

**CHRISTMAS CANDY**

**French Cream**  
Break into a bowl the white of one or more eggs, add an equal quantity of cold water or cream, then stir in confectioner's sugar until it is stiff enough to mould into shape with the fingers. No cooking is needed, and the cream is used as a foundation for various kinds of candy. Chopped nuts or coconut may be added, while the mixture is fresh. Part may be colored pink with confectioner's coloring. Part may be made into balls, with half a walnut pressed into the side of each. Or the filling may be used for dates.

**Molasses Candy**  
Boil nice golden molasses until it comes hard when dropped into water. Add a little vinegar and flavoring, also chopped nuts. Pour into buttered pans to harden.

**Divinity Fudge**  
2 cups sugar, whites of 2 eggs, 1/2 cup corn syrup, 1/2 cup water, chopped nuts, fruit.

Cook together the sugar, corn syrup and water until a little dropped in cold water forms a soft ball. Have the whites of the eggs beaten to a stiff froth, and when the fudge is cooked pour it while still boiling over the beaten whites. Added the chopped nuts or fruit (raisins, candied orange, etc.) and beat vigorously until the mixture is almost ready to set. Turn into buttered pans, and when cold cut into squares.

**Chocolate Candies**  
Melt sweet chocolate over hot water being careful not to let any water get into the pan. Stir gently as it dissolves. When almost cool enough to set again, dip each nut or portion of fruit into the chocolate, using a new steel hat-pin, lay on waxed paper until set. Halves of walnuts, bit of preserved ginger, candied cherries, etc., are nice for this.

**Maple Sugar Candy**  
1/2 cup thin cream, 1 lb. soft maple sugar, or light brown sugar, 1 cup water, English walnuts or other nuts.  
Mix cream, water and the sugar (broken in small pieces, if maple sugar). Place on the fire to cook. Boil and test in cold water. When it makes a soft ball, take from the fire. Beat until creamy, then mix in the nuts chopped into small pieces, and pour into buttered dishes. When cool cut into squares.

**Maple Nut Candy**  
3 cups maple syrup, 1/2 cup chopped nuts. Boil the syrup until it forms a soft ball when a little is dropped in cold water. Take off fire and beat until creamy. Add nuts and pour into a buttered pan. When nearly cool mark into squares with a knife.

**Honey Taffy**  
2 cups honey, 1/2 tablespoon vinegar or lemon juice.  
Boil honey until it becomes brittle when tried in cold water. Be sure to stir constantly during the last part of the boiling, as honey burns easily. Just before removing from the fire add the vinegar. Pour into a greased pan and when cool enough to handle pull it until light in color. Cut into bits and wrap each bit, when cold, in waxed paper.

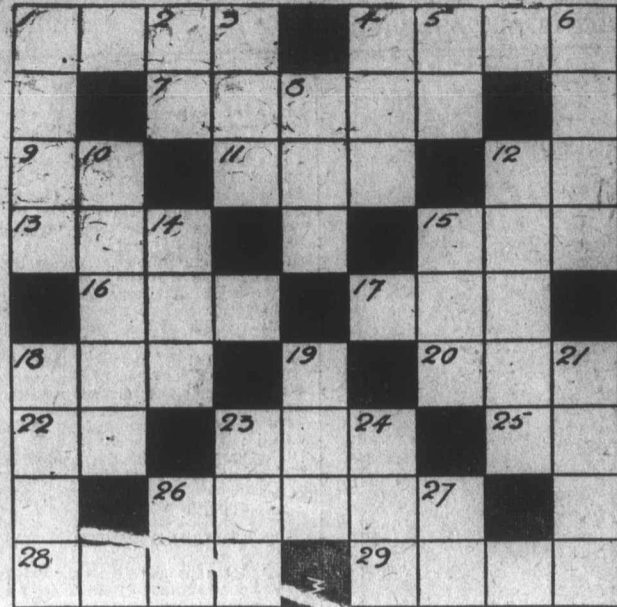
**Raisin Creams**  
Making these will keep the children busy for a long time. Put together 1 1/2 cup sugar and 1/2 cup thin cream, and a level teaspoonful of butter. Cook until quite thick, then set aside to cool slightly. Select some large raisins, and roll them between the thumb and finger to loosen the seeds; then slit one side and take out the seeds with a new hairpin or point of a jack-knife. While the sugar paste is still quite warm add to it 1/2 cup nutmeats very finely chopped, and beat to a cream. Now fill the cavities in the raisins with tiny bits of the cream. Washed and stoned dates may be filled the same way.

