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## Cover Story

This year we walked into another Driftmier home for a glimpse of Thanksgiving turkey. Frederick had just started to carve the bird, with Mary Leanna and David for his audience, when this was snapped. Those of you who have a file of Kitchen-Klatter will be able to turn back and find three other "turkey covers" during these last few years.

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LETTER FROM LEANNA

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Dear Friends:

This is a quiet Sunday evening, the time that I generally put aside to write letters to our children who live far from home. Tonight I have brought Frederick and Donald up to date on all the family news, and gotten a note off to Dorothy too. I'm sorry to say that she pretty much gets the tag ends of news because she is close enough to hear our morning radio visits and that way can keep up with us from day to day.

It is still early enough to write one more letter, so I'll make this the answer to all of you good friends who are generous enough to take time out of your busy days to write to us.

Almost every weekend now we have a real family houseparty. Martha and Sue generally come over from Clarinda around noon on Saturday and stay over with us until Monday morning. Fred Fischer spends much of this time with us too, so we're quite a crowd around the table.

Today Bertha Field also came and gave us a most interesting account of her recent trip to the West Coast. She managed to see every member of our family who lives out there, and could give us a first-hand report on brother Sol and his family.

All of us think that Bertha has done a wonderful job of keeping up the family letter that Henry started quite a few years before he left us. Every single one of us had gotten so we depended completely upon Henry to collect and pass on all details of family interest, and since it was a big job we certainly didn't expect Bertha to carry on by herself.

But at least once a month, and sometimes much more frequently, we find a nice fat letter at our different postoffice boxes, and we open it to find that Bertha has gathered together a wealth of interesting news. The last letter was three large pages, single-spaced. She has these mimeographed, of course, since it would be an eight-hour day, six days a week, to type them individually.

It would be wonderful if every family had someone in it who would undertake the responsibility of keeping the members welded together by means of letters. In our own family, Kitchen-Klatter serves this purpose. During the years that all of our children were widely scattered they used to say that they waited with wild impatience for each issue to arrive so

they could catch up on all the family news.

Sister Jessie would be here for our weekends if she were in Clarinda, but these days she is spending in Greenwich, Conn. with her daughter Ruth and the three little granddaughters. I left space last month to tell you about the new baby, but those big presses had printed every copy before word arrived that Heidi, 7 lbs. 8 oz., was safely here. Jessie says that Ruth and Bob are extremely happy with their three girls, and I have promised her that I'll make three matching sister dresses.

Fred Fischer expects to leave this week for a visit with his daughter, Mary Chapin and her family at Glen Gardner, N. J. I believe he plans to take the train this time so that he can enjoy the country enroute. Plane travel is fast enough, goodness knows, but you can't say you see much of the country that way.

Russell has been very busy doing some fall planting in our garden. In one section he is putting out a big variety of tulips and marking them very carefully, for from this collection we will choose the varieties to offer to our friends next year.

We feel that we have growing conditions just about like you have, and if things thrive for us they're pretty likely to thrive for you. By watching these different varieties in our own yards we have a much better idea of what can be expected than if we just got reports from big test areas. I'm sure that our spring garden is going to be beautiful, and I hope that you friends who belong to garden clubs can come here when everything is in full bloom.

Martin was a happy little boy yesterday when his Grandpa Driftmier gave him two old ties to take home. Needless to say, they look very funny on him, but he doesn't know this and is as proud as can be. I told Margery the other day that she could be very glad that the standard uniform for little boys is now blue jeans and T-shirts. When Frederick and Wayne were Martin's age it was customary for boys to wear cotton wash suits, and it made for a tremendous quantity of laundry. I look back sometimes and wonder how I ever did get through the ironing.

Emily is back in kindergarten after a siege of illness—nothing serious, but enough to keep her at home. She is

so enthusiastic about school that it was a real grief to her to stand in the window and watch the other kids start out.

Alison's favorite pleasure these days is talking on the telephone, and she's almost at the place where she can give the operator a number all by herself. Almost everytime I call down there she answers and carries on a lively conversation.

Recently I finished a large cross-stitched tablecloth (white with shades of blue in the embroidery) and am now cross-stitching some organdy aprons. Probably some of these will go to our Congregational Bazaar, but others will go into Christmas boxes.

Abigail has just finished a big curtain project. She made handsome dining room drapes first, then tackled curtains for the children's playroom, and is now putting the final touches on some kitchen curtains.

Lucile has just finished putting together our 1954 nursery catalog and now feels that she can relax enough to get out her sewing machine and tackle some long-sleeved winter shirts for Russell, and some jumpers for Juliana. She made Russell five sports shirts this summer, but they were all short-sleeved because she said that she hesitated to tackle cuffs and a sleeve placket. I think she's going to start out on some inexpensive cotton, and if she masters the cuffs and plackets so they look professional, she wants to buy these new fabrics that are used in expensive commercial shirts.

I don't mention these details in my letter, as a rule, but this month I do want to say that I hope you will give a gift subscription to Kitchen-Klatter to some relative or friend for Christmas. We have made a great effort to keep our original subscription price (\$1.00 per year), and it will help very much if we can add many names to our mailing list. We send out gift cards, and since I am the one who writes these, I'll be glad to put down the name you ask me to write. If every one of our readers gave the magazine to just one other person, I can assure you that we'd win our fight to keep the price at \$1.00 a year.

This month you'll find a letter from my niece, Mary Conrad Lombard. She is Sue's daughter, and is a native Californian.

May this be a happy Thanksgiving season for you and yours. We probably will have a family dinner, but how many of us can be here we don't yet know. I do know that I've made out the menu (you'll find it on the recipe page) and the chances are that at least fifteen or eighteen people will sit down to enjoy it.

I must get to bed now so this has to be all until December. I hope you can get a letter off to me before that busy season begins.

Affectionately yours,

Leanna

If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.



## THE END OF THE SEASON

By  
Lucile

There are times, when a certain period has closed, that we feel like looking back and taking stock of our experiences. In such a stock-taking it isn't necessary to follow any hard and set outline, so perhaps you'd like to step through the garden gate with me today and spend a few minutes in quiet conversation.

First, I want to say something that has been uppermost in my mind for a long, long time. And it is this...

Whenever I hear anyone complain about "the public" and when I read articles about the sorry behavior of "the public", I feel like rising up and protesting loud and long! In these past four years our garden has been open to anyone who wished to walk through the gate and see it. We have no way of knowing *exactly* how many people have been here, but we all agree that to use the words "several thousands" would not be an exaggeration.

According to all we hear and read it would be only reasonable to expect a certain amount of damage and destruction—"the public", you know. But has this been our experience? It has *not*. We have never *once* in these four years found so much as one scrap of paper littering the walks, one plant broken, one bush trampled.

In short, there has never been a single indication at the end of a day when two or three-hundred people may have been here, that one man, woman or child has walked through our gate. "The public" has treated our garden with the same respect they treat their own gardens, and with this experience that contradicts everything we ever hear, I believe you can see why I feel keenly on the subject.

I wish you'd quote me the next time you're present in a gathering and hear "the public" berated. I think it's a pretty wonderful "public" and I want to thank every single one of you whose visit here has contributed to my feeling that it's high time we rose to defend our fellowmen.

### Roses We Enjoyed

At the end of the season we looked over our roses with fond eyes and decided that the most illustrious specimen of 1953 was *Helen Traubel*. Have you ever seen this gorgeous Hybrid Tea? If not, let me tell you that its beautiful coloring simply cannot be described in such a way to do it full justice.

We planted four bushes in mid-April and kept a record of their blooms. At the end of September when it had completed a full cycle of bloom we counted a total of 507 exquisite blossoms that it had produced during the season. I realize that this sounds almost unbelievable, but facts are facts.

