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## The New Year's Cake

How the Wonderful Dainty Was Prepared by the Twelve Merry Months

THE twelve Merry Months once decided to make for the New Year approaching a wonderful cake, contributing freely each one, more or less, and sharing the pride of the final success. September, who through her acquaintance with schools was up in the latest grammatical rules, wrote out in a lovely Spencerian hand a recipe any one might understand. November, as usual, busy and hurried, and with her election cake specially worried for fear it would burn while her mind was so hurried, from what she had left on her generous hands when her Thanksgiving cooking, with all its demands, was finished, the milk and the spices supplied, while April the eggs was o'erjoyed to provide, all colored, of course, with indelible dyes—"My choicest," said April, with tears in her eyes. March furnished the sugar, and though I admit 'Twas maple, still that didn't matter a bit. He mixed the cake, too, being sturdy and stout and accustomed to stirring things briskly about. The flour was from May, her particular brand (You've heard of the Mayflower) and white as her hand.



JULY DID THE BAKING, AND SKILLFULLY TOO.

Dear June sent the favoring—extract of rose, the sweetest and purest, as every one knows—And August the butter, in cups of bright gold. February gave cherries, quite dried up and brown. From the tree that George Washington said he cut down, And October declared, with a laugh and a frown (Understand this is slang which I do not commend), That to vie with his gift she could never pretend. Though she, too, had nothing but chestnuts to send. July did the baking, and skillfully too. 'Twas done top and bottom and all the way through. Her oven was steady and tight to a T. January's crisp icing was lovely to see. December, quite ready to part with her best, Declared what with stockings and trees and the rest Everything that she owned she had given away. Save a bobbin or two and a bright holly spray. So these for adornment, arranged with much taste, On the top of the beautiful structure were placed. "Feb" dashed off a rhyme—he was quick with his pen From writing of valentines now and again. And, boxed up with care, this delicate cake, "Whose like I do say any baker to bake, Was sent New Year's morn by the Time and Tide line From twelve Merry Months to their dear Nineteen-nine.—St. Nicholas.

## Historic New Year

When the Treat Affair Threatened to Cause War With Great Britain

How Mason and Slidell Were Surrendered by Lincoln and Seward

JAN. 1, 1862, was not a happy New Year's day in these United States. Just forty-eight years ago the curtain of night fell on the peaceful history of the Federal Republic, and the nation entered upon a period of the most serious and complicated complications known as the Treat Affair.

Colonel E. D. Webster of Nebraska was at that time the private secretary of William H. Seward, Lincoln's great secretary of state. The following story of the incidents which led up to a settlement of that most serious international case from the lips of Colonel Webster himself.

When Captain Charles Wilkes of the United States man-of-war San Jacinto, returning from an unsuccessful chase of the privateer Hunter, intercepted the Trent, with Mason and Slidell on board, he took off the two confederate officers and their secretaries and landed them as prisoners of war at Fort Warren, in Boston harbor.

John Bull went into an indignant howling rage. He demanded the release of the prisoners and an apology to show that he would not be treated as a subject of the United States. He sent a fleet of ships to blockade the coast of the United States, and he demanded that the United States should give up the prisoners and pay for the cost of their detention.

Lincoln and Seward passed without action. Sunday was devoted to affairs of state. The swarms of letters had melted into a straggling deluge here and there the hum of a busy, bustling public had died away into the hollow echo of an occasional footfall in those reverberating halls. Solitude in this period of quiet and freedom from interruption. Secretary Seward called

## Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect It.

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This is Worth Reading.

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LINCOLN THREW IT INTO THE FLAMES.

his confidential assistants about him and set himself to the task of formulating a reply to Great Britain. Late in the afternoon, just as Mr. Seward was concluding his paper, President Lincoln came into the office accompanied by John Hay. After the usual greetings the president referred to the Treat Affair, and the secretary of state explained what he had been doing. Lincoln expressed a desire to know the contents of the proposed reply, and young Webster was obliged to read it to him. The president listened attentively and at the conclusion of the reading said:

"Read it again, please, paying a moment at the end of every second or third sentence."

As the second reading progressed the president's face relaxed and plainly indicated a feeling of relief. As the secretary read the end of Lincoln's document from an inside pocket quietly sauntered to the fireplace and threw it into the flames without a word of comment or explanation of any kind.

Seward's paper, considered one of the ablest and most important in American history, maintained that the Confederate commissioners and their papers were contraband of war, and that Wilkes was right in capturing them, but admitted that he should have taken the Treat into part as a prize for adjudication. As he had failed to do this and by removing Mason and Slidell had constituted himself a judge in the matter, to agree to the release of the prisoners would be to sanction the "right of search" which had always been denied by the United States. Therefore the commissioners would be cheerfully delivered to Great Britain, and the carrier would be forever barred from reentering the right of search. This dispatch was discussed at cabinet meetings on Wednesday, Christmas and Thursday and after much opposition was finally adopted.

A delay of another day and the treaty command, shouting to kill if he dared them to fire.

New Year's morning dawned. The little tug took off its marines, a quantity of meat, turkey, wine and other good things. The boat pulled out into Boston harbor, and then the captain learned that he was to make for Fort Warren. A letter to the commandant of the fort brought forth the four prisoners. Webster slightly inflected them that they were to be removed from the fort. Slidell refused to go aboard, despite repeated orders, and two boats were ordered to carry him to the other side of the fort. They were taken to the landing, which they landed on the other side of the fort. The body of the boat, being a small one, was tipped overboard by the water in every spot. The day was a little better, and by the time Slidell stepped his former and reached the little cabin his clothing was almost frozen off.

Thus the tug targeted its most famous prisoner on Cape Cod, where a British man-of-war, the Humber, had been stationed to receive the prisoners. After hours of suffering, during all of which the boat seemed to be in the most dangerous of being engaged, the man-of-war was reached and received the four prisoners.

The man-of-war's challenge to accept the prisoners immediately required a reply, and out out to sea in the night of the storm.

The tug put into Provincetown, where Webster was to be taken to the fort. Webster, on landing, telegraphed Secretary Seward, "The mission on which you sent me has been accomplished," and he took the first train for New York.

The world had no suspicion of this stirring New Year's event until it read its morning paper the next day.—Philadelphia Times.

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