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My Mince Meat.—One pound each of beef suet, raisins, sultanas, currants and sugar; three pounds of good apples; one-quarter of a pound of mixed candied peel; 2 lemons; one nutmeg, grated; one teaspoon each of ground cloves, cinnamon, allspice and ginger. Peel the apples and clean the fruit and put all through a mincing machine. Mix well and put up in sealers for use.

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tected. Next, beat the butter and sugar to a cream, well whisk the eggs and add them gradually, beating them well in. Sift together the flour, salt and baking powder, clean the sultanas, halve the cherries, shell and shred the almonds and chop the peel. Mix them all together on a plate with the spice and grated lemon rind. Stir the flour lightly into the mixture, then add the fruit and lastly the milk. Mix all well together. Pour the mixture into the prepared tin. Place the tin on one containing salt or sand and put it in the oven; for the first ten minutes in a very hot part and for the rest of the time in a cooler, otherwise the outside of the cake will be too dark before the inside is done. Bake it for two and a half hours. When done, put it on a sieve in a slightly warm place until it is quite cold. When quite cold put away in a biscuit tin, hermetically sealing the tin by pasting strips of paper round its cover. Leave for a month at least. The icing can be done at any time.

Almond Icing.—Required: One and a half pounds of ground almonds, one and a half pounds of icing sugar or castor sugar, the whites of five or six eggs, according to size; lemon juice and vanilla. Put the sugar and almonds in a basin; mix them well together, then add enough lemon juice, vanilla and white of eggs to make all into a stiff paste. See that it is nicely flavored. If necessary trim the cake neatly, cutting off any dark part. Spread a layer of this icing all over it, thinly over the sides and thick on top. Put the cake in cool oven or warm place to dry.

Royal Icing.—One and a half pounds of icing sugar; the whites of 5 eggs; the juice of two small lemons. Rub the sugar through a hair sieve. Make a well in the center of it and strain in the lemon juice. Whisk the whites of the eggs very stiffly and add some of these to the lemon juice, and stir it in well with a wooden spoon. Add more white of egg until the sugar is all mixed in. It should be so stiff that you are able to trace patterns on it with your spoon, and they should not blur in as you take the spoon away. When the icing is well mixed, beat it for quite ten minutes. This makes it much whiter. Next spread a layer of this icing all over the cake, smoothing it if necessary with a knife dipped in cold water. Let this dry in a cool oven, then spread on a thicker one about half an inch thick.

Christmas Pudding.—Required: One pound and a half of beef suet, minced fine; one pound of large raisins, stoned; one pound of sultanas and one of currants; quarter of pound of candied peel mixed; one pound of sugar; one pound of flour; three pounds of stale

bread crumbs; one teaspoon each of ground cloves, cinnamon, allspice, ginger and salt; one nutmeg, grated; the grated rind of 2 lemons and the juice; two tablespoons of baking powder; a few drops of essence of almonds; ten eggs, and enough milk to mix it but not make it too wet. Mix it all well; put into well greased mould or basins; fill them full; cover over with butter paper, then with a cloth tied on tightly, and boil for 20 hours.

Candied Orange Peel.—Cut the rind from five oranges into quarters, and boil in water to cover till so soft that the white portion on the inside will scrape off with a spoon. Make a syrup with a cupful of sugar and half a cupful of water and cook the peel in it until transparent and the syrup is absorbed. Turn out onto a plate and roll in granulated sugar. This recipe is very useful where the family eat many oranges.

Sometimes I get as many lemons, say five, and the peel from five oranges and make it up into marmalade.

Flaky Pastry.—Have your dough of exactly the same consistency as the butter used, whether hard or soft. Also add to the water, before mixing as much cream of tartar as will lie on a five cent piece. Follow these directions and you will ensure light flaky pastry.

(How kind of you to take so much trouble copying out all those recipes for Christmas good things! People are already beginning to enquire for cake and pudding recipes, though it seems such a short time since we printed them all for last year. I suppose that when the year goes so fast it is a sign that we are at least fairly busy and fairly happy, and that is a good thing. I hope to be able to use some of the patterns you sent, thank you. D. D.)



LIKES MUSIC LESSONS

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—I wrote a letter before to your club, but have not seen it in print yet. I guess it found its way to the waste-paper basket. This time I hope to receive a button, I thought I would write to-day, as I am going to town this afternoon, so I could mail it. I am taking music lessons now. I started just after summer holidays, and I like them fine. We have four little cots this year; their names are King, Dandy, Fly and Nettie. I can ride horseback, and I have a pony named Sis. We have a saddle horse. I go after the cows every night. We are done threshing for another year. I go to school every day and am in Grade IV. I am nine years old, and weigh 80 pounds, and have blue eyes.

MORNING GLORY.

Sask. (a).

A YOUNG HOUSEKEEPER

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—This is my second letter to the "Western Wigwam." When I wrote before this was called the "Children's Corner." I have always found great pleasure in reading the letters from the Wigs.

I stopped school early this year because my mother and sister went to the States to visit friends and relatives there. I am staying home to keep house for my brother and my father. This is my first experience at house-keeping, and I hope it will be all right.

We are having very warm weather these days, except yesterday we had quite a bad storm.

Our nearest town is Rosenroll, about five miles from here. We have our mail box about one quarter of a mile from here, so we go after the mail Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. We have Sunday School in our school house every Sunday.

We are having an awful pest of mosquitoes just now, but I hope they will soon go away.

Well, I think I had better draw to a close now as my letter is getting rather long. I enclose a two-cent Canadian stamp, hoping to receive a button.

Alta. (a) EDNA BLUMQUIST.

A TEAM OF PONIES

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—This is my first letter to the Western Wigwam. I go to school every day, but I do not ride to school, as I have only a mile to go. I have a little racer pony, and I ride for the cows and other rides. He is very quiet. My brother has a pony, too, and we drive them in the buggy. I have two sisters and one

brother. I hope to see this letter in print; if so, I will write again. I enclose stamp for button, as I wish to be a member of your club.

CURLIE (9).

Alta.

A MEAN COW

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—I am twelve years old, and large for my age; my sister Florence is ten years old, and small for her age. We take care of four oxen, a mean cow, a heifer and a calf. We are living on a homestead, and have had no crop in yet. My father is away from home working. I have two big brothers, but they don't like farming. We worked all summer in the garden, but did not get much out of it. The summer here is too dry for garden stuff, but it is all right for wheat. If any other member would write to me first I will write to them. I enclose a two-cent stamp for a button.

VIOLA WARWICK.

Sask. (a).

THE LITTLE HOUSEKEEPER

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—May I come again, or do I come too often? I see from some of the letters that I am not the only girl that rides horseback. We girls and boys in the West have good times riding though; sometimes as many as twenty of us go for a ride at the same time. Mamma is off on a visit. She has been gone four weeks, and as I am the oldest girl I have to be boss and do all of the housework. I have one little sister at home with me, but she is only seven, so I can't go to school yet. They are going to build a new schoolhouse here and a new church; the old ones are not large enough.

ORIANNA.

VERY SHORT

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—This is my first letter to The Western Wigwam. Papa has taken The Advocate for three years. I like to read the little letters. I wish Cousin Dorothy would send me a button, please. I have a sister, Vina, and brother, Delmer. I think I will close for this time.

Alta. (a) PRAIRIE ROSE.

(Your drawing was very good, but to appear in the paper it must be done with black ink on linen paper. Try again.—C. D.)

A KILLING FROST

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—This is my first letter to the Western Wigwam though we have taken THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE for nearly five years. I