

# Enjoy fresh berry sauce

Cranberry sauce is one of the delectable goodies many people love to serve with the holiday turkey. The fresh, tart flavor of cranberry sauce complements the flavor of turkey. For a pleasant change, remember to try cranberry sauce with other poultry and meats. The taste is superb. You'll want to have cranberry sauce on hand for many occasions.

Food specialists at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food report that Ontario cranberries are grown in the Muskoka area on about 30 acres of land situated on the Iroquois reservation. The growing and harvesting operations are managed by the Iroquois Cranberry Growers.

An excellent crop was grown this year and has harvested about 320,000 lb of cranberries. Plans for increased production

of cranberries are already underway, and it is hoped that the 1980 crop will yield more than 500,000 lb.

Ontario-grown cranberries are used exclusively for processing. After they are harvested, around October, they are sent to processing plants to be prepared and packed for the hotel, restaurant and institutional trade, or for the retail market. At the retail level, consumers can choose either whole berry cranberry sauce or jellied cranberry sauce. The Ontario products are available in 12-oz (341 mL) glass jars.

Enjoy the tangy flavor of cranberry sauce with your meals this holiday season. For excellent fresh flavor and bright color, be sure to look for the glass jars of Ontario-processed cranberries at your favorite supermarket.

# Candle is old friend

Here is an appealing story that focuses on Man's old friend, the candle. Back in the Middle Ages, any light, no matter how fragile, was much prized, and a candle though perhaps common to us, was a possession of great value.

A shoemaker lived in a cottage on the edge of a village, near the dark woods. Although a poor man, he placed his candle in the window

each night to guide travellers. Despite wars, hardships and illness; by some miracle, some mysterious grace, his light never wavered.

This inspired the villagers and during the Christmas season most of them placed a candle in their windows. The custom grew and became universal.



Mrs. Helen Near, Maria Street, has been collecting Christmas doll figurines for some time. Mrs. Near has a Christmas scene set up in her dining room with figurines which were made some 20 years ago by a Gall church organization. She has been adding to her collection whenever possible, including the church made by the late Frank Pink, over ten years ago.

# Adopt foreign traditions this Christmas

This Christmas, try something new. Break away from the Canadian Christmas turkey and pie holiday and use the traditions of other countries for celebration ideas.

For tree trimming and party ideas, pick out decorations and foods popular in one particular country. Take Mexico, for example. Serve paella, a rice and seafood dish, and sangria, a wine and fruit mixture. For the children, hang a pinata, colorful paper mache animal stuffed with toys and candies. At midnight the children gather round and break the pinata with sticks to collect the prizes.

Trim the tree in colourful Mexican ornaments. Dolls,

stars, and even jewelry, look bright and happy for the holidays.

Or pick a country like Japan, and serve tempura. How about Greece, or Poland? A quick trip to the library for research will help set the stage for your international atmosphere. This system helps everyone, especially the children, learn about and understand the customs of others throughout the world, and what better way to convey the message of brotherhood and good will?

# Kissing under mistletoe

The word "mistletoe" derives from the Anglo-Saxon word "mistletan." It is a parasitic plant which grows on evergreen trees, with small yellowish-green leaves, yellowish flowers and waxy white, poisonous berries.

Under a sprig of mistletoe men are by custom privileged to kiss any women standing under it. The man is supposed to first remove one of the berries and present it to the woman. When all the berries are gone, this kissing game is over. It is thought this custom comes from an early pagan marriage rite.

Mistletoe was considered sacred by the Druids in ancient Britain and they performed elaborate ceremonies around it at the winter solstice. Because of these pagan associations, it is seldom used in church decorations.



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# Well of the Wise Men

There is a "Well of the Wise Men" on the outskirts of Bethlehem where, according to legend, the three discouraged Magi found their lost star reflected and continued their quest.

In 1834 a modern candlemolding machine was developed by Joseph Morgan, so that candles no longer had to be made by a tedious hand-dipped process.

It's Christmas! Hope yours is merry!

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