

TWELFTH NIGHT CAKE

- 3/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup light molasses
- 1 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ginger
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup rolled oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 1/2 cup finely-chopped raisins

Beat butter until creamy; beat in sugar gradually. Blend in egg and molasses. Sift together flour, soda, salt and ginger. Add to creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk, mixing well. Stir in oats and raisins. Pour into a greased and floured 8-inch square pan. Bake in preheated moderate oven (350 degrees) 40 to 45 minutes. Cool. Frost with butter cream frosting and top with candied "poinsettias" made with candied red and green cherries.

TART CRANBERRY MOLD

- 1 1/2 cups raw cranberries
- 3/4 cup chopped sweet pickles
- 1/2 medium orange, seeded, unpeeled
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 package (3 ounces) lemon-flavored gelatin
- 1 1/2 cups boiling water
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Put cranberries, pickles and orange through fine blade of food chopper twice; sprinkle with sugar. Dissolve gelatin in boiling water; chill until partially set; combine with cranberry mixture. Gently fold in whipped cream. Pour into 1-quart mold. Chill until

firm. Unmold on lettuce or endive. Makes 6-8 servings.

For a more colorful salad, spoon a little of the cranberry mixture into the bottom of mold. Chill quickly until firm. Fold whipped cream into remaining cranberry mixture; pour over chilled layer. Chill until firm.

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

- 3/4 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 egg
- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons baking powder

Cream together shortening and sugar. Add molasses, peanut butter, and egg; blend well. Sift together flour, salt, soda, and baking powder. Stir into molasses mixture. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake in a moderate oven (375 degrees) 10 to 12 minutes. Makes about 2 dozen cookies.

SEAFOAM DROPS

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 1/4 cup dark corn syrup
- 3/4 cup hot water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup pecan halves
- 7 1/2 ounce package dates, chopped

Combine sugars, syrup, water and salt in heavy saucepan. Stir over medium heat until dissolved. Bring to a boil without stirring, and boil to soft ball stage, about 235 degrees. Remove from heat. Beat egg whites stiff but not dry. Pour syrup in a thin

stream into egg whites, beating constantly. Add vanilla. When candy thickens and begins to lose gloss stir in pecan halves and chopped dates. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls on wax paper. Makes about 75 drops.

FRUITED DIVINITY

- 3 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 8 ounce jar fruits and peels

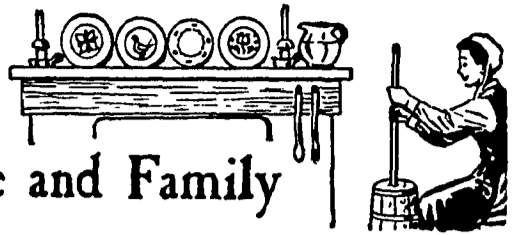
Combine sugar, water, corn syrup and salt in a heavy saucepan. Boil until mixture forms a hard ball when dropped in cold water, about 252 degrees. Beat egg whites until stiff. Pour hot syrup in a thin stream over egg whites, beating constantly until mixture loses gloss. Add vanilla and beat until mixture forms peaks. Fold in fruits and peels. Pour into greased 8 x 8 x 2-inch pan. When firm cut into 24 squares.

Upkeep Cost Important

Consider the cost of upkeep when you buy a leather or a leather-fabric garment, advises Bernice Tharp, Penn State extension clothing specialist. Most of these garments require special care, and usually drycleaning. It's best to send all pieces of the garment for drycleaning at the same time to guard against color variation of the pieces. Give the drycleaner any care instructions that were on the hang tag of the garment.

More than 63 million veterans have obtained GI loans with a face value in excess of \$56 billion.

For the Farm Wife and Family



Ladies, Have You Heard? . . .

By: Jane Thurston, Extension Home Economist

Worth Knowing

Holiday labor-savers spare your energy. You might consider disposable guest towels, plastic or paper placemats, paper napkins and tablecloths with holiday designs, and party sets of foil ashtrays, coasters, and matching napkins. These items also make ideal gifts for friends and relatives.

The teenager in your family who would like to earn some spending money could set up a family or neighborhood gift-wrapping service. An additional fee might be charged for mailing gifts for persons who find they don't have time to wait in line at the post office.

Guides For Success In Sewing Leather

Lay pattern pieces on wrong side of a single layer of skin and fasten with cellophane tape. Don't use pins . . . they'll mark the skin. Transfer pattern marking with chalk on the wrong side.

Use sharp shears and cut each piece separately. Never cut notches into the seam allowance . . . cut them outward.

Machine-stitch pieces together, using a medium size needle and silk thread. Regulate stitch for eight to ten stitches per inch.

Stitch slowly, easing leather gently . . . leather stretches easily.

Sew a preshunk seam tape into a seam to strengthen areas where there will be strain. All corners must be

rounded, not pointed.

For Making Good Coffee

Always start with a clean coffee pot. Cleanliness is needed to give a fine, full-bodied cup of coffee. Coffee contains oils that form a film on the inside of the coffeemaker and its parts. Unless you remove this film after each use, the film turns rancid and affects the flavor of the coffee you make.

For best results, use the full capacity of the coffeemaker. Never brew less than three-fourths of its capacity. Coffeemakers are made so that water takes a specific length of time to seep through the ground coffee. When you reduce the amount of grounds, the water goes through too quickly and the full flavor of



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