

# The Pickwick Papers

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### The poets corner

## Winter

—E. Fluharty

Winter is always fun,  
For how could you ever tire,  
Of snow forts,  
Snowball fights,  
Snowmen,  
Sledding,  
To your heart's desire?

## December

—R. Wheatley

Winter  
Dark, cold, dangerous  
Christmas  
Lovely, jolly, full of cheer  
December  
Cold, snowy, wet, and happy

## The True Meaning of Christmas —A. Roe

Candy canes and chocolates,  
Amazing bracelets and locketts,  
In some places snow drifts,  
And some really cool gifts.

You feel like lots of parties,  
With lots and lots of smarties.  
Then there is a Christmas tree,  
And a lot of glee

Wreaths with holly,  
You feel so jolly,  
It's rather quite cold,  
Time feels like gold.

The main point of Christmas isn't to receive  
gifts, It's not for you to have treats,  
It's the birth of Jesus that it's all about,  
Who did many great feats.

So next Christmas remind yourself,  
That it's not about gifts for yourself,  
Think less of yourself,  
Think more about God.

## *Ode To The Wonders Of A Bald Cap*

*-C.M. Rivera Torres*

*O, wondrous bald cap fair,*

*So grand and delicate*

*to put on my hair*

*How nice of my brother*

*to give me a pair*

*Of you for me to care,*

*'Tis something I have always wanted to wear.*

*Sadly, it is your fate*

*To go beneath a wig more great*

*Than thyself, but if you wait*

*You will find yourself in grand estate*

*And used by queens and ladies to captivate.*

*Vain children will see and write upon a slate,*

*"Dear Saint Nicholas, Grant me but one wish,*

*I may have a bald cap and wig this Christmas.*

## *Blizzard*

*-E. Fluharty*

*The trees creak,*

*The weather is bleak.*

*The cold wind blows,*

*Along with the snow.*

*The sun comes out,*

*And without a doubt,*

*We will have to go back to school,*

*Before the month is out.*

## *A Day in the Snow*

*-H. Ellis*

*A white page a blank sheet*

*One footprint in the snow*

*After play is riddled with feet*

*There are snowballs to throw*

*After dark the lamps turn on*

*all the children come inside*

*Their steps are heard upon*

*The front door mat they strode*

*Next to the cheerful warm fire*

*Some knit a scarf, some sew*

*They go on until they tire*

*It's time for bed they know*

*They snuggle in so warm*

*The parents kiss goodnight*

*All waiting till the morn*

*holding the blanket tight.*



# Recalling Christmas Tales



## Our Family's Annual Polar Bear Plunge

—M. Villareal

Over the past few years, my cousins and I have competed in a Polar Bear Plunge. My grandparents have a big in-ground pool and a hot tub. This Christmas was especially cold. The pool water was fifty degrees. The last person to quit wins the five-dollar prize. Those that leave the pool have to watch from the hot tub.

We began the competition. There were four of us in total. We started very easy by just putting our feet on the first step, then the second and did that until we reached the bottom of the pool. After we got past the steps the first challenge was to swim one lap, then two laps, and so on. My brother quit first. Once we got to the fourth lap around the pool my sister gave up. It was down to my cousin Mason and me.

We decided the winner would be the last to leave the pool. After about five minutes in the pool, I couldn't feel my toes and the only thing keeping me going was the five-dollar prize. After about ten more minutes, I was wondering if Mason would ever get out; I was so numb I could barely feel the cold. After twenty minutes of sitting in the pool I decided to get out. I did lose the competition but at least I lasted longer than my brother and sister.

# Recalling Christmas Tales



## Christmas in Narnia

—H. Ellis

Lucy Pevensie crept through the underbrush, or what was left of it. Winter was coming, but they still had one thing left to do. Lucy stepped on a twig, “Shh”, whispered Edmond, “Im trying”, she answered, “it’s hard to catch stags”. “Well why are we doing this in the first place” said the practical Susan. “Because Tumnus told us that the white stag was spotted in these parts and we will get our wishes,” retorted Peter. “If we catch it anyway...” sighed Edmond. “ What was that?” inquired Lucy. A white blur passed in front of them. “Hurry,” said Peter, “Positions!” Lucy darted behind a stump, Susan jumped into a tree and Edmond lay in wait behind a snow bank. Peter stood ready to make the signal; their patience was rewarded when The Stag walked into the clearing. “Go now”, instructed Peter. Lucy jumped across, grabbing one leg of the stag as she slid in the snow, while Edmond grabbed the other. Susan with one leap, landed square on the back of the stag. The animal, after realizing it was trapped, calmed down and asked them, “Tell me your wish and I will grant what you ask. You will have one each so choose wisely.” “But do we have to wish right away?” wondered Susan. “No, but when you are ready, ring this bell and I will come at once.” He produced a bell almost as if it were magic and motioned for them to take it.

