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NUREMBERG, A BAVARIAN CITY IS NOW RECOGNIZED AS THE TOY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

"Nuremberg, Bavaria, toy capital of the world, is a city of the Middle Ages handed down undisturbed to the present day," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C. headquarters of the National Geographic Society. "It has a wall and a moat and a castle, crooked streets and gabled, red-tiled houses; all the satisfying quaintness of a page from one of its own fairy picture books.

"About the walled city unobtrusively spread the suburbs of modern Nuremberg, a thriving industrial community of 400,000 inhabitants. Beer, lead pencils, metal wares, railway carriages, and above all, toys are the leading manufactures.

Santa Claus's Workshop

Toys of every description have their origin in Nuremberg factories and are shipped out for the delight of the youth of many lands. From the Dutch East Indies to the Argentine, Nuremberg toys are displayed. There are metal toys, wooden toys, textile and papier-mache toys; picture books, cardboard games and transfer pictures. Besides her own factory-made toys, Nuremberg markets dolls made in nearby places, largely through cottage crafts. From one district alone come about a million dozen dolls a year.

"The toy industry in Nuremberg is said to have been begun by Protestant refugees driven out of France at the time of the Huguenot wars. The newcomers took to the toy business as being an unoccupied field. In spite of French beginnings the industry has become thoroughly Germanized during the past century, however, and the Teutonic quaintness of Nuremberg is stamped upon its products.

Medieval Stronghold

"The castle owes its origin to an imperial city built in the eleventh century upon the banks of the River Pegnitz. Artisans and merchants collected in the safe shadow of the castle walls. A mint and a market were established and the city prospered. It quickly became a trading center between Venice and the Orient on the one hand and northern Europe on the other.

"Her workers in wood, brass, and stone, cloth and ivory became famous over Europe. Nuremberg merchant princess built florid mansions in which they lived in regal style. One of the Popes made the remark that a Nuremberg merchant was better housed than the King of Scotland. Arts, letters and sciences flourished.

"Discovery in water trade routes to India and China around the Cape of Good Hope ruined Nuremberg trade

as it did that of Venice. This downfall was added to by a terrible siege of the city during the Thirty Years War, when Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden, the Protestant leader defended the walls against Wallenstein, and ten thousand inhabitants perished of starvation and diseases. Patrician ruling families became more liberal as they became poorer, and armies of the French Revolution completed the havoc already begun.

"The town was reduced to the verge of bankruptcy and in 1806 the proud free city of Nuremberg, a city republic since the Middle Ages, was annexed to the Kingdom of Bavaria. A following century of peace, nevertheless, made the old town the leading railway center and manufacturing district in southern Germany. The railroad from Nuremberg to Furth was the first railway in Germany, and the former is on the direct line between Rhine cities and Vienna.

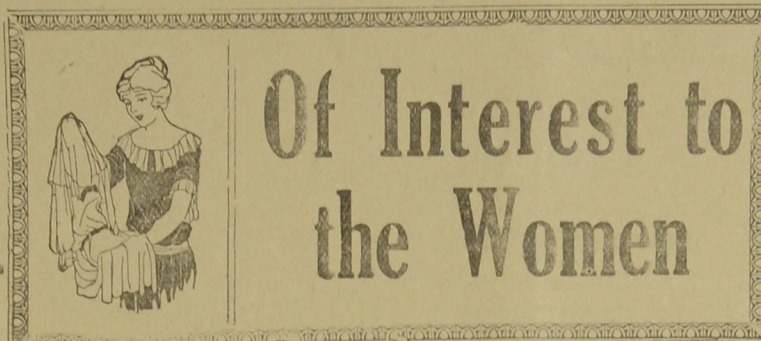
Where Watches Originated

"Standing today in all her quaintness of Gothic churches and pointed roofs, Nuremberg is a living monument to the glory of the arts and handicrafts of the Middle Ages. Here is the city's hey-day lived Albrecht Durer, the artist. Here watches were invented and called 'Nuremberg eggs.' Here still stand the huge guild houses with gables turned streetward and mansions of merchant princes with pictured stucco walls and tiled roofs backing upon the quiet flowing waters of the Pegnitz.

