

more than at any other time of the year. For nothing so thrills one to the real feeling of Christmastime as the hanging of greens and bells, stringing of popcorn and cranberries, and the making of many vari-colored bags of tarletan to put the goodies in-And the tinsel rope of tinfoil, is there a soul, from 6 to 60, whom they do not fascinate? We're all filled cornucopia is Santa Claus. Varithat we can return, once in a hur

brations. tletce is used almost exclusively. large graceful branches being hung over the front entrance, in the dining room and oft times in the windows,

in decoration and menu.

One very pretty conception is to have an oblong block of ice in a pan of white sand (to absorb the melting | Mashed Potatoes ice). Surround the base with irregular fluffs of cotton sprinkled with dia- Tomato Salad, Pumpkin Pie, Cheese Chop fruits and nuts and dredge well mond dust. Place a toy Santa with his sleigh and prancing reindeer atop

Another table, more appropriate perhaps, for grown-ups, might have its damask cloth checked off with strips of scarlet ribbon two inches in width. The central motif is a horn-of-plenty resting, at an agreeable angle, on a mound of snow Stationed at the mouth of the figutcolored "puff balls" made of fringed tissue paper are placed carelessly about on the cover, and the candle

Two very good and carefully compiled Christmas dinners are given herewith, with recipes for those dishes which seem to call for elucida-

Christmas Dinner No. 1. ream of Asparagus Soup, Crackers

Roast Turkey or Duck with Chestnut Stuffing. Green Peas in Timbales. Potato Balls (parsley) Candied Sweet Potatoes. Olives Current Jelly

aldorf Salad Yuletide Dressing Ambrosia Fruit Cake Coffee Salted Nuts Cheese and Toasted Crackers. Christmas Dinner No. 2. (For Light Housekeepers) Oysters on Half Shell:

Tomato Soup Bread Sticks Olives Roast Duck Cranberries Drawn Butter Sauce. Coffee

Christmas Dinner In Abyssinia

Food Greeted Traveler In

TRAVELER in Abyssinia thus describes the Christmas dinner of 1900 given by King Menelik at Adis Abeba: On Sunday, Jan. 7. being their Christ-

mas day, the emperor most kindly asked us all to dine in the huge hall called Abderash, a building about 190 feet long, 90 feet wide and 35 feet high. All the ministers, ras and principal generals were present on the raised dais round the throne, while in the body of the hall about 30,000 soldiers were fed in two detachments. Our menu was as follows:

Milk and Rice Soun. Kabobs of Meat and Potatoes. Omelet and Herbs. Mince and Artichokes. Fillets of Beef and Radishes. Kaboos of Mutton and Cabbages.

Fried Brains. Fried Mince and Macaroni. Smoked Beef and Lettuce. Brown Rolls and Flat Bread Coffee. Honey Beer. French Claret. Arrack,

Twelve-year-old Teg and Champagne After dinner we shook hands and, through an interpreter, thanked his majesty for so much kindness. He replied: "May the Lord keep you well own country. May you have good



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alike, all children, and it is very good ried year, to these simple pleasures which soothe and cheer, and give us cause to remember many happy cele-Very effective decorations may be attained by the use of cedar or pine branches, which can be cut from the lower part of the trees without damage to its life or to its graceful shape. These branches fastened to the platerail, the stair banisters, and the tops of windows, with an occasioned bow or red ribbon or red paper, create a delightful effect. In the South, mis-

in place of holly wreaths. Bells and ropes of colored paper are used also, but somehow nothing is quite so pretty as green things, nor so natural and refreshing. The dining table centralizes the decorative scheme, and 'tis the housewife exercises her nimblest thoughts, both

the glistening ice, and use glass can- last moment and served on chipped four hours. (Excellent).

Small boxes filled with candy may be other articles can be prepared beused as favors. The complete idea is forehand, with the exception of the vegetables and the duck.

Chestnut Stuffing. Boil and mash 1 quart of chestnuts. Add 1 teaspoonful of chopped parsley, 1/2 teaspoon each of chopped onion, salt and pepper, and 1 tablespoonful of butter. Mix with 1 egg Yuletide Dressing. Chop fine 1 small onion, 2 table

spoons of red and green peppers and parsley. Mix one teaspoonful of salt, 1/2 teaspoonful of sugar, 1/2 cup shades are of the same hues, of red, of pure olive oil and 5 tablespoons orange, green, lavender, and yellow. of vinegar. Pour over vegetables and through my country orange, green, lavender, and yellow. let stand for an hour, in a glass jar. Shake for 5 minutes and pour over salad or cold meats.

Old Fashioned Ambrosia Two fresh cocoanuts grated. One dozen oranges, finely cut. Scant cupful of sugar. Serve with whipped

Southern Fruit Cake. 1 lb flour 1 lb. butter 1 lb. sugar 1/2 lb. citron

1/2 lb candied cherries 2 lbs. raisins 1/2 lb. candied pineapple 2 lbs blanched almonds 1 tablespoon cinnamon 1 tablespoon spice

1 teaspoon baking powder 2 nutmegs, grated 1/2 glass wine 1/2 glass brandy

1 cup molasses Cream butter and sugar together. add molasses, then eggs, which are beaten separately. Brown flour and add alternately with a cup of milk Asparagus with in which the baking powder has been dissolved. Dissolve spices in liquor. with flour. Add to dough and turn The oysters may be gotten at the into greased tins. Bake slowly for

ENTERTAINMENTS AND CUSTOMS OF LONG AGO

lesques of great extravagance were adopted country-America-in hew- and still have, great respect for their introduced into the castles of the ing the logs to build the first house masters, and as a consequence, were nobility, and even at court, where the in Plymouth, Mass. noble ladies and lords were no doubt To those who have never experi- preparations for the holidays. Christbored with the heretofore solemn enced a Southern Christmas, can mas breakfast was always a gala evcelebration of the English Christmas. hardly be told the spirit of cheer and ent, just less than the dinner itself. These buffoneries were taken part in unbounded hospitality which exists, Waffles, fried chicken, sausage, hot by all the retainers in the household, even in these busy times, though biscuits, jellies, syrup, coffee, chocand elaborate costumes were provid- they had their inception in the days olate and milk, constituted a normal ed, some of them of oriental splendor. before the Civil War, when every- meal. After breakfast, "mammy" us-In the sixteenth century, however, body's latchstring was on the out- ually routed the youngsters as well as these plays became more refined and side and nobody could do too much the grown-ups out into the frosty air were known as Masques, from the for his neighbor. masks still worn by the performers. For days before Christmas south- prentices and prepare a feast fit for They resemble the private theatricals ern kitchens teemed with marvellous the gods.

no such frivolities in their Christmas merry on the plantations by a pro- matter-of-fact times and modes of celebrations. These Masques were no gram; usually original, entirely con- thinking and living are driving away doubt among the many worldly things ceived and carried out by the neg- all the old happy illusions, until we, at which their honest, religious rees. Their innate humor, and sense as nations and individuals, have reahearts rebelled. They spent their of harmony created a delightful per- son to sigh to be kids once more.

Early in the fifteenth century bur- very first Christmas in their newly formance. Southern negroes had, allowed to enter into the family's until she could assemble her ap-

or drawing-room plays of the present odors of mince pies, sausage stuffing, The spirit still exists, but alas! for steaming hot punch and savory vege- the high cost of living; it keeps us Our Pilgrim fathers countenanced tables. Christmas eve was made from so indulging our appetites. Our



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