



CHRISTMAS would not be Christmas in Hungary," said my Hungarian friend, "without fruit cake."

"Tell me how it is made," said I.

The description she gave me, well, I think you will agree with me, that it fairly makes your mouth water to think of it. And no wonder, for the luscious loaf must contain citron and orange peel, walnuts and almonds, cherries, dates, spices and hazelnuts. No frosting crowns this masterpiece, as it would in our country, but even so, doesn't it make you hungry?

Gingerbread boys are always baked for the children at holiday time in Hungary. Currants make features, and buttons, but here again no frosting is used. Small sugar cakes belong to the little folks too.

Before Christmas, cakes are placed on the table, and are eaten and replaced, until after Christmas. Such generous hospitality!

One of the large cakes is the famous "Torje." It reaches twelve layers high, just think of it. The layers are very thin, though, and their filling is made of chocolate and butter. The top layer is covered with burnt sugar. Oh, yum. Walnut cake is another of these larger delicacies made in a long flat loaf. Its principle distinction is its walnuts cooked in milk and honey.

These come in all shapes, variously decorated, sometimes with nuts, almonds and walnuts, bits of citron for leaves beside bright cherries, and little star shapes covered with sugar.

"Strudel" is a confection, the thin numberless layers of which resemble the cut leaves of cabbage. Cheese is sometimes used as a filling with nuts and then again there is the apple "strudle."

Austrian artists in cookery make another dainty cake called "lovers' delight." A very rich filling of fruit is worked into pastry. Narrow strips of

plain pastry are laid over the top of this, in a round pie pan. After it is baked, powdered sugar is shaken over it. At last it is served, cut in very thin squares on account of its richness.

A fruit cake baked like a loaf of bread is one of the Christmas loaves in Sweden. It is called "Yule Kake." Similar to it is the German "Stollen." This is a large cake heavily frosted, and rolled over like a parkerhouse roll. It contains spices, citron, raisins and nuts.

Of course, in Germany, Christmas just must have its "Pfefferkuchen," a tiny gingerbread cake coated with powdered sugar. "Matzepan" is a very rich cake. "Lebkuchen," honey cookies are natural companions to the ginger cakes. Little almond cakes, made of almost paste come in all sorts of shapes. Stars there are, carrots, balls, baskets, and many other fanciful designs.

A special meat dish for Christmas is a loaf made of pork, which is allowed to jell. It is called "Sulze" and is served cold in slices, with parsley.

In England there appears the good mince pie and its great friend, the plum pudding. In Dicken's day,—alas, no longer can it be served in this manner in the United States—the plum pudding arrived on the table in state, all alright with burning brandy, with a twig of holly in the midst. Young roast pig especially belongs to the holiday celebrations to commemorate the ancient boar's head of historic fame.

In France more attention is paid to New Year's Day. This is the time for the pleasant exchange of visits, calls and happy greetings. "Open House" one finds everywhere, with the serving of tea.

Delicious little cakes, "Gateaux" accompany the tea. Tarts are among those present, with all sorts of fillings such as almond paste, and fruits—raspberries, strawberries, and cherries. "Brioche" is another one of these cakes, its pastry resembling our cream puffs without the cream.

Perhaps, with the rapidly changing times in Europe, some of these ancient companions to the Christmas celebra-

tion will be pushed off the map. Let us hope not. Let us rather hope that the cook books will be preserved intact, and their palatable arts kept for coming generations.

50,000 Trees to Supply Christmas Demand in State

With the approach of the Christmas season there is the usual demand for evergreens to decorate homes, streets and churches, and especially for trees which, with their candles and glittering tinsel and stockings loaded with gifts on Christmas morning, gladden the hearts of children and their elders as well. Annually there is much alarm expressed by many people because of the cutting of so many young trees for this purpose.

It is estimated that ten million young trees are used annually during the Christmas holidays throughout the United States. Most of these trees come from private lands, the owners cutting every tree suitable for Christmas uses regardless of the future value of the stand of timber, which is a needless and destructive practice.

Nebraska alone uses about 50,000 most of which are spruce and fir from Minnesota.

The U. S. forest service is permitting the cutting of young trees for the holiday season in such a manner as to be beneficial to the forests, and advocates this method on private land. In many places the young trees come in so thickly, following a good seed year, that they interfere with each other and the best development of the stand. With forest trees, just as with farm crops of corn or beets, the most rapid growth and the finest trees for saw logs and railroad ties are produced if dense stands are thinned. Many areas have from 3,000 to 11,000 young trees six to ten feet high per acre, and the removal of all but 1,000 well spaced trees will be of great value to the stand. The trees thinned out can

readily be used for Christmas trees and wreaths.

On the Nebraska national forest, near Halsey, over ten sections have been planted to trees by the U. S. forest service. On some sites on unusually high survival of trees has been secured, and here the trees are too thick for the best growth of the stand. In 1920, for the first time, thinnings were made in plantations of jack pine and the trees removed were sold for Christmas trees. This year a larger number of trees are being thinned out and sold for the Christmas season, and an opportunity is here presented for a permanent industry in Nebraska, whereby people of the state can secure their trees locally instead of being compelled to ship them from Minnesota and Colorado.

The receipts from the sale of timber and from grazing on the national forests go into the United States treasury, and by congressional act 25 per cent of these funds are turned over to the school funds of the counties within which the forests are located, and an additional 10 per cent is made available for road building within the forests. From this it is evident that the cutting of Christmas trees may be done without detriment to our forests, if handled properly. In fact, regulated cutting is a blessing to dense stands of young trees; and that money paid to Uncle Sam for Christmas trees cut on national forests eventually returns to the people in better schools and roads.

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