

List #15: Cooking & Food

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CHINESE FOOD, IN DUST JACKET

1. **Au, M. Sing.** *The Chinese Cook Book. Covering the Entire Field of Chinese Cookery in the Chinese Order of Serving, from Nuts to Soup.* Reading, Pa. 1936. 48pp. Original tan pictorial wrappers, stapled, with pictorial dust jacket. Light chipping and minor soiling to jacket, contemporary ownership inscription on top edge. Very good plus.

"Adapted for the American Housewife. 300 very fine 'Number One Good' recipes." Includes an illustrated page of how to handle chopsticks. Unusual in the dust jacket. Only a handful of copies in OCLC. \$60
(McBRB1006)

COOKING AMONGST THE REDWOODS

2. **[California]. [Cook Books].** *Cook Book.* Eureka, Ca.: American Legion Auxiliary, [ca. 1920]. 62pp. plus frontispiece. Original gray printed wrappers. Minor wear. Very good plus.

California community cook book for Humboldt and Eureka Counties which opens with images of redwoods and a poem about trees. Almost all the recipes are attributed to local cooks, and interestingly, the work includes a section entitled "Vegetables and Meat Substitute Dishes," featuring such dishes as "Hindu Eggs," "Walnut Loaf," and "Macaroni with Peanut Butter." Also adorned with numerous ads for local businesses, including the famed Eureka Inn on the Redwood Highway. We locate three copies in OCLC, at UCLA, Los Angeles Public Library, and Humboldt State University. \$250
(McBRB1282)

SUGAR CANE PRODUCTION IN ANTEBELLUM LOUISIANA

3. **Champomier, P.A.** *Statement of the Sugar Crop Made in Louisiana, in 1851-52, with an Appendix.* New Orleans: Cook, Young & Co., 1852. viii, 52pp. Original printed wrappers. Contemporary ownership inscription at top of front cover, minor wear. Minor foxing. Very good.

Report on the sugar cane crop of Louisiana, listing plantations in each parish and their output for the season. The preface appears printed in both English and French, though the remainder of the work is in English. Interestingly, the preface provides significant information about the weather the preceding year and its influence on the agriculture in the area. The plantations, listed by parish, are given a vague location ("Bayou Huffpower," "Bayou Cotaille above Alexandria," &c.), noting information such as number of hogsheads produced, distance from New Orleans, and which side of a river they are on if situated near water. Three individual copies noted in OCLC, though there are also several serial records for this title, covering the span of its publication from 1845 to 1862. \$750
(McBRB104)

"ADAPTED TO USE IN HIGH ALTITUDES"

4. [Colorado]. [Cook Books]. *Brighton Blade Cook Book*. Brighton, Co.: Brighton Printing Co., 1921. 95,[1]pp. plus one leaf of color ads. Original printed wrappers, stapled. Lightly soiled, spine rubbed, manuscript ink doodle on cover. Title page torn slightly at upper staple. Minor soiling internally. About very good.

Second edition, revised. This work, first published in 1912, this edition was printed in a run of 2,000 copies. Each recipe is attributed to a specific contributor, and the contents skew heavily toward desserts, with sections on pastry, candies, breads, cakes, and cookies. Scarce ~ we find copies two in OCLC, at History Colorado and the National Agriculture Library. We do not find any copies of the first edition under this title. \$350

(McBRB1218)

RARE AND UNRECORDED ILLINOIS COOK BOOK

5. [Illinois]. [Cook Books]. *A Book for the Household Compiled by the Ladies' Aid of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Charleston, Illinois*. Charleston: Plain Dealer Press, [ca. 1905]. 85,[1]pp. Original printed wrapper, string-tied. Spine perished, wrappers heavily worn and chipped, soiling. Contemporary ownership inscription on front flyleaf. Wear and soiling to text, p.33 torn away but present, p.35 torn. About good.

An early and apparently unrecorded regional cook book from a small town in central Illinois. This work was likely published as a charity effort by the ladies of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston. In addition to the numerous recipes for soups, meats, desserts, drinks, sauces, and cheeses, the book is full of advertisements for local businesses in the area. Many of the recipes are attributed to individuals. We find no record of this work in OCLC or in the trade. A rare survival, likely published in a small run for local distribution. \$650

(McBRB1240)

RECIPES FROM THE LUTHERAN LADIES OF PAGE CITY, KANSAS

6. [Kansas]. [Cook Books]. *Friendship Cook Book. Dorcas Society of Bethesda Lutheran Church [cover title]*. Page City, Ks. 1931. 130pp. Original orange printed wrappers, brown linen spine. Light wear and creasing, upper rear corner torn away. Minor toning and soiling. Good.

