THE KITCHEN WITCH
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BEVERAGES FOR ENTERTAINING

The following are delicious recipes I have collected from this, that or the other magazine over the years. They are perfect for that 'quick' gift to bring a friend or just a beautiful pick-me-up for yourself.

Spiced Tea Mix I
In an airtight container combine 3/4 cup mild black tea, 2 Tbsp aniseed and 1
Tbsp each of coriander seed and whole allspice. (To brew tea, measure 1 heaping teaspoon for each cup of water plus 1 tsp for the pot.)
The tea mix keeps, covered, indefintely. Makes enough for about 35 cups.

Spiced Tea Mix II

1 cup instant tea, 1 (7 oz)
package instant orange drink
crystals, ½ cup sugar, ½ tsp
each cinnamon, cloves and
nutmeg (all ground). Blend
and package, stir 1 Tbsp
to 1 cup boiling water.

Tranquilitea

Miz 1 oz dry peppermint leaves (digestion) with 1 Tbsp rosemary leaves (tranqulizer) and 1 tsp sage (sleep producer). Use 1 heaping tsp of this mixture to a cup of boiling water. Steep 1 minute, strain, and sweeten with honey.

Almond Coffee Mix (16 cups) an airtight container combine 1 cup ground coffee (not instant), ½ cup chopped blanched almonds, 2 3 inch minced vanilla bean (I use powdered vanilla), 1 tsp fresh grated nutmeg and tsp almond extract. To brew the coffee, use in any drip or filter coffee maker at 1½ times the normal strength. The mix keeps, covered and chilled for up to 2 weeks.

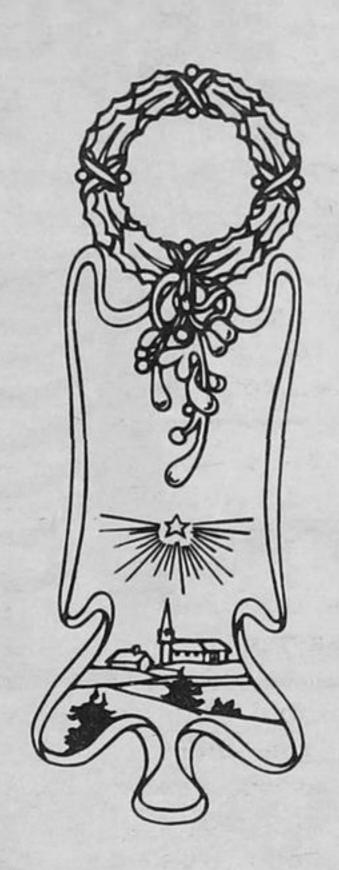
Mulled Cider Mix (Keeps forever)

In a small muslin or cheesecloth combine bag 3 cinnamon sticks, broken into pieces, 1 Tbsp each of whole allspice and chopped dried apple, 1½ tsp dried orange peel (use your micro), 1 tsp each of aniseed and whole clove and ½ tsp cinnamon and tie the bag tight with string. Put the bag in a saucepan with 6 to 8 cups apple cider, bring to a boil over moderately high heat and simmer slowly, covered for 10 minutes. Add ½ cup dark rum if desired and simmer for 5 minutes. Remove and discard the Serve hot with a bag. cinnamon stick. One bag of mix seasons about 2 quarts cider.

Instant Hot Chocolate Drink

6 cups powdered milk, 1
cup cocoa, 1 and 1/3 cups
sugar, ½ tsp salt. Press
through sifter and store
tightly. Use heaping
spoonfulls and boiling water.
Instant Mocha

2 tsp each of instant hot chocolate and instant coffee. Add boiling water.





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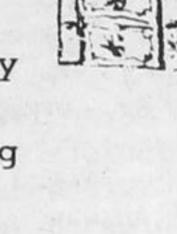
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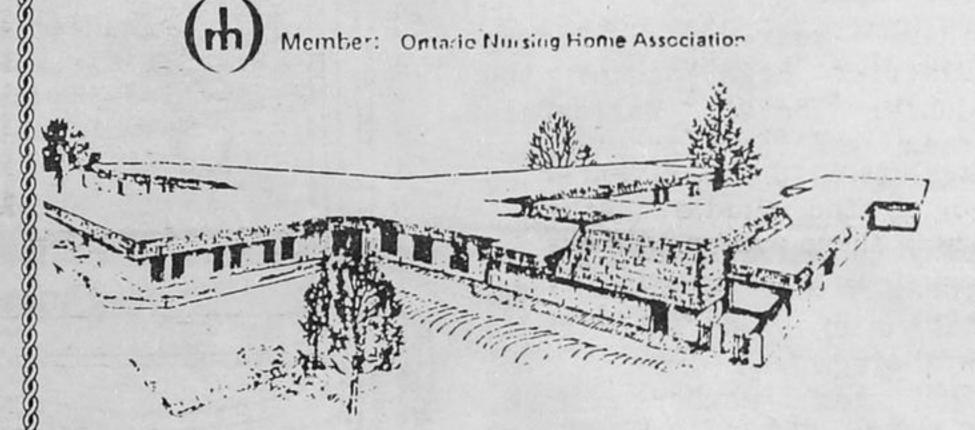
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