFIED.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 23.—The committee of the J. C. R. trackmen are not satisfied with the offer of increase of wages made by the I. C. R. management. They had a conference with General Manager Pottinger today and the chairman of the committee says that a final decision has not yet been reached.

### DR. BAYARD HONORED.

Dr. William Bayard was waited on last night at his residence by the officers and members of the council of the New Brunswick Loyalist Society, of which he is president, and presented with a picture of himself and fellow officers of the society. The presentation was intended as a commemorative of Dr. Bayard's illustrious birth day, which he attained a short time ago.

Those present were: Dr. A. A. Stockton, K. C.; Dr. W. E. Dole, D. R. Jack, W. E. Vyson, Charles A. McDonald, D. E. Watersbury, Jeremiah Drake, Col. Underhill, C. B. L. Jarvis and D. J. Seely.

Dr. Dole read the address and made the presentation.

Dr. Bayard made a feeling response and thanked the officers and council of the Loyalist Society for their kindness. He said he would not yield to anyone in his aid for the welfare and progress of the society.

### ROBERT GIBSON'S DEATH.

It is intended to hold an investigation into the drowning of Robert Gibson, the fourth engineer of the steamer Dunsmuir Head, who fell overboard from the ship yesterday while she was serving in the place of the disabled ferryboat. Capt. Cotter, of the Dunsmuir Head, thinks that the St. John authorities are largely to blame for the accident which would not have occurred if a properly built ferry steamer had been performing the service. He says when the Neptune replaced the ferry steamer she should have been fitted with stanchions and ropes to prevent passengers from falling over.

Capt. Cotter has offered a reward of \$25 for the recovery of the unfortunate man's body.

Amber and meerschaum cigar and cigarette holders at Louis Green's.

### THE TOWN TOPIC.

The one topic of interest about town is the first appearance of the Daily Star Co. at the Opera House on Christmas Day. The bill chosen for their introduction to local theatre patrons is the famous play of The Fatal Wedding, and it is safe to say nothing else has ever been seen here before. The title was chosen for another play, and to the public this was very misleading. Seats are selling rapidly, so intending patrons should apply at once.

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### R. R. COLL DEAD.

NEWCASTLE, N. B., Dec. 23.—Col. R. R. Coll, sheriff of Northumberland, died very suddenly here today while attending the funeral of John S. Fleming.

Mr. Coll, who was to have been one of the pallbearers at the funeral was at the station when he died. He is survived by a widow, son Byron of Newcastle, and a daughter, Mrs. E. C. Jones, of Denver, Col.

Meerschaum pipes in cases, 85c., at Louis Green's.

SANTA CLAUS HAD A DROP TOO MUCH.

Plen' Agent of Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children Saved Him.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—"It is not often," said Magistrate Breen in the Centre Street Police Court yesterday afternoon, "that I have a private hearing to dispose of Cruelty to Children cases, bringing that Wall street prisoner to my room."

The prisoner was apparently eighty years old. His clothes were of good materials, although of an outlandish cut. A long brown overcoat, edged with white fur, fell nearly to the feet, and a rubicund face, fringed with snow-white whiskers, was framed in a brown hood, also trimmed with fur.

"He was sitting on a chimney, Your Honor," said Policeman Hatch, "in Wall street, half asleep. Once in a while he would brace up and wave his arms and dare Trinity clock to strike him."

"Have you no home?" asked the magistrate.

"North Pole," was the reply. "Thought everybody knew where Santa Claus lived."

Jenkins Kidd, agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, interposed in behalf of the children of the city.

"Nevertheless," replied the magistrate, "although I am not unmindful of the previous good conduct of the defendant, I cannot punish him. Prisoner, you are fined three dollars, and the same is remitted."

Policeman Hatch reported last night at the City Hall that the prisoner was really John Moore, who has been living at the "Chateau Square Hotel, in the Bowery, and was employed by the Volunteers of America.

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### LIBELS ON OUR CLIMATE.

Are to be Removed From English School Books.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Lord Strathcona has agreed with the board of education regarding certain corrections to be made regarding Canada in the text books of the board's schools. Some of the quotations that ought to be corrected refer to the Indians being frozen to death in their tents; the Indians being now quite tame; districts where hawking has all to be done at night, because men dare not face the flies in the hot summer days; places where milk is delivered in solid cakes to customers; and localities where, when winter once sets in, the people are frozen up till spring.

Finest imported Havana cigars, fresh in from Havana today, at Louis Green's.

### BORN IN AN AMBULANCE.

Unexpected Arrival at Hospital Entered as an "Intruder."

When Dr. Higgins and an ambulance driver helped Mrs. Edith McVillia into the vehicle at No. 394 Water street last night she started for the Hudson street hospital there were three human beings in the ambulance. When it arrived there were four.

The newcomer was entered on the records as Robina McVillia, age "seven minutes," occupation, "intruder."—N. Y. Herald.

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### NO DRINKING ALLOWED.

American Railroads Insist on Employees' Total Abstinence Both on and Off Duty.