Community cook book published by the Dorcas Society of the Bethesda Lutheran Church in Page City, Kansas. Recipes were contributed by local ladies, often with attributions. There are several handsome local advertisements. With sections on canning and pickling, candy, and helpful hints such as how to cure mosquito bites and the many uses of lemons. Page City is an unincorporated town located in western Kansas in Logan County. We locate a single copy in OCLC, at the Huntington. \$250

(McBRB1291)

UNRECORDED COMMUNITY COOK BOOK

7. [Nebraska]. [Cook Books]. *The Altar Society Cook Book. Compiled by the Ladies of the Catholic Church of Elmcreek, Nebraska*. Elm Creek, Nb. 1937. 166pp., erratically paginated; plus two color plates. Several blank pages interspersed. Original printed limp cloth wrappers, stapled. Light wear and soiling to covers. Contemporary ownership inscription on title page; light wear to contents, a few small edge tears; final leaf torn but intact. Good.

An unrecorded community cook book compiled by the Catholic ladies of the tiny village of Elm Creek, Nebraska. Recipes are attributed to their contributors, and consist of numerous desserts, as well as an extensive section on pickles. Highlights include "Jeff Davis Pie," "Tuna Fish Delight," "Porcupine Balls" (which appear to be meatballs with rice baked in), "Mexican Spaghetti," and something called "Dinner in a Dish" which sounds like an early version of Hamburger Helper. In addition

to recipes, the running headlines are comprised of different maxims and inspirational sayings, such as "Rule the appetite and temper the tongue." There are also numerous advertisements for local businesses in the region.

We find no record of this work in OCLC, and assume it was published in a very limited number. Elm Creek is located along the Platte River in southcentral Nebraska; at the time, the population was about 700 people, and it is not much larger today. Rare and unusual. \$650

(McBRB1216)

DAIRIES OF NEBRASKA

8. [Nebraska]. [Dairy]. *Creameries and Dairying in Nebraska. What Has Been Done, and What May Be Done*. Omaha: Herald Printing House, 1883. 16pp. Original blue pictorial wrappers. Light soiling and wear. Very good.

A scarce promotional pamphlet on the dairy industry in Nebraska, providing "a sketch of the creameries of the State...to show the profitable working of the system to the manufacturer, and the demand for an increase of butter and cheese factories." Published by the Land Department of the Union Pacific Railway, this work was intended to promote the sale of lands in the state, while providing information on a number of specific dairies. It is illustrated with several handsome images of cows, as well as a view of the Nebraska Creamery in Fremont. Scarce, with copies located at the Denver Public Library and the Wisconsin Historical Society. \$650

(McBRB1302)

LET'S MAKE A "HOT TAMALES PIE"

9. [New Mexico]. [Cook Books]. *Cook Book. Published by the Ladies of the Presbyterian Church Las Cruces, New Mexico [cover title]*. [Las Cruces: Rio Grande Republic, ca. 1920?]. 40pp. Original printed wrappers, stapled. Light soiling to covers, minor wear internally, a few manuscript notes. Very good.

An apparently unrecorded community cook book for the small town of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Includes a wide variety of dishes, from meats to desserts, including "Hot Tamale Pie," Jambalaya, Chiles Rellenos, and "Cod Fish Balls." With ads for local businesses throughout, some of which include phone numbers. Contributors are identified, though many by their married (i.e., husband's) names. A previous owner has identified several of the contributors with their actual names or notations such as "neighbor" or that they are someone's relation. One woman is noted as an osteopath. We find no trace of this work in OCLC. Rare and ephemeral. \$500

(McBRB1219)

THE THRESHERS OF FLAXTON

10. [North Dakota]. *Chas. Gad. Harvesting. 1915. Flaxton, N.D. [Minot?]*: Fossum & Buck, 1915. Panoramic photograph, approximately 6.5 x 14.25 inches. Photo captioned in the negative. Light wear at edges; small, light red ink patch near left edge. Light dust soiling. Very good.

A striking panorama of a harvesting scene in Flaxton, North Dakota, taken in 1915 and published by the photography studio of Fossum & Buck. The photograph depicts six threshing machines at rest in the midst of a wide wheat field. A group of thirteen laborers pause their activities to stare dourly into the camera, some perched atop their threshers, others with bundles of wheat under their arms. The town of Flaxton, located in the north-central part of the state near the border with Canada, was small and isolated even by North Dakota standards in 1915, with a population approaching 350 residents; as of the 2010 census, the population was sixty-six.

We could not locate any record of the Fossum & Buck photography studio in the State Historical Society of North Dakota lists of local photographers or via other sources. A vivid and evidently rare image of rural North Dakota agriculture during the 1910s. \$450
(McBRB639)

"COOKING MEANS THE KNOWLEDGE OF MEDEA AND CIRCE..."