In some respects *Helen Traubel* reminded us of *Peace*. If you have ever grown *Peace* you know that there is infinite variety in its coloring—no two blossoms are ever exactly the same. This is also true of *Helen Traubel*. Some of the mammoth blooms were a sparkling light pink shading to a rich



This is the path in our garden that so many of you friends have walked down. Our King Alfred daffodils were in full bloom when this was taken.

glowing apricot. Others were a breathtaking combination of rosy salmon with rich ivory overtones.

All in all, it's a magnificent rose and I hope that all of you who try out at least a few new varieties each year will be sure to include *Helen Traubel* in your order of 1954.

Running close second for continuous performance and profuse blooming was *Chrysler Imperial*, a great regal red beauty that simply dazzled us during this past summer. I suppose that eventually they'll breed a red rose even finer, but right now I can't imagine how this is to be done.

### Vinca Minor

The longer we have this superb ground covering plant the more enthusiastic we are about it. And I don't suppose that anything in our garden attracts more comment, year in and year out.

If you have been here you know that we use *Vinca* in two different areas: between the privet hedge at the side of our shelter and the brick walk along the rose garden, and also in the center section of the aforementioned rose garden.

It is positively the answer to all narrow strips of ground such as the strip between a privet hedge and adjoining walk. In these strips it is extremely difficult to keep a neat grass covering. *Vinca* spreads rapidly into a dense, highly decorative covering that NEVER requires any kind of upkeep. In late spring it produces a charming pale blue flower that lasts for a long time.

It so happens that our property is perfectly level and we have no banks to cope with, but if we *did* have banks we'd cover them with *Vinca*. Everyone who has been in California has noticed the countless properties where ivy is used as a solid ground covering—not a blade of grass in sight. In our climate we can't use ivy in such a way, but we *can* use *Vinca* and it produces the same effect. If you're tired of coping with grass in narrow strips or on banks that are practically impossible to keep looking well-tended and attractive, do order *Vinca* next

spring and get started on a permanent ground covering.

### Spring Bulbs Indoors

Every spare minute these days we are busy potting tulips, hyacinths and crocus for indoor bloom during the bleak winter weeks that lie ahead.

This last winter we thoroughly enjoyed our crocus for their blooms lasted over a long period of time and were low enough to use successfully on the dining room table.

From experience we've found that a very shallow dish is the most suitable container for crocus. We fill the dish with a combination of dirt, peat moss and sand (Russell says that you can get along without the peat moss if you use plenty of sand—the soil in which all bulbs grow must be very porous). The dish is left in a cool, dark place until growth is well started, and then is brought up into a sunny window. We sprinkled grass seed in the dish last year and felt that the green growth around the brilliant blossoms added a great deal to the overall effect.

As everyone knows, I'm sure, hyacinths are tremendously rewarding when grown indoors. They are left in a cool dark place until the bud has attained a height of 1 or 2 inches, and are then moved up to a light, sunny window. We generally place 3 bulbs in an average size pot and have found that a uniform color (such as all white or all blue, etc.) is the most effective.

We still have bulbs to plant outside, and if you haven't yet taken action on the subject, let me remind you that there is plenty of time left to order bulbs and get them into the ground. This last spring we couldn't look at one particular clump of Rembrandts without remembering that they were planted during a snow storm in late November!

Next spring I'll give you ample warning when our garden reaches the height of its bloom, and I do hope that you can come then and see our display of spring flowers. It will be a happy day when our garden gate begins to swing open once again to admit those of you who love flowers.



## THE FIRST AMERICAN COVERED DISH DINNER

By Hallie M. Barrow

Cranberry sauce, as a complement to roast turkey, was served for the first time at the first covered dish dinner ever recorded in our country.

It was at that memorable Thanksgiving Feast when the Indians were the guests of the Pilgrims. The Indians furnished their full share of food although it didn't really arrive in casseroles! But the principle of our present day covered dish or pot luck supper was the same . . . that of sharing food and each guest bringing something to contribute to the menu.

No doubt the Pilgrims were a bit dubious about some of the strange foods their Indian guests brought. Yet they did not scorn or refuse them, for experience had taught the Pilgrims that the Indians knew a great deal about the food situation in this strange, new country.

The Indians had taught the settlers how to grow corn, how to put a dead fish in each hill (although they didn't call the fish fertilizer), how to grind the corn into meal or serve it as hominy. The Indians made a very crude maple syrup by tapping the sugar maple trees in the spring and boiling down the sap. They brought sweet potatoes, pumpkins and squash besides games of all kinds, nuts, honey and native fruit. It is recorded that one Indian arrived with a deer skin bag over his shoulder bulging with popped corn, the first the Pilgrims had ever seen.

The Indians taught the Pilgrims how to make pemmican from dried deer meat and cranberries. The Pilgrim women quickly adopted and improved on many of the Indian recipes, and the wild, bright red berries the Indians gathered they made into sauce by stewing the fruit and adding some sweetening.

Today, some ninety percent of our cranberries still come from the Cape Cod cranberry bogs or marshes. But they are not gathered wild. They have been improved, are now a much larger berry and are planted as a regular vine crop. They are a native American fruit and had been used by the Indians both as a fresh and dried fruit. They were so popular with the Mayflower folks that later a barrel of cranberries was sent back to England for their relatives to try.

Cranberries are a most colorful crop, but it's back breaking work to pick them and American labor doesn't take readily to such drudgery. You must go along on your hands and knees pushing ahead of you a scoop which looks much like our grass seed strippers. The stripping is done almost entirely by Portuguese labor imported first from the Cape Verde Islands. Many of these Portuguese have become prosperous and own their own bogs. They love color too, and as a group of them winnow through the bogs with their bright colored togs, it is a festive sight.

Very likely cranberries will never be grown in the Middle West. The seed bed must be acid peat soil, with plenty of sand available and water for flood-



This wild looking rig steered by Kristin and pushed by Juliana was made by removing the wheels from the big perambulator that both Emily and Alison have used. All of the cousins had a wonderful time decorating it and racing madly up and down the street.

ing. When the peat seed bed has been drained (sometimes it must be dry), a three-inch layer of sand is spread over the peat and then into the sand go cuttings from cranberry vines. It will be four years before the bogs start yielding and it may bear crops for twenty years. The vines start running and from the runners grow "uprights" which bear the berries. Ever so often more sand must be applied to anchor the runners and produce more uprights. The bog is flooded before freezing sets in and looks like a farm pond until spring. Then the water is drained off and thermometers are used to prevent late frosts. In an orange grove, they would start the smudge pots . . . but in cranberry bogs, the water is turned in again.

The harvesting starts in September and continues until November. Of course, as the pickers push through the thick vines, many berries fall off and the loss may run as high as a third of the crop. So the bogs are flooded again, the berries rise to the top, and the wind blows them into a corner where they are skimmed off the top of the water.

Cranberries now are used for jelly, salads, sherbet, added to summer drinks, pies and other desserts. By putting them in the freezer, we may have this very healthful fruit the year round. Cranberries often require a large amount of sugar but an experimenter found that by adding salt to the cooking berries before the sugar is added, the acidity is counteracted and it will take about half the usual amount of sugar.

The mountain-cranberry needs no introduction to northern peoples, for it is one of the staple fruits of all northern lands. Norwegians have so long depended on this fruit that Norwegian colonists, who have settled in the Middle West, import these berries from Norway and Newfoundland, preferring them to the bog-cranberries of

the United States. From Newfoundland, thousands of barrels are sent to Minneapolis. These are shaped like blue berries, taste like cranberries and are smaller than our bog-cranberries.

Another berried shrub which Europeans import from America for their gardens, both flower and vegetable, is the pokeweed. However, the berries are usually considered poisonous. But in the spring, when the new shoots are six inches high, they are a desirable substitute for asparagus, spinach or greens. The purple bark or rind of the mature stem is also considered poisonous but the young shoots do not have this purple coloring. It is wise to boil your poke greens in two waters, discarding the first, for this insures against any possible extract from the bark. In the South, these young shoots are also made into pickles and can be bought for pickles or greens at vegetable markets.