"All that was colorful and vital in the life of the Middle Ages centered in Nuremberg and has been passed on for today, minus filthy streets and sidewalk pigsties tolerated by an earlier time. The glorious and dirty town of the past has been washed and cleaned, and no longer are refuse sacks and dread animals hurled indiscriminately into the Pegnitz."

"The 'Iron Virgin of Nuremberg' and other instruments of torture repose peacefully in a museum at the castle and the moat has been turned into a park. Modern burgers of Nuremberg are content with prosperity flowing from a peaceful output of beer, pencils, and millions of toys."

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LONDON TRENDS.

Rulers of fashion in London Town say these points are outstanding: Normal waistlines, accented hips. Afternoon frocks cover the knees. Victorian silhouettes for evening. Tailored suits may flare. Soft colors for street wear. Gloves and stockings match. Touches of white at neck and wrist.

NEW YORK TRENDS

Here are the highlights of New York's spring fashions: Higher waistlines at all times. Down-in-back lin for evening. Sashes accentuating moulded hips. Fagoting, pleating as trimming. Panels, bustles, ruffles, scarfs. Straw hats with the off-the-forehead movement. Wider brims and shallow crowns.

DATE BISCUITS

2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1-2 teaspoon salt
1-4 teaspoon cloves
1 1-2 tablespoons shortening
1-2 cup chopped dates
Two thirds to 3-4 cup milk
Walnuts for top
Sift together the flour, baking powder salt and cloves. Add the shortening by cutting in. Add the dates and milk to make a soft dough mix well. Roll out on floured board and cut with biscuit cutter. Place half a date or large walnut on top. Bake in 400 degrees F. oven for 15 minutes.

DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE

1 cup butter
3-4 cup white sugar
2 cups brown sugar
3 egg yolks
3 whole eggs
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon soda
1 cup sour milk
2 cups coconut
6 squares chocolate
Cream the butter and sugar together, add egg yolks. Beat well and add one fourth of the mixed flour, soda and baking powder. Add unbeaten eggs, beat well and add the rest of the flour alternately with the sour milk. Add coconut and chocolate melted and bake in three layers or in three small loaf cake pans thirty to forty minutes in a moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit). This cake will keep moist a week. Frost with boiled frosting, using three egg whites left from cake.

DATE GINGER CAKE

4 tablespoons fat
1-2 cup sugar
1 egg
1-2 cup sweet or sour milk
1-2 cup molasses
1-2 cup cut nuts
1 cup cut dates
1 teaspoon cinnamon

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Of Interest to the Women

1 teaspoon ginger
1-2 teaspoon salt
1-2 teaspoon soda
1 3-4 cups flour
Cream the fat, add the sugar gradually, add the egg and beat well. Mix the molasses and the milk. Mix and sift the dry ingredients, add alternately with the liquid to the creamed fat and sugar. Add nuts and dates. Bake in a moderate oven thirty to forty-five minutes.

RAISIN RHUBARB PIE

1 1-2 cups rhubarb cut in half inch pieces
1 cup raisins
3-4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon flour
Pastry for a two crust pie
Chop the raisins and combine with the rhubarb. Fill the pastry lined tin with the fruit and cover with the sugar, mixed with flour. Adjust top crust and bake.

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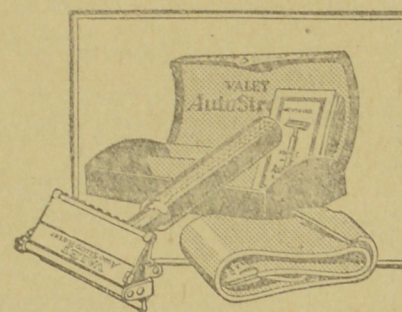
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