### (Bangor Commercial.)

Railroad employees in this city are interested in the announcement that, in accordance with the action of numerous other of the great systems, the Northern Pacific has given notice that after Jan. 1, all its employees will be expected to be total abstainers from liquor whether on or off duty.

Beginning on New Year's day, the officials will begin a very much closer and stricter supervision of the conduct of the men employed by the Northern Pacific and its branches and it is said that taking a drink of liquor will be considered a sufficient provocation for immediate discharge from the service. One of the prominent officials of the operating department is authority for the statement that after Jan. 1 this rule will be enforced rigidly, as the officials of the company had decided that by so doing the service would be greatly improved.

Several of the largest systems in the east and west during the last two years have adopted similar rules for their trainmen, engineers and conductors and many of the roads have included all their employees. It is said that great improvement in efficiency resulted.

In speaking of the value of such a rule, a Bangor railroad man said that the regulations against the use of intoxicants tended to increase the efficiency of the employees.

"Strict discipline," said he, "is not irksome to men who take pride in their record and have the interest of the road at heart. Such a rule helps to keep the men who care less for such matters in line. If it is worth while to prohibit the use of intoxicants while on duty, I do not see that it is not equally worth while to prohibit intoxicants entirely. It is a good rule and must extend to all the railroads in the country in the near future. Our down-east roads haven't come to it yet but they probably will fall in line as the movement grows."

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JUNIOR LIBERAL CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

A largely attended meeting of the Junior Liberal Conservative Association was held in Ritchie's building last evening. It was decided to hold an annual meeting on 7th January, at which a committee, appointed last evening to submit a revision of the constitution, will report. In future all liberal conservatives of the city and county of St. John will be eligible for membership in the association irrespective of age. At the next meeting it is intended to complete the enrolment of members, adopt the revised constitution, and elect officers for the year. All persons who are members of the party and have been enrolled in the past in the association are considered as still in membership and are requested to attend the next meeting.

### STEVENSON-CLARK.

A very pretty wedding took place last evening at the residence of Mrs. Edward A. Goodwin, sister of the bride, when Rev. G. N. Stevenson, formerly in charge of Good Street Christian Church, and Miss Louisa Clarke, were made one.

By general desire the ceremony was a quiet one, only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson left on the late train last evening for Nova Scotia, where they will spend their honeymoon. They will reside during the winter at L'Etete, near St. George, where the reverend gentleman will have charge of the local church.

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HER SANTA CLAUS DEAD.

UNDER TRAIN.  
Little Girl Left at School While Her Father and Mother Went to Purchase Presents.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 18.—After leaving their little daughter Grace at the country school this morning, Mr. and Mrs. G. Frank Scott, residents of Coleman's Station, on the Harlem Railroad, north of White Plains, started for the village store to buy Christmas presents for her.

They were muffled up in furs and were riding in a box wagon drawn by a pair of horses. The crossing near Coleman's Station is a dangerous one, and is not guarded by any crossing gates, and there is no watchman stationed there.

At one point there is a sharp curve, and around this the Pittsford express came at the rate of fifty miles an hour, and before the Scotts could get out of the way the train had smashed the wagon into bits, killed the occupants instantly, cut one of the horses into pieces, while the other animal was thrown twenty feet, escaping with slight injuries.

Edward Davies, the engine driver, said the couple evidently did not hear the train approaching, and their heads were enveloped in fur coats and caps. He says he sounded his whistle loudly, but they paid no heed.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott had resided in Coleman's Station for some time. Scott had charge of the stock farm of E. L. Barrett.

For years the railroad crossing at Coleman's has been considered the worst on the division, and has been known as a "death trap" to those acquainted with its surroundings.

### THE DREYFUS CASE.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The reports circulated to the effect that War Minister Andre had announced the restoration of Dreyfus to the army are manifestly untrue. The case is now before the special commission of judges, which has not concluded its sessions and has not rendered a decision. The war minister has not made any announcement on the subject official or unofficial.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

DUFFERIN HOTEL, Dec. 23.—W. R. Burns, New York; W. Moran, Montreal; F. O. Brown, O. E. Blackwell, Boston.

### A FAKE APPEAL.

With reference to a story in one of the morning papers concerning Leo Smith, a man who served in Africa, Col. White, D. O. C., characterizes the whole thing as a fabrication. Shortly after returning from Africa Smith applied to the Canadian Patriotic Fund Association for relief and was given two thousand dollars. He also applied to the war office for a pension, and was granted eighteen pence per day.

On October 30th last, Smith again applied through Lt.-Col. White for further relief from the patriotic fund. At the same time a request for an increased pension was sent by Smith through Col. White to the adjutant general at Ottawa to be forwarded by him to the British war office.

To the first request Col. Irwin, C. M. G., secretary of the fund, replied that the matter had been laid before the committee and it was decided that as Smith had already received two thousand dollars, which in the full amount granted for total disability, no further sums could be given.

The paragraph in the morning paper gave the impression that Smith had not received any relief from the fund. After getting the two thousand dollars he spent it at a pretty fast rate and in a few months had nothing left. Smith lost his two legs in Africa by a train while lying on the railroad. He is now confined to a sailor's wooden house and for a time ran a saloon on the Marsh road.

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