For some reason, pokeweed greens are not often used in the North. While motoring in the Ozark regions last spring, we were often slowed down by trucks loaded high and covered with tarpaulins. Imagine our amazement to see these trucks unloading at a canning factory dock and to be told they were carrying wild poke greens. We even stopped at a grocery store and brought home a can of "Poke Salad Greens" to prove to our neighbors that pokeweed was being canned commercially. This year, around Rogers, Arkansas, they have begun to cultivate pokeweed in fields.

If you care to experiment, try this suggestion taken from the book, "Edible Wild Plants of Eastern North America" by Merritt L. Fernald and Alfred C. Kinsey: "In our experience we have found that twenty medium size pokeweed roots dug after the first heavy freeze, chopped off to a length of six inches, planted in a deep box of earth in a dark cellar, will supply a family of six for three months with a weekly mess of asparagus. The crowns bear a circle of almost innumerable incipient buds, and after the first shoots have been cut, they are quickly replaced by a continuous series of new and equally strong shoots. By frequently watering the plants, a succession of shoots is assured and these may be allowed to grow a foot or two high without developing the purple coloring. Peeled of their tough rind, cut into lengths, cooked and served as asparagus, these shoots are a welcome addition to the mid-winter diet."

But do not chew any of that pokeweed root. Small pieces of the root eaten by mistake for horseradish or turnips are reported to have caused serious and in some instances fatal cases of poisoning. Birds love the handsome, purple ten-scalloped berries. The rich purple juice from the berries was used by the Indians for war paint and often by children for pokeberry ink.

## ASK AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN

Your earnest prayers to God each day  
Will help you bear your sorrow,  
Bring comfort to your aching heart,  
And courage for tomorrow.

—Gertrude M. Robinson



## MARY LOMBARD WRITES FROM A CALIFORNIA RANCH

Dear Aunt Leanna:

It is Monday morning, the children have all gone to school, and it is finally quiet enough for me to try to write a letter. (Does this remind you of the days when your children were all at home?)

I really wonder if other families have as hard a time getting started on Monday morning as we seem to have? There always seems to be some complication, and this morning it was worse than usual for we found that the calves had strayed away during the night, so this meant that Buddy had to find them and get them back in the corral. Of course he missed the bus, so it ended with my driving all of them into school. But it *was* a beautiful clear morning, and he told us that while he was looking for the calves he saw a buck, two doe and lots of beautiful birds.

My family is beginning to shrink. This year Marilyn is attending Valley College in San Bernardino and living with her Grandmother Lombard in Redlands. Young Win is now a senior in high school and has definitely decided to be a veterinarian. (He worked all summer at the local Vet hospital and liked it so much that he decided to make it his profession.) Charles is a sophomore, Steve is a sixth grader, and our baby, Chris, is in the second grade. My four boys are a lot of work and a lot of fun. I am here by myself on the ranch all day and don't have close neighbors, so I get rather lonesome and look forward to late afternoon when they return from school.

Perhaps some of your readers can just about place our ranch, Aunt Leanna. We are at 2,000 feet elevation on the famous "Palms to Pines" highway — just as you start up the grade. The desert on the other side is wonderful right now, but we certainly stay away from it in the summer time.

As a matter of fact, I doubt that anyone has more variety of scenery than we can claim. We live sort of in the center of things and can go either to the Beach for the day, or to the mountains or to the desert. But as human nature goes, knowing that we can go to any of these places in only a couple of hours, we are generally content just to stay at home and do the many things that must be done when the men of the house are gone so much of the time.

Right now I am making a list of some of the things that must be done right away. First on this list is to butcher the two largest calves; they aren't really calves, though, for they are 15 and 16 months old respectively! Then I hope to get the fence fixed so the smaller ones won't be getting out all of the time. It isn't so bad when the boys are here to round them up and get them back in the corral, but when I'm alone here all day I don't do so well at running them down.

Win Senior is skipping a boat at Newport these days, and if he is too busy to get home, we go down to see him. The children always find plenty to do there even if it is too cold to swim right now. Every time we come



Would you ever recognize these girls as the tomboys on the opposite page? Here they are wearing the gold skirts and green corduroy weskits that their mothers made.

home to the ranch simply loaded down with tiny little shells, Star fish and Sand Dollars.

It doesn't seem possible that Thanksgiving is almost here. For the first time in many years I didn't raise any turkeys, so it's going to hurt when we buy a huge bird that will hold on for several days in the form of sandwiches, turkey pie — and finally soup.

My family is not fussy about food, but they are fanatics when it comes to turkey stuffing. They want it just so, fluffy enough that it doesn't quite stick together. I like to dry the bread out in the oven and let it get a very light golden brown. Then I grate it, add celery, onions, melted butter, a couple of eggs, salt and pepper and herbs. Since I have been raising my own herbs I like to use them fresh, and for poultry we prefer a combination of sage, thyme and rosemary.

Although we didn't raise any turkeys this year we do have our own beef and pork, and a few hens for eggs and an occasional fricassee. We also have quite a few fish in our freezer, and now that the lobster season is open again I am hoping that Win Senior will bring some home when he comes. Lobsters are my favorite food.

After the most urgent outside work is done, I must start my Christmas sewing. I always like to make each child a pair of warm pajamas, and this year I plan to make all five of them, plus their Dad, a corduroy shirt. Marilyn's will be more like a blouse or jacket, of course. We don't have such definite changes in clothes from one season to another as you people do in the Midwest. If we just put on a heavier shirt or jacket or sweater it seems to do the trick.

I might even take time to do some knitting for Christmas this year. Mittens and caps are needed for trips to the mountains in the snow. My sister Frances is living in the mountains again and of course both her children and my children are hoping for lots of

snow. It's a novelty for them, but I'd just as soon stay down in the valley and look at it on the mountains with the sunset on it. I always have a big meal ready when the day is almost done for the children come back tired and cold and wet, and of course starved half to death.

Our local Farmers' Fair is just over and it was a big success. I've never been to an Iowa county fair, but people who have attended such events tell me that our Fair is very much like them. We have cake baking contests, and all kinds of amateur programs and contests are held on the picnic grounds.

I much enjoy all the canned food and baking entries, and of course I could spend hours in the building where they have flower arrangements and table settings, but I rarely get a chance to do this for I always have a child or two with me, and I have yet to see the little boy who is content to look at such things for long. They are constantly pulling at me to get outside and see the wonderful things that are going on. Surely other mothers must have the same experience.

Another complication I always have on Monday is getting into town to the bank. Our banks are closed all day on Saturday and it doesn't help me much that they stay open until 5:30 on Friday. It's a ten mile drive and I hate so to take the time that I always put it off as long as possible.

Today, however, I'll kill two birds with one stone and go to see Chris' teacher while I'm in town. He is having trouble with his reading, and I would like to have her send some books home with him so that I can help him in the evenings. I surely wish Mother were closer! She never seems to lose patience, but I do — and that doesn't help matters at all.

I do wish we lived closer so that we could have long sessions of conversation now and then. I think it is good for a person to let the work go for a few minutes once in a while and thresh over the topics of the day with someone outside of the immediate family. So often we get in a rut and wind up not knowing just what we *do* think about things. This is particularly true when you live as I do without any neighbors.

My machine is buzzing that a load is finished so I had better jump up and get another one going. We have a pressure system on our well and it really isn't enough pressure for an automatic machine, but we get by with it and at least I don't have the mountains of clothes on Monday morning that I used to have.

If you and Uncle Mart come to California this winter, be sure you drive over to the "Palms and Pines" highway and see us.

Affectionately yours,  
Mary

### THE TEST

If you are tempted to reveal A tale to you someone has told About another; make it pass Before you speak, three gates of gold. Three narrow gates. First, "Is it true?" Then, "Is it needful?" In your mind Give truthful answer. And the next Is last and narrowest: "Is it kind?"

