

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: And the government shall be upon his shoulder: And his name shall be called wonderful, counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting father, the prince of peace. -Inaiah 9:6

## Infants Under Year Old Enjoy Christmas Gifts, Baby Claims



"Of course we babies can enjoy Christmas gifts."

Dear World:

Of course, I'm disgusted. You'd feel this way too if folks said you were too dumb to enjoy Christmas. They say that we babies less than a year old don't need presents bewe can't appreciate them anyway. The idea!

A lot of other babies are also complaining about this attitude. Why, we can talk better English than most grown-ups.

"Dud iddy biddy baby want pretty rattle-wattle? Daddikens will pick it up from the floorsie-worsie for

Phoey! If I couldn't talk better than this I'd keep still. And then they have the audacity to assume that babies under one year are too young to enjoy Christmas.

Last month we conducted a poll among babies 12 months of age or younger, asking them if they considered themselves capable of en-

joying Christmas. Exactly 987 of the 1,000 babies questioned replied emphatically in the affirmative. The 13 who voted "no" are going to be a year old before Christmas and felt they ting presents from relatives if their the window of the car as much as would have a better chance of getyounger cousins were left out. But that's a purely selfish motive and doesn't affect the unanimity of the like it?

going some place. How would you like it?

Now that you have had indisputable proof that babies enjoy Christmas, don't rush out to buy us an electric train or bicycle. After all, we act our age even though we

know better. There are several points you should keep in mind while looking through the toy department: We presents for our parents and other want toys that will attract our at- grownups, but we certainly would tention, and they must be cleaned easily. We babies have a bad habit years and see if we don't. of putting things in our mouths, so

if the toy is too small, we might swallow it. Don't worry, though.

We'll get over the habit. Colored bakelite disks on a chain make one of the nicest and least expensive gifts for babies. We can have a lot of fun playing with those white, yellow, red and green disks. And they're real easy to keep clean,

Other children want only toys they can play with, but we babies can appreciate the more practical gifts such as cribs, playpens and jumper-swings. They are virtual necessities to us and make our lives much more pleasant.

Clothing also makes excellent gifts. A few of the many articles we would be glad to receive include shirts, night gowns, dresses, rompers, shoes, stockings and bonnets.

One of the most practical and welcome gifts for any baby would be an automobile seat. These can be attached to the seat of any automobile and permit babies to see out, but prevent them from falling out. Babies must be able to sit up before using them, but all babies learn to sit up before they are very old. And we enjoy looking out of you do. It's no fun just looking at the inside of the car when we're

Another practical gift would be a life-insurance policy that will mature in about 18 years and provide funds for a college education. Or, savings account can be opened in baby's name for as little as \$1-but you don't have to make it that small.

We babies can't get Christmas

Signed, Disgusted "Youth."

Early Puritans Forbid 'Crime' of Celebrating Christmas

sachusetts. The practice was looked upon such account as aforesaid, evdown upon with so much disfavor ery such person so offending shall that anyone observing the date was | pay for every such offense five shillfined five shillings. On May 11, ings as a fine to the county." 659, the general court in Boston passed a law against Christmas cel-

ebrations which said: "It is therefore ordered by this Eben, "don't eat yohsefs into a state court and the authority thereof that of mind whar you's wishin' for a whomsoever shall be found observ- doctor harder dan you did for Santy ing any such day as Christmas or Claus."

Celebrating Christmas was a the like, either by forebearing la-crime to the early Puritans in Mas- bor, feasting, or any other way,

Fair Warning "Listen, chillun" said Uncle

# by Lynn Chambers



Let a Star-Studded Ham Say Merry Christmas! (See Recipes Below)

Deck the Table

Greetings, homemakers! Here's my Christmas present to you, a menu with recipes designed to ring in the holiday season and to dinner to go over if you serve a crown your table with luscious food, ham, glistening just wonderful to eat. The menu is and shimmering, worked out in the best colors of the

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Christmas Dinner

\*Grapefruit-Persimmon Salad \*Sweet French Dressing \*Baked Ham \*Holiday Sauce \*Virginia Cranberry Mold \*Sweet Potato Pone \*Green Peas With Beets Crescent Rolls

Plum Pudding with Sauce Coffee \*Recipes Given

in the menu in the baked ham and until brown (about 15 minutes) in sweet potato pone, topped off with a hot (400 degrees) oven. the plum pudding, and then there's a dash of newness in the cranberry mold, the salad and its perky dressing and the holiday sauce.

sons from camp, your daughters from college, this their make gala feast, for Christmas dinare thing to cherish and remember.

\*Grapefruit-Persimmon Salad.

appearance of a mound. Use three peas, heated piping hot. sections of grapefruit per serving. pink grapefruit sections may

also be used in this way. \*Sweet French Dressing. (For fruit salads)

9 tablespoons oil 31/2 tablespoons powdered sugar 1/2 teaspoon salt 3 tablespoons paprika

1/2 teaspoon worcestershire sauce 4 tablespoons lemon juice

Set all ingredients in icebox for three hours before mixing. Combine in order given, blending thoroughly. Chill again in mason jar. Before using, let melt, then beat until thick with wooden spoon.

