NEW JERSEY'S CHARITABLE COOKS:
A Checklist of Fund-Raising Cook Books
Published in New Jersey (1879-1915)*

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THE first fund-raising "receipt books" were compiled and sold in the United States during the Civil War at Sanitary Fairs held to raise money for military casualties and their families. After the war was over, the ladies' aid societies formed during the war turned to local charities, and published their recipe collections to benefit hospitals, homes for the friendless, schools, and churches in every part of the country.

Though the recipes in early locally-published cookery books are often amateurish, they reflect the cooking fashions of the period in various parts of the United States more accurately than the standard works by professional authors. Through this early period these books chronicle the transition from wood-burning stoves to gas and electric appliances, and the development of refrigeration and commercially canned or pre-packaged foods. Roast snipe and woodcock, quail and pheasant, pickled wild mushrooms, potted prairie hens and pigeons, barbecued suckling pig, suet and whortleberry puddings, calf's head soup and calf's foot gelatin, rabbit and squirrel pies, brandied peaches and home-made wines: all have a place in the cook books published in the small towns of America before the first World War.

The great fascination of these early regional cookery books for collectors and local historians is their elusiveness. Seldom copyrighted—sold locally, usually to acquaintances of the ladies whose recipes appear—they have generally not been considered library fare. Although more than 2,500 libraries (including 100 in New Jersey) and private collectors were approached for titles, three-fourths of the books in this checklist are unique copies, located in only one collection. Those that survive are nostalgic reminders of a

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time when philanthropy was perhaps less mechanized and a good cause was the delight of the charitable ladies who were also such good cooks. (References cited are listed at the end of the checklist.)

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### 1879
**OUR BRIC-A-BRAC.** Flemington Presbyterian Church, Flemington, N.J.: Hunterdon Republican Print, 1879. Pages: 34. NjR

### 1881
**OUR BRIC-A-BRAC.** Flemington Presbyterian Church, Flemington, N.J.: Hunterdon Republican Print, 1879. Pages: 34. NjR

**THE LIGHT OF THE KITCHEN;** contains a choice selection of receipts for cooking purposes, contributed by ladies residing in Arlington, N.J. and other places. First Presbyterian Church of Arlington.

New York: 1881. Pages: 122. Same group 1914. NjHi

### 1881

### 1882
**HOUSEKEEPER'S MANUAL;** being a compilation of receipts of tested value. Collected and edited by the ladies of the
Sinking Fund Society of Trinity Church, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

**1882**  

**1883**  
HOME-MADE. A collection of tried and tested receipts.
Young Ladies' Society of the South Baptist Church, Newark, N.J., 1883.

**1883**  
FIRST DUTCH (REFORMED) COOK BOOK. Compiled by the ladies of the Reformed Church of Pompton Plains, N.J.
New York: Polhemus, Printer, 1883. Pages: 100, xii.
Another edition 1889.

**1885**  
OLD DUTCH RECEIPTS. From the homes of Communi-paw and Lafayette. Issued by the ladies of the Lafayette Reformed Church.
Newark, N.J.: Holbrook Printing Co., 1885. Pages: 43 + ads

**1886**  
TABLE TALK. A collection of tried and approved recipes.
Issued by the Young People's Association of the Second Reformed Church, Hackensack, N.J.

**1886**  
RECEIPT BOOK. Published by the Young People's Guild of the First Presbyterian Church in connection with the bazaar, Passaic (Oct. 19-22, 1886).

**1888**  
RECEIPT BOOK published by the Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor of the First Presbyterian Church, in connection with the bazaar, Dec. 19, 20 and 21, 1888.

**1888**  
CRUMBS OF COMFORT, a cook book. With a history of Metuchen for after dinner reading, compiled by J.G. Mason.
[Ladies' Aid Society, Presbyterian Church, Metuchen, N.J.]
Pages: 82.

YE ART OF COOKERY, as practiced by ye ladies of ye
Roseville Presbyterian Church, Newark, N.J.
Newark, N.J.: Press of Amzi Pierson & Co., 1888. Pages:
(9), (12)-94, (8) ads.

TRIED AND TRUE RECIPES. The home cookbook.
Compiled from recipes contributed by the ladies of East
Orange, Orange, New-York, Philadelphia and other cities
and towns. Published for the benefit of Christ Church FURNISHING
Fund by Chapter 14, "St. Thecla."
[Orange, N.J.: The Chronicle, 1889.] Pages: (18) ads, (2),
(3)-206, (10) ads.

COOKS IN CLOVER. Reliable recipes. Compiled by the
ladies of the North Reformed Church, Passaic, N.J.
[Passaic, N.J.: Thurston & Barker, Printers, c.1889.] Pages:
xx, 114, + blank leaves at end.

FIRST DUTCH (REFORMED) COOK BOOK. New
edition revised and enlarged. Compiled