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An Interesting Miscellany

FOR THE WOMAN OF TODAY

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Ham Candies for Christmas

By Mrs. Emily Risenberg.

Candy made in your own kitchen gives the assurance of being composed of good material, clean and wholesome at a smaller cost than any but the very poorest commercial product. If there are any children in the home let them take these candies as a preparation; it will instill neatness, accuracy and foster a sense of responsibility to be allowed to share the work.

PULLED MOLASSES CANDY.

Ingredients.—Two cups New Orleans molasses, one-half cup light brown sugar, four tablespoons cider vinegar, one-half tablespoon butter, one-half teaspoon soda.

Method.—Place molasses, sugar and vinegar in saucepan and cook without undue stirring until a little dropped into cold water hardens; then add the butter and soda dissolved in a little cold water. As soon as the butter is melted pour mixture into a buttered platter or flat tin. When the mixture can be handled without burning the hands take up small portions with well-buttered fingers and begin to pull rapidly. If handled dexterously, the candy can be pulled until very light and brittle. It is best for several persons to be on hand to pull, so candy will not get too hard, and sometimes two persons can pull on one strand. As soon as candy is hard and light pull into a nice even strand, then cut into short lengths, or coil on a buttered plate and chip off in uneven pieces.

CREAM CANDY.

Ingredients.—Two cups granulated sugar, one cup water, one teaspoon

gum arabic, one-half teaspoon cream of tartar.
Method.—Dissolve the gum arabic in the water, add the sugar and cream of tartar, then place in sauce pan and stir over a slow fire until sugar is melted; then cook until syrup, if dropped in cold water, is past the stage of forming a soft ball, but not quite brittle. While cooking wipe off any crystals that form on sides of pan, so sugar will not granulate. Pour candy on buttered platters and, as soon as it can be handled, pull as directed for molasses candy. This candy can be flavored with any desired flavoring and pink vegetable coloring may be added to give it a rose color.

PLAIN BUTTER SCOTCH.

Slowly melt two cups of granulated sugar over a slow fire—an iron spider and coal fire is best. The syrup must become liquid and a golden color; as soon as it has reached that stage add one tablespoon of butter and pour into buttered tins. Pour rather thin, and when cold tap bottom of tin with a knife handle and the buttered scotch will break into pieces.

PEANUT TAFFY.

Use above recipe and place shelled peanuts in pan before pouring in the mixture. Other nuts can also be used, or a combination of different varieties. If a rich nut-candy is wanted place a thick layer of nuts in pan and pour on just enough syrup to hold together.

NUT BRITTLE.

Use above recipe, but just before pouring the hot mixture on stir in a good pinch of soda. This makes it less glassy.

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

[Correspondents are requested to make their inquiries as brief as possible, and to write on one side of the paper only. It is impossible to give replies within a stated time, unless letters have to be answered in turn. No letters can be answered privately.]

Games for Christmas.

Cynthia Grey.—Have been reading your columns with much interest, and ask you to kindly answer a few questions for me.

1. What games could be used for a Christmas party in a hall? We want something which would tend to mix our crowd up. We expect to entertain about forty or fifty.

2. Would you suggest something in keeping with the season for lunch?

Awaiting your reply, I am, M. C.

A.—Suspend a large Christmas wreath in a doorway at a convenient height from the floor. Prepare in advance "snowballs" made of cotton batting covered with white tissue paper. The players stand about eight feet from the wreath and take turns, one at a time. Each is given three "snowballs" and the one who succeeds in throwing all three, one at a time, through the wreath, is the winner. To make it more exciting for a large company, sides may be chosen, and each one of the three snowballs numbered, one being 5, the other 10, and the third 20. If the ball numbered 5 goes through, it counts 5 for that player's side, or if ball No. 10 goes through it counts 10. If either miss, it is a loss, and so on. The side scoring the most points is, of course, victorious.

Christmas candles may be played thus: A small tree is placed on a table. The candles are lighted. Blindfold the players, one at a time, and around three times, and allow each to take five steps toward the tree. Then he must blow out the lights, if possible. The one who succeeds in extinguishing the most receives a prize. Another game, and one good for "mixing up" the company, is playing "The Night Before Christmas" like "Stagecoach." Give each child the name of some part of Santa Claus' outfit, the sleigh, the reindeer, etc. The leader then reads the well-known story "The Night Before Christmas." As he mentions the names, the players having their eyes closed, must sit down again. When he mentions Santa Claus, all change places and he tries to secure a seat. The one left out continues the story, and so on, until completed.

