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## Yuletide Kitchen Helps

Have a cup of Christmas. Coffee Eggnog is a delicious accompaniment for holiday cookies and cakes. In a mixing bowl beat together four cups eggnog, two tablespoons instant coffee, and one teaspoon vanilla. Chill. Fold all but four tablespoons of one cup whipped cream into the coffee mixture. Pour eggnog into cups. Top with remaining whipped cream and sprinkle with nutmeg.

Serve holiday visitors this flavorful yuletide salute. Just before serving time, combine four cups dairy eggnog, two bottles (10 oz.) chilled gingerale, and one can (6 oz.) frozen concentrated orange juice. Break away from the party occasionally to stir the punch.

Here are a few thoughtful gift ideas to bring to your holiday hostess. Wrap your homemade butter cookies individually in cellophane and decorate a pine wreath with these edible ornaments. Or fill a small picnic basket with your hostess' favorite cheeses. That special friend deserves this personal gift: A collection of your best recipes (the ones she's admired for years) in a gaily decorated index box.

Visit a Polish home on Christmas eve and you're likely to find the youngest child watching out the window anxiously awaiting the appearance of the first evening

star. As soon as it is sighted, the family can sit down to a Christmas dinner which, traditionally, consists of fish soup, fish with stewed prunes and cottage cheese dumplings.

Most everyone garnishes a bowl of eggnog with a sprinkling of nutmeg. For a variation, though, use shaved chocolate curls, fluffy whipped cream, or red and green maraschino cherries. If you're planning on serving the adults a "spiked" eggnog punch, garnish the children's variation with mini-scoops of vanilla ice cream.

Butter cookies will stay flavorful if you follow these few suggestions for storing. Bar cookies should be stored uncut in a tightly covered baking pan. Store soft cookies in a tightly covered container; crisp cookies in a loosely covered container. Keep all in a cool place and do not mix soft and crisp cookies together.

Holiday hustle and bustle puts lots of pressure on a hostess. If you do make a mistake, the first rule is: Don't panic! Here are a couple of remedies for those kitchen mishaps. Should you oversalt the soup, plunk in a raw potato slice to absorb the excess salt. If you're preparing the turkey stuffing and find you're short a 1/2 cup of packaged fine dry bread crumbs, simply substitute one cup (2 oz.) of homemade crumbs from three or

four slices of dry bread.

Seasonings can make or break a dish. Keep in mind that it's always best to underseason. Dried herbs and spices are stronger than fresh. For the most part, 1/4 teaspoon will do the trick for four servings. Butter, of course, enhances and blends the flavors of your seasoned and spiced vegetables, sauces, meats, soups, etc.

Spruce up your holiday vegetable dishes with a color-contrasting garnish. Try shredded golden Cheddar cheese on white cauliflower, or colorfully combine crumbled bacon bits, pimiento strips or croutons with your favorite vegetables.

### Apple Supply Down

Pennsylvania apple growers and processors are going into the winter season with 139,909,000 pounds of the 1972 harvest in cold storage, according to the Crop Reporting Service

This is a drop of 45 percent from this same date last year and reflects the heavy losses sustained by fruit growers from a variety of adverse weather conditions throughout the year

Of those apples in cold or controlled atmosphere storage York Imperial is the leading variety followed by Golden Delicious, Red Delicious, Rome and Stayman

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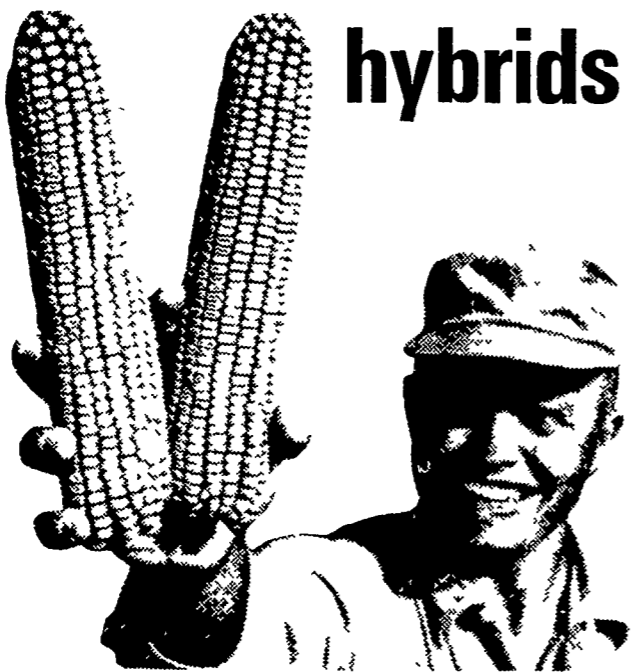
Apple holdings throughout the U S on October 31 were down 11.5 percent from a year earlier with the heavy reduction in Pennsylvania and the other apple-growing regions of the northeast responsible for the decline.

Pennsylvania ranks fourth in apple production behind Washington, New York and Michigan.

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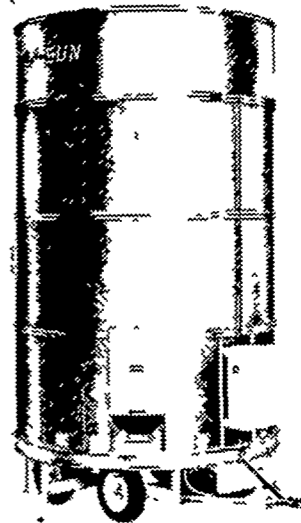
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