11. [Oregon]. *Council of Jewish Women. Second Edition of the Neighborhood Cook Book*. Portland. 1914. 329,[1]pp. Original printed boards. Hinges lightly worn and soiled, corners and covers rubbed. Front hinge tender, front endpapers removed. Light soiling and wear to contents, scattered manuscript notations in pencil. Manuscript recipes laid in, with several written on the blank leaves at the end. Good.

Second edition, revised and enlarged. Compiled under the auspices of the Portland section of the Council of Jewish Women, a foreword notes that the first edition "was issued in December, 1912, and exhausted within ten months. So great has been the demand from all parts of the United States, that the Council decided to issue a second edition in 1914." This handsome cook book includes a wide variety of recipes in all categories from breads and cakes to fish and game to ice creams and pickles. It has specific sections for "Invalid Cookery" and "Breakfast Dishes," as well as "Sandwiches" and "Wines and Their Proper Usage." While there are no recipes for pork in the meat section, there is a category for shellfish and we find bacon used as an ingredient on at least one occasion, in a recipe for baked beans. With several notations throughout, and a leaf of manuscript recipes at the end. \$150
(McBRB1217)

"WHERE SHALL I LOCATE IN TEXAS?"

12. [Texas]. *Texas Rice Book [cover title]*. [Houston: Southern Pacific Railroad, ca. 1905]. 90pp. Original printed wrappers, stapled. Spine mostly perished. Some minor biopredation to lower edge of text. Internally clean. Good.

Scarce photographically illustrated pamphlet promoting emigration to Texas for rice cultivation, published by the Southern Pacific at the turn of the 20th century. The booklet touts the geography and climate of East Texas as ideal for the growing of rice, and contains excerpts from newspapers and several articles by agricultural academics as well as numerous testimonials from farmers in the region to support those claims. Seven half tone illustrations depict rice fields, abundant harvests, rice mills, threshers, and several other related scenes. A "Map of the Southern Pacific and Connections" appears on the rear wrapper, with the "Rice Belt," which stretched from Brazos de Santiago (modern Brazos Island, across the bay from Port Isabel, Texas) to the Mississippi River Delta, highlighted in red. The front cover announces that the Southern Pacific is, "The only railway traversing the great southwestern rice belt from end to end." \$375
(McBRB841)

"THE FAMOUS 'FROM MEXICO' FLAVOR"

13. [Texas]. [Cook Books]. *Rare Recipes. Compliments Walker's Austex Chile Co. [cover title]*. Austin. [1925]. 15,[1]pp. 16mo. Original pictorial self-wrappers, printed in color, stapled. Minor wear. Very good.

A colorful promotional booklet for Walker's Austex Chile Company, full of recipes which feature the company's products such as tinned beans, tinned tamales, and Mexene Chile Powder. With full-color wrappers and a full-color advertising spread inside. Recipes include Austex Chile con Carne, Austex Chicken Stew, Mexican Meat Balls, and Piquant Vegetable Soup, as well as several casseroles. Two copies found in OCLC, at the University of North Texas and UC San Diego. \$250
(McBRB1177)

RECIPES OF PORT ARTHUR

14. [Texas]. [Cook Books]. *The Trinity Cook Book. Compiled by the Ladies of Circle No. 2 of the Trinity Methodist Missionary Society.* Port Arthur, Tx.: H.E. MacBride Company, [ca. 1930]. 46pp. Original gray wrappers printed in blue, stapled. Light soiling and wear. Contemporary pencil recipes on front flyleaf. Light soiling to contents. About very good.

Rare charity cook book published by the ladies of the Trinity Methodist Missionary Society in Port Arthur, Texas. Dishes here include chicken tamales and chili con carne in Americanized versions, as well as Chinese dumplings and more typically Southern fare such as a "rainbow salad" involving lemon gelatin, sweet pickles, pimentos, cheese, and macaroni ~ served over lettuce with mayonnaise. The frontispiece is a view of the church in Port Arthur, and many of the recipes have identified contributors. We locate a single copy in OCLC, at Baylor University. \$850

(McBRB1283)

HIDE THE WIENER

15. Tinker, Sylvester. Tinker, Alice. *Authenticated American Indian Recipes.* Pawhuska, Ok.: Sam McClain, 1955. [48]pp. Original printed wrappers, three-ring bound in painted, masonite boards. Light wear at board edges. Pamphlet fine. Overall, very good.

Decorative edition of collected Indian recipes, dedicated to Fred Lookout, Chief of the Osage Tribe. The male author, Sylvester Tinker, was also Osage, and served as Chief during the 1970s. Some recipe names, such as "Cherokee Bean Dumplings," are fairly self-explanatory; others, such as "Hide the Wiener," are more enigmatic. \$125

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