

Shopping Centres Shift Quickly to Other Places

An Inside Story of Denmark and How They Live In That Far Off Country.

Rudboel, Denmark, Oct. 15—This is a sharp point on the frontier which separates Denmark and Germany like a bent, jagged-toothed saw.

We left our automobile on the roadside where a Danish flag flapped on a high pole and a sign "passport control" on a house as large as a switchman's shanty sheltered an officer in Danish uniform. As we walked across the short concrete bridge somebody explained that the frontier line was somewhere in the lake on our left. Gullible investors often purchase choice building lots on the bottom of lakes and two energetic nations probably can find a frontier line.

Line Is Marked

In the center of the road, down which we walked, occasional square white stones were in the cobblestone pavement. A straight line was chiseled across each one, in the same direction as the road, with "D" on one side and "DR" on the other. By following the line, one foot could walk in Denmark and the other in Deutsches Reich. In front of a Danish house, two men were mending their long round nets to catch eels. Across the road in Germany, the resident was sitting on his porch annoying mosquitoes with a fuming pipe. Either is a proper Sunday sport.

A smiling young man in the green uniform of a German customs officer stood in the center of the road, a few steps further on, where it forked in two directions. Denmark ended there, also doubled back. We were as welcome as the first robin in spring, the young man explaining that he had been there all winter and not enough people came along to keep his feet warm.

His Garden Divided

The boundary stone where he stood had an inverted "V" instead of the straight line. Inside the angle was a "D". The returning line went through the centre of a little garden belonging to the house in the tip of the Danish peninsula.

"His potatoes are in Germany and his brussels sprouts are in Denmark" the customs guard explained.

"Does he pay customs duty when he takes his German potatoes into his Danish house?" I asked.

"He's importing them into Denmark so it's none of my business," the guard laughed—a real diplomat.

New frontiers are an obstacle to those who live close to them. A farmer who has done business all his life with one city, suddenly finds it in another country and he must turn in another direction. Traveling back and forth is the least of his difficulties. Almost everything he carries or hauls in either direction is subject to a tariff by one or the other country. More than that, his land in some cases as in this, is divided and under different taxes.

Friction Disappears

The friction which once was noticeable along the frontier has largely disappeared. Danes complained that the Germans showed their resentment at losing the upper end of Schleswig by making trouble for those who crossed. Germans answered that Danish inspectors were not any too amiable. It is hard to say who started it or which

was more at fault. It was more noticeable at railroad station customs houses than where country roads crossed. There, when the heat was on, everything was unpacked and scattered for public view.

Modern vicissitudes for what is now South Jutland started in 1848, when Germany decided to direct attention from its revolution at home by creating a diversion abroad. Gen. Von Wrangel—a German who spoke his own language so badly that a prospective father-in-law put him out of the house—invaded the country. It was restored to Denmark two years later. In the same way, German expulsion of Danish agitators in 1899, saved the cabinet from falling in Copenhagen. Those who lived there did not count in either case.

Fifteen years after Von Wrangel, the empire builder, Bismarck, visioning the present naval base at Kiel and German harbors in the north, seized it again. Judicious marriages through the ages had produced a duke of Schleswig-Holstein who was also king of Denmark. The two constitutionally independent governments were united.

Frederick VII died Nov. 15, 1863, without a son. Though Denmark did, the duchy did not recognize succession through a woman. Bismarck supported another claimant. Denmark, encouraged by the aged Lord Palmerston to expect England's assistance, fought. The treaty of Vienna, Oct. 30, 1864, gave Schleswig-Holstein to Germany and Austria. Two years later at Prague, Bismarck shoved Austria out and the little square which Denmark has recovered was a part of Germany for fifty-six years. Dismantled concrete forts and aircraft hangars used for other purposes are monuments of the half century.

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Of Interest to the Women

SCHOOL LUNCH BOX SUGGESTIONS INCLUDE COOKIE AND CAKE RECIPES

School lunch boxes loom once more as a major problem in the home. The first week or two of school the lunch box is more of a picnic than a problem. But after that the days are apt to stretch out in endless repetition—both for the one who packs the box and the one who eats the lunch.

Sandwiches are of course the foundation of the lunch that must be taken from home. But there is no reason why the sandwiches must be invariably the same. Even the cutting of them may be varied sometimes to hold an element of surprise. And it is this element alone many times that can compete with the eager desire of a small child to be out and at play during those precious few minutes at noon time. A cookie cutter can turn a plain sandwich into a bunny, or a brownie so easily. Stars and moon and four leaf clovers will tempt an appetite that finds a plain square sandwich utterly uninteresting.

