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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Suggestion to Santa

A rapid trip through the shops reveals that the first peacetime Christmas is going to be much the same as those of wartime as far as interesting gifts are concerned. Toys are a little more numerous than last year, but the choice is not much wider, and wood and cardboard are still being substituted for pre-war steel. The prospect of buying a new radio, a washing machine or even a dozen pairs of nylons is remote, and if Dad has set his heart on finding a new shirt or a pair of pyjamas under the Christmas tree, the reward of his faith may be the stomach ulcers promised him by General Chisholm.

Santa Claus, in fact, has got himself tangled up in reconversion problems, and isn't having any more success in solving them than his mortal colleagues.

It is true that peace is in itself a sufficient gift, and we in Canada have little reason to complain if we compare our lot with that of our allies in the British Isles and on the Continent. We have our homes intact, except for the whims of the Rentals Administration and the difficulty of finding materials or labor for repairs. Even rationing is not going to reduce the size of our Christmas dinners. The shortage of goods is merely emphasized by the Christmas shopping season and it will not mar the spirit of the day.

Yet the shortage, temporary and of minor importance though it may be, is another indication that the transition from war to peace is still far from realization. The average citizen, who has been compelled to learn some lessons in economics during the past six years, is reasonable enough to make allowances for the difficulties of reconversion. He can appreciate the position of manufacturers and merchants, anxious to get their business back to normal but still hampered by controls and regulations on every side. As a consumer, he feels frustrated when he can't find what he wants to buy, so he has a fellow-feeling for the producers and distributors whose desire so serve him is also frustrated.

If the citizen thinks a little further, he quickly sees that the whole system of controls is the chief factor in producing the sense of national frustration. He is no longer greatly frightened by the bogey of inflation, and is even ready to risk the danger of a general increase in the price level, provided the goods will again be made available. Neither his conscience nor the preaching of Donald Gordon is going to restrain much longer his natural desire to spend his money.

The most welcome gift that Santa Claus could carry in his pack would be a date for a new D-Day. The "D" in this instance stands for Decontrol. On that date, perhaps next April or May, all wartime controls would automatically come to an end, wage-control, rationing, rent-control, the whole blessed lot of them. Notice given on Christmas Day would give everybody time to adjust himself to the return of the old order.

Some ceremony should mark the occasion. It might consist of a parade of all the temporary civil servants demobilized by the change. They would proceed to the top of Parliament Hill and there deposit all extant copies of orders-in-council, W.P.T.B. orders, administrators' orders, controllers' orders, censorship directives, etc. The pile of paper would rise to the top of the Peace Tower. Then as the massed bands played "Happy Days Are Here Again," the Prime Minister would step forward and set a lighted match to the pile. The cheers of the crowd would echo for the Gatineau Hill as the beacon blazed the signal for a return of freedom.

Is the request too much? Think it over, Santa Claus! —The Printed Word.

Suggested Recipes

CHRISTMAS CARROT PUDDING

2 eggs, 1 cup grated carrot, 1 cup grated potato, 1 cup chopped fine suet, ½ cup brown sugar, 1 cup Sultana raisins, 1 cup seeded raisins, or ½ cup mixed peel, ½ tsp. nutmeg, ½ tsp. allspice, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. salt, 1 cup flour.

OLD-FASHION PUDDING SAUCE

½ cup sugar, 2 tbsps. flour, ¼ tsp. salt, 1 cup hot water, 1 tsp. mild-flavored fat, 1 egg yolk, 1 tsp. vanilla. Combine sugar, flour, salt and water. Bring to boiling point. Stir in fat. Add to beaten egg yolk, return to heat and cook, stirring for 2 mins. Add vanilla.

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

½ cup baking fat, ½ cup peanut butter, ½ cup granulated sugar, ½ cup brown sugar, 1½ cups sifted flour, ½ tsp. baking powder, ¾ tsp. soda, ¼ tsp. salt, 1 beaten egg.

Cream baking fat and peanut butter together. Add sugars gradually and cream thoroughly. Beat in egg. Sift flour, baking powder, soda and salt together and add to the creamed mixture. Shape into rolls 2" in diameter. Roll in wax paper and chill in electric refrigerator. Slice ¼" thick. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 375 degs. for 15 mins. Yield: 4 doz. cookies.

TAKE A TIP

Plan holiday meals well in advance and make the preparations elastic enough to take care of unexpected guests. A buffet supper on Christmas Eve and a fireside tea on Christmas Night are easy to prepare and can be stretched to accommodate almost any number of friends who may drop in. Many jobs such as the following can be done the week preceding Christmas with profit to yourself.

