

to a stiff froth; add 1 teaspoonful of peppermint. Drop on buttered tins, a teaspoonful to each wafer or drop.

**Peanut Brittle.**—To a cupful of peanuts, chopped fine, take same quantity of sugar. Put sugar on stove to melt; when entirely melted stir in the peanuts thoroughly. Pour out on a buttered board and roll thin with a buttered rolling pin.—Farmers' Voice.

**Taffy.**—One-half pound brown sugar,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint syrup or molasses, 2 ounces butter, 1 tablespoonful extract of lemon. Boil the sugar, molasses and butter all together about 20 minutes, or until hard as desired. Test it by dropping a little into a cup of cold water. Add the flavoring extract just before removing from the fire. Butter your pans or plates and pour in to cool.—American Cultivator.

**Christmas Cakes.**

1 pound butter, 8 eggs, 3 pounds powdered sugar,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoonfuls baking soda, 3 cups sour milk, anise, lemon or caraway seed. Use either flavor that is preferred. Use enough flour to roll out like cookies. Cut into fancy shapes—birds, men, ships, etc. When baked cover the top with frosting and sprinkle with colored sugar.—Reliable Poultry Journal.

**Some Seasonable Cakes.**

**Burnt Caramel Cake.**—Put 1 cupful sugar in a granite pan and cook, stirring all the time, until a rich chocolate color. Add 1 cupful boiling water and cook into a thick syrup. Set aside to cool while making the cake. Beat to a cream a scant  $\frac{1}{2}$  cupful butter and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cupfuls sugar. Add the yolks of 2 eggs well beaten, 1 cupful cold water and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cupfuls flour sifted three times over with 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder. Flavor with  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoonful vanilla and 3 teaspoonfuls of the burnt sugar. Lastly fold in the whipped whites of 2 eggs. Bake in layers. For the filling and icing, put into the same pan a cupful and a half light brown sugar and a quarter cupful hot water. Boil until it hairs, add the white of 1 egg beaten stiff and the balance of the burnt caramel. Cook very thick and beat until cool enough to spread.—Exchange.

**Lady Baltimore Cake.**—The following recipe is direct from a Charleston, S. C., housekeeper, the home of the Lady Baltimore cake: One pound of sugar, 1 pound of flour,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound of butter, 8 eggs, 1 cup of milk, 2 teaspoons of baking powder. Cream butter and sugar, beat eggs, add milk and flour slowly, stir thoroughly; add 1 teaspoon of almond extract. Filling: 3 cups of sugar, whites of 4 eggs,  $\frac{1}{2}$  gill of boiling water,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon tartaric acid, 2 cups of raisins, 2 cups of chopped English walnuts. Pour water over the sugar, boil until it threads; beat eggs, add acid, pour hot syrup over eggs, beating constantly. Flavor with vanilla, add raisins and walnuts.

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Homes that are empty of books are waste places, leaving room for noxious weeds to take root where the most beautiful flowers should grow. Minds that are filled with good thoughts gleaned from good books are potent with the possibilities of future expansion into originality and power.—Mrs. E. L. Barron.

In buying books for the boys there are a few which can be recommended with absolute assurance. Robinson Crusoe, Aesop's Fables, Arabian Nights, Alhambra, Rip van Winkle, Last of the Mohicans are a few that are always worth while.

**How to Keep Christmas—Not Merely Observe It.**

**T**HERE IS A BETTER THING than the observation of Christmas day, and that is "keeping" Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background and your duties in the middle distance and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellowmen are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas.

And, if you can keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone.—Dr. Henry van Dyke.

**Quickly Prepared Christmas Gifts.**

A Number of Gifts That Can Be Made Easily at Home—How the Personal Touch May Be Added—Opportunities for Artistic Work.

By Mrs. C. S. Everts.

**T**HE SHORT December days flit by so rapidly, that before we are aware the holidays are here and we are anxious to know what we can quickly make to take place of the gifts that have been delayed. Here are some ideas for the busy woman with little time:

**A New Idea in Picture Books.**—All children love pictures. A well arranged, home-made picture book will be much more interesting than those purchased. A blank exercise or composition book costs five or ten cents. Pictures of all kinds can be procured from catalogs, papers and magazines, advertising pages yielding a wealth of suitable selections. Short illustrated stories and attractive little poems can be used to advantage. If a number of full-page pictures can be secured and cut in two cross-wise, and several pages of the book cut in two, and the halves of the pictures pasted on different halves of the pages so that they do not match; this part of the book takes on the nature of a picture puzzle, and many happy hours will be spent in matching the pages.

**Picture Cases.**—If there is not time to make a book, a number of pictures may be pasted on muslin to prevent their tearing, and placed in a stout manilla envelope decorated with some pictures emblematic of the occasion.

**Portfolios.**—So many magazines contain reproductions of famous pictures, and have covers too handsome to be destroyed. These, if put in a portfolio made of two pieces of pasteboard of suitable size, covered with pongee, linen, or art ticking, and fastened together to resemble a book, make pleasing gifts. Or simi-

lar portfolios may be made with pockets, and stocked with stationery.

**Home-Made Picture Puzzles.**—Select any fair-sized picture, containing several objects. Paste carefully on tough, heavy paper, or light cardboard and then cut into a number of irregular pieces. Pack in a suitable box, and any child will be pleased with it.

If library paste is used, the pictures are perfectly smooth. A small brush for using it is a convenience.

**Veil Holders.**—A tube of pasteboard three or four inches in diameter, and a little longer than a veil is wide, padded, perfumed and covered with pongee silk, or silkoline, makes a delightful roll on which to keep ones veils. It removes wrinkles, and keeps them fresh so much longer than when folded.

**For the Little Ones.**—A dozen or two of spools, as many wooden skewers obtained from the meat market, and a half box of smooth tooth picks dropped into different colored hot dyes, and afterward given a Christmas wrapping, will furnish a winter's amusement to a child. Large spools on which silkoteen and crochet silk are wound, can have circles of cardboard securely pasted over the ends, and on these, as well as on two sides of the spools, letters of the alphabet may be drawn, or pictures pasted. Other similar blocks can be made from the cubes in which pins are brought.

**A Case for Clippings** is made from a dozen envelopes and two cards used for mounting photographs. Make two holes through one side of each card, and two in the bottoms of the envelopes and fasten together in book form with narrow ribbons or

fancy cord, the tops of envelopes representing the opening of a book. Each envelope may be lettered to indicate the nature of clippings it is to hold, or may be simply decorated with some design, so the recipient can do his own classifying.

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