"Toss the Goodies" is a pretty way of distributing little favors or goodies among the crowd. The guests form a square, each one holding the sides of an old tablecloth or piece of sheeting. In the center of this is placed a pile of nuts, candies, raisins, fruits, and all sorts of goodies. When a signal is given, all together toss the cloth up and down, singing:

"Toss the goodies up and down,
Up and down, up and down,
Toss the goodies up and down,
Goodies for you and me."

When the last line is sung, an extra large toss is made and thus all the goodies fly to all parts of the room. The players then sit on the ground around picking them up and having a jolly time.

2. Meat sandwiches of some sort (preferably turkey or chicken), olives, salted nuts, individual mince pies, Scotch shortbread, "snowballs" of ice cream, and coffee.

Keeps Fruit From Falling.

Dear Miss Grey: If "Farmer's Wife" will steam or pour boiling water on the fruit for her cake and then dry by laying a while in a cloth and flour it will not sink to the bottom, even in a very light cake.

JUST ONE OF YOUR READERS.

A.—Thanks for the hint. I cheerfully pass it on to our readers.

Sends Song for "Nan."

Dear Miss Grey: In looking through your column, I notice "Nan" asks for the words of "Rock of Ages" and, having them at hand, I am sending them to you to forward to her. I am sure your columns are very helpful to all who read them.

Wishing you a happy Christmas and a bright New Year, I remain, yours respectfully,

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OUR ASTROLOGER

HOROSCOPE

FRIDAY, DEC. 19, 1913.

Evil is the way of stars today.

All the planets this day exercise adverse sway. While Mercury, Venus and Saturn are strongly evil in their influence, Jupiter and Neptune are unkindly.

The afternoon and evening are especially unlucky for writers, school teachers, clerks, actors, singers, musicians and students who may be affected by petty worries and disappointments.

Brokers and promoters are under a rule which may cause them severe losses. Business in which women are concerned is likely to be particularly ill-omened.

Failure of old-time firms are foretold. The beginning of 1914 will mark the discontinuance of long-established partnerships and numerous changes in commercial affairs.

Coal dealers and plumbers are believed to be affected most unfavorably by such configurations as today's. Strikes will hamper merchants who sell fuel.

Those who weigh and measure, weavers, spinners, farmers, carpenters, plasterers and others who follow trades are said to be peculiarly sensitive to the adverse aspects of Saturn.

Weddings and engagements have an unfortunate augury today. It is not a lucky time for social entertainments. Storms and other obstacles probably will disarrange plans.

It is prophesied that Russia will be the scene of terrible loss of life, either next month or a little later.

Violence in the Caucasus will attract the attention of the world, a London seer foretells.

A terrible colliery accident is predicted, and several railway disasters will shock the United States.

The signs for the new year are said to denote financial conditions which will encourage thrift, especially on the eastern coast.

The death of two men who have

been in the United States Senate is presaged by the stars.

Persons whose birthdate it is should watch their health and money. Business affairs may cause anxiety.

Women are warned against disagreements with members of their families.

Children born on this day may be wilful and impulsive. Both boys and girls may be too fond of amusement.

They should be taught to be wise in the use of money. As they are on the cusp, which gives them the qualities of Capricorn as well as Sagittarius subjects, they may be exceedingly versatile and temperamental.

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"The stars incline, but do not compel."

Advertiser Patterns

9775—A Seasonable Top Garment—Boy's Overcoat with Yoke Back.

Chinchilla, cheviot, wool mixtures, serge, or corduroy are suitable materials for this style of garment. The back is plaited below a square yoke. The fronts are double-breasted and closed high at the neck. The pattern is cut in 5 sizes: 3, 6, 8, and 10 years. It requires 2½ yards of 54-inch material for a 5-year size.

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located in the downtown district has solved a problem which confronts many large business houses. One section of the space set apart is fenced in with strong wire netting, heavily reinforced. In this section the men and boys play indoor baseball. Next to this is a lounge room and smoker, merely a continuation, which is roofed over and furnished with plenty of comfortable porch chairs and settees, and the room is made attractive with flower stands and palms. This lounge opens into the dining-room. On the opposite side are rooms for the use of women employees, a library and rest room, and an emergency hospital. Opening from this section is another roof garden exclusively for women's use. Here amid flowers and palms they may walk or exercise, and from the beautiful view of lake and city obtain relaxation from the office grind which is so largely the basis of "nerves."—Popular Mechanics' Magazine.

Husband—I can't make out what is wrong with my meerschaum pipe. There is a very peculiar taste to it and it won't draw.

Wife—That is funny. It seemed to

draw all right when Johnny was blowing bubbles with it.

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