The next day Lucy stared out of the window while tiny flakes of snow fell silently, each one reflecting the sun. “ What should we wish for?” asked Edmond, pacing back and forth. The fire crackled in the fireplace as a cup of hot meadow spice tea sat untouched on the table. “I have an idea why don't we use it for the good of the kingdom?” said Susan “Well I don't know I kinda want a new bike, mine is still in England” said Peter, “and I want a boat to go canoeing in.” suggested Edmond. “Your always on adventures” said Peter under his breath “I believe Susan right” agreed Lucy. “Well Christmas is around the corner so we could....” Susan lowered her voice to a whisper and whispered in everyone's ear they all sat up Peter said ,“yes of course”, Edmond nodded reluctantly and Lucy rang the bell.

Moments later The Stag appeared in front of them. “ Have you decided?” He said, “Yes, we are combining our wishes together,” Lucy said, “ we want everyone in the land to find a present in their home on christmas from all of us.” “ Very well your wish is granted,” and with that he disappeared.

On Christmas everyone in the land found a gift, whether it was in their pot or on their door or even in their hat, they found what they were looking for. To the surprise of the children they received gifts as well. “A bike!” shouted Peter “ Fresh arrows and a riding cloke, just when I needed more arrows” ,said Susan excitedly “a boat in the harbor”, said Edmont coming away from the window, “ What about you Lucy?” said Susan. “Oh I found nothing, “ Lucy said with a sigh. “Look!” shouted Edmond, and there in front of them was Aslan with his glorious mane. “ Oh Aslan, You are my Christmas gift!” she said joyfully, throwing her arms around him.

THE END

# Cranberry Pecan Chicken Salad Recipes

*This is an imitation of a chicken salad that my dad really loves that we used to buy at the store. Unfortunately, they started not filling the containers all the way and still selling them at the same price. So, we decided to try and make our own at home. My mom took a picture of the ingredients on the container and I estimated how much of what to put into the salad. My dad really loved it so much that I am going to make some every Sunday. I hope you enjoy it as much as he does! This is a very festive fall dish because of the cranberry-pecan mix, but also good for a summer outing or picnic!*

*-H. Winton*



## Chicken salad

- 3/4 cups mayonnaise*
- 2 tsp. Red wine vinegar*
- 1/4 tsp. Apple cider vinegar*
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries*
- 1/4 cup pecans*
- 1/8 cup green onion*
- 1 can chicken*
- 1/2 tablespoon sugar*
- Salt to taste*
- Pepper to taste*

*Mix the chicken, salt, pepper, green onions and cranberries together. Set aside. Combine the mayonnaise, vinegars and sugar. Whisk until smooth. Combine with the chicken mixture and add the pecans. Scoop into bowls and serve immediately.*



# Recipes

*This recipe was a fun one to make. The reason it is vegan is because we were vegan, but are not anymore. I still enjoy baking things out of the book. I bake a few desserts for my family. My favorite things to make are donuts, cakes, and cupcakes. You may be able to substitute the cassava flour for all purpose flour (that would be an experiment and you can also just use regular butter.*

*—C. Huff*



## *Mini Teddy Bear Cookies*

*Yield: 50 mini cookies*

*Prep time: 15 minutes + 45 minutes to chill cookies*

*Cook time: 20 minutes*

*¼ cup of vegan butter softened 2 cups cassava flour*

*1/3 cup maple syrup ¼ cup raw cacao powder*

*1 tsp. vanilla extract 1 tsp. unsweetened dairy-free milk*

- 1. In a large bowl, use a hand mixer to beat the vegan butter, maple syrup, and vanilla until smooth.*
- 2. Sift the flour into the wet mixture, stirring until a sticky dough has formed.*
- 3. Split the dough in half and place one half in a separate bowl. Add the cacao powder and milk to one of the bowls and use your hands to mix the powder into the dough until evenly distributed. Form each half of the dough into a ball and then flatten into a disc. Wrap each disc with plastic wrap and place in the refrigerator to chill for 30 minutes.*
- 4. Place an oven rack in the middle position and preheat the oven to 350° F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.*
- 5. Remove one chilled cookie dough disc from the refrigerator. Lightly flour a clean work surface and place dough on the surface and lightly flour the top of the dough and a clean rolling pin.*
- 6. Gently roll the dough until it is ¼ inch thick. Press a mini teddy bear cookie cutter in the dough creating as many cookies as possible. Gently peel away scraps and set aside. Form the scraps into a dough and reroll.*
- 7. Use a spatula to carefully transfer the cookie cutouts to the prepared baking sheets, spacing them about ½ inch apart. Lightly re-flour surface and reroll the remaining dough and use the cookie cutter to cut more cookies. Transfer to the baking sheet.*
- 8. Place the cookies in the refrigerator to chill for 15 minutes, then bake for 10 minutes; the vanilla cookies will be lightly golden when done. After removing the cookies from the oven allow them to cool for 15 minutes before removing from the pan.*
- 9. While the first batch of cookies is baking repeat steps 6-8 using the cookie dough disk and second prepared baking sheet. As soon as the first batch of cookies is done, place the second batch in the oven and bake for 10 minutes allowing the cookies to cool for 15 minutes before removing from the pan.*
- 10. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for a week or up to three months in the freezer.*





*Thank you,*

*We hope you enjoyed.*



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