1. Plum Puddings, Mincemeat and Fruit Cakes can be made beforehand and stored.
2. Make a list of all staples required and order them at the same time as you order the fowl.
3. Cranberry Jelly, Cookies, Salad

Dressings, Sauces and Pastry can all be made and stored without suffering in quality.

4. Salad greens should be washed, cleaned and stored in your refrigerator all ready for the salads and garnishing.

Make Your Own Christmas Wreaths

This year, the home wreath maker can use a bit of ingenuity and concoct perhaps handsomer wreaths than ever. Wire is scarce, so unless last year's wire frame was saved, a substitute will be needed. Some people twist two or more small, tough twigs from hazel, maple or dogwood. They use this bound with moss, as a base for the holly or evergreen wreath.

A wire coat hanger, bent to circular shape, is good for a wreath, and have the merit of being universally obtainable.

The evergreens or holly to be used for making the wreath should be cut into short lengths, longer for a large wreath, shorter for one of smaller diameter, but about six inches the general length.

The short sections are gathered into little bunches and wired onto the wire foundation. Strong green cord can be used to fasten them on, too, wrapping it over and over around the frame. Small wire is better if obtainable.

Another way of making a wreath is to wire each small bunch of the greens onto a toothpick, then stick these into the moss-covered framework. But for this method there must be a framework an inch or two broad instead of a single wire circle.

Holly, spruce, Douglas fir, cedar, and many of the ornamental nursery varieties of evergreens may be used to make the wreath.

HELPFUL HINTS

An Iron Sink—To clean an iron sink nicely try using steel wool moistened with linseed oil.

Peanut Butter—A novel kind of sandwich is peanut butter spread on white bread with thin slices of banana.

Costume Jewelry—If the costume necklace leaves a dark ring on the neck, dip it in shellac. This prevents it from tarnishing.

Better Vegetables—Vegetables will retain their flavour better, and cook more quickly, if they are placed in boiling water instead of cold water.

Cold Feet—To prevent the feet from becoming cold, cut pieces of paper the shape of the soles of the shoes and place one in each stocking.

Ironing Board—An emergency ironing board when travelling is the hotel's dresser drawer turned upside down and padded with bath towels.

Sash Cords—Before installing the new sash cords, soak them in boiled linseed oil, then allow them to dry thoroughly, and they will last indefinitely.

Tea Time—Try serving thin ginger wafers spread with cream cheese with the afternoon tea. They can be made in sandwich form and are quicker to make than bread and butter sandwiches.

Clothespins—Warm the clothespins in the oven before hanging out the wash on a cold day, and they will not freeze to the clothes nor will they be liable to split.

Use of Peroxide—Where peroxide has been used on a garment, wait until the peroxide is washed out and the stain dried before ironing it. If this is not done, it is liable to leave a rust stain.

Fern Tonic—Use the leftover coffee as a tonic for the ferns. Pour a little fresh water through the grounds to weaken the coffee slightly, then pour around the ferns. Do this about once a week.

Lemons—If a recipe requires only half a lemon, do not throw away the other half. It will keep until a use is found for it by placing it on a dish, cut side down, and putting it in the refrigerator.

To Avoid Colds—Most colds are contracted by living in dry, hot rooms, insufficient exercise, keeping on wet shoes in the home or office, or coming in too close contact with a person who already has a cold. Consider these factors if you wish to avoid colds.

Renovating a Leather Coat—When a leather coat has become faded, try applying a stain made of walnut hulls. Put the hulls into a kettle of water and boil until the water is slightly thick. Then strain it apply with a paint brush. If necessary, apply two or three coats, after each sufficient coat is dry.

HOUSEHOLD HINT

Planning this made-to-be-shared Christmas dinner for the MacKays—a returned veteran and his English bride—has been real fun. They are the kind of pleasant, happy people one likes to be with and I could visualize Christmas wishes of theirs.

The MacKays want this Christmas to be a memorable one. No matter what lies ahead, they have made up their minds that this holiday season their home will be gay with love, laughter and coloured lights. What is even more important, they want the true meaning of Christmas to shine through every minute of the day. Christmas means the happiness of sharing with others. Like most of us, the MacKays have found that dollars do not grow on trees. Sharing their festive dinner will mean cutting corners somewhere on their costs. We have suggested the following:

- CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL**
Roast Turkey—Herb Dressing
Giblet Gravy—Broiled Tangerines
Browned Potatoes—Creamed Corn
Aspic Relish Salad
Sour Cream Rolls
Fruit Pudding—Plain Sauce
Coffee



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