—Unknown



## BLESS THIS HOUSE A November Devotional

By Mabel Nair Brown

At no season of the year are we made more keenly aware of the home relationship than at the Thanksgiving season. The following devotional is one you might use for a Harvest Home Program, for Ladies Aid, church family night, or for a club program.

Opening: Leader reads following excerpts from the Bible on the theme of "The Christian Home".

"A worthy woman who can find? for her price is far above rubies. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. If any provide not for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and thy mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children, and thou shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up."

(The music of "Home Sweet Home" might be played softly while the above is read.)

Leader: "What makes a home? Is it fine furnishings? Is it the care lavished upon it by the mother? Is it the amount of wealth provided for it by the father? Is it the capabilities and accomplishments of the children of the home? No, it isn't the things we can buy, nor what we eat or wear that makes a place home.

"Then what is it? Edgar Guest probably puts the feeling of most of us into the right words in his poem, 'It Takes a Heap O' Livin' In A House To Make It Home' which will now be read for us by ..... (have someone designated to read this).

Leader: "Surely such a home and the warm glow of friendliness which emerges from it should be shared with those about us, with our neighbors, and Samuel Foss has expressed this so well in his poem, 'Let Me Live In A House By The Side Of The Road' now read for us by ..... (The music, 'A Perfect Day' would make a lovely background for this.)

Leader: (steps to small table where there are three tall candles waiting to be lighted. She lights them as she speaks.) "For the great light of love that shines from our homes I light these candles. This one I light for memory, All steady as a star, And one burns clear for days to be, and one for days that are. We have three candles



Emily and some beautiful "Peace" Hybrid Tea roses in her Uncle Russell's garden.

in our room, Slender and tall and fair; And everyone a fire bloom, and everyone a prayer."

Soloist sings "Bless This House".

Reader gives the benediction: "The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen."

## COME WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

By Mildred Cathcart

"Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms."

With the coming of the Thanksgiving season it is well to take time from our work, — from our daily routine, — to lift our hearts in a prayer of thanksgiving to the God who has given us the opportunity to live in a land of freedom and plenty.

Too often we busy home makers become so much like Martha of old that we forget the one thing that Jesus says is needful. Would it not be a good thing if this time of the year we were to become more like Mary and secure that which cannot be taken away from us?

We look well to the physical and financial well being of our family, but is it not even more important to see that we grow spiritually? Would you believe that recent surveys show there are over 27 million young people in America who have no religious instructions either at home or in the church?

It is fast becoming a nation-wide practice to follow an arranged plan of daily Bible reading from Thanksgiving through the Christmas season. Many clubs are giving out these prepared lists to members, while churches and Sunday School groups are also making them available. If you do not have a list for your family reading you may receive it from the American Bible Society 450 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y.

Along with your daily reading why not memorize the One Hundredth Psalm and repeat it in unison at your Thanksgiving table? If you have guests who might not know it, type it on your place cards for reference.

Remember the Scripture that warns "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people."

Let us usher in this Thanksgiving and Christmas season with time to remember God who gives us every good and perfect gift — and the greatest unspeakable gift — His own dear Son.

## THE FEAST-TIME OF THE YEAR

This is the feast-time of the year,

When plenty pours her wine of cheer,

And even humble boards may spare To poorer poor a kindly share.

While bursting barns and granaries know

A richer, fuller overflow,

And they who dwell in golden ease

Bless without toil, yet toil to please.

This is the feast-time of the year,

The blessed advent draweth near;

Let rich and poor together break

The bread of love for Christ's sweet sake,

Against the time when rich and poor

Must ope for Him a common door,

Who comes a guest, yet makes a feast,

And bids the greatest and the least.

Anonymous

## TO GIVE AWAY

By Gladys Niece Templeton

As the Thanksgiving Day approaches our thoughts are keyed to the dinner menu and our guest planning. At that, we may not be giving as much thought to these matters as did those Pilgrim women of long ago. The story of that first Thanksgiving dinner sounds like a fairy tale, but every woman knows large meals do not 'just happen', for the simplest table demands thought and preparation.

But let us think of that other phase of Thanksgiving Day . . . giving thanks. We may feel the preparation of dinner interferes with our attendance at special services, but we do give thanks in our hearts.

It has been said we have become so accustomed to conveniences and devices which simplify our work, that we take them for granted and do not appreciate them. This is not true. We are ever giving thanks for the blessings about us, our appreciation of them is the very spirit of thankfulness. Those two simple little words 'thank you' often clear the decks for better understanding, yet never interrupt a busy moment. Notice the child's face when you thank him—it always brings a response. Children are perfect imitators and one hears them thanking their dolls or toys.

A 'Thank You' is as handy as a smile, adds a finesse to every contact, adds to ones poise. Surely your thanks is the perfect gift

TO GIVE AWAY



## LETTER FROM LUCILE

Dear Friends:

In about an hour I must find myself a clean apron and get down to our St. John's Episcopal church to help with a mincemeat session, but there will be time for this visit with you before I go.

Just now I went out to the back porch to pick up some things that had blown down in the gusty wind we're having today, and there was a quality of light and heat that reminded me powerfully of an October day back in 1939 when we lived in California. Two incidents of that time came rushing back into my memory and for a moment it seemed to me that I really had stepped back into the Hollywood apartment where both events took place.

The first thing upset me for quite a spell. We were just getting our feet on firm ground after several weeks of uncertainty (remember how hard professional jobs were to land before World War II?), and to celebrate happier fortunes we had moved from a tiny, cramped apartment into a much larger and more spacious place.

It was late at night by the time we had finally finished unpacking everything and gotten into bed. Consequently, the following morning (a Sunday) we slept late, so it was around 9:30 when I got up and went out to my sparkling, new tiled kitchen to fix breakfast. In that apartment there was a lovely big bowed window, sort of a forerunner of our modern picture windows, at the end of the living room, and since we were on the ground floor we could look directly into a flaming mass of hibiscus that grew directly outside.

I set the gate-leg table in that bay window, opened the screen and reached out to get flowers for the table, and then we sat down to eat feeling like a million dollars... here we finally were in a nice apartment, the long hoped-for job was securely in hand, it was a gorgeous day and we were in wonderful health. My! what a morning!

Well, we had no more than started to drink our first cup of coffee when a wailing siren blasted the quiet of our Sunday morning. Nearer and nearer it came until finally, even though we were pretty much hardened to the sound of city sirens, we jumped up to see where in the world it could be stopping.

Alas, it stopped directly outside our pretty window where we were eating, and simultaneously a number of white-coated men ran up the steps and into our apartment house. Then directly above us we heard quite a bit of activity, and not long afterwards the men appeared again carrying a stretcher.

Several of the residents of the building were stirring around because of this disturbance, and naturally we inquired about the incident. What had happened above us? we asked.

This is what had happened. One of the most famous old-time movie directors, a powerful figure during the early days of silent pictures, had committed suicide in his apartment directly above ours. He left a fortune in



Martin dips into Granny's cooky jar!

currency scattered around the place, so it was more than lack of money that made him look upon that Sunday morning with eyes so different from ours.

But although we didn't know him, even though we knew his name, it threw a chill over what we had thought would be a wonderfully happy breakfast. I never really felt quite right about that place again until the apartment was rented, a month later, to a very nice young couple with a sweet little boy.

The other thing I remembered today took place in the same apartment and was foolish, not somber.

We had met, during our tough weeks, a most charming and unusual woman who had a great deal of money. She entertained us countless times, and it was hospitality we couldn't reciprocate until we moved from the tiny apartment into a larger place. But the first thing I intended to do was to have her over for dinner, and we had only been in the new apartment three days when I called and invited her.

