CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS around the world

Centuries ago, Romans decorated their homes, public buildings, and temples on festive occasions, and we have followed this ancient custom. In most communities, at Christmas there are beautifully decorated store windows, often depicting the holiday scenes.

The merchants along New York's famous Fifth Avenue vie with each other in originality and spare no expense in the creation of luxury and beauty. The final displays attract such crowds that special roped-off areas are necessary and the public is kept moving by uniformed guards. In many cases the air is perfumed with some special fragrance and music accompanies the changing scenes of animated figures inside the windows.

Weeks before Christmas a giant Christmas tree is set up with much ceremony in the center of Rockefeller Plaza, decorated with huge colored baubles, and the lighting of the tree is the official opening of the Christmas season. The entire length of Park Avenue is lined with its own lighted Christmas trees, and it is a beautiful sight in snow. Many New York skyscrapers, always dramatic against the night sky, are also aglow with red and green lights in honor of the occasion.

While New York goes all out for brilliant, sophisticated Christmas emphasizing luxury with a touch of frivolity, other cities celebrate in their way. In some where traffic hazards do not prevent, the downtown streets are festooned with colored lights, bells, stars, candles, and other yuletide emblems.

Many American cities are famed for their distinctive street decorations, which visitors often drive many miles to see. For instance, since 1920, the city of Fresno, California, has featured its Christmas Tree Lane. This is slightly less than 2 miles in length and is said to be the longest in our country. The project began on a small scale, but by 1930 the great cedars lining Van Ness Avenue had been lighted with colored bulbs for a quarter of a mile. Then, in 1959, more than 300 stately trees had been festooned with lights, and over 121,000 people visited the unusual scene.

Popular Christmas Stollen

For two large loaves you'll need: 1 cup milk, ½ cup sugar, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 cakes compressed yeast, 5 cups flour, 2 eggs beaten, 1 cup seedless raisins, ½ cup butter softened, ½ cup citron, ½ cup glazed cherries, 1½ teaspoons grated lemon rind, ¼ teaspoon nutmeg, ½ cup butter, ½ cup sugar, ½ teaspoon cinnamon, Confectioner's frosting, nuts and candied fruit for trim.

Scald milk, add ½ cup sugar and the salt. Cool to lukewarm. Add crumbled yeast and mix thoroughly. Add one cup of flour and stir until smooth. Cover and let rise until double in bulk. Add the beaten eggs, softened butter, fruit and nutmeg and mix well. Add remainder of flour to make a dough stiff enough to knead. Knead until smooth and elastic. Allow to rise until double. Knead down and divide in two. Roll each half into a circle about 8 inches in diameter. Spread with softened butter and sugar. Make a crease down the center of the dough and fold over. Place in greased loaf pans and let rise until double in bulk. Bake in moderate oven 350 degrees, for 30 to 40 minutes. Frost with confectioners' frosting and sprinkle with nuts or fruit.

Stollen will keep for a week at least. It can be cut in thin slices and toasted, or buttered and placed under the broiler until lightly browned.

Easy-To-Make Bows for "All Thumbs" Wrapper

A lavishly wrapped Christmas present is fun to get and beautiful to see under the tree. Most people, however, find interesting and unusual bows very difficult to make.

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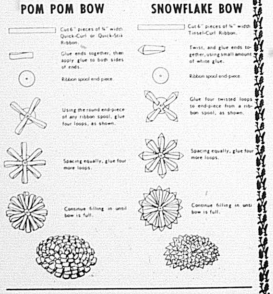

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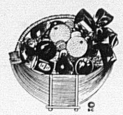

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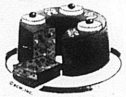

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DOLLAR STORE

Mince Pie

A holiday tradition when it was "minced" meat and not a dessert. It's a must for holidays to have Christmas pie.
2 cups prepared mince-meat or 1 - 9oz. pkg.
2 cups thinly sliced pared tart apples
½ teaspoon grated lemon rind
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 recipe plain pastry

Combine prepared mincemeat with apples, lemon peel and lemon juice. Line 8-inch pie plate with pastry; pour in filling. Cut design or use a fork on upper crust. Sprinkle with sugar, and bake in hot oven (400°) about 35 minutes. This pie is delicious served warm.

BAKE AHEAD

Prepare and Freeze Cookies Before Rush

Prepare for the holidays! Bake and freeze cookies before the Christmas-New Year rush. Chocolate Drop Cookies freeze well.

1 egg
1 cup sugar
1 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking powder
½ teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons cocoa

Beat eggs and mix in sugar, cream and vanilla. Sift and add flour, baking powder, soda, salt and cocoa to egg mixture. Drop by teaspoonfuls on lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350°.

Christmas COOKIES

Some cookies are for Santa, of course. Others are for holiday nibbling and snacks, the quantity of which is probably without equal.

Some of the special joy of Christmas can be traced to the kitchen! This would not be as festive an occassion without the fragrance of holiday cookies or the happy hustle of getting them ready.

Put some cookies aside for carolers and tree trimmers. Decorate some with ready made icings as well as colorful sugars.

The following is an especially good sugar cookie, for eating and decorating.

4 cups sifted enriched flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 3/4 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons nutmeg, 1 cup lard, one and 3/4 cups sugar, 2 eggs beaten, 1 teaspoon vanilla and 2 tablespoons milk. Form the dough in a ball and chill 3 to 4 hours. Roll on floured board to 1/8 inch thick. Cut with various shaped cookie cutters, bake on a greased cooky sheet. These are really good — Do shake some plain white sugar over some of them — yummy.

Manger Scenes

The setting up of manger scenes of the Nativity has become a popular custom. The idea started in 1223, at Greccio, Italy. St. Francis of Assisi assembled such a scene with real people and live animals. He wanted to make the story of Christ's birth real to his followers. This movement spread through Italy and to other lands, especially in Southern Europe, where manger scenes rather than the Christmas trees formed the center of the holiday observance. In the United States each year more churches, clubs, and homes use displays, both indoor and out.

The Moravian family sets up an elaborate Christmas scene - the - "Putz" — which pictures not only the Holy Family, but also village scenes showing the life of the people.

COLONIAL CHRISTMAS

Little is recorded in the histories of Christmas in Colonial Times. This is because the history is more often concerned with wars and politics. The colonists in Virginia, Maryland and Georgia brought over the English customs whereas in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, the customs came from Holland, Sweden, and Germany. The quakers near Philadelphia did not observe holidays, and in New England, the whole idea of Christmas was frowned upon.

YOUR HOLIDAY TIME

There are many extra things to do, but there are many ways to save time and effort in doing them. Keep a notebook for Christmas planning. This can be a handy reminder for ideas, menus, dates, shopping, entertaining, and all other jobs.

PAINT THE DOOR

Don't neglect the front door and foyer, when dressing up your holiday house. A fresh coat of paint will brighten your threshold and provide a gleaming backdrop for your Christmas door decoration.

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