CHRISTMAS PARCELS

I love the look of parcels Before the string's untied, Before I've torn the paper And seen what's packed inside. They're sometimes sealed with scarlet. They're sometimes white and small, Some rattle when they're shaken, And, oh, I love them all.

The postman has so many Of every shape and size. He well might have a fish-pond Where all could hook a prize. But mine-if I could keep it From dinner, say, till tea, A parcel, just a parcel,

Of course, a present's jolly-A toy, a game, a book-And if 'twas kept unopened How silly it would look. Still though I can't explain it, It's hard to talk about, There's something in a parcel That never quite gets out.

How ripping it would be.

Menu Hints

Recipes for New and Nevel Dishes: Household Ideas and

FOR THE CHRISTMAS COOKIE JAR

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THE ENCHANTED SEASON

And friendly fires of love forever burn.

An old, old. story, yet the flight of years

Serene above the East abldes the Star!

Where all our phantom fears we may

And build again the palace of our

The child we used to be on Christmas

A happy child shall lead us in the way.

the glad day will be here again.

ramblings along Acton's streets.

Crossing over the little creek north of

River Street we find ourselves on the

been school grounds for the past nine

or ten years. It was, before that time,

known as Pairview Place, the stately

ancestral home of the Sidney Smith

School was part of the splendid residence.

It was built by the late Sidney Smith,

Sr., between seventy or seventy-five years

ago. The lawns, gardens, terraces, or-

chard, rockery, llly pond and groves of

evergreens and other trees covered over

four acres. As a beautiful family resid-

ence Pairview Place was always greatly

admired. Some who read this will

remember when it was built, during

their school days. We remember the

Scotch stone cutters in their shelters a

rod or two back from the school fence

industriously cutting the stone for walls,

tills and lintels for this spacious home.

We remember how it rose, tier over tier

of carefully fashioned stone, in the hands

the admiration of the hosts of people

who went to view this fine property when

the gracing and walks and solding and

stone steps, and flower beds sand, the

general landscape gardening were finally

family. What is now the Continuation

Come, let us gather for a little while.

dreams:

other time of year.

One ingredient given particular attention in the following recipes is the shortening, for on it every good cook and cookies largely depends. That is why thousands of Christmas cookie makers will choose and use butter in their baking, and why the Milk Utilization Service, Dalry Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture, specifies this superior fat in the following recipes:

> SHORTBREAD I cup butter 14 cup fruit sugar 2W cups flour

Pinch of salt Cream butter thoroughly and sugar and salt, gradually. Add flour and work mixture with hands until dough can be shaped. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead until mixture cracks Roll to about %-inch thickness. Cut into fancy shapes. Bake in a alow over (300 to 325 degrees P.) until very slightly browned (about 30 minutes). Garnish, if desired, with green or red cherries.

ALMOND SHORTBREAD

Put I cup unblanched almonds through food chopper. Dredge with part of flour. Pinish as "Shortbread."

ORANGE SHORTBREAD

Add I tablespoons grated orange rind and I tablespoon grated lemon rind to the flour. Pinish as "Shortbread." VANILLA WAPERS

> % cup brown sugar I cup melted butter 1 egg

1% cups flour 14 teaspoon cream of tartur

14 teaspoon baking sods

1 teaspoon vanilla beaten egy and beat well. Then add

by spoonfuls on buttered baking sheet Bake 4 to 5 minutes at 350 degrees P. TOTTI-PROTITI COOKIES

34 cup butter I cup brown sugar

1 egg 314 cups flour

114 teaspoons baking sods

& teaspoon almond extract

14 cup candled cherries, chopped 14 cup blanched almonds, chopped

Cream butter. Add sugar gradually and cream well together. Add well beaten egg, best well. Add flavoring and sods and salt sifted with part of flour. Lastly add cherries and almonds well dredged with remainder of flour. Form into roll. Chill in refrigerator for several hours. Out off in thin slices and hake on buttered baking sheet in moderate oven (375 degrees P.) for 8 to 10

BROWNTES

2 eggs & cup sugar

is cup butter

minutes.

the cup flour 14 teaspoon baking powder

ly teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon vanilla-

Cut in squares while warm.

1 cup chopped walnuts Cream butter. Add sugar gradually and cream well together. Add well beaten eggs, chocolate melted over hot water, flour, baking powder, salt, vanilla and walnuts. Spread in well buttered of skilful builders. We remember its pan one inch thick. Bake in a moderate completion, and the house-warming, and

ORIGIN OF OLYMPICS

oven (350 degrees P.) 20 to 25 minutes.

It is very popular to apply the word. How proud were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olympic to any great c lebration of Sidney Smith when they settled in Pairsport. The word is derived from the view Place, a voung married couple, rename of the plain, Olympia, where the presenting the second generation. Then ancient Greek games were held.

