

NEW JERSEY'S CHARITABLE COOKS:

A Checklist of Fund-Raising Cook Books

Published in New Jersey (1879-1915)*

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THE first fund-raising "receipt books" were compiled and sold in the United States during the Civil War at Sanitary Fairs held to raise money for military casualties and their families. After the war was over, the ladies' aid societies formed during the war turned to local charities, and published their recipe collections to benefit hospitals, homes for the friendless, schools, and churches in every part of the country.

Though the recipes in early locally-published cookery books are often amateurish, they reflect the cooking fashions of the period in various parts of the United States more accurately than the standard works by professional authors. Through this early period these books chronicle the transition from wood-burning stoves to gas and electric appliances, and the development of refrigeration and commercially canned or pre-packaged foods. Roast snipe and woodcock, quail and pheasant, pickled wild mushrooms, potted prairie hens and pigeons, barbecued suckling pig, suet and whortleberry puddings, calf's head soup and calf's foot gelatin, rabbit and squirrel pies, brandied peaches and home-made wines: all have a place in the cook books published in the small towns of America before the first World War.

The great fascination of these early regional cookery books for collectors and local historians is their elusiveness. Seldom copyrighted—sold locally, usually to acquaintances of the ladies whose recipes appear—they have generally not been considered library fare. Although more than 2,500 libraries (including 100 in New Jersey) and private collectors were approached for titles, three-fourths of the books in this checklist are unique copies, located in only one collection. Those that survive are nostalgic reminders of a

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time when philanthropy was perhaps less mechanized and a good cause was the delight of the charitable ladies who were also such good cooks. (References cited are listed at the end of the checklist.)

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MONDAY-BREAKFAST		
Oat Meal,		Hominy.
	Broiled Lamb Chops.	
	Bacon and Eggs.	
Stewed Potatoes,		Fried Potatoes.
	Biscuit.	
	Tea,	Coffee.
LUNCHEON.		
	Cold Turkey,	
	Sardines.	
	Browned Mashed Potatoes.	
	Canned Pears.	
Cake,		Cheese.
	Tea,	Broma.
DINNER.		
	Chicken Soup.	
Beef Steak,		Fried Oysters
Mashed Potatoes,		Stewed Corn.
	Hot Slaw.	
Apple Pie,		Tapioca Pudding.
	Tea and Coffee.	

Bill of fare: YE ART OF COOKERY, Newark, N.J., 1888.

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AzU	University of Arizona Library, Tucson, Arizona.
DLC	Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
ICJ	John Crerar Library, Chicago, Illinois.
KMK	Kansas State University Library, Manhattan, Kansas.
LU	Louisiana State University Library, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
MCR	Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Massachusetts
MWA	American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts.
MiD	Detroit Public Library, Detroit, Michigan.
NHi	New York Historical Society Library, New York City.
NN	New York Public Library, New York City.
NNNAM	New York Academy of Medicine, New York City.
NcD	Duke University Library, Durham, North Carolina.
NjBIHi	Bloomfield Historical Society Museum, Bloomfield, New Jersey.
NjFHi	Monmouth County Historical Association, Freehold, New Jersey.
NjHi	New Jersey Historical Society, Newark, New Jersey.
NjMo	Joint Free Library of Morristown and Morris Township, Morristown, New Jersey.

NjN Public Library of Newark, Newark, New Jersey.
NjR Rutgers University Library, New Brunswick, New Jersey.
NjRid The Ridgewood Library, Ridgewood, New Jersey.

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