

Historic

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2 oz. of Ammonia
1 qt. of Sour Milk
6 lbs. of Flour
Ess of Lemon

Another interesting recipe found twice in Rickert's neat notebook was for "Daily Stock Yeast." Punctuation was nonexistent, and this reader was not quite sure of the directions, but here it is:

6 qts. of Water
2 1/4 lbs. of Flour
1 oz. Hops
2 oz. Mals

"Add Hops when boiling when Boiled 5 minutes take 1 qt. of Hop Water strain on Flour and make a Stiff paste boil balance of Hops 10 minutes longer strain on paste and let stand till cold then add the malt to desolver the paste till fine then take 1 qt. of Stock or 1 1/2 qt. of Potatoes Yeast to stock away let raise about 9 hours. Use 4 qts of Stock to start Potato Yeast."

The casual reader of Rickert's notebook encounters a little shock following the several pages of recipes. After a page of scribbling comes this recipe:

Hoof Ointment

2 lbs. Pitch of Tar
2 lbs. Tallow
3 pints Kneds foot oil
Lampblack

Obviously, the horse which delivered all those delicious baked goods were not neglected, and their hooves received care equal to the lemon cakes and daily stock yeast.

Mrs. Strauss, out of a deep family interest and a knowledge of the worth of things past, also has the booklet published in 1912 in commemoration of the 100th Hope Hose Fire Company in Manheim.

The advertisements themselves are of great interest, but Elam Showers, the baker for whom her great uncle worked has a very enlightening ad. It read as follows: "Elam Showers; Bread and Cake Baker; Parties, Weddings and Funerals, Promptly Served on Short Notice. Orders Solicited. My Team Will Stop At Your Door and Serve You. North Charlotte Street, Manheim." These words of solicitation were attractively printed on a full page ad. The idea of having a team stop at the door and serve you must be one of the better customs of the "good old days."

Mrs. Strauss, who grew up in Manheim as Janet Atkinson, says her family was originally from Maryland, while her husband's family comes from the Brickerville

area. She lived in Manheim for 21 years and she and her husband have lived on their present farm on Durlach Road at Ephrata RD1 for 21 years.

They own 10 acres, and raise horses as a hobby. They also raise a steer and a pig to butcher annually, but the hill behind their home is filled with sheep. Mrs. Strauss says they never had sheep until their oldest son was in ninth grade at Ephrata and got a pen of three through the Future Farmers of America.

Now all three boys own some sheep as well as the Strausses. The boys also have some hogs as FFA projects.

One pleasant by-product of raising sheep is wool. Mrs. Strauss has the wool dyed and spun into yarn, which she uses in crocheting. She has a lovely wool afghan and says she makes her family wool sweaters, which are really warm.

Mrs. Strauss has saved many other family heirlooms which are of sentimental and historical value. One example is the account book of the father of her great uncle, Charles W. Rickert.

The elder Rickert did some work for the Sisterhaus at the Cloister and shows that he received for one day of plowing potatoes, \$2.00. Another day he received \$2.25 for the same work and on another day he received \$2.25 for hauling manure. This was in 1844.

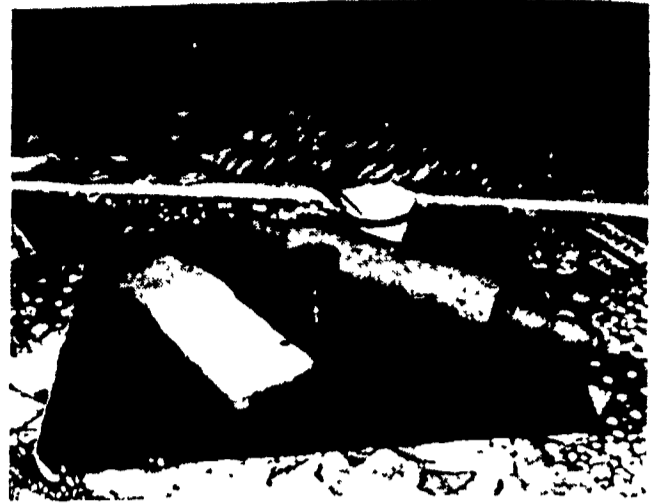
In 1843 he purchased 2 watermelons for \$.20 and in 1856 he "kild one calf" for \$.37 1/2. In 1859 he received \$1.62 1/2 for butchering "3 haugs."

By comparison, in 1888 he purchased the following: Suit of Clothes for Self \$30.00; Dresses for Wife 25.00; Children's Clothes 20.15; Groceries 18.25; Crockery 15.20.

Account books which were so carefully kept then are becoming rare, but offer great insight into the life and times of our forebears in the last century.

Watching Mrs. Strauss bake and decorate those cookies on a gray, rainy day in a warm fragrant farm kitchen makes one's mind wander to those times which in retrospect seem simpler and perhaps more inviting.

The celebration of our nation's bicentennial is a good time to reflect on those times, not with a desire to return to those days, but with an open mind about how they contributed to what we enjoy today.



Here are the "sugar cakes" produced from a recipe supplied by Mrs. Strauss's great uncle from around 1890.

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