In these pagan days the ancients quiet halls of this mansion, and they credited the gods with being human, and formed the third generation. And the accordingly did all they could to please first-born son was the third Sidney them. One of the ideas of their games Smith, and he in turn begat a son and and entertainments was to entertain the behold he too was named Sidney. And deities who dwelt on Mount Olympus, this latter great-grandson was one of The most famous of the games were the stalwart soldiers in the American ; those specially arranged for that pur- army overseas in the Great War, pose, and they were named Olympic. A. In the course of time Sidney Smith. period of four years elapsed between \$7, was called to his fathers, and tenthe games. That period was called the derly ne was faid to rest beside the wife Olympiad, and from the year 776 B.C. of his young manhood, who for years had was used to measure time. The Olympic slept in the family plot at Galt. Then games thus denoted a very special ex- the dear little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. hibition, and that is why the word ap- C, & Smith, the only daughter ever born plies to the greater feativals of aport. In this home, was plucked and trans-

planted to the beautiful garden of God above. One after another of the five sons of the home left to make homes of THE OLD MAN their own, until all had gone but the youngest, named for his grandfather, his mother in her declining years. He and his mother were living in this fine home when the disastrous fire broke out on a wintry morning, the last day of March, thirteen years ago last spring, and did such damage that the horse was uninhabitable. It was a great blow to Mrs. Smith and in her declining years the home was never rebuilt, but after a few years was acquired by the School Board and transformed into the present splendid Continuation School. None of the family now remain in Acton. Allan is at Grimsby and Mrs. Smith passed away several years ago and sleeps in: Pairview Cemetery.

I think it was in 1885 that Charles Little, that prince of educationists, died. uble, it is necessary to choose them so were called hence?

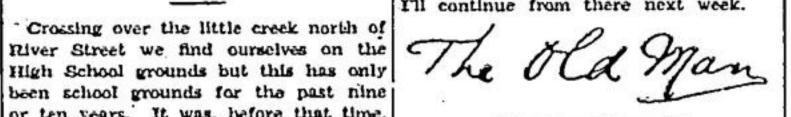
military funeral and was followed to the grain feeds (either whole or grave by his officers and men of the 20th Battallon.

private waterworks installed in town. feeds supplied in such quantities and With the business foresight with which proportions so as to form a ration suited this fire old gentleman was possessed, to the purpose, are called "balanced he stipulated as one of the considera- rations." tions for deviating of the stream through historogerty-that a half-inch pipe should one that contains proteins, - carbohyhydraulic ram, to be located on his the necessary supplementary feeds (vitapremises. This ram was installed and for over forty years uninterruptedly and The season of enchantment comes again, at practically no expense, supplied the the animal to which the ration is fed. In When we may to that mystic realm house, bath, conservatory and the stables addition, it is essential that all of these Where childhood dreams immortally re- with water.

Say, don't mention it to any of the youngsters, but we boys used to "swim" in the creek where it crosses Main Stroot. Its magic and its beauty cannot mar; Bathing trunks were unknown here in The torch of Knowledge flares and dis- those far back days. We appeared in nature's free garb. Of course when any one was passing we dodged under the old log bridge until they were out of sight. Here in the sacred circle of its beams. Who can forget those boyhood days at "the ol' swimmin' hole?" But this was not the most popular swimmin' hole. More of us "did ours" in the tannery creek at Speight's blacksmith shop, or in Speight's saw mill flume, when we J. Lewis Milligan. were youngsters. When we got older and know a little about how to swim,-"The That time of year is at hand when art of swimming"-the school teachers the young Yolks are so jubilant and the would say to-day, we joined the bly felolder folks glory in seeing their enjoy- lows at the mill dam at the big pond, mnt and recall the by-gone Ohristmas now forsooth, "Pulry Lake." What a

seasons they have enjoyed. It is Christ- place that was in the summer time. mas time again and in just two weeks There was a noted stump, I should say about an hundred feet out, which every Christmas has changed. like every- young swimmer aspired to reach. When thing else down through the years. But we could do it our reputations were made the joy of the present time is no greater as real swimmers. When we first assayed Add butter to brown sugar. Add un- than in the days of other years. Elec- to accomplish this feat that stump seemtric trains, hockey skates, and many of ed to be half a mile away at least. Yes, sifted dry ingredients and vanilla. Drop the mechanical contraptions that please that's how it looked to the embryo swimthe children of to-day were unknown mer. Who can forget the boyhood days

> just as esperly sought then as now. I'll hands. have some more to say about Christmas But this will seem peculiar weather later on and just now give a few more for recalling the swimmin' hole, but such is the twist of old men's recollections. I'll continue from there next week.