\*Virginia Cranberry Mold. You'll want something tantalizingof the ham. Here it is:

1 17-ounce can cranberry sauce Juice of two oranges Grated rind of 1 orange 1 cup hot water

3 packages gelatin Mash cranberry sauce fine; add rind and orange juice. Dissolve gelatin in hot water and add to first mixture. Pour into molds and put in cool place to set.

\*Sweet Potato Pone.

(Serves 6 to 8) Delicately spiced, heart-warming and gracious accompaniment to | rich colors. your dinner



tasty, just wonderful food! 2½ cups grated raw sweet potato 1/2 cup butter ½ cup sugar

½ cup milk teaspoon powdered ginger 1/4 teaspoon mace Grated rind of 1 orange

Blend sugar and butter. Add sweet potato and milk. Beat well, then add spices and orange rind.

| Bake in a shallow, buttered casserole in a moderate (350 degrees) oven, 30 to 35 minutes.

\*Baked Ham. You can depend upon your holiday

baked in sweet, spicy juices. Wrap the ham in clean wrapping paper. Place fat side up on a rack in an open pan. Use no water. Bake in a slow oven. Hams

weighing 16 to 18 pounds require 4 to 41/2 hours baking; 12 to 15 pounds, 31/2 to 4 hours; 10 to 12 pounds, 3 to 31/2 hours; and 8 to 10 pounds, 23/4 to 3 hours.

Remove paper and all rind. Cover with a glaze of pickled peach juice or 1 cup honey and 1/2 cup orange marmalade, or 1 cup pureed apricots for extra special goodness. To make stars, cut slices of pineapple and form into a star. Use There's a touch of the traditional maraschino cherry in center. Bake

\*Holiday Sauce.

For your masterpiece, the ham, serve a sauce that's rich and jewelred. Ladle it over the ham gener-Whether you're welcoming your ously to bring out the best in the meat. Like all good things, the sauce is a simple, good-tasting combina-Melt 1 small glass of currant jelly in double boiler, add 3 tablespoons chili sauce, blend, and serve

\*Green Peas With Beets. Bright red and green touch in the best tradition of Christmas is your beet and green peas vegetable com-Be versatile with your grapefruit. bination. Boil the beets with two Peel, separate into sections, then inches of their tops left on until tenslip the thin peeling off the sections | der, 25 to 35 minutes depending on being careful to leave the section age and size. Plunge into cold wawhole. Alternate the sections of ter and remove skins. Scoop out grapefruit with thin slices of persim- center, add salt and butter. Just mon, having the outside sections on | before serving, heat beets, fill centop so the fruit together gives the ters with cooked, seasoned green

Don't forget the big, overflowing Lay this on a crisp bed of lettuce bowls of fruits and nuts for the and serve with dressing. Avocado | family to nibble on during Christmas day. Cluster raisins, apples, yellow, supple bananas, and nuts in the shell-all these the family will want to make their festivities complete. The children will give you three cheers if you string red cranberries and popcorn on a string and hang

on the tree or in their stockings. Steaming the Pudding. Plum puddings are best when served piping hot. This means they should be steamed for at least 11/2-2 hours before serving. If the pudding is in a mold cover with a lid or with heavy waxed paper. Place on a rack in a large kettle. Have about 2 inches of water in the bottom of the kettle, and have this water boiling all the while. More water may be added if ly tart as foil to the bland sweetness | necessary. A double boiler or a pressure cooker may also be used to good advantage for steaming.

To serve, unmold the pudding and garnish the platter with holly or other leaves and bright berries.

## LYNN SAYS:

Few holidays can offer you the same decorative possibilities as Christmas season, so make the most of the evergreens, berries, cones, candles, ornaments, and

Here are some centerpiece this sweet potato | ideas which would be effective: pone. Satisfy your | Use a green wreath on a mirpotatoes with branches dipped or sprayed with ham this new-old | white paint and place brightly colored ornaments or fruits among the branches.

Surround candles with pine branches and cones and have several small silver bells around the base of the centerpiece as though they came out of the branches.

Make a gingerbread house, frost with a thin powdered sugar icing and sprinkle with silver snow. Set this on a mirror or surround with spruce or pine branches and

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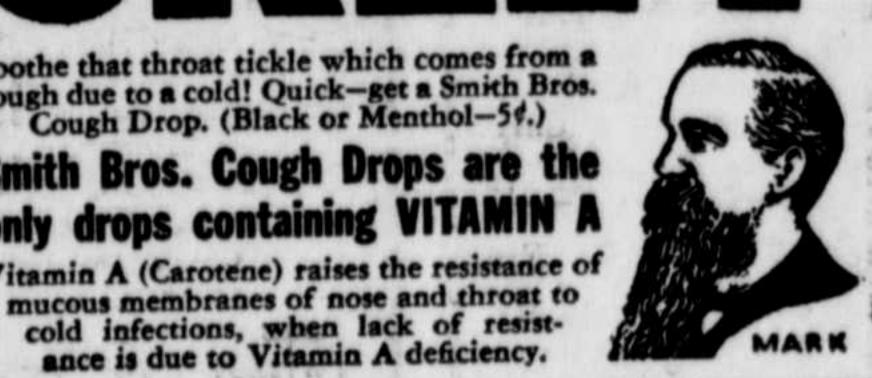
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