FASHION HINT



The first few days of snow and the occasion the eight of rather premature but delightful Christmas decoration in store windows already gives a holiday feeling as Christmas is in the air. Although it's the season for dressing warmly and practically. the spirit of frivolity is so very enjoyable at Christmas time. Wear rumance under your winter coat with this jet black decollette dress The lastice is of soft rayon velvet amouthing down to a jagged torso time over a velvet dotted sheer marquisette skirt.

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with heavy waxed paper. Steam

them two hours, then bake in an

CHRISTMAS COOKIE DOUGH

beaten egg, beat all until light.

Sift flour, salt and souls three times.

All floor mixture to first mixture

Stir in the vanilla and nuts Pack

tor When ready to bake before

alice Or let warm then roll out

and cut with cookie cutters. Bake

TAKE A TIP

similar) containing 14 cup water

lower part of the steamer while

', cup butter

1 cgg

tian ejet ."

14 cups flour

's top vanilla

cakes are baking

better the cake

thubart pudding)

', cup brown sugar

's cup white sugar

4 typ baking meta

', cup chopped nuts

Hello Homemakers! Hame-cook- Lelly. Reserve two cups of flour in ing and Christmas at home are syn- which to roll the fruit. Mix and unymous it is now time to make sift dry ingredients, add to mixtup two lists-one for the ingred- | ure, mix well and add well-beaten ients of Christmas baking and the eggs. Add the floured fruit and mix and the decoration should also be paperlined pans. Over the top of given some thought too Although the cakes sprinkle the blanched a homemaker has two hands there shredded almonds Cover the cakes is a limited time to attend to so many jobs. Can you solicit the family's help? In a co-operative electric oven (300 degrees) for one spirit, here are recipes and tips for

MINCEMEAT

- 3 lbs Iran beef
- 6 lbs sour apples 4 lb suct
- 's lb citron 4 lbs seedless relains
- 2 lbs sugar
- 2 cups cider vinegar 2 cups molasses
- I then ground cloves
- I top cinnamon
- 2 tage mace

2 thap salt Stew the beef in a little water dough together Wrap in aluminum until tender Cool it, then chop the full and store in electric refrigerameat, the apples, raising suct and citron Mix and add remaining in-

CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE

gredients Scald If too dry, add a

little warm water at time of us-

- 1 lb butter 5 cups brown sugar
- 6 cups pastry flour
- 10 cggs 1 cup molasses
- I cup strong coffee Juice and grated rind of
- 2 oranges Juice and grated rind of
- 1 lemon
- I cup tart jelly
- 1 lb almonds 3 lbs raisins
- ? Ibs currants
- 1 lb citron
- 1 th dates 2 type nutmeg
- I top mace
- 1 top cloves
- 2 typs cinnamon

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- I top seeds
- 3 typs baking powder Cream the butter and sugar Add

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molasses, coffee, lemon, orange and put them in the topping

keeps exceptionally moist

THE QUESTION BOX sharp sausage mixture in pastry

Answer Liver Sausage Tidbit mashed liver sausage which may be a shower, even if there was a tea-Funeral Home, Heated Ambalance seasoned with prepared mustard or party going on in the living-room in i inch slices and bake on a exactly the right setting for the 425 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes Serve hot or cold as appetizers or

as a salad accompaniment Mrs R M asks: Is it advisable to cool cookies on the pan they are baked?

to cake racks and cool

Mrs. C D asks: How can the children make Taffy Apples?

Answer: For 6 medium applessugar until a sample of syrup dropped in a cup of cold water turns brittle. Stick a wooden skewer in ran a gurgling stream. If I lived in each apple, dip apple in syrup, and cool on baking sheet.

