


Buds AND Blossoms

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"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king . . . Behold wise men from the East came to Jerusalem saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we saw his star in the East and are come to worship him."—New Testament.

Check all wiring before you put extra Christmas lights on your tree and in your house. Keep your tree away from open fires or hot appliances. Clean leaves of house plants if they are slick leaves with milk to use as gifts.

Don't paint magnolia leaves until just before time to use them. They will curl. A living Christmas gift is a year round gift that ev-

eryone can enjoy. Check your friends. Select shrubbery, trees and bulbs. Hondina, boxwood, spruces, pine, magnolia, firs and broadleaf evergreens make excellent gifts.

An azalea or camellia makes a gift that you can enjoy when Christmas is long past. Everyone else can enjoy them too. In painting materials for Christmas arrangements, a quick-finish snow look is liquid shoe polish. Poster paints and finger nail polish are cheaper for small touches of color than enamel.

To make a tree have a snow effect, mix the following: one cup of soap flakes, one-half cup of water. Beat with an egg beater until thick as cake frosting. Drop by spoonfuls upon the tree or branches of arrangements.

Make roping from your decorations by tying evergreen on discarded nylon hose.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing; and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns, let men thir songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hill and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, re-

peat, repeat the sounding joy. He rules the world, with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness; and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love.

HINTS TO HOMEMAKERS

FOR VARIETY — Use milk in creamed soups . . . on hot and ready-to-eat cereal . . . in bowls of hot milk toast . . . in cocoa or milk shakes . . . heated and mixed with equal parts of hot coffee or tea . . . in puddings or custards. Eat ice cream, in a variety of flavors, plain or with fruit toppings—make your own.

Cheese is good for us. Use it often—melted in toasted sandwiches or used in cold ones . . . melted in scalloped potatoes, in rarebits and souffles, in sauces with hard-cooked eggs, seafood or vegetables over toast. . . cheese in vegetable or fruit salads, with fruit for dessert, with crackers or in small cubes for snacktime.

Serve scrambled eggs . . . eggs in omelets, poached, in custard, or hard-cooked for salads or diced in cream sauce.

Add a little cottage cheese or diced cheese to scrambled eggs, or use cottage cheese "as is" over hot baked or boiled potatoes, and with fruit.

MORALE BOOSTERS — Treat yourself to something extra special every now and then . . . a meal out, a new hat, movie or play. It's also a good idea to treat others your age to calls and visits, and small children to your "specialty" in cookie and milk snacks.

EATING ALONE?—It's smart to take extra care to see that food is appetizing and good, and that it's eaten in pleasant surroundings—perhaps in company with the radio, television, a favorite record or an entertaining book.

PLUM PUDDING FOR CHRISTMAS—For centuries, in many families, plum pudding has graced the Christmas dinner table. The pudding may be served from a big cake plate which has been decorated with holly, fruits, or other decorations to suit your taste, or you may have individual servings with whipped cream. There is an old English superstition which goes like this: "Whoever eats a plum pudding on each of the 12 days between Christmas and Epiphany, making a wish on the first mouthful each day, will be blessed by luck and fulfillment during the next 12 months." May you have luck!

BUY HALF TURKEY—Speaking of turkeys (and who isn't, these days) remember there's a practical way for small families to have holiday turkey dinners. Half turkeys and quarter turkeys can now be purchased and buying one of these will eliminate leftover problems. Another advantage of buying just part of a turkey is that cooking time is greatly reduced. For example, half of a 16-pound turkey takes only 3½ hours to cook.

PAPER CUPS FOR SALAD MOLDS—Use pointed paper cups as little tree-salad molds. Fill the cups with cranberry, raspberry or lime-flavored gelatin, with fruits or nuts added to your liking, then set in glasses in refrigerator until firm. Just before serving, cut cup along seam with a razor blade and peel from gelatin. Decorate the "trees" as you please with softened cream cheese or mayonnaise.

SHERIFF'S HOME ROBBED
Nogales, Ariz.—Sheriff Robert Connor had a burglarly to report to the city police. It occurred in his own home, where thieves carried off an electric toaster.

TOT TALK



We hate to bring up tragedy in the midst of this happy holiday season, but it's true that through some ironic twist of fate there's usually more than the average number of accidents along about this time of the year.

Highway traffic claims the heaviest toll, but far too many mishaps occur right in our own homes. New Bern parents, especially those with smaller children, should take extra precautions during the Christmas period.

Help Santa Claus to keep safety in mind when toys are selected. Your baby's playthings should have rounded edges, and make sure that those cuddly stuffed animals don't have hard-button eyes. Babies seem to have a remarkable knack for pulling these buttons off and swallowing them. And, whatever you do, make sure that rattles are strong enough not to be torn apart by tiny hands.

Even in his crib your baby is in grave danger if there's a pillow in it. Most cases of suffocation among the very young come from such pillows. And don't make the mistake of buying thin plastic mattress covers. Figures compiled by the National Safety Council point them up as a new killer on the scene.

For the sake of your toddling-age children, and for yourself, don't leave objects on the floor or steps that could cause a disastrous fall. This too is one of the main causes of tragedy in the home. Countless adults as well as children are seriously injured, and even killed, by objects in their path.

Perhaps it seems unnecessary to remind New Bern parnts that poisonous substances and medicines should be kept out of the reach of all young children. However, most of us are guilty at one time or another of leaving these things where a child can get to them.

Matches hold a strong fascination for children, so keep them out of the reach of your youngster. Warn him, of course, against striking matches, but more than that see to it that they aren't handy.

We should give as we would receive, cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation; for there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers.—Seneca.

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