TRIFLES COUNT

I remember in the physics class-re-m in the university where I was trained, we found one day an iron beam hanging from the ceiling, held there perfectly passive. And our professor, Professor Tate, took little paper pellets and threw them at the fron beam. It seemed like child's work, but at first nothing happened. But he kept on throwing these little paper pellets, these little nothings, at the fron beam until we saw it begin to vibrate, then to thrill, then to move, and at last to swing. Now what created that movement of the iron beam? Accumulative trifles! Every trifle contributed its little quota and helfed to make the

X-RAY ENDS "EVIL EVE"

Treatment by X-rays has freed an charleinal woman from the "curar of the all e.e." in Belligen, New South Wales. Musling parts of her scanty clothing after a dispute she was certain that her enemy had taken them into the mountains, recited incantations over them to the nevils, and thus brought a cuise on her. She became very ill, and a white man children came to bless the previously persuaded her to visit Belligen hospital rather than a tribal medicine man. Aspart of a prearranged plan she was subjected to Xerays, and told that had "debbil-debbils" been at work on he: and the rays would reveal it, but the 'magic machine" showed no trace, 'Fliwoman recovered quickly. The treatment, doctors say, undoubtedly saved her

PHILANTHROPIC

First Tramp: "What would you do if you had a lot of money?" Second Tramp: "I'd have the blooming park benches upholstered."

POULTRY FEEDING IS A HIGH ABT

The compounding of suitable rations for the various purposes required in Allan, who remained at home to comfort on intimate knowledge of the feeding values of different feeds, the main feature of which are set forth among other important subjects in the 40-page illustrated bulletin "Poultry Peeds and Peeaing" recently issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture. Paying attention only to the most important principles of feeding, fairly satisfactory poultry rations are easily made up with the ordinary feeds available on the farm, but, in order to obtain fullest growth in the bird or highest egg production, the Di proper balance between various ingredients must be maintained and some judg-

Sidney Smith passed away, after a brief is one of the first considerations, and illness. It was this year also that Robt. when only a limited number is obtain-Isn't it a difficult matter for us old that no essential nutriment is lacking, fellows to realize that it is over fifty either for growth or for egg production years since those two prominent citizens as the case may be. Cost is also an important factor, and economy should be Shortly aftr Mr. Smith's death Col. practised without unduly sacrificing efand Mrs. Allan went to live with their niclency in the ration. In short, the widowed daughter. Por years Pairview feeding of poultry is more or less like the Re Place was their home. Both were car- feeding of any other live stock and the ried to their last earthly resting place rution must be varied according to the in Pairview Cemetery from this home. purpose for which it is intended. Noc-Col. Allan was honored with an imposing mally, a poultry ration is composed of grain and their by-products), feeds animal origin, mineral feeds, supplemen-Pairview Place had the first system of tary feeds (vitamins), and water. These

tap the dam perpetually to supply a drates., fats, ash (mineral); fibre, and mins) in the proportion required for the maintenance, activity, and production of variety that proteins of the right type,

A GOOD PRIEND

It is one mark of a good friend that he makes you wish to be at your best while you are with him. The blessed persons who have this influence are made in the likeness of that heavenly Priend-whose-presence-is-at-oncestimulus and a help to purity of heart and nobleness of demeanor.-Henry Van

ALL IN SAME ARMY

offered to-day. But the offerings were the top, he held out the proof in his two mere difference of uniform?-Carlyle.

poultry feeding is a matter necessitating

ment exercised in adjusting the ration to suit the environment. Availability of the various ingredients

More specificially, a balanced ration is nutriments be supplied in such form and minerals in the proper balance and in roadily available form, and the vitamins necessary to bring about proper assimilation of these elements are provided. These and many other important points in poultry feeding are discussed in detail in simple language in the bulletin which may be obtained free on request from the Publicity and Extension Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

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Are not all true men that live, or that when I was a lad. But it isn't the at the ol' swimmin' hole! How well we ever lived, soldiers of the same army, gift but just the fact of giving that remember the keen rivalry among our enlisted under heavens captaincy, to do makes Christmas so different from any companions. The boy who wanted to battle against the same enemy—the emprove that he could dive the deepest, and pire of darkness and wrong? Why should Main Street and Mill Street stores back stay down the longest, had to bring up we misknow one another, fight not against in the early days hadn't the wide variety the most pebbles. When he came to the enemy, but against ourselves, from

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The progress made and the change in outfook is reflected by these and the many other the sanatoria throughout the Dominion, and by the large humber of public and private organizations which to-day are sparing no effort to overcomo tuberculosis. The results have been that thousands upon thousands have been given a chance to get well, who but for hospital treat-ment, would have been left without

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