THE ROYAL CHRISTMAS

Baby Gurglings, Plain Fare, and Good Cheer at Sandringham -A Treat for Little Princess Elizabeth-How the Queen Buys Her Christmas Presents-A Real Empire Xmas Pudding

A Wonderful Pudding.

fect in its way. For example, the

ments, Jamaica, Cyprus and - of

course, England, Ireland, and Scot

These may seem homely items in

poured over it.

many visits.

Elizabethan manor.

In the King's Boyhood.

Hectic hotel attractions and the de- very little different from similar dineline of home jollifications have tend- ners in similar mansions in other ed to change the character of our old counties, and probably a good deal English Christmas festivities. But more in keeping with the old English among those who prefer the old way traditions. are the King and Queen. Their Christmas is old-fashioned by the standards of the ultra-modern; but in few homes is it celebrated in a truer spirit of joility, goodwill and lighthearted galety.

When the King was a little boy one of the great events of the year for him was the visit to Sandringham for the Yuletide festivities. That is many years ago, but never once has he missed a Christmas among the be loved folk of Norfolk in the converted manor which was a favorite residence of his father.

Christmas for the Royal Family, as land, means a reunion; it means family gathering, and the celebration of the day with just such fun aglow with the radiance of hearts intent on goodwill and kindliness.

The first event of the day is the Family attends in the Parish church which stands in the beautiful grounds

A stranger dropping in might easily chancel pews consisted of the Squire and his family, so inconspicuous is the setting. And it is as a squire that the Sandringham folks regard the

Nearly always, after this simple service, the Royal party walk back to the House. The Christmas dinner is held in the dining room, a fine panelled room with a vast open fireplace in which burns a truly Yuletide fire of scented logs. Dinner is served in the evening, but before that there are many things to be done.

The Queen has been preparing for this festival for weeks.

Driving in her car to Wolferton and King's Lynn, it is no uncommon thing for Her Majesty to pull up before some quite humble little shop, and leave it later with many parcels. It is an unwritten rule that noboby

must be forgotten. It is also a charbuilt by King Edward. actoristic of the Queen that every present must be one that just suits Christmas holiday of our King and one last point-it must be of British manufacture, a rule from which the Queen never departs.

A story showing how well the Queen, herself a mother, understands shopping for the youngsters, is told by a certain maker of children's toys.

The Royal Children.

the Royal Household—each one re- by the piping voices of the youngsters ward to the remission of sins." ceives a gift, and each gift is just of the Family. right. Outside the Royal Family it- There are already three juvenile

During that period when there were enough, be more. no young children in the Royal And this would be after the heart Elijah (2 Kings 1:8), and because

year. But the Duke and Duchess of Outside, carols will send fato the "shoes" mean that John counted him-York will leave their fine town man- frosty air the old, old hymns of joy self less than a slave in comparison

treat will come in the afternoon, message of Peace on Earth to the when the Christmas tree is unloaded Royal pair, whose first and foremost of the presents that weigh it down. desire it is that Christmas shall bring This feature of the homely party with it promise of better things for "baptize," not like himself, with stone," he explained.—Tit-Bits. takes place in the bright, spacious the great Empire over whose des- wataer, but with the spirit. saloon. Afterwards, the Queen usual- tinies the Squire of Sandringham, II. How JESUS WAS REVEALED TO HIMwindows of which overlook the ter- tish Empire, rules.

With Christman dinner comes the The alphabet runs from A to Z, but turn of the "grown-ups," and it is the Ford car runs from T to A.

Sunday School Lesson

ANALYSIS.

SELF, 9-11.

Turkey and Christmas pudding are THE MESSIAH, 1-8. the two chief dishes, and each is per- II. How JESUS WAS REVEALED TO HIM-

Christmas pudding is made entirely ence to the mission and work of John for man's salvation. thirteen different countries of the Baptist. The reasons of this are V. 11. The course of this redeeming or guava jelly.

