

Christmas Nuts Varied History

Nuts from all over the world go into your nut bowl at Christmas. Like Christmas traditions, the nuts so popular at this time of year are a mixture of many varieties and different histories.

The English walnut, for instance, is not English at all. It originated in Asia centuries ago and was called "the food of the gods."

The round little filbert and the almond came from the Old World. Other nuts, so familiar at Christmas, the hickory nut, the black walnut and the chestnut, to say nothing of the pecan, are strictly American. The pecan is native to America and is found nowhere else. Two other American nuts worthy of mention are the chestnut and the butternut.

Although many nuts originated in other parts of the world, almost every variety known is now grown on American soil and experts are constantly searching for more kinds of nuts to transplant to this country.

Goldenrod: A plant that makes hay fever while the sun shines.

Belafonte Has English Appeal

NEW YORK — Harry Belafonte has established himself as one of England's favorite entertainers as a result of a recent appearance on British television, an article in the current issue of Look Magazine noted.

Belafonte's triumphant visit to London, in which "he set both audiences and critics' feet tapping" is described in a Look picture story, "Transatlantic Troubadour."

Noting Belafonte's eminent position in the entertainment world, the article declared:

"He does not pretend or aspire to be a 'leader' of his people, but their concerns are his, because he knows their troubles firsthand. When Belafonte sings the song of their history, and their hopes, his eyes closed and his arms outflung, what the audience is watching is not a well-rehearsed performer, but a proud and thoughtful Negro who knows what he is singing about."

Any automobile will last a lifetime. All you have to do is drive recklessly.

Bunche Claims United Nations Short of Funds

Dr. Bunche, who is UN under-secretary for special political affairs, had just returned from the UN's third conference of International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna.

He said, "the UN was getting stronger on prestige in world diplomacy but by no means strong enough."

"The UN could do so much more if it had more resources," he said.

Asked whether his many years of UN service have caused him to consider himself a "citizen of the world" Dr. Bunche replied:

"I'm still a good solid American — with an international perspective."

Dr. Bunche called the race issue this country's number one social problem.

"In Detroit as every where else in this country, the eyes of the world follow us," he said.

"There is no doubt that the attitudes of many people toward us, in a world which is two-thirds non-white, are significantly influenced by what they read about racial practices in this country."

"The colored American knows it's not possible to be a good American and be discriminated against because of his race."

Dr. Bunche said it had been almost a century since colored people were emancipated.



"This is why it may seem to some that colored people appear to be impatient. This is because it's not so much a problem of a group but, from a practical sense, it is the problem of every colored person as an individual. He knows his one life span is measured by the opportunities he doesn't have... rights he does not enjoy... and business he cannot exercise."

Taking Action On Stilbestrol

WASHINGTON — In another move against a possible cancer-inducing agent, the Government announced plans for an end to use of a hormone known as stilbestrol in fattening poultry.

Welfare Secretary Arthur Flemming, whose department acted to stop sales of cranberries tainted by weed killer, said a voluntary agreement will remove hormone-treated poultry from markets.

Flemming told a press conference that manufacturers of diethylstilbestrol — a synthetic female hormone — have agreed to suspend immediately its use in poultry.

To Halt Sales

Also, Flemming said, representatives of the poultry and retail industries have been asked to arrange for an immediate halt in sales of treated birds.

"I am confident that this will be done," he said.

The hormone has been used to fatten poultry and beef.

Some concern has developed in the Food and Drug Administration over the safety of poultry if there is a residue of the hormone in the meat.

Used In Medicine

The hormone has been used in medicine more than 15 years for treatment of cancer of the prostate and cancer of the breast.

The Food and Drug Administration says it has been found the hormone can cause cancer of the breast in men when taken in large doses.

Hormone-treated poultry comprises about one per cent of the U.S. poultry production, Flemming said.

To Stimulate Weight

The use of stilbestrol, a synthetic hormone is commonly called, to stimulate weight development in poultry was cleared by the Food and Drug Administration 12 years ago.

Since last May, Flemming said, the agency has been re-examining the question of its use and has developed highly sensitive tests for it.

He said Commissioner George P. Larrick had advised him that no residues of the chemical have been found in beef, mutton, or lamb. Stilbestrol is not used in hogs.

