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Christmas Long Ago

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The past month I have spent a fair amount of time perusing old periodicals. In my search for anything holiday related, I have discovered recipes, advertisements, stories, and letters to Santa.

This newsletter showcases these holiday goodies, and each one is from at least one hundred years ago. There is even a clipping from 1799!

Relive the holidays of our ancestors this holiday season, but don't forget to live in the moment. Enjoy time this holiday season with your family and friends.

Happy Holidays!

The legend of Santa Claus, who travels over the world with his fleet-footed reindeer and fills the stockings of little folk with precious remembrances, has come down from Holland, although there is hardly a land that does not have a jolly old personage under some title or other to make happy childish hearts on this great festival.



There are many legends and symbols of the Christmas season. How well do you know your Christmas lore? [Read this article from 1915 about the Christmas tree, yule log, Santa Claus, and more to test your knowledge.](#)

DEAR SANTA

Did you ever write Santa a letter? Newspapers are always filled with letters from children to the man in red, Mrs. Claus, and the reindeer. These letters in the *Belleville Telescope* from Kansas are more than a century old.

Belleville, Dec. 7.

Dear Santa Claus;

Xmas will soon be here again. We have a little new boy since last Xmas so don't forget him.

Harold wants a hoby-horse a ball and a knife.

Emma and I want some beads and new mittens and some books, "The Brownies" and "The Five little Peppers" and any things else you wish to send us. your Friend,
Frances Staples

"PEPPER NUTS."

Three Recipes For Making the Famous German Christmas Cookies.

Wherever German people congregate their famous Christmas cookies, known as "pfeffernuesse" ("pepper nuts") are prime favorites. Here are three recipes for making the cakes:

Pfeffernuesse (white).—Four whole eggs, four yolks, one pound sugar. Beat three-quarters of an hour and add one-half pound almonds (blanched and grated), two ounces citron (cut fine), two ounces orange peel (cut fine), one teaspoonful cinnamon (powdered), one teaspoonful cloves (powdered), one pound flour. Mix well, cut out pieces size of a walnut and bake on a buttered and flour dusted pan in medium oven.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS COOKIES

I am always looking for unique, vintage recipes to make. This one caught my attention - pfeffernuesse. My husband has strong German roots, and I have never heard of these cookies. They are famous German Christmas Cookies, and when translated, pfeffernuesse means pepper nuts.

Check out these three different recipes for the traditional holiday cookies. And if pfeffernuesse is a common part of your Christmas baking, I would love to see a picture of these treats!

[RECIPES FOR PFEFFERNUESSE](#)

MARRIED, on Christmas eve, at the Revd. Loveless Savage's, Mr. NATHAN GASQUE, of South-Carolina, to Miss JEAN SAVAGE, of Columbia county

A genealogy find - even at Christmas time! While searching for Christmas items in newspapers, I stumbled across this jewel...a wedding announcement from The August Chronicle and Gazette of the State. The newspaper is from January 4, 1800. This couple was married on Christmas Eve in 1799!

