THE SYNERY MENDAGE

And man will charp a tiny, toddling son, while the the tree rest always on the

Ye drawny thought; and when each is done, Two sing a song, and chant a whisper prayer. Bince Mari came along Judean hills; But love and lovelty live on to-day. Lar shining wreaths upon our window

O homing hearts, how tenderly you being To earth the starlit message of a Kingi

THE REPORT OF THE PARTY. Menu Hints

Disken: Homehold Ideas and

なかかかか さんしん かっかん こうしん IT'S CHRISTMAS AGAIN

By Barbara B. Brooks

Morry Christmas! The words call up G Arlot Dills a multi-colored picture a sound picture Dear Sir: because the rustle of tissue paper, the music of chimes, and the tooting of horns are just as much its part as the image of the glittering tree, the flickering candles, and the golden-brown turkey. Everyone has his special memories at this time of year which centre around hints. You may find some use for them. the family group. But the holiday is not a personal one because it is celebrated not only in your own city, state and nation but throughout the world.

Do you ever wonder how people in Acton, Ontario, other lands are spending their Christmas? In some parts of our country we want snow, because it fits in with Santa's wave of celebrating have become inter- rainy days. mingled. At midnight all Catholic churches celebrate a mass which is popularly called the Cock's Mass, because the cooks grow at midnight, Many people ing on camels that are hungry and gifts. thirsty from their long journey, so on the eve of January 6th, the children fill boxes with grass and corn and nans so in the morning there is a great deal frames, to save the glass.

of excitement when these are found. Each country has its Sents. In Holland he is -St. Kicholas, who rides a white horse. The children there fill their wooden shoes with oats and hav for the horse, and in the morning find candy and toys instead. In Prance. Ruprecht visits homes with Pere Noel and switches for bad. In Italy, Befano shake off all drops, sweep about a yard, Whose birth we celebrate. (Mother Goose) rides her broom stick dip again, etc. Repeat until rug has And now, may I close with a little powder! and delivers gifts. In Switzerland, Kris Kringle reports to parents on the behavior of the children.

Certain food customs are unalterable in many homes. This is significant when considered in connection with our rapidly changing world. One of the most stable things is the bond welded by the group around the family table. The dinner served on Christmas Day fundamentally may be the menu handed down from your great-grandmother, although adaptations have been made to conform with our newer knowledge of nutrition, better transportation facilities and wider variety of manufactured products. Here are traditional recipes for

Christmas cookies which you will enjoy BRAN BRAUNSCHWEIGER

2 cups brown sugar

- 's cup honey la cup butter
- I tablespoon grated lemon rind
- 1 tablespoon lemon fuice
- to cup milk 1 oup all bran
- 3 4 cups flour I teaspoon cinnamon
- touspoun cloves --
- & Craspoon mace I traspoon sods

Mix brown sugar, honey and butter Melt over low heat carefully. Add lemon rind and juice Cool to room temperature Beat egg well, add milk and bran Add to first mixture Sift remaining dry ingredients together and add. Mix well Chill dough thoroughly Roll out dough to one-eighth inch in thickness and cut into 2-inch aquares. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) from

10 w'12 minutes. Yield. 7 dozen cookies 2 inches square. Note: These cookies should be stored farmer. for a few days since it improves the

FOREWARNED ,

A London producer was rehearsing a musical play in which, it appeared, he had little faith. At the end of the final rehearsal he addressed the orches-

"Our" Column

Plants of Particular Interest to Westers

Dear Readers: I once knew very well a dear little old lady, who in her daily prayers always included these words: "Dear Father, help me to grow old gracefully" -she in herself was so sweet one knew her prayers were being grawered.

It wouldn't hurt some of us to pray for a few added graces, . The trouble is, we seldom realize we need improv- farm house, I wish you all a very, very ing. We generally think it is someone happy Christmas. else we should pray for. Recently. I heard discussed a won-

derful book, on the Priendship of Jesus, written by an English minister. opened by relating several dreams. would like to secure a copy to read. Can any reader tell me the proper title of the book, and the author's name?

I send to all readers of THE PARK PARKS sincere greetings for a holiday season, fidl of health and happiness, and to you for "Our Column."

