

Things to Cook



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If there is someone you wish to remember at Christmas time with something that requires a little personal effort, or if you would like something especially dainty and attractive to serve during the holidays, I would suggest some fancy, decorated cookies.

Quite a variety of these lovely little cookies may be made by using one recipe for White Cookies, using a number of different cutters, with a different treatment or decoration for each shape. The following recipe will be found very satisfactory and will keep for several weeks.

White Cookies

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs well beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons sweet cream
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon flavoring

Cake flour to make stiff enough to roll.

Cream butter, add sugar gradually and cream together until almost like whipped cream. Add other ingredients, beating all well and sifting the cake flour several times. They should all be rolled as thin as possible and the easiest and most successful way to do this is to roll them on a heavy cloth, with a cover for the rolling pin.

Before rolling any of them, add to a little of the dough a few finely chopped nuts, to another portion a few chopped candied cherries and to another portion a little chopped candied pineapple, sprinkling a little granulated sugar over the tops and cutting each kind with a different cutter.

A few may be made plain, sprinkling with a little sugar and placing a slice of blanched almond in the center; another shape may have chopped pistachio nuts sprinkled over the top and another chopped almonds. For other shaped cutters I use for decoration tiny strips of angelica, of candied pineapple, of almond, bits of candied cherries cut in any desired shapes, also some of the delicate colored gum drops cut in tiny strips or other dainty shapes.

By giving a little thought to planning the decoration, having all materials cut and ready before mixing the cookies, any number of attractive variations may be made and the result will be well worth the effort.

A pleasing addition to these cookies will be some very rich cookies, called Butter Cakes or Butter Cookies, using the same recipe except that one and one-half cups of butter should be used instead of one cup, and making them of the consistency to use with a pastry tube or cookie press, pressing them out in fancy shapes. I find a temperature of 375 very satisfactory for all.

Start Drive for Big Convention Hall in Chicago; Want Largest

Chicago civic and commercial leaders have started a drive for a public convention hall capable of seating 50,000 persons and of housing meetings of international importance, no matter what their nature.

Charles Ward Seabury, president of the Chicago Association of Commerce, who is fathering the movement along with many other prominent figures in the big Illinois metropolis, states that lack of a fitting civic hall is costing Chicago millions of dollars annually, to say nothing of the countless opportunities that are being lost to show the city's better side to the thousands of out-of-town visitors who would be attracted to the city by additional convention facilities.

Mr. Seabury, who has been busy for weeks studying the convention facilities of other prominent world cities and comparing them with the present accommodations. Chicago has to offer as an international host, declares that the sooner an up-to-date civic meeting place is brought into being, the quicker Chicago will be able to overcome much of the unwarranted criticism now aimed at the community. The group of prominent citizens, who have been associated with Mr. Seabury in his investigations, are said to have considered several tentative sites.

"Recent studies show that Chicago's popularity as the meeting place of the nation has been growing steadily in face of its lack of facilities," said Mr. Seabury. "In 1928, 824 trade and fraternal conventions, with a collective list of more than 1,135,000 delegates, met here and this year it is probable that the number of such visitors will go past the 1,300,000 mark.

Fur Coats for Women Cost Chicagoans Over \$12,000,000 in Year

Mr. Chicago will have to dig down in his jeans and produce at least \$12,000,000 to supply Mrs. Chicago and the equally fastidious Misses Chicago with their requirements in fur coats and neck pieces for the coming winter, according to the Chicago Association of Commerce.

This very respectable outlay for fox, squirrel, mink, sable and other furry luxuries represents only the retail purchases to be made in the city and is in addition to the \$18,000,000 that will swell the coffers of Chicago's manufacturing furriers and the \$12,000,000 that will go to its wholesalers.

Of the twelve million to be divided among the retailers, about 50 per cent will be spent in the department stores, with the 210 independent fur shops operating in Chicago taking the other half.

The small part that fur trimmings play in the wardrobe of Mr. Chicago is shown by the fact that in recent years annual sales of skins for men's wear in the city have totalled less than \$100,000.

Victim of Accident Dies at Libertyville

After lying in an unconscious condition for more than two days, Oliver Knigge, 20 years old, of Wauconda, died in the Condell Memorial hospital, last week from injuries sustained when he was riding crashed into a stump of tree at the intersection of Belvidere and Round Lake roads, early Friday morning.

A companion, Milton Dowell, also of Wauconda, and driver of the ma-

chine which figured in the accident, was removed from the Condell Memorial hospital to his home Sunday. His condition was regarded as serious.

Husband (testily, after going down badly at bridge): "You might have guessed I had no heart."

Wife: "Quite; but I thought you had a brain, darling!"

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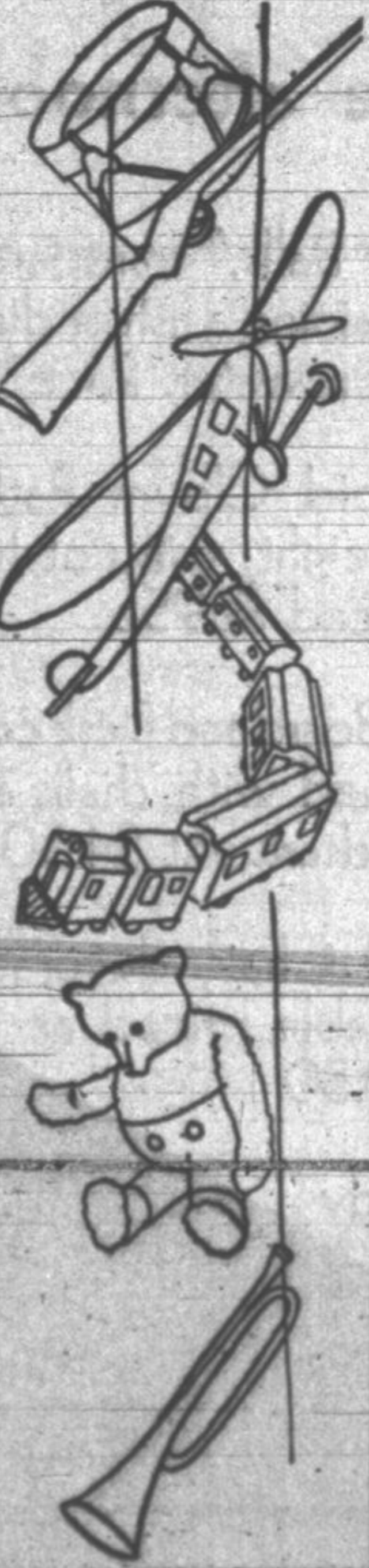


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