Farm Facts

The Mysterious Orient

Out of the mysterious East has come a new way of making cornstalks grow faster. According to a report from India, delivered at the Ninth International Botanical Congress in Montreal, the same flute music which Indian snake charmers play to their cobras has made cornstalks grow faster than plants left in silence. The report said that flute music was played to a selected group of plants half an hour each day for 30 days. Another group was left in silence. The plants which listened to the music grew 25 to 50 per cent faster. Could be they didn't like the tune!

Contented Cattle

The American pharmaceutical industry, which has contributed such life-saving drugs as the sulfas and antibiotics to mankind, is not neglecting the health of man's domestic animals either. The Health News Institute reports. Use of just one class of new drugs, the tranquilizers, is saving farmers millions of dollars each year. These drugs, the HNI points out, are being used effectively to combat diseases before they start; to cut weight losses during shipment; to acclimate cattle; to combat shipping fever, and to reduce the need for rough handling of cattle.

Help Against Coccidiosis

Dosing chickens with preventive drugs for several weeks after they have been placed on the floor can reduce their chance of developing severe coccidiosis, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Sulfamethazine, sulfaquinoxaline, nitrofurazone or other effective drugs should be administered in feed or drinking water according to directions on the package. If chickens do develop a light infection while receiving the medication, it will help build up resistance to severe forms of the disease.

Keeps Costs Down

The som medicines developed over the past twenty years which have been used to fight such diseases as pneumonia and tuberculosis, have also proved a boon to the farmer struggling to keep costs down, the Health News Institute says. For instance, addition of antibiotics, vitamins and other medication to animal feeds has helped farmers make livestock and poultry grow faster and on less feed than ever before.

Blackleg Vaccination

Vaccination is the only effective and reliable means of protecting

cattle against blackleg, reports the United States Department of Agriculture. Immunity following vaccination last from 9 to 12 months, except for calves under four months.

When young animals are vaccinated in the spring, they should be re-vaccinated in the fall. Although treatment is of little or no value in advanced cases of blackleg, veterinarians report that antibiotics do achieve excellent results in cattle showing early symptoms of the disease.

On The Sunny Side

Junior was watching his mother combing her new permanent. "What are those curls on your head?" he asked innocently. "They're waves," she replied. Then, pointing at his father's head, he asked: "Then what's that on daddy's head — a beach?"

Skinned Alive

The wife was showing her husband the new fur coat she had just bought. She said: "I really can't help but feel sorry for the poor thing that was skinned for this." "I appreciate your sympathy," grumbled her husband.

Budding Genius

The kindergarten group at Sunday school wasn't doing too well during the question period. "Let's try again," the teacher sighed patiently. "Can anyone tell me who was St. Matthew?" No one could. "Well, who was St. Joseph?" Still no answer. "Well, certainly," the teacher smiled brightly, "someone must know who Peter was?" Finally, a tiny voice piped up hopefully: "I fink he wath a wabbit."

AME youths want books for Africa AUSTIN, Tex. —The Young People's Division of the AME Women's Missionary Society will start "Send a Book to Africa" week on Nov. 1.

Mrs. Billie Nell Atkins heads the projects. It is connected with Book Week sponsored by the New York Children's Book Council.

The projects seeks 2,000 books for the Anne E. Heath Library at Boy's High School in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Something's Wrong Somewhere

The wife had just stepped off the scales. "What's the verdict?" asked the husband. "Are you overweight?" "No," she replied. "But according to the height table, I should be six inches taller."

Growing Old

This Christmas, Pete is fourteen, and he has told

Us, "No toys, please, this Christmas. I'm too old."

This year, I just want clothes or money." And

We know he is too old. We understand.

But what will Christmas be like without toys?

I tell his mother, "It will mean less noise."

But will it still be Christmas not to see

His eyes light up at what's beneath the tree

Or hear him shout, "My bike! I got my bike!"

Or, "Gosh, Dad, an erector set just like

The one we looked at last week in the store.

Gee, thanks!" No more of this? Not ever more.

No baseballs to be thrown through windowpanes.

No kites to catch in trees, no model planes

To stick together with the stickiest glue

A father ever stuck the wrong things to.

No chemistry sets to ruin his mother's sink

Or blow the basement up or make a stink,

No roller skates to mar the floors — and yet

The toyless prospect only brings regret.

I hope our friends won't think we're both insane;

I've asked his mother for an electric train,

And I am giving her a game of darts —

For Christmas is a small boy in our hearts.

—JAMES DILLET FREEMAN

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