Now this woman didn't have any children, but she did have a dog, a very fancy, expensive poodle, and this dog truly lived the life of Riley. I'm one of these people who can take dogs or leave them, but that was one dog I couldn't take! Consequently I forced myself to sound genuinely pleased when my friend said that she'd have to bring the dog because it was the maid's night out.

She arrived right on the dot, dog in tow. Dog had been picked up at a canine beauty shop enroute to our place and was in the pink of perfection. I admired the plaid coat he was wearing and then went to the kitchen to check on my meat loaf that was in the oven. This was a budget dish, definitely, but I had it glazed and decorated so that it really looked wonderful and tasted good too.

While I was working with this glaze my friend came out and asked if she could give the dog his dinner in the

corner of the kitchen. Of course I said yes, and out of the edge of my eye I saw her open a package and take out monogrammed dishes that were placed on the floor. Then she opened a package of meat, produced a knife, and proceeded to cut into small chunks a perfectly beautiful T-bone steak!

I looked at the dog enviously as I basted the meat loaf. And when we sat down to eat it gave me a world of satisfaction to see him working away on his T-bone while his mistress ate hamburger! I've never had such an experience before or since and I hope that I never do.

We now have a new parakeet named Nicholas Ellsworth the Second. (Yes, we still have our cats, India and Saccarass, but they are never in the house.) Nicholas came as a bonus to Juliana because she has been a wonderfully willing and cheerful helper during these past weeks when I have had to get around on crutches. If she hadn't been good to dust, run the vacuum, set and clear the table, do the dishes, and trot up and downstairs a dozen times a day on errands, I don't know what would have become of us around here.

I don't know that we'll ever actually be able to teach this new parakeet to talk (Russell says that we have enough talking around here without the birds pitching in!), but at least he's a cheerful and ornamental addition to our home. We also have two Javanese temple birds, beautiful and stupid little things that can't seem to learn anything. Their two cages (temple birds in one, parakeet in the other) stand side by side in the east window of our dining room.

If human behavior interests you, by all means see if you can get ahold of a new book titled "The Bronte Story" by Margaret Lane. I doubt that there were ever more brilliant and talented children than the six Brontes, and I cannot conceive of circumstances better calculated to ruin their lives than those in which they were reared. This is a fascinating book from beginning to end.

Sometime before cold weather we hope to get to Hannibal for a weekend. Hannibal is one of our favorite towns, as I have told you before, and we want to take Kristin with us so she can have the excitement of going through Tom Sawyer's cave with Juliana. Russell and I have always wished that we had more time to explore the town and the neighboring countryside, so on this trip we won't be passing through hurriedly enroute to some distant point. For once we ought to have enough time to do what we please.

Juliana is too old for a Jack-O-Lantern of her own, but this year we want to carve one for Emily and Alison. Alison is big enough now to wear the wonderful red devil costume that Emily had two years ago, and I'd certainly like to get a color picture of her in it.

Thanksgiving isn't far away. No one around here has made final plans, but we'll do something special to observe it — and that's for sure.

Do write sometime before Thanksgiving and tell us what your plans are.

Always... Lucile





## "Recipes Tested in the Kitchen - Klatter Kitchen"

By LEANNA and LUCILE

### THANKSGIVING DINNER

Roast Turkey  
Mashed Potatoes

Orange Beets  
Perfection Salad

Rolls

Cranberry Jam  
Pumpkin Pie and Coffee

Dressing  
Giblet Gravy

Butter

### COTTAGE CHEESE BALLS

These cottage cheese balls I sometimes serve in the center of a relish platter, with celery curls, olives, pickles, etc. around them. They are also delicious in the center of a slice of pineapple served on a lettuce leaf, or in the center of a peach.

- 1 pint cottage cheese
- 1 tsp. gelatin
- 4 Tbls. cold water
- 1/4 cup chopped ripe olives
- 1/4 cup chopped pecan meats
- 1/8 tsp. salt

Combine water and gelatin and soften it in the double boiler. Add the cottage cheese, which should be quite dry. When cool combine with other ingredients. Roll in balls an inch in diameter and set aside while you peel and grate a carrot. The final step is to roll the cheese balls in the grated carrot until nicely coated. These are pretty to look at and very good eating.

### SCALLOPED EGGPLANT

- 1 large eggplant
- 2 Tbls. butter
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 3 Tbls. grated cheese

Slice eggplant and soak in salt water for 30 minutes. Drain and drop in boiling water. Cook until tender (this doesn't take long.) Arrange in layers in buttered dish. Dot with butter and pour can of mushroom soup over it. Sprinkle with bread crumbs, sugar and cheese. Bake in medium oven for 30 minutes.

### TUNA TURNOVER

- 3/4 cup thick white sauce
- 1 tsp. grated onion
- 2 tsp. chopped pimento
- 2 tsp. chopped parsley
- 1/4 cup grated American cheese
- 6 hard cooked eggs
- 1 can tuna flakes
- Pastry dough

Roll pastry dough 1/8 inch thick. Cut in 5 inch squares. Place tuna mixture in center and press edges together. Bake on greased baking sheet for about 30 minutes in a 425 degree oven. Very good served with mushroom sauce.

### FISH STEAKS CREOLE

(Note—If your family is tired of the ways you have been cooking the frozen fish fillets, try this recipe.)

- 1 1/2 lbs. fish steak
- 1 sweet green pepper
- 1 small onion
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup tomatoes
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs

Place fish on well-oiled baking pan. Chop pepper and onion and add chopped celery. Fry slightly in 2 Tbls. butter. Add tomato and cook for 5 minutes. Spread this over the fish. Sprinkle with bread crumbs which have been moistened with melted butter. Bake in a 375 degree oven for 30 minutes. To prevent it from becoming too dry, pour a little tomato juice over it 10 minutes before taking from the oven.

### MOLDED HAM SALAD (For "Covered Dish" Supper)

- 2 Tbls. gelatin
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 2 Tbls. lemon juice or vinegar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbls. prepared mustard

Soak gelatin in cold water 5 minutes. Add lemon juice and mustard and salt to 2 cups boiling water and add gelatin. Stir well. When thick as honey, add 1/2 cup mayonnaise, 4 cups of cooked diced ham, 1 green pepper cut fine, and 1 cup chopped stuffed olives. Pour in ring mold and chill until firm.

### FRIED SHRIMP (Fresh, cooked or canned)

- 1/2 cup sifted flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 egg
- 1/4 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/3 cup milk

Combine the flour and salt. Beat the egg and add lemon juice and milk. Stir this into the flour mixture. Dip shrimp and fry on one side until brown, then turn and brown on the other. Drain on absorbent paper. Serve with tartar sauce or catsup.

### FILLED BUTTERHORNS (Quick Method)

- 1 cup milk
- 1/3 cup butter
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 3 tsp. salt
- 1 cup water
- 2 packages yeast
- 2 eggs
- Flour to make soft dough (6 to 9 cups)

Scald milk, add sugar, butter and salt. To 1 cup luke warm water add 2 packages yeast. When dissolved, add to luke warm milk mixture. Add beaten eggs. Fold in sifted flour gradually and mix until dough is the right consistency to handle, but soft. Half of the dough can be stored in the refrigerator in a greased covered bowl to be used later. Make the other half into butter horns at once. Roll out the dough on a floured pastry cloth into a circle about 12 inches in diameter and 1/4 inch thick. Brush with melted butter and cut in 12 pie-shaped wedges. Put a spoonful of jam in the center of each piece and roll from the outside in. Place on a greased baking sheet with the tag end under. Let rise about half an hour or until light and bake in a 375 degree oven.

### CINNAMON ROLLS

Take the remainder of the butterhorn dough from the refrigerator, roll in rectangular shape and spread with soft butter. Sprinkle with 1/3 cup sugar mixed with 1 tsp. cinnamon, and a few raisins. Roll like a jelly roll and cut in 1 inch slices. Place in a well-greased pan and let rise about 40 minutes or until light. Bake in a 375 degree oven for 25 minutes. Remove from pan while hot.