I'll close now, signing myself as

May I say that I think Nurse Elkram's usually-a school concert—and any mother is a very interesting one. I never miss that means. reading it from beginning to end. really think a Woman's Column would women have goese, turkeys, ducks or he of great use. Am enclosing a few Wishing you and your paper every

> Yours sincerely. SILVER LINING.

To Amuse the Children

If all mothers will keep a box handy, sleigh, drawn by prancing reindeer, but and as they look through magazines, all in many places the sun in warm, the puzzles and new games, along with paper skies blue and the grass green. In dolls to cut out, they will save them-Puerto Rico the American and Spanish selves many hours with the children on Nativity-when Joseph and Mary came

Colored Oilcloth for Flower Pots To the lover of plants, damp, strained flower pots are a problem. A useful have Christmas trees and many children cover may, be made from colored oil- to enrol names as members of the House write to Santa Claus for toys. The real- cloth, the edges bound with bias tape, of David. ly typical celebration comes on Twelfth in matching shades, ends of tape left . Naturally, every khan or inn along the Night. The children believe that on long enough to tie over at the back of way was crowded, and there was much this date the Three Wise Kings, led by a flower pot. They do not stain from feasting and merry making in the places guiding star, reach Bethlehem and pay water. May have a design stenciled on that Joseph and Mary passed by on their homege to Jesus. The kings come rid- them. They also make inexpensive journey. But for them "there was no

Washing Woodwork

with water. These are placed under hard to keep from soiling the walls. But the year. In fact, what, with Santa the beds so that the animals may be it will be found easy and quick to hold Claus and our giving and exchanging refreshed when they arrive. During the a piece of cardboard next to the walls Christmas gifts, our sometimes elaborate gical operation." night the parents replace the food with and thus keep them spotless. The same preparations and the feverish rush of packages containing toys and other gifts may be used when painting window the season; doesn't it sometimes seem

> Dusty Carpets been covered. It will make a surprising story for the children? difference in the look of the carpet

Build for yourself a strong box, Pashion each part with care, Put all your troubles there. Pit it with hasp, and padlock,

Hide therein all your failures, As each little cup you quoff; Lock all your heartaches within it. Then ait on the lid and laugh.

balky mule has four-wheel brakes. A billy goat has bumpers. The firefly is a bright spotlight. Rabbits are puddle jumpers; Camels have ballon-tired feet. And carry spares of what they cat. But still I think that nothing beats

The kangaroos, with rumble seats,

A MORNING GLORY FOR EACH DAY OF THE WEEK Thursday, December 16th

SILVER LINING

Don't be surprised at weeds in your garden, what you plant will grow Friday, December 17th,

Truth is more important than safety Saturday, December 18th To mingle satisfactorily with men, we

need to remember that each man is important to himself Sunday, December 19th Judge not, and ye shall not be judg-

ed: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned, forgive, and ye shall be forwhen .- St Luke 6: 37 Monday, December 20th The man who has never known sor-

row can scarcely be expected to feel pity Tomday, December 21st A good farm does not make a good

Wednesday, December 21nd The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him.

NURSE ELECRAM

HOME HINTS To cleanse hands from vegetable stains, rub with a slice of raw potato.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

William Specially for The Acton Pres Press GWENDOLINE P. CLANKE

Dear Readers of "Ginger Farm": Wherever you are, in city, town or country, in big house, little house

As I write, it is still nearly two we to Christmas, but when you read. it will only be one week away, and you. I know, will be possessed by that "last week" feeling. You will have your cards to get away and perhaps the finishing touches to do on Mary's sweater, or Aunt Jennie's pillow slins.

The children-where there are children-will be getting a little more keyed up every day and you, possibly, are get-Editor Dills and Nurse Elkram a thank ting weary answering questions about Santa Claus. Perhaps you may have your cakes and puddings still to AN OLD LADY, -sometimes in spite of good management, there is far more left to that "last week" than was ever intended.

suggestion a splendid one. Your paper with children taking part knows what Besides all these things, many farm

> very busy time indeed. Just before I started writing week's "Chronicle." I sat in the living room by the fire-in the dusk-wondering what I should write, and how busy everyone would be-probably too busy to

read whatever I might write, anyway. And then my thoughts went back to that first Christmas, so long, long ago. and I thought how like our modern Christmas is to that first one. - You remember, in the Story of the

to the Inn. they were told "there was no room -- no room for the Infant Jesus at His birth It was the time of "the enrolment."