**Orange Straws**  
These are very pretty to add to a box of candy. Use the peel of thick skinned oranges, making four incisions, and pulling it off in quarters. With a spoon scrape any superfluous white portion off the skin, then cut the peel into long narrow strips—a large pair of scissors will do this very nicely. Cover the peel with cold water, heat to boiling point and simmer for 20 minutes; then change the water and cook in fresh until tender. Have ready a syrup made by boiling sugar with half its quantity of water until it will "thread" from the spoon. Drain the orange peel out of the water, drop them into the syrup and cook for 5 minutes, then drain on waxed paper and roll in sugar.

**Candy Plum Puddings**  
These will delight the kiddies. Melt 3 oz. (nearly 1 lb.) butter, add 1 lb. brown sugar, melt slowly and cook until a little of it dropped in cold water forms a soft ball. Mix in 1/2 cup of seeded and chopped raisins, 1/2 cup chopped almonds, a few bits of citron cut fine, and a tablespoonful grated orange peel. When cool enough to handle, butter the hands and make the mixture into balls or small "plum puddings". Place each on oiled paper, tie like a pudding and decorate each ball with a leaf and a few berries of holly.

**Peppermint Drops**  
Old folks like these. Moisten 2 cups sugar with a very little water and cook until it forms a hard ball when a little

**HOW TO SOLVE CROSSWORD PUZZLES**  
The method of solving crossword puzzles is very easily understood. The small numbers in the squares refer to the definition. Thus: No. 1 horizontal calls for a word that will answer the definition and at the same time fit into the number of white squares from No. 1 to the first black square at its right. No. 1 vertical calls for a word that will answer the definition and at the same time fit into the number of white squares from No. 1 downward to the first black square. When you have inserted the right words into all the white squares, the puzzle is solved. You will then find that all the words interlock.



**Key to Cross Word Puzzle**

- | Horizontal         | Vertical                                 |
|--------------------|--|
| 1 Bird's dwelling. | 1 Close.                                 |
| 4 Little devils.   | 2 Steamship (ab.)                        |
| 7 Reptile.         | 3 Railway in Northern Ontario (ab.)      |
| 9 Here             | 4 Nickname.                              |
| 11 Raw min. al.    | 5 Myself.                                |
| 12 Parent.         | 6 Chair.                                 |
| 13 Grain.          | 8 Boy's name (ab.)                       |
| 15 Rodent.         | 10 Act of fastening.                     |
| 16 Wrath.          | 12 Pulpwood product.                     |
| 17 Seed.           | 14 Epoch.                                |
| 18 Girl's name.    | 15 Tear.                                 |
| 20 Darling.        | 18 One.                                  |
| 22 No good (ab.)   | 19 Monkey.                               |
| 23 Liable to.      | 21 Covering for a wheel (Eng. spelling). |
| 25 Railway (ab.)   | 23 Conjunction.                          |
| 26 Concerning.     | 24 High Explosive (ab.)                  |
| 28 To wait on.     | 26 Article.                              |
| 29 Ripped.         | 27 Towards.                              |

is dropped in cold water. Beat the white of an egg stiff and pour the sugar mixture into it gradually, beating all the time. Flavor with essence of peppermint. When cool enough to hold its shape drop by teaspoonfuls on buttered paper and let cool.

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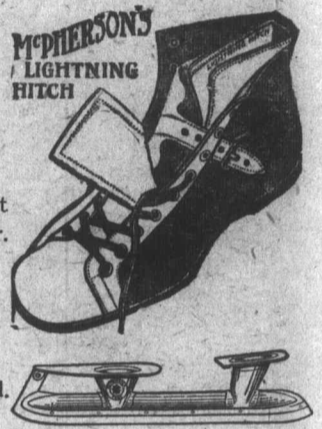
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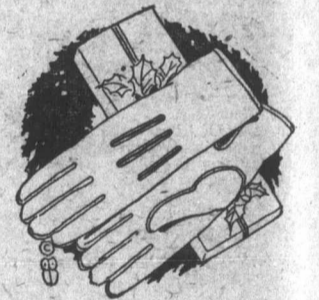
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