### HAWAIIAN HAM (Sweet Potatoes and Pineapple)

For this delicious dish, sear a large slice of ham cut about one inch thick, on both sides. Place it in the roaster and add 2 cups of water. This should bake 2 hours in a 325 degree oven. While ham is baking, boil and remove skins from 6 sweet potatoes. Cut lengthwise and add to the meat the last half hour of baking. The next step in preparing this tasty meat dish is to make a batter of 1/2 cup flour, 1/2 tsp. sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1 egg, 3 Tbls. sour milk. Dip 6 slices of drained pineapple slices in this batter and saute in hot fat. When all is ready place ham on a large platter, surrounded by sweet potatoes which you have sprinkled with paprika and the pineapple. Garnish with parsley if you have it.

### DILL SWEETS

Use 10 or 12 dill pickles, quartered. Bring to boiling point:  
2 cups sugar  
1 cup white vinegar  
1/4 cup water  
1 tsp. pickling spice  
Pour over dills. Let stand 24 hours. Bring to boiling point again and pour back on pickles.



**STUFFED ONIONS**

This is one of the Driftmier family favorites. Whenever I see some nice white medium sized onions, I am tempted to make some. They are a little work, but worth it. A good way to fix onions for a covered dish supper.

- 6 onions
- 3 Tbls. buttered crumbs
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbls. grated cheese
- 1 hard-boiled egg
- A little paprika

Boil onions slowly until tender. Cool and remove the center with a sharp paring knife. Mix onion removed with the chopped egg and seasonings. Stuff the onion with this mixture and sprinkle the bread crumbs and cheese over the top. Place the onions in a casserole and bake in a 350 degree oven for 45 minutes or an hour, depending upon the size of the onions. You'll serve these often, once you've tried them.

**PEPPERS STUFFED WITH RICE AND TOMATO**

If you have frozen green peppers in your freezer or some fresh ones picked before the frost, try this recipe. Ground beef may be added to it.

- 8 green peppers
- 2 slices of bacon
- 2 Tbls. onion
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 1 cup tomato pulp
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 4 Tbls. butter

Wash peppers and cover with boiling water for 20 minutes. Then wipe, cut off tops and remove seeds. Chop bacon and fry it with the onion. Add to this the seasonings, rice and tomato pulp. Put peppers in gem pans or a casserole. Sprinkle with the crumbs that have been mixed with the melted butter. Bake in moderate oven for about 30 minutes. If a little hamburger is added, saute it with the onions, omitting the bacon.

**FROZEN FRUIT CREAM**

- No. 2 1/2 can fruit cocktail
- 16 melted marshmallows
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 3-oz. package of cream cheese
- 1 cup heavy cream

**CRUMB CRUST**

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
  - 1/4 cup butter
  - 1/4 cup sugar
- Combine butter and sugar and add crumbs

Melt the marshmallows in 1/2 cup of juice from fruit cocktail. Add fruit and salt. Blend cheese into 2 Tbls. of the cream. Whip remaining cream and fold into cheese and drained fruit cocktail. Sprinkle half of the crumbs on the bottom of an ice cube tray. Pour in fruit mixture and top with remaining crumbs. Freeze, cut in slices and serve.

**MY FAVORITE APPLE DUMPLINGS**

There are three parts to this recipe, —the dough, the filling and the syrup.

**DOUGH**

- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 3/4 cup shortening
- 1 tsp. baking powder

Enough water to make an easy-to-roll dough, about 1/2 cup. Mix as any biscuit dough. Roll out and cut into 8 6-inch squares.

**FILLING**

- 8 apples
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 tsp. butter
- 1 1/2 tsps. cinnamon

Peel and core the apples and lay one on each square. Fill the cavity with sugar and cinnamon. Pinch opposite sides of dough together, sealing well. Place a chunk of butter on top of each dumpling. Place in a buttered baking dish, leaving about 2 inches between dumplings.

**SYRUP**

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups water
- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 4 Tbls. butter

Boil up the syrup for a few minutes and pour around the dumplings. Bake in a 450 degree oven until a light brown and then reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake 40 minutes longer. Good served hot or cold.

**CIFFONADE DRESSING**

Make a French dressing with 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. sugar, 1/4 tsp. paprika, 2 Tbls. vinegar, 1/2 cup salad oil. Now add 1 tsp. chopped beets, (fine), 1 tsp. chopped parsley, 1 tsp. chopped green pepper, and 1 chopped boiled egg. Add 1 tsp. chopped chives or white onion if desired.

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## FREDERICK WRITES FROM BRISTOL

Dear Folks:

What a year for weather this has been here in Rhode Island! We have had new records set for high temperature, low temperature, consecutive days with rain, and consecutive days without rain.

Today as I write this letter the weather is magnificent. The water in the harbor is a dark blue and the water in the bay is a beautiful light blue. This afternoon when I go home from the office I shall take the children to a little spot on the shore called Poppasquaw Bridge where they can watch the big blue-shelled crabs being caught in nets. They are caught in nets that look much like butterfly nets, but believe me, the crabs temperament is quite different from that of a butterfly. I have to keep a sharp eye on our little David; he likes to lean over a basket of large crabs and watch them leap up at him with their knife-like claws clicking away, snapping for his face.

It is a good thing for an adult to be humbled by a child every now and then. The other day we were down at Poppasquaw Bridge watching the tide churn and push its foam-flecked waters under the bridge and into the pond across the road from the harbor. As we stood there, two small boys arrived with a crab net for a little fishing. As I watched them wade out into the shallow water at either side of the channel, I took it upon myself to inform them that the tide was not right for crabbing:

"You will never catch crabs when the tide is running this fast," I said. "You had better give it up for now and try again in a couple of hours."

No sooner had the words dropped from my lips, than both boys swung their nets into the water and brought up two enormous crabs. "What did you say, mister?", called one of the boys with a sly little smile. There was nothing more to be said!

Why is it that the shelves of the bookstores and the libraries are filled with books on the subject of *Happiness* and are completely devoid of books on the subject of *Grouchiness*? One never has difficulty finding a book with some such title as: "How to be Happy" or "The Fine Art of Happiness" or "Laugh and Live Longer", but never to be found is any book with hints on how to be grouchy. All of us go merrily on our way supposing that everyone wants to be happy.

What about the people who don't want to be happy? When you stop to think of it, isn't it true that there are some people who just seem to go out of their way to avoid happiness? Just today I met a person on the street who has a very special ability for being perfectly miserable—always complaining, always looking at the dark side of every picture, never seeing the sun behind the clouds, never having a kind thing to say about anyone else. True it is that the vast majority of people like to be happy, but the older I become and the more I learn about human beings, the more convinced I



Betty Driftmier brings in the Thanksgiving turkey for Frederick to carve.

am that there is a certain perverse quality about some people which makes them prefer misery to joy.

I suggest that someone ought to write a book for them and on the very first page in large type print this:

#### RULES FOR ENJOYING A GROUCH

1. Fall out of bed and be sure it is from the wrong side.
2. Don't bother to say good morning to anyone. If it is said to you, reply that it is not your fault.
3. Don't have anything to do with folks who smile. They are probably laughing at you, but, never mind, you'll get even some day.
4. Eat heartily of food that disagrees with you. It may give you insomnia. Then you'll be in good trim for tomorrow's grouch.
5. Never open the door to let in the air; never raise the blinds to let in the sun; and never open the heart to let in a friend.

To be perfectly honest with you I must confess that I abhor all books that are written with the intent of laying down rules for happiness. Have you ever known a person to find real happiness as a result of reading such "recipe books"? Big pleasures and great happiness don't come in neat packages; they come in the joys of the little privileges of life—a quiet hour in the garden, a glimpse of a beautiful sunset, a passing smile, a kindly word, a little thoughtfulness here and there as the day slips by, a few pages of the Bible at bedtime—these bring us real happiness. It is good to remember the story of the Holy Grail, how Sir Launfal, after traveling the world over in search of it, finally found it in the hands of a needy beggar at his own gate.

