

Fruit Cake

1 Lb. butter	2½ C. flour	Citron, lemon, orange peel
10 eggs	3 T. cinnamon	
2 pkg raisins	1 T nutmeg	
2 pkg currents	¼ T cloves	
1 lb. walnuts	1 T Alspice	
2½ C. sugar	1 pkg dates	
½ lb filbutts.	1 medium bottle Maraschino cherries	

Cream butter, add sugar, break one egg at a time in butter & sugar & work in with fingers. Half of flour on fruit & nuts, other half in butter batter. Add spices to half of the flour & work into batter then add fruit & walnuts, put in tins lined with three thicknesses of brown paper, layer at a time, add cherries between layers also what peels you like, the amount you think necessary. Some times I have added brazil nuts between layers. Dont have eggs to cold. Bake at 250--300 degrees for 2½ to 3 hours.

I use to make this & it was very good, I hate to give an expensive recipe for fear it wont be what you want, so use your own judgment. *no, no baking powder*

Hello Duck. It was good to get your letter, am glad you are all well & getting ready for the BIG festivities. Really thou, as you say, we want to enjoy them, but each & every year it is harder to shop, get ready, everyone is tired etc. Oh for the good old days when we all were at the festive board at 202. There will never be another Xmas like we use to have, I guess that is true with everyone. We did have such fun. In those days I could work as long & as hard as I wanted to & didnt get tired, it was such a joy to prepare for the children & guests, we always had dozens of callers, it made the day & very happy, satifying day. Jean says you dont have callers in your country, oh well, we can be around the fire place cozy & full of conversation & food. Wouldnt it be fun thou, to hire some place & all spend Xmas together. We have just the place here in Logan. A new place to entertain. What an idea???? See you soon.

Carmen is coming along pretty good, she cant do much yet, gets very tired. Will be glad when she is feeling strong again.

This sad, shocking, terrible thing that has happened to our own dear United States of America, Pres. Kennedy's death. It has been most upsetting to the entire world as you know. I was having my hair done, when I heard it over Radio I started to cry & have had tears coming on & off every since. I didnt agree with the things he did, but I certainly didnt wish him this kind of a deal, it is wicked to take another mans life. It amazes me more all the time what one single person can do to the entire world. One man alone to decide whether the Pres. lived or died, one man alone to decide the future of a Country, & this may be a turning point for good or bad. We surely have to believe & try to think this is for the best, but it is difficult. His little children left without a Father & Jackie alone, it still is like a nightmare to think it happens in our Country, we know it happens in other Country's, but NOT ours, althou it has happened three times before.

I use to make this fruit cake for Mother, oh so long ago, she loved it. Ross didnt ever care much for fruit cake, so I didnt make any the last years of our lives. Am going to make cookies & send to Kathryn as she works up to Xmas Eve & they cant do without some traditional things. It will be hard to be away from them & the Grands. Life gets to be a bit cluttered when one wants something like this & can not have it.

You are a doll to send me a Xmas list, I dont know the measurements of your room, so guess the rug is out, the mink I think one likes to pick out ones own

so will forgo that pleasure, now a new dress could be arranged if one knew just what size & kind, you doll baby lamb. Furniture, There again, I dont know the size or color, panties I can about judge, the place they fit is just a little smaller than mine, bag, I have haft a dozen old ones I will select one for you out of them, stockings, like Jean, we usually like to select our own, if the shoe fits wear it, but am afraid selecting them, they wont fit, soooo you see you were a great help, Slim Jim. Since the diamond robbery in London, jewels are at a premium, but I'll try for a lovely tiara, or slave bracelet. Is this O.K.???

Must get with it little lovely, all well in good old Logan. Will see you soon, dont work too hard & when I get there help me to look & get as slim as you are. I am a bit envious of your lith like figure, but I'm allergic to beef patties. Bought me two new dresses at Makoffs last week, I really need to loose 10 lbs. to look my best in them, heck, golly, darn. I dont like food, ~~LLLLL~~ but the pounds just grwo & grow on me like crazy, I scarcely eat enough to keep an elephant alive.

Hello Lloyd & Pat, see you soon, be ready fo r the onslot of another Parkinson sister, AGAIN. Dont you love all & every one of us? Yes, you do LLOYD.

Tell Jean Hi, talked to her last night, they were fine, dont know just when I will be there, soon as I can get ready.

Kisses, hugs, love & affection, Yours 'till the river stops running past my door

Clara