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Chronicles Ginger Farm

Written Specially for the Actor Free Press by Gwendeline P. Clarke

For once I felt like saying other for presents Holiday menus thoroughly. Bake in 2 greated told you so" Remember the news story last week about the meteor ite flashing across the sky? Well when the news broke I remarked-"Now we can look for some drastic change in the weather" And no one can deny that we got it! last week must surely have set some kind of heat record for late fall But wasn't it wonderful even though it does make it a little harder to accept the snow than if we had led up to it gradually Maybe some of you industrious people made good use of the sunny days limit necessary to own it to get an extra spot of housecleaning done I had other ideas I had quite a few trips I had been want-Cream the butter and sugar, add ing to make for ages partly business as my trips usually are and I thought, now is the time

when the weather gets cold and rough I have no ambition to trave around very much, especially if I have to drive the car myself So away I went on my round of visits Christmas turn out on a board and Starting on Sunday I was away part of the day every day of the week However, none of my trips in hot electric oven for 8 to 10 minwere very long all within a forty mile radius. Altogether I accomplished a lot of business, met some I Mace a soup tin for something very interesting and entertaining people, and on the whole, had on the oven shelf while the fruit most enjoyable time I still have to make a trip to Toronto after 2 Place five or six marbles in the that I shall probably be ready to hibernate for the duration of the

the plum puddings are being cooked If the water boils away It has been said that houses tak the marbles begin to rattle as a on character from the people who live in them. There can be little 3 When a fruit cake calls for jam argument against that it is often the consistency of it should be so very obvious For instance one firm and the better the Jam the I house. I visited was almost new and the very last word in comfort 4 Prevent "blisters" in tart shells and convenience streamlined by placing egg cups on top of the vers last detail Picture win t ows drapes that pulled right across To hold up the biscuit topping on very smoothly, by manipulating top of a casserole of chicken pot hidden cord. Hardwood floors pie place an egg cup in the stew | throughout except in the kitchen (This is also used in apple or bathroom and basement, where there was rubber tile Four-piece Bake a Crumb Space Cake to ac- bathroom on the ground floor company applesauce or stewed three piece in the basement And apples. By the way, ever omit the that basement really won my heart spices from the cake batter and There was the usual modern laundry- also workshop, furnace room A chocolate cake made with and fruit cellar But the main part white sugar instead of brown was a rumpus room complete with fiteplace sleeping cot, large desk sewing machine and oodles of cup-Mrs A B asks for a recipe for board room. The friend who was with me said laughingly-"I can just imagine what you would do with this room if you had it!" An-Roll pastry dough into a rec- other attraction-the men could go tangular shape about 6 inches long in and out to the basement by the and is inch thickness Spread with rear door, smoke a pipe or take horseradish Roll up to form a roll Needless to say this extremely 11, inches in diameter Chill. Cut | modern and charming home was baking sheet in electric oven of lady of the house, whom I knew to be a most efficient and meticulous housekeeper.

Later in the week I visited, for the first time, another home. And in regard to it I shall only attempt to describe one room-it was all Answer No. Transfer cookles that registered with me anyway This room was very large. A plet ure window reached almost entirely across one end of it-and this window led out to a flagstone terheat 's cup water and I cup brown race complete with a background of ornamental evergreens - and overlooking a ravine through which that house I don't think I would ever want to move out of such a delightful room. One couldn't possibly tire of it. Inside the room there were huge oak beams supporting the ceiling which was a lovely shade of palish-blue, a pleasing contrast to the floor which was Chinese red-but the red was not too obvious because of the scatter rugs and the subdued tones of the chesterfield suite and other furnishings. There was an immense stone fireplace and a beautiful grand piano-both of which belonged to the room as naturally as a gilt frame to an oil painting I

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need hardly say that the family in this home was extremly artisticbut not "arty"-If you get what I mean. This room in particular was expressive of the best of the best form of art since it had a "livedin look", thus creating an atmos-

phere of pleasure and comfort. Did I come back discontented with our humble home? I did not I knew that a house like either of the ones I had visited was entirely beyond our means. Certainly it was a joy to see such beautiful homes but still what we have within our own four walls are things which we have worked hard to get; they are what the children have grown up with; every piece of furniture, every picture and ornament, every convenience is interwoven with life as we have known it at Ginger Farin-through the depression and the war years Even now, it is often with a spirit of thankfulness that I switch on the lights, remembering the days when lamps were our only means of it lumination Envious pres intere admire that which is beautiful it

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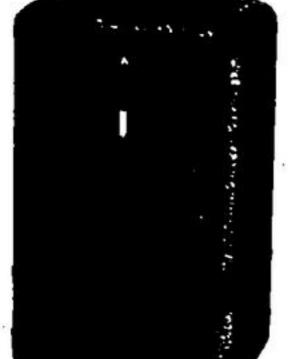
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