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Recipes for the refreshments mentioned are:

Somerset Sandwiches
Moisten cream cheese with French dressing. Spread in thin slices of graham bread and sprinkle with finely chopped nuts. Remove the crusts, cut in slender pieces and toast on both sides. Serve hot with salad.

Malaga Salad
Mix one-half cup each of shredded pineapple, celery and Brazil nuts with mayonnaise dressing and arrange in a nest of lettuce. Skin and seed five Malaga grapes for each salad, marinate them with French dressing and place on the top of the salad.

Ribbons Sandwiches
Cut four slices of white bread and three slices of graham bread in one-fourth inch slices. Spread two slices each of white and graham bread on both sides with creamed butter, and spread the other two white slices on one side only. Pile in alternating layers, wrap in cheese cloth and press lightly in a cool place. Cut in one-fourth inch slices for serving, then in halves crosswise.

Hermit Drop Cookies
Pat 1 cup Sugar 1 cup Eggs 2 Flour 2 cups Rolled Oats 2 cups Milk 4 quarts Chopped Nuts 1 cup Cream fat and sugar, add slightly beaten eggs and milk. Dredge raisins in flour and add dry ingredients. Drop by teaspoons onto greased baking sheet.

Christmas Salad
Pare and chill six tomatoes. Cut in eighths without searing and open like the petals of a flower on a lettuce leaf. Mash cream cheese, add a little French dressing and make into balls the size of a pea. Place six or eight of these balls in the center of each tomato. Serve with Delmonico dressing, which is made as follows: one-half teaspoon each of salt and chopped parsley, one-fourth teaspoon pepper, two tablespoons vinegar, four tablespoons olive oil and one tablespoon of creamed butter.

If the hostess wishes to serve more than salad, sandwiches and a beverage, brick ice cream or a fancy sundae and small frosted cakes delight the eye as well as the appetite. Cakes baked in small muffin tins may be covered with white frosting and decorated with round slices of colored gumdrops. Abbehies are the long narrow variety which one can buy in lavender, green, pink and yellow. A tiny lighted candle may be placed in the center of each cake if they are passed on a serving plate.

Everyone can give a party during the holidays which is different from others by spending a little time in the decorations and favors. Every girl returned from school will take delight in making her the most clever one given.

Home Economics in New Zealand

By Lillian B. Storms

A friend in the States wrote me, "It seems peculiar for you to be attending afternoon teas and luncheons in New Zealand for I always thought of New Zealand as being at the end of the world as to be only partly civilized." Before leaving home I heard my father say he thought I was going to New Zealand to teach the cannuilahs how to prepare their food! I assure you we are very much civilized here. I went to a dance last night wearing the sleeveless evening gown purchased on Fifth Avenue and I was not in the least conspicuous.

The New Zealand people are English and Scotch and have come out here as colonists as did the early settlers in the eastern states. The main difference is that the early settlers here came only about eighty years ago. Habits of life therefore are much as they are in England and Scotland, at least they seem so to us, tho the recent arrivals from Great Britain think it is quite colonial and different from "home." Of course, the country is new compared to the old country and therefore, "raw edges" as in our newer districts. The people follow much the same food habits, houses are built much in the same styles as in England, fireplaces supply the heating, dictionaries give the same pronunciating as those of Great Britain, but the differences from the customs in the States are in degree and not fundamental. It is just because we are fundamentally the same as the English that the differences are the more noticeable.

of the Englishman and from that of the Canadian and Australian and from ours, as does that of our northerner from the southerner.

We have been much amused when people have said in surprise that we do not seem to have the Yankee twang. Some who have read O. Henry have asked us if most of the Americans do not talk that way, that they would expect to have great difficulty in understanding them. They can understand us and we assure them we are representative. Indeed, I would not wonder if they have decided we are more civilized than they had thought we were.

There is not as much antagonism toward the States as I had thought there might be. It is not the fault of the press that the feeling is as good as it is. All the news we get from America is really quite amusing, if it were not serious. The circus-like tactics of the Democratic convention were played up for all they were worth as showing of what our politics consisted. Furthermore, that was all the news from there which was published during the two weeks of the convention. We have so little news from there and what we have does not give as favorable an aspect on our life in the States as do the comments and articles about New Zealand which appear in our press. Many of our poorer grades of films are shown here and but few of the better ones.

All the reports about prohibition there sound to me very much like "wet" propaganda and most of the people coming back from the States are those who do not want prohibition introduced here and go well out of their way to tell a farce it is there. Some of those people statements are reported to me as I well know. It may not work satisfactorily there, but it certainly is a big improvement over what we have seen here.

Very few Americans ever come here, so most of the impressions of us come second hand thru New Zealanders who have been to the States, and many of them have seen but very little of the country except New York City. Such sources of information as those mentioned are apt to be unfog and engender prejudice. Hence I wonder that there is not more misunderstanding about us.

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