In my mail this week was a letter from a Kitchen-Klatter reader who wanted me to suggest some good book that would help her to find happiness. She said: "No matter how hard I try I can't seem to make my life a happy one." Now that sentence bothered me.

None of us can ever *make* happiness no matter how hard we try. I didn't suggest any book for her to read, but I did send her this little quotation. I don't know who wrote it, but who ever it was, he knew what he was talking about.

"Into all our lives in many simple, familiar, homely ways, God infuses this element of joy from the surprises of life which unexpectedly brighten our days and fill our eyes with light. He drops this added sweetness into His children's cup and makes it to run over. The success we are not counting on, the blessing we are not trying for, the strain of music in the midst of drudgery, the beautiful morning picture or sunset glory thrown in as we pass to or from our daily business, the unsought word of encouragement or expression of sympathy, the sentence that meant for us more than the writer or speaker thought—these and a hundred others that every one's experience can supply are instances of what I mean. You may call it accident or chance—it often is; you may call it human goodness—it often is; but always, always call it God's love, for that is always it. These are the overflowing riches of His grace, these are His free gifts."

One of the little experiences of life which brought me happiness recently was the joy of watching our little David walking hand in hand with his sister into the church for his first time at Sunday School. He was so proud, so thrilled, and so ecstatically happy!

When he came out of the children's nursery after the church hour, he walked through the main door four different times, shaking hands with me each time and then took it upon himself to stand beside me and shake hands with other members of the congregation. He is such a little vixen so much of the time, but when he walked out that church door he looked like a little angel. You don't make happiness like that; it is a gift of God.

Last Saturday I took the young people of our church out to our summer cottage for the day. Although the lake water was very cold, the sun was bright and warm, and so several of them went in swimming. Most of them preferred to spend their time in the boats or hiking in the woods. Where on earth do young people get all their energy? They were on the go from morning until night, never walking, always running, and always wanting to run some more.

After a picnic supper we sat around a blazing log fire in the cottage and had a worship service. On the long drive home I thought that most of them would go to sleep in the cars, but instead they sang at the tops of their voices every mile of the way. When that day with all of its responsibilities was over, I was a very tired but a very happy man. You don't make happiness like that. It is a gift of God.

"Not by appointment do we meet

Delight and Joy:

They heed not our expectancy—  
But round some corner

In the streets of Life

They, on a sudden, clasp us with a  
smile."

Sincerely,

Frederick.



## VERY PRESENTABLE PAJAMAS FOR CHRISTMAS

By Mabel Weber

For those persons on your Christmas list to whom you'd like to give more love than can be shown by a store bought gift, how about making some pajamas!

### Materials

Your gift can be as expensive as you want to make it. Five yard remnants can be picked up during the year and are usually enough for a man's medium-sized pair. A ten yard piece cuts to even better advantage. I have squeezed out one man's medium or large size and two boys' pairs in sizes 12 and 6 from ten yards. By shortening the brief sleeve pattern and laying it lengthwise by the trouser legs, it is possible to get a girl's size 10 pajama from two-and-a-half yards. Most of the time, however, it is wise to buy the exact amount of material shown on the pattern envelope.

Try to buy pre-shrunk material or shrink the material yourself by dipping it in cold water and hanging it straight to dry. Press the material before cutting; this is easier if the material is still a little damp. Since outing flannel is bulky to shrink, one should use a larger size pattern or allow a little length in sleeves, jacket and facings, and trouser legs.

Only the best material you can afford is worth your sewing time. Plain, printed or woven-in stripes, plaids and checks in percales, broadcloth, shirley, gingham, lingerie or French type rayon crepe, flannel or outing flannel, washable satin, plisse, cotton crepe, seersucker or puckered nylon may be used. If you know the color preferences of the person for whom you want to sew, that problem is easily solved. And if the person has a hobby or interest, try to find a print that carries out that idea. Men like plain colors piped in contrast, stripes, small geometric prints or dobby weaves. Make theirs in bold, gay colors if you dare, or conservative, quiet colors if you're timid.

### For Men Only

Masculine pajama patterns are much the same. They come in closed or open front jackets and in long and short trousers. Mens sizes are usually small (34-36), medium (38-40), large (42-44) and extra-large (46-48). These correspond to the A, B, C, D sizes of the ready made ones. Boys sizes are even—2, 4, 6, 8, etc.

Sewers are sometimes baffled by the trouser fly. If possible, it's a good idea to examine a ready made one. You will find that the sewing is done from the inside on the short seam below the fly with the left side felled over the right after the seam is clipped to the dot. You will also find no trouser buttons used. The fly is overlapped and stitched together for several inches to reinforce.

If you have not tried the pajama elastic webbing instead of draw strings, do get some. It is made by notion and well-known garter manufacturers in 1 and 1½-inch widths and gives a professional, finished look to the trouser. Cut it three inches shorter than the waist measurement,

overlap it an inch and stitch. Baste down trouser top ½-inch all around, then mark it and the elastic in fourths. Pin elastic to the pants at marks and stitch at top and bottom, stretching elastic to fit the material.

If you must use draw strings, make them about ¾ inch finished and machine stitch them at the back seam to keep them from pulling out of the casing. This is more satisfactory than sewing buttons on the ends of the strings.

If your men folks haven't any short pajamas, make them at least one pair. These make for wonderful sleeping those hot, hot summer nights. And this is good gift advice for the females and children too!

### Feminine Specialties

The charm for me in making pajamas is the neat finished look of the felled seams. Feminine pajama styles come with yokes, ruffles, gathers, but give me the tailored kind that is completely felled and ravel proof. As far as I know, only one pattern company makes this style where even the sleeves are felled in. It comes in sizes for girls, misses and women and is a comfortable style to wear. Ready made it is a best seller.

To eliminate popping waist line buttons, I use elastic in a narrow casing by adding the width of the waistband, plus seams, plus desired casing width to the top of the trousers. To eliminate two side seams, I pin the front and back legs together up to where they are shaped and cut each leg as one piece. However, it often saves material to cut them separate but also without the shaping. The pleats and darts are not used in either case. Elastic ¾ to 1 inch in width makes for comfortable sleeping even through a whole pregnancy and is ideal for the fluctuating waistlines of dieters and growing girls.

Dragging pajama legs and sleeves irked me but I do like my children to get at least two year's wear, so I always make the pajamas a size larger than the child. The easy solution was finding a pattern that had elastic thread at both sleeve and leg bottoms to make them look fetchingly ruffled while holding them close at the wrist and ankle. I now make narrow hems, then stitch 4 rows (continuously) beginning 1 inch from the hemmed edge leaving about ¼ to ⅜ inch between rows, using elastic thread in the bobbin and the longest stitch setting on the machine. This is adaptable for boys by starting stitching close to the hems to give a ski suit effect.

### Fasteners and Such

Sleep wear usually lasts a year or two, and the material gets tender, especially where the buttons are sewed. The solution for buttons that take a hunk of cloth with them when they pop off in the wringer is to sew a strip of strong, new, preshrunk muslin, nurses' cloth or other longwearing material on the wrong side of the facing where the buttons are to be sewed. The facing is then sewed to the jacket front, and when the buttons pop the thread will break but not the material to which it is sewed.

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However, one must always remember to have enough thicknesses of material to keep them on successfully. The smaller fasteners work better for me and are especially good too, for doll clothing or flat purses.

I like the white plastic buttons available at your variety store which cost 10 cents a card and have from 8 to 12 buttons each, depending on the size. They do not soften in hot water and remain shiny and clear, outlasting several garments.