when men and women travelled for miles

And now, nearly 2,000 years since the birth of Christ, we still have much feast-In washing woodwork, it is pretty ing and merry-making at this time of

days for the Christ Child than there job." was on the day He was born. If brooms are wet in boiling suds once | We all want a good time at Christa week, they will become very tough, mas we like to meet our friends and will not cut the carpet, last much longer, have good things to est, we love to make and always sweep like new ones. A little children happy and keep up the very dusty carpet may be cleaned by jolly old story of Santa Claus-but we setting a pail of cold water out by the can, if we will, do all these things and door, wet the broom in it, knock it to still have room in our hearts for He

that there is very little more room these

RECKY'S RED SLIPPERS

Recky, whose real name was Rebecca. was longing so much for Christmas to come that she felt she just couldn't wait another whole week. She was a little worried, too, because the day after she had written to Santa Claus, Daddy had read in the paper that Santa had started on his long journey and Recky

felt sure her letter could not have

reached him before he left his home in the north. And there were so many things she was afraid Santa might not know about unless he got her letter in time. Por instance, she had told him not to bother about any more dolls for a year or two. as she had quite enough already and if he thought of bringing her a tea set. would he bring a shiney one like Mummy's kettle, 'cos Teddy, who was only three, didn't understand 'bout' things

breaking if you dropped them, When she was writing her letter. Mummy had said why not ask Santa if he had a snow-suit he could spare



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or a nice comy pair of alippers. But Rocky said, "Oh no, shrimmy; I don't want Santa to bring me funny things -a sleigh, a tea-set, picture books and -and-oh, such lots of things!"-

And then Munmy gave a funny kind of sigh, and said: "I wouldn't worty. Recky-I believe whatever Santa brings you will be all right."

At last it was Christmas Eve, as Rocky and little Teddy hung their stockings ready for Santa Claus, and, in case Santa had not got her letter, Recky left a note pinned to her stock-

"Dere Santa." she wrote, "there are lots of things I want, but I promise to like wotever you leve con you brought . Your loving Recky."

Christmas morning Recky and ittle brother were awake just as it was getting light, and oh, such excitement when they started pulling things out from their bulging stockings! andles, bricks, puzzles, a Scottle toy dog for Teddy, and a gally wrapped box for Recky. "Perhaps," thought Recky.

"It's my tea set!" ' But when she opened the box, what did she find but a pair of little Red lippers. At first she nearly cried, then she remembered she had promised Sants to like whatever he brought her.

So she put the little Red Slippers on her two wee feet, and at once she felt so happy she wanted to dance and sing. And added to your own work, there is she didn't know why, but she finally liked those alippers better than anything else in her stocking. Mummy liked them, too, and Daddy said there must be something extra special about a pair of slippers that Sants Claus had brought. chickens to pick-so alogether it is a "Yes." said Recky, "I think they are

fairy slippers, Daddy. When I feel kind & of naughty. I'm going to put my Santa slippers on, and then I'll feel good 2 And that is just exactly what happened. When Mummy wanted Recky

to do little jobs for her, Recky would put on her Red Slippers, and her wee feet would almost fly as she ran about doing this thing and that thing to help Mummy. And wasn't it funny she could always eat her porridge if she had her Red Slippers on! "You know, Mummy," said Recky one day. "I think my Red Slippers were the

bestest gift of all, 'cos they make me feel so happy when I wear them!" So you see, it was really true what Recky's mother said-"Whatever Santa brings you is sure to be all right." And I am sure you will think so too.

STILL AT IT!

A surgeon, an architect, and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest.

Said the surgeon: "Eve was made from Adam's rib, and that surely was a sur-"Maybe," said the architect. "but

chaos, and that was an architectural "But," interrupted the politician. somebody created the chaos first.!"

prior to that, order was created out of

SURELY AN ANCIENT

Ding-So your grandfather is a sureenough old-timer? Dong-Yeah. He says he can remember when baking powder outsold face

ducing a bottle of whisker, "I thought

"Ave, that's me night cap," said the Aberdonnian.

A STITCH IN TIME

cards so that I'll know all should it after we're supreled."

"That's right. to teach you?" "I think he calls it



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