Empire; from Australia, Canada, obvious. 1. The work of John formed task is also declared in the voice South Africa, New Zealand, West Inthe historical preparation for the which comes to him: "Thou art my dies, Ceylon, Zanzibar, Straits Settlework of Jesus; 2. John's preaching Son, the Beloved; on thee have I set was, under God, the means by which my choice." Jesus receives an extra-Jesus discovered his own vocation. He ordinary, but abiding, sense of the came to John for baptism, bending his love of God, uttering itself in the call head, so to speak, to the authority of to be God's Son. What is it to be This pudding, which is famous in John's message, and at that moment God's Son, the Messiah? The life of the Royal Circle, is the master-piece God's higher summons to himself took Jesus is the answer. Jesus does not of Mr. Cedard, the King's chef. With place.

mous-sauce Sabayon. The pudding extraordinary figures in the history of puts himself entirely in the hands of also has the equally famous brandy Israel. Prophecy, asleep for centur- God, to be guided by him alone. ies, seemed to have found a new voice in his thrilling and impassioned mesa King-Emperor's Yuletide fare, but ed him above all the prophets. Matt. sage, and our Lord, as we know, rankthey show how homely, and how sim- 11: 7-14. Like the prophet Elijah, he ple are their Majesties' tastes and came from the desert, and frowned on

the soft and corrupt life of cities. Like During the Christmas visit to Sand- Elijah, he summoned the people to ringham the King and Queen pay decide for God, and to be done evil. Even his dress and manner re-Every Christmas they visit the called the ancient prophet. But his schools at West Newton, close to ing of the Messiah was new. It had Sandringham. There are trips, also, been supernaturally revealed to John to Hunstanton and King's Lynn, that the Day of Judgment, the Day of where the little hospital patients are the Lord, was at hand, and he came dazzled by a vision of a very gra- forward summoning men to repent. cious lady and a very charming and I. SIGNS OF THE TIMES: JOHN THE kindly gentleman who come bearing

BAPTIST PROCLAIMS THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH, 1-8.

In former years, when our winter V. 1. The words are equivalent to weather was more in keeping with "Here begins the joyful news concernthe Christmas cards, the Royal party ing Jesus the Messiah, the Son of at Sandringhom went in for skating God." Note that Mark, which is our on the winding lake of the park, But earliest Gospel, does not speak of there has been no winter sport in Nor- Jesus' birth, but confines itself to his folk for some time, and the Prince of baptism by John. Wales is happier on horseback. Last

Vs. 2, 3. The Christian church sees year he was out with the Norfolk in the mission of John the fulfilment Hounds, and this year he will prob- of ancient prophecies. Two such proably be seen about the Sandringham phecies are here quoted. The first is country-side on one of the fine hunt- from Malachi 3:1, and refers to the ers that are kept in the fine stables expectation of Elijah's return, Malachi 4:5. As the reader will notice, Quiet and perfect in its way is this the language has been slightly changed. Instead of "before me" (Malachi) Queen. Time was when the King knew Christ), because John prepares the a different sort of Christmas-that way for Christ. John is a herald who was before his father, King Edward, announces the king's coming, and had the present mansion built about urges preparation for it. The second the remnants of a magnificent old quotation is from Isaiah 40:3. This prophecy was originally uttered at the time of Israel's release from Babylon.

V. 4. John instituted the ceremon- 42 inches bust. Size 38 requires 31/2 Sandringham are not forgotten. After color to the festival, and the ceremon- cleansing from past sins. He was material. Price 20c the pattern. the charch service, the youngsters in ial of the lighted and glittering tree dealing with many who by their evil it is evident that the broad lines of an their red cloaks and jerseys troop up was in the manner of authentic Fairy. lives had put themselves beyond the line good taste rather than a lavish experience of authentic Fairy. It is evident that the product of the lives had put themselves beyond the line good taste rather than a lavish experience of authentic Fairy. pale of the ordinary legal purifica- penditure of money. Every woman the pointed gables, to receive from It will not be many years now be- tions. The second half of the verse the Queen the carefully-chosen gifts. fore the merry gatherings at Sand- means: "He preached a baptism indi-

self, guests are few at Sandringham members of the Royal Family, and in the copy.

There are already three juvenile report spread throughout the whole the moment. Price of the book 10c troops be withdrawn from the capital of Commons longer than fifteen minthe course of time there will, likely V. 6. John's ascetic dress and diet HOW

Three generations of the Royal Line Last year Princess Mary spent her will then foregather for Yuletide about the vast log fire of the magnificent of current expectation. John did not yet know that Jesus would be the Mes. yet know that Jesus would be the Mes-Wilson Publishing Co., 73 West Ade-

> would be bestowed in the last or Mes- scription, then he had an idea. "The stanic days, Joel 2: 28-29. So John