Frogs of braid or self material are my idea of luxury, especially on mandarin pajamas in satin. Frogs may be purchased but one can learn to make them. Mary Brooks Picken discusses them briefly in her sewing book, but does not give the true oriental designs. Maybe someone can show you the secret.

Perhaps some of my pajama making enthusiasm has rubbed off on you. Maybe you are inspired to put your soft squashy packages of pajamas under many Christmas trees. Don't forget them for birthdays either. And a young-in-heart golden wedding grandpa would like to celebrate with a pair of gold colored rayon crepe pajamas! I know it's been done successfully. Happy Pajamaing!

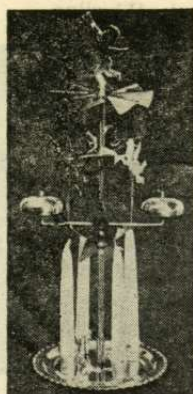
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2. (Offer) unto God Thanksgiving.
3. In everything (give) thanks.
4. I will (rejoice) in thy salvation.
5. I will (sing) unto the Lord because He hath dealt bountifully with me.
6. (Enter) into His house with thanksgiving.
7. (Bless) His name.
8. Unto Thee, O Lord, I do (lift) up my soul.
9. O, (give) thanks unto the Lord.
10. Be (glad) in the Lord and rejoice.
11. (Blessed) is he that considereth the poor.
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## AUTUMN COMES TO THE FARM

Dear Friends:

While Frank and Kristin are quietly reading in the living room I thought this would be a fine time to write my letter to you. We are enjoying a beautiful warm October evening here, with the windows and doors all open. There is a soft breeze blowing and every once in awhile I can hear a hickory nut fall off the tree which stands beside our back porch.

We have had a couple of light frosts here, but not hard enough to turn the oak leaves that beautiful shade of red which they always get in the fall. In fact, I'm afraid the timber isn't going to be very pretty this year. Everything is so dry that the leaves are just turning brown and falling off.

Frank's chief occupation the past couple of weeks has been shocking fodder. He has been cutting it early in the morning with the corn binder; then we go out with the tractor and the fodder rack and haul it in to a high spot close to the barn to shock it. Of course it would be much simpler to shock it in the field, but we are bringing it in for two reasons. First, we would hate like everything to see a fall flood carry it down the creek, and second, it will be a lot handier to feed this winter. We haven't seen much shocked corn around this section in the past few years but this year there is a lot of it around here. I just love to see a field with corn in the shock. I tell Kristin it looks just like an Indian village.

We combined our soy beans last week and were very pleased with the yield, especially since half of the field was under water last June when the beans were several inches above the ground. With hay so scarce this year almost everyone around here is baling their leaves and stubble from the soy beans. We are baling ours tomorrow. We have never done this before and don't know whether stock will eat it or not, but I guess we'll find out this winter.

I have been driving the tractor and helping Frank so much the past few weeks that I haven't had any time for sewing. I have material for three skirts, one for Juliana and two for Kristin, that I am very anxious to get made but have just put it back and will wait for a rainy day when I can't be outside. Besides the above mentioned things to make there is a remodeling job on a dress of Kristin's to be done. Kristin has always looked at the dresses in the catalogs and has always wanted to order one. This fall I let her pick out one to order. When it came it was the right length but much too large otherwise. She didn't want to send it back, so I now have it all apart and cut down to fit and it shouldn't take very long to get it back together when we have our first shower.

Kristin is well adjusted to her school now and likes it very much. She has made several lovely friends and they have had some good times together. One Saturday when I was asked to help in the office where I formerly worked, Kristin's Aunt Edna took her



Five little cousins make cookies in Grandmother Driftmier's kitchen. From left to right are Emily and Alison Driftmier, Juliana Ver-ness, Kristin Johnson and Martin Strom.

and three little girls to the State Park for a weiner roast. It is only three miles from town so I was able to drive out at noon and eat with them. Last Saturday we invited the same three girls out to spend the day with us on the farm, but two of them were very unhappy they couldn't come because of other engagements. Kristin and Lois Jean had a wonderful time anyway, and we are making plans for another Saturday soon when they can all come.

The black walnuts are very plentiful and good this year. Yesterday morning Bernie and Delia and I spent the entire morning picking them up. In the afternoon Delia and August and I ran three gunny sacks full through the corn sheller to remove the hulls, washed them and laid them out to dry. Most of them are very large and in all the ones we have cracked we haven't yet found a bad one. This is the first year for several years that we have had a lot of good walnuts so we have come to the conclusion that this must be one thing that likes the hot dry weather we have had this summer. As long as we can find storage space for them we are going to continue picking them up. Next year there may not be any.

When I mentioned that I was going to write my letter tonight Kristin wanted to be sure I told you about her banties. For her birthday she got three banties, two hens and a rooster. The two little hens have both hatched some eggs. One has nine babies and the other one seven and so far they have raised them all. The first nine that were hatched are brown and white speckled and are all identical. They look so pretty when they are all together. Luther Larson helped Kristin and Juliana build a small pen for them inside the backyard fence at Father Johnson's. Bernie's little dog Rusty has been trained to keep the chickens out of the yard and it has certainly been confusing to her that these chickens she must leave alone. She has tried to run them out several times but the little mother hens send her running back to the house awfully fast.

Squirrel season is open now and several of our friends have been coming out on Saturdays and Sundays to hunt. Needless to say, the timber is forbidden territory to Kristin on those days. Frank hasn't had much time to go hunting, but we have enjoyed a few squirrel dinners.

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Finally they got one and came home. Kristin didn't say a word but walked straight through the house and upstairs to her room. I went up to see what was the trouble and found her in bed crying.

I said, "What's the matter, honey? You got to go squirrel hunting with Daddy and you got a squirrel to bring home to me."

She said through her tears, "Yes, but Daddy shot it". She had thought he was going to catch her one for a pet, but of course we had no idea that she had this in mind. She had seen her Daddy leave the house many, many times with his gun and had seen him bring home many squirrels, so of course we thought she knew what it meant to go "squirrel hunting".

Tomorrow is another busy day so I must close for now. Until next month . . . Sincerely, Dorothy.

Sittin' and wishin'

Won't improve our fate;  
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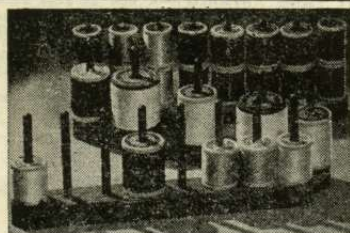
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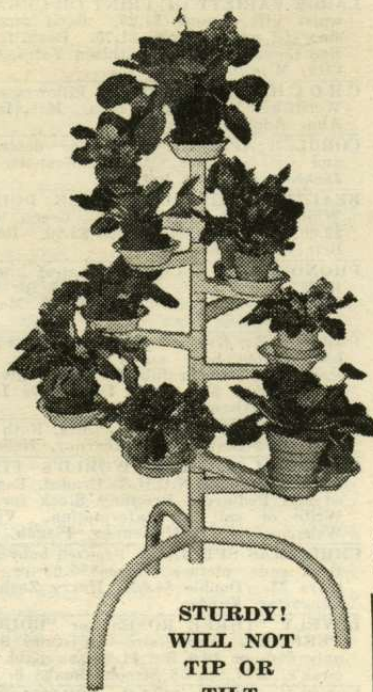
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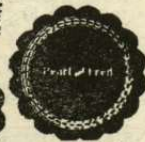
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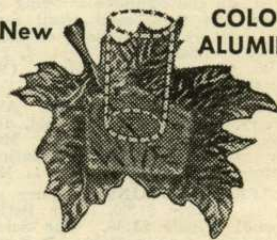
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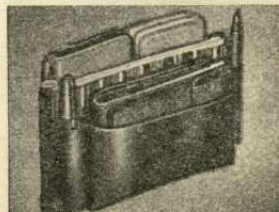
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