

Plum Pudding Was Once Known As 'Yule Dough'

Plum Pudding — the ancient English delicacy traditionally served with Christmas feasts—has come a long way since the culinary lists hundreds of years ago as Yule Dough.

Yule-dough was composed of chopped meat paste, spices, to symbolize the gifts of the Magi, and

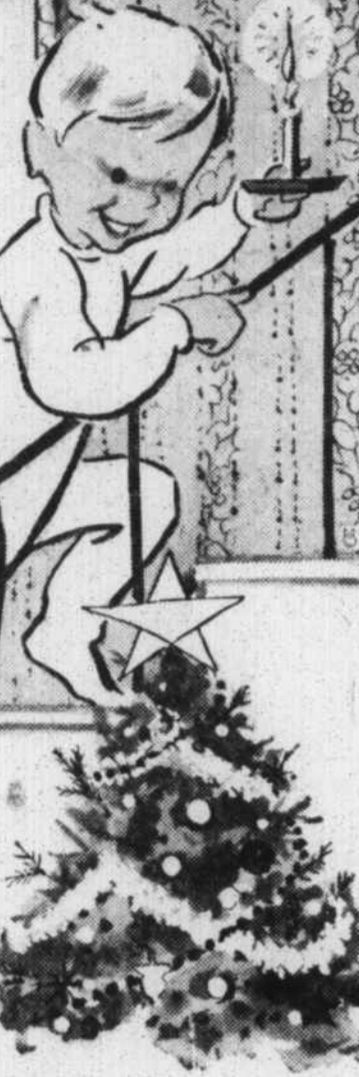
Kindley Field in Bermuda is operated by the U. S. Air Force. Just across the harbor is St. George which served as mid-Atlantic headquarters for the U. S. submarine fleet during World War II.

The world's thinnest watch is the same size as a U. S. quarter.

flour regarded as embodying the spirit immanent in the wheat.

Christmas Wishes

May all your dreams for a bright and happy Christmas come true for you in fullest measure!



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THIS STRIKING photograph was the cover of the current issue of "Animals" the official publication of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This picture tells its own story, and will no doubt be duplicated many times over the nation next Tuesday morning.

Superstitions, Traditions Mark New Year's

Traditions and superstitions have long been a part of the New Year scene around the world.

The Chinese believe one must pay up all debts if the New Year is to be a successful one. The English, on the other hand, consider it a good idea to start a savings account on January 1, since what you do on the New Year's Day is indicative of what you will do the rest of the year.

One of the most widespread superstitions concerns the "first-footer," the first person to enter a household on New Year's morning. In early days, women and lighthaired men were considered "unlucky" first-footers.

Ancient custom in Japan was to scatter parched beans about the house, supposedly driving away evil influences and inviting good luck to enter.

The Romans were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Bacchus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind.

Peasant families in various parts of the world once baked special cakes for the New Year. The cake was dashed against the door and as the family members gathered up the pieces to eat them they prayed that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the new year.

In olden times some families also sought a glimpse into the New Year by "dipping" into the Bible. The head of the family, with his eyes closed, opened the family Bible and indicated a passage with his finger. The text, Christ, in the midst of all we do, despite all the noises and destructions, he speaks to our inner needs at Christmas time.

US Supplies, Buys Most Christmas Trees

The United States is the world's leading source of supply as well as top buyer in the Christmas tree industry—a better than \$50,000,000 business.

The majority of our Christmas trees come from New England, New York and Pennsylvania, the north Middlewest, and the Northwest Pacific regions. In recent years,

read and interpreted was supposed to be indicative of the luck, good or bad, that would be in store during the twelve months ahead.

Geraldine Page, stage and screen star, used to recite Shakespeare while working as a thread winder.

Tokyo, capital of Japan, is translated as meaning "Eastern Capital." This happened in the 1860's when the government moved from the western royal court of Kyoto to Yedo, then to Tokyo.

New Jersey has annually marketed around 100,000 trees for local use.

Most of the trees for Christmas sales are cut early in the fall and the trees are kept green with plenty of water until shipped to distribution centers.

Our Wants At Christmas

By GERALDINE A. HENDRICKS

In the last few weeks I have listened to a great many people tell what they want for Christmas. Different people want different things, of course. The list is as varied as the items in our stores. A girl wants a watch, a new sweater, a box of candy. A boy wants a pony, a gun, a bicycle. The grown people want items more useful in everyday life.

These are the things we talk about and purchase and give to one

another. But there are other things we desire even more than these. These deeper desires we say little about except to our close friends. We pray about them. We realize that without them life is empty and meaningless.

What are some of our deeper wants at Christmas time?

We want friends. Along with all the commercial appeal we put into the pre-Christmas weeks, there is a real religious emphasis. Our attention is turned to the purpose of life. We are made to realize that unless we have more than dollars and gadgets and machines life is not worth living. As we go about our daily labors we begin to think about what we can do for this friend and another one. This causes us to evaluate afresh how much a friend means to us. Then a big question stands out boldly, "What would life be worth without friends?"

We want love to reign supreme in our home life. We read and listen to the Christmas story and Christmas music for days and days. Again and again we are reminded of the love of God for man, and of how the Christ child came into the world. We do not realize quite how it takes place, but suddenly we know that our family life is a miserable failure except where we have learned to express genuine love for each other from day to day. The meaning of a kind word, an extra kiss for child or parent—these take on special significance.

We want to be generous. Most of us are selfish much of the time. As a friend remarked only yesterday, "We tend to be autocratic." But there is something about the Christmas emphasis each year which causes us to look beyond ourselves. We are compelled by the Christmas spirit to become ashamed of our self-centered littleness. We want to do something big, something that will help someone else. For a time we are willing to be selfless. This is a great blessing to any one of us.

We want to live at peace with the rest of the world. War has made us weary with killing and destruction. Our Lord gave special emphasis to peace. And fortunately we have not forgotten that he taught us the value of peace. In the hearts of the common people around the world this December there is almost universal desire for understanding and peace. Herein is our greatest hope for peace.

We want assurance of the reality of God. There is something frightening about man's handiwork in the world. We are afraid of what we have made! And in our own ways, away from the crowds, when no one can see us, we look up and breathe a prayer to God. We know that without his help we cannot make it. And in these prayers we breathe, many of them spoken in strange silences, the real meaning of Christmas breaks through. Assurance flows into life. We face our problems and opportunities with fresh courage. We are no longer afraid of life. There is a companion within to give us peace and assurance and light.

A few days ago a man said, "They have destroyed the meaning of Christmas with commercials." It simply isn't so. There is no earthly power that can destroy

Holiday Wishes

Our sincere wishes for a happy holiday to all the good friends whom it has been such a pleasure to serve.

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Merry Christmas

Here is a hope that the joy of the Christmas season will abide with you always. May its spirit of good fellowship live in your heart throughout the new year.

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**

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