SELF, 9-11. character, or appearance. Nor is any- Sydney Bulletin

thing said about his motive in seeking baptism. But the Christian church, for which the gospel is written needs no explanations. It knows Jesus as redeemer, and it believes that he gave or sinners. Therefore it finds no difficulty in the thought that Jesus numbered himself with the transgres-

fors at Jordan. Jesus, Mark 1: 1-13. Golden Text- all this is so solemnly recorded. Jesus season. Pour this over the duck and He must increase, but I must de- rising from the water, had a wondrous cook one and one-half hours, turning vision. He saw the heavens opened, the pieces of duck when one side is and the Spirit of God coming down upon him like a descending dove. How I. SIGNS OF THE TIMES: JOHN THE are we to understand the nature of butter. Stir until it boils, then add BAPTIST PROCLAIMS THE COMING OF this holy experience? The opening two tablespoons of tomato catsup. heavens mean that the great mystery one-half cup of cooked mushrooms, of God has at lest revealed itself to one-half teaspoon of salt and pepper the soul of Jesus. He sees into the and four tablespoons of sherry. heart of God and he knows God's pur- the sauce over the pieces of duck ar-INTRODUCTION-None of our evan- pose for humanity. He feels that he of Empire-produced ingredients. The gelists have been able to tell the story is no wsummoned and directed by the seventeen sorts of materials that go of Jesus without a preliminary refer- Spirit of God, impelling him to labor

it goes a sauce that is equally fa- John the Baptist is one of the most rent ideas of his time or nation.



A SMARTLY SIMPLE FROCK "A doll's house should always be those days the festivities were premade to open," an opinion that most sided over by beautiful Queen Alex. shadowings of Christian history, and called them "testimonies." called them "testimonies." developments of a factor are imminent. Naturally, then, the children at well known. There was then more ial rite of baptism as a sacrament of yards 39-inch, or 2% yards 54-inch

he Queen the carefully-chosen gifts.

It is the same with the members of ringham will be still more enlivened cating repentance, and pointing fordesigns illustrated in our new Fashion succeeded in allaying the fears of the V. 5. The national character of Book to be practical and simple, yet British Government regarding public group the members of which are John's mission is now stressed. His maintaining the spirit of the mode of

HOW TO ORDER PATTERNS.

V. 8. It was believed that the Spirit seemed at a loss for an adequate deone who has a sister living at Folke-

GOOD HOLIDAY RECIPES

Into a strong chicken broth boiling at once hot mix two cups of chopped celery. V. 10. Now comes the reason why two bay leaves, salt and pepper to done. Then add two tablespoons of ranged on a hot platter. Garnish the platter with squares of toast, each square garnished with a cube current

Brolled Duck Livers. Marinate duck livers in a French dressing and allow them to rest in it for fifteen minutes, then broil. Serve with melted butter sauce.

Cranberry Jelly With Celery. add two cups of sugar and one cup of whipped cream on each portion. boiling water. Bring to the boiling point and boil for twenty minutes. Strain through a sieve. When the mixture begins to congeal add one and one-half cups of celery, cut into thin slices crosswise. Turn into a mold and chill. When serving, turn out the mold and garnish with crisp celery curls.

Pumpkin Ple With Honey. and strained pumpkin, one cup of smooth and serve. honey, one teaspoon of cinnamon, onehalf teaspoon of ginger, one-half teaspoon of salt, two eggs, one cup of milk and one-half cup of sweet cream. Mix the ingredients in the order given and bake in one crust. Garnish each piece of pie with a little whirl of whipped cream with a drop honey in the center.

Sauce for Plum Pudding. tle one wineglassful of sherry and a sugar,

Prepare a duck for baking. Cut it little nutmeg. Set the bowl into the Proper into several pieces and place in a top of a tea kettle of boiling water and heat for a minute or two; serve

Squash and Nut Pie. One cup of cooked squash or pumpkin, one-half cup of sugar, one teaspoon of cinnamon, one teaspoon of

ginger, one-half teaspoon of salt, two eggs, well beaten and one cup sweet milk. Mix in the order given. Bake until firm in a pan lined with flakey pastry. When cold cover with a thin layer of whipped cream flavored with vanilla. Sprinkle finely chopped nuts over the top.

Maple Sugar Ple.

Cook together two cups water and one cup maple sugar for five minutes, add one teaspoonful of butter and boil until syrupy. Mix two table spoons of flour with a little and form into a smooth paste. one-fourth teaspoon salt and

Wash and remove seeds from green peppers. Cook in boiling water until ender. Drain, season with salt and pepper and put through a sieve. the pepper add two cups of the water in which they were cooked. Blend together four tablespoons butter and three tablespoons of flour and add should in addressing the bird repeat three cups of sweet milk. Stir this One and one-half cups of steamed into the pepper mixture, cook until

Jolly Boy Doughnuts. Mix together three cups rye meal, one cup of wheat flour and one-half cup white corn meal. Add one-half teaspoon salt, one-fourth teaspoon cinthick batter. Drop by spoonsful in carver's fingers are not cramped or Beat one tablespoon of butter with hot fat and cook until brown. Roll in taut, and he has the right "feel," his one cup of powdered sugar, add two powdered sugar and sprinkle lightly grip should give him little trouble, alwell beaten eggs, and a little by lit- with pink or green confectioner's though, generally speaking, neither

England and Egypt Nearing Agreement

Important Decisions Expected in Cairo From the Current Negotiations

Cairo.-The political situation in Egypt since the return from London of the Premier, Sarwat Pasha, has | given rise to considerable speculation in regard to the future of the country. Official circles are observing the ut-This smartly simple frock will be most reticence regarding the precise It was in the hall of the old building ing that a road be built across the des. The bodice opens at the centre-front, place in London and are being followthat the King had his Christmas fun ert by which Israel may return to and is joined to the skirt, having two ed up here between the Premier and The Queen was being shown dolls' as a boy. Then there was no motor Zion. This is now regarded as a prehouses. She admired their clever and mail service, and letters were brought diction of John's preaching of repentis a belt across the one-piece back, and tain reports which have found their pretty workmanship, and then said: by the more picturesque coach. In ance. The early Christians were much buttons adorn the front and pointed way into the press make it clear that "A doll's house should always be those days the festivities were pre- interested in such Old Testament fore- shadowings of Christian history, and then said: by the more picturesque coach. In ance, the early christians were free interested in such Old Testament fore- shadowings of Christian history, and then said: by the more picturesque coach. In ance, the early christians were free interested in such Old Testament fore- shadowings of Christian history, and then said: by the more picturesque coach. In ance, the early christians were free interested in such Old Testament fore- shadowings of Christian history, and then said: by the more picturesque coach. In ance, the early christians were free interested in such Old Testament fore- shadowings of Christian history, and the long tight-fitting sleeves.

to the Suez Canal. He further ob- utes at a time. Family, the festivities lacked the final of the Queen, who is essentially a they added to the impressiveness of ly, giving number and size of such vided other powers would agree, and hopes the Speaker of the House will tained the British assent to modifica- Sir Samuel Chapman, organizer, depatterns as you want. Enclose 20c in succeeded in getting Great Britain to favor them instead of the long-wind-V. 7. John proclaimed the coming of stamps or coin (coin preferred; wrap give up the iea of taking part in the ed orators.

After the conclusion of an Anglo- John J. McGraw, manager of the self to defend the Suez Canal.



HOW SHE WORKED IT "I always get so many Christmas presents I don't know what to do

with them." "Ha! ha! Aren't you wise yet? I always use them for birthday presents throughout the coming year."

For Shorter Speeches

A number of humanitarian Mem-

Egyptian treaty whereby the status New York Giants, says it will not be sion in Piccadilly and go north by the and thanksgiving, and out of the dark- with the Messiah. It was a slave's the stranger. "Which one, sir?" ask- would support Egypt's candidature by airplane. Should this ever be the ness the lights of the tiny village will duty to unloose and carry his master's ed the maid. "There are two brothers for the League of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the League of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the League of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the League of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the League of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the League of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the League of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the league of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the league of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the league of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the league of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the league of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the league of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the league of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the league of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the league of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the league of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the league of Nations and would case, however, the pitchers presumation of the league of Nations and would case, however, the league of Nations and Nations and would case, however, the league of Nations and Nati not object to an increase in the Egyp- bly will still be sent by train, as the tian army so as to enable Egypt her- boxman should never be allowed to

Madge-If you think Jack wants to Now that a repertory company in Betsy: "But, darling, before you marry you for your money, why don't New York has decided to give mornmarried him you used to say there you test him? Marie-Well, there's ing performances of "Twelfth Night," V. 9. Note the simplicity with which wasn't another man in the world like an objection to that. You see, I will the critics, meeting after lunch. Jesus' coming to John is announced. him." Betsy: "I did, dear; and now might find out that he does, and what greet dear with the Northing is said as to his personality, I should hate to think there was."— I really want to find out is that he noon, did you see "Twelfth Night' this morning"? Carving

Handle the New Year Turkey

To carve the bird with power, smoothness and accuracy it is necessary to have a correct position with respect to it. This is called "addressing the bird." The thing to do is to take a comfortable position, feet firmly planted on a line with the bird, elbows at the side, squarely facing the platter. There are many variations of the stance, but the important thing is for the carver to be directly over the bird. Do not get too far away nor yet too close.