As for fillings—much depends upon the child. Some like soft sandwich fillings—things like soft cream cheese in combination with other flavorings or alone. Others prefer something they can get "their teeth" into—the plain meat sandwiches. But in about nine cases out of ten, it doesn't really matter very much to the children if it is only something they can "eat and get it over with." If it looks good, they'll eat it. But the thing they know is good, the thing that they instinctively crave, is the cake part of their lunch. They use up a tremendous amount of energy just sitting in school and trying to do their best. They need the sugar that makes that cake seem so good to them. No need to camouflage the shape of a cookie to tempt them to eat. Just make them and put them in the lunch box.

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- Oatmeal and Date Cookies**
- 1 cup of sugar, brown
 - 1 cup of sugar, white
 - 1 cup of shortening
 - 1 cup of water
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 - 1 teaspoon soda
 - 2½ cups of white flour
 - 2½ cups of rolled oats
 - 1 pound of dates
- Seed the dates (warm them a little in the oven and they will seed easily), chop them and mix with the white sugar, lemon juice and ½ cup of the water to make a paste. Cream the shortening, gradually add and thoroughly beat in the brown sugar. Mix the soda, flour and oats and stir them in, adding the remaining 1-2 cup of water alternately. Mix well. Roll this dough out to a thin, oblong sheet. Spread the date mixture evenly as possible over half the sheet, fold the other half up over it and press the outside edges together. With a sharp stout knife cut the dough into strips about an inch and a half wide. Then cut the strips into any length desired—making them about the size of fig newtons. Then bake in a moderate oven. Figs or raisins may be used for filling as well as dates.
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- Pinwheel Cookies**
- ½ cup of shortening
 - ½ cup of sugar
 - 1 egg yolk
 - 3 tablespoons of milk
 - 1½ cups of flour
 - 1½ teaspoons baking powder
 - ¼ teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1 square bitter chocolate
- Cream the shortening, gradually add and thoroughly beat in the sugar. Add egg yolk, beat well. Add milk and vanilla and beat again. Sift dry ingredients and stir them in. Divide the dough in half. To one-half, add the melted chocolate. Roll each kind of dough to a sheet about ¼ inch thick. Lay the chocolate dough over the white dough and roll them up together into a tight roll. Set in refrigerator over night or for several hours to chill thoroughly. Cut in thin slices and lay on a buttered cookie pan and bake about eight minutes in a moderately hot oven.
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- Grandmother's Ginger-Sponge Cake**
- 3 cups of flour

- 1 cup of shortening
 - 1 cup of sugar
 - 1 cup of molasses
 - 3 eggs
 - 1 teaspoon soda
 - ¼ teaspoon salt
- Cinnamon and ginger as liked
- Cream the shortening, gradually beat in the sugar. Add eggs, one at a time and beat well. Sift and measure flour. Add spice and salt and sift again. Dissolve the soda in a teaspoon of warm water and beat it into the molasses. Add to creamed mixture. Stir in the sifted ingredients and bake in an oblong pan in a moderate oven.

FIVE-DOLLAR LOOK TEACHES A GOOD LESSON

Miss Minnie was riding on a Ninth Avenue elevated train and sat in one of the cross seats in the middle of the car. A young woman sat beside her. Opposite, riding backward, was a middle aged couple.

The couple was very much interested in Miss Minnie's seat mate. They stared at her constantly, seeming to devote most of their attention to her legs.

After riding a considerable distance, during which time the scrutiny was continuous, Miss Minnie saw the middle aged woman opposite swoop down with her hand, in which she had a handkerchief, and reach to the floor under the girl's legs. She drew back immediately and pushed off her shoe at the heel, pulling up the heel of her stocking.

The train was just coming into a station. The woman and her male companion hurriedly jumped up and left the train.

"Did you see that?" asked the girl beside Miss Minnie. "She picked up a five-dollar bill from under my foot and stuck it in her shoe".

"Are you sure?" asked Miss Minnie, who had thought there was something queer in the entire performance, but could not understand what.

"Positive", said the girl. "I saw the five in the corner of the bill. She had a handkerchief in her hand and reached down and grabbed the bill and slipped it into the heel of her shoe. Oh, what a dummy I was not to look down", groaned the girl.

"They watched me all the time—staring at my legs. I thought they were disgusted because I'm not wearing stockings. They embarrassed me terribly, staring and I thought maybe my legs had got dirty. I didn't know what to think! And all the time they had their eyes on the bill under my own feet.

"When she picked it up he said 'Did you get it?' and she said, 'O.K.' and they got up and rushed off the train. I opened my bag as much as to tell them that it was my bill but they beat it quick.

"Oh, what a fool I was not to look down", the girl continued to groan.

"Five dollars lost. Of course, I shouldn't say that, because it wasn't mine, but it was under my feet. What I could have done with that five dollars! Oh, I could kick myself".

"Well, it is a lesson for both of us", said Miss Minnie. "When we see anybody watching us too closely, it is well to investigate and find out why".

She left the train, with the girl still lamenting the five dollars she might have had but lost.

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