

LITTLE WAIFS ENJOY

THE YULETIDE SEASON PATHOS AND JOY AT

CHRISTMAS TIME IN
SOLDIERS' HOMES

To thousands of children in our great cities are denied the joys attending the Christmas festivities that those who have pleasant homes and parents in comfortable circumstances enjoy. But because the home surroundings are lacking one must not jump to the conclusion that the children of the unfortunate and the waifs who are parentless or have been driven from home by drunken and inhuman parents do not have their Santa Claus and the other pleasures that make Christmas the joy and delight of childhood the world over.

If one were inclined to believe that Christmas outside the home circle is devoid of all that brings pleasure and happiness to the child he should visit one of the great institutions where the children of the poor and homeless are of Gettysburg was celebrated last July. The twenty-year-old boy of this battle is now a gray-haired veteran of seventy. The old soldiers are crossing

the great divide by the score, and he and hundreds of children, few of them over ten years of age. Here one will be left. About twenty years ago it was discovered that many of the bravest soldiers of the war were drifting to the portholes because there was nowhere else for them to go and because their wounds kept them from work. Many had no relatives, and the relatives of others were too poor to support the old soldiers. In many cases the veterans declined to accept alms. The movement to take care of these men resulted in Confederate homes in all of the southern states, and descendants of the men who were the gray now spend about \$2,000,000 annually in pensions and in the support of various homes.

RECIPES FOR CHRISTMAS.

Salmon Salad.—Garnish salmon with cucumbers, tomatoes and lettuce. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and paprika. Add a few drops of chili vinegar and slices of hard-boiled egg. Cover with this sauce: Yolks of three eggs, juice of a lemon, salt and red pepper, a pinch of grated nutmeg, three tablespoonsfuls of butter and half a cupful of water. Stir over the fire until thick.

Montreux Sandwiches.—Boil four eggs for a quarter of an hour, then pound them with two tablespoonsfuls of butter, one tablespoonsful of finely chopped parsley and sufficient anchovy essence to make all a good pink color. When well pounded add a little paprika and spread the mixture on slices of buttered bread. Serve garnished with parsley.

Figs Mince Pie.—Weigh half a pound of flour, sift it, rub in three tablespoonsfuls of butter or lard, add one teaspoonful of baking powder and a pinch of salt, then gradually add just enough cold water to form a stiff paste. Roll out once. Line small molds with the pastry and fill with mincemeat, adding a few chopped figs. Bake in a hot oven for fifteen minutes.

CHRISTMAS IN FRANCE.

Little Ones Over There Use Shoes Instead of Stockings.

French children instead of hanging up their stockings Christmas eve place their shoes before the chimney. In the morning small children will find toys for their rejoicing, but a child who has arrived at the use of reason is more likely to receive a gift of a sum of money and a book. French gift books for children, as much as any other one thing I know, mark the vast difference between American and French civilization.

These books, as to contents, resemble those terribly good books that are in the United States formed the substance of Sunday school libraries. They are if not sermons for the young, then tales of children so impossibly virtuous as to be more insufferable than the longest, dreariest sermon. In appearance these books exhibit a uniformity as tiresome as their contents. They are almost invariably bound in bright red cloth, decorated with arm's-busque designs in vivid gold, and in size they vary from that of a gospel hymn book to something pretty nearly as large as the family Bible. The size of the book is regulated according to the merit of the child receiving it and also according to the heart of the donor—Harper's Bazaar.

FORTUNES FOR TOYS.

The children of the United States each year consume toys that cost at retail \$45,000,000. Of this sum the imported goods represent \$15,000,000 and the domestic product \$30,000,000.

The little ones of New York city get more than their proportionate share of this enormous expenditure, for there are spent for them annually \$3,000,000.

One-third of this is for imported playthings and two-thirds for the home product.

There is a marked tendency toward mechanical toys, and more that is new and interesting is found in this direction than in any other.

Within the ranks of these mechanical playthings is observable a great increase in iron toys, all of which are made in this country and fitted for bad use in the hands of destructive children.

CHRISTMAS ICES.

Delicious Desserts With Which to Round Out the Feast.

Tasty desserts make delicious features of the Christmas dinner. They may be in the form of plain ice cream or one of the elaborate ices which are served under fancy names.

The dessert should come to the table in an attractive form. It may be frozen in a fancy mold and decorated with candied or glace cherries, with nuts or sprigs of holly.

The following delicious ices were suggested by that authority in culinary lore, the Boston Cooking School Magazine, and are illustrated here.

Christina's Bavarian Cream.—Home-taste chestnut preserve, either whole or broken nuts, is the best for use in which to use chestnuts for this dish. Decorate the bottom of the mold with slices of candied or maraschino cherries and chestnuts. Cook one-third cupful of raisins in boiling water to cover until the raisins are tender and



TWO DELICIOUS ICES.

the water is nearly evaporated. Cut a dozen cherries in pieces, add the pieces left from decorating the mold and the raisins. Add one-fourth cupful of chestnuts in small pieces and one-fourth cupful of the chestnuts pressed through a sieve and enough of the chestnut syrup to make in all a generous cupful of material. Let heat and dissolve one tablespoonful of granulated gelatin, one-fourth package, softened in one-fourth cupful of cold water. Set the dish into ice and water and stir till it begins to thicken, then stir in one cupful of cream beaten very light. When the mixture will hold its shape put it into the mold with a spoonful. When unmolded surround with pieces of preserved chestnut in syrup. If the preserve has not been flavored add a teaspoonful of vanilla before folding in the cream.

Ice Cream With Raspberry Sherbet.—Pack vanilla ice cream in a ring mold, cover securely and pack in four measures of crushed ice to one of salt. When unmolded fill the center with canned or preserved peaches. Pour hot frozen raspberry sherbet over it.

ROAST TURKEY DINNER.—Cocktail Cocktails, Cream of Tomato Soup, Roast Turkey, Onion Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Apple Sauce, Cauliflower, Cranberry Ice, Celery and Nut Salad, Cheese Sticks, Minted Peas, Plum Pudding, Coffee.

THE CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST.

It Should Be Merely a Preparation For Dinner.

Many articles of merchandise are absolutely prohibited transmission in the mails, therefore inquire before mailing. Now that the holidays are here the units are flooded with Christmas presents, going to and coming from all parts of the world.

The average person knows little about the postal laws and regulations of this country and consequently is apt to make a mistake. Do you know

that you cannot mail tobacco in any

form to a friend in France or that you cannot mail patent medicine to a friend in Hungary if you have one there?

The postal laws of this country prohibit the mailing to any foreign country of matter liable to decomposition, such as confectionery or candies.

Did you know that, with few exceptions, you cannot mail to foreign countries (Canada excepted) any packet or letter containing gold or silver substances, jewelry or precious articles?

It is true. Nor can you send any packet or letter containing articles liable to customs duty in the countries addressed. That does not apply to Canada or Mexico or to articles for wired by parcel post.

The postal laws prohibit the putting of intoxicating liquors (ardent vinous, spirituous or malt) in the mails. If you try to send to a friend in some distant city a small flask of fine whisky its destination will be Washington—the dead letter office.

One would be surprised at the tremendous number of violations of the postal laws and regulations because of the ignorance of the average person using the mails. Nearly every package that goes through the mails at this time of the year is opened by the postoffice department. Some persons are accustomed to sending a package purporting to contain nothing but photographs through the mails. When those packages have been opened in the postoffices some of them have been found to contain writing, handkerchiefs or jewelry, which is a violation of the postal laws and subject to a fine.

Statistics.

Madie—Were you pleased with your Christmas presents?

Marjorie—Perfectly. I received seventeen and I'm going to have only fifteen exchanged.



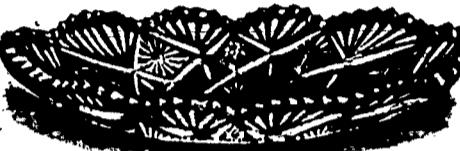
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