Mental Attitude

Nothing is more important in bird carving than mental poise. Probably Add nine-tenths of the atrocious carving two done at Canadian dinners is directly beaten eggs. Stir egg mixture into attributable to the so-called "mental syrup, cook until it thickens and bake hazard." An amazing number of To one quart of washed cranberries in one crust. Just before serving heap people approach the bird in a state of confusion, agitation and doubt. They are all-of-a-flutter. Their one thought is to let fly and trust to luck.

Now without perfect co-ordination of mind and muscle no bird can be carved with that smoothness and precision that mark the play of the. really good carver.

Every carver, veteran or tyro, 1-This is all quite simple. There

is nothing to worry about. 2-I am cool and relaxed. 3-I don't care how many eyes are watching me. I am the captain of

my fork, the master of my knife!

namon, two tablespoons sugar, two The best carvers employ a rather teaspoons baking powder, one table loose clutch, with the index finger spoon New Orleans molasses, one down the shaft of the weapon, but it beaten egg and sweet milk to make a is a matter of choice. As long as the the knife nor the fork should be gripped overhand like a stifetto. Persons using the stiletto grip will get startling, even sensational, results at times, but their work will be erratic.

Stroke First of all, keep your eye on the

Go back slowly, taking care not to sway. Keep the elbows close to the sides and the wrists supple.

Pivot on the waist, and when you feel that the knife head is back the necessary distance bring it back through the same arc. The knife head starts first, the arms instinctive ly follow and the hips unscrew until the bird is struck.

Follow through! If you have not lifted your head or taken your eye off the bird the knife should hit the bird squarely at the desired point. If, however, you hook or top the bird it is clear that you have done one or the other. The

same is true of overslicing. Coutions Don't press. Avoid getting off balance at the top of the swing.

Remember that it is almost entirely a wrist motion. You will get nowhere trying to

Tax Record

FrenchTax on Stock Dividends Runs as High as 100 Per Cent.

Paris-France has the world's record in taxing stock dividends. Premier Poincare, as Minister of Finance, takes every red cent of the dividends on two stocks and more than half the dividends on a great many

Taxes on unregistered stocks are so heavy and they vary so much that the Chamber's budget report calls for help for security owners. The two stocks whose owners have

all their dividends taken by the state are the light and power company at Nantes and a Moroccan development firm. Part of this taxation can be avoided by investors who register their securieties, but they then subject themselves to other assessments. Of the 245 stocks and bonds listed

in the budget report four others have 90 per cent, or more of the dividends taken by the government. The lowest share the state gets on any of the bonds is 27.4 per cent. The average is a little more than a third. Besides these assessments, the government also collects income tax from security owners and a tax from the corporation that often exceeds the

A youthful Under-Secretary of State went to his chief fumling with rage at inaccuracies which had been made on a report of one of his speeches. "I intend to take action against the paper!" he reclared hotly. "For Heaven's sake, don't do that?" exclaimed the older man. "They may take to reporting you accurately!"

amount of the dividend.

..... A man entered a chemist's very hurrically and asked for a dozen quieine pills. "Do you want them put in a box sir?" asked the "ssistant, as he was counting them out." "Oh. no, certainly not," replied the customer. "I was thinking of rolling them home."



Canada Xm

Dominion's Holly. Flo in Brisk

A bulletin if Pacific Railway Christmas seas brisk activity for latively small, portance to the of added incom benefit from the reased volume of The principal the furnishing /

aich a substantial arying between 2 Last year m to 450,000 in 1925, g tially greater last ye "Contrary to what the satisfying of the port demand for Chr according to expert for an insignificant drain forst wealth. One out that fo revery sm ed fo ribe Christmas are killed in Canada Again it is pointed o species of trees, such and cedar, which enter are known as "weed tr littie or no value excep trees. Agala other sp plied through the proce land for agricultural also from a very neces out of commercial forest "To an ever-increasing ever, Christmas trees are farmers' grown-up paste and wastelands, and n make a comfortable little this business each year veniently situated as kets. In 1925 the revenu farmers from this source ing to estimate, to \$100,0

there is opportunity in tions to plant woodlots at thinning-out process each ing a steady addition to in "Another Christmas which is going from Can United States each year in quantity is holly. Holly in Canada is confined to t Coast of British Columbia very limitation has resulted relopment of a thriving life try. An expansion of cult taking place there as the across the line becomes bris relatively few ranchers engag industry find it a profitable ing, and, according to one \$800 per acre is a fair averag

substantially greater in the

in the annually increasi

"The sale of decorative pla cut flowers is particularly the Christmas season, and

silver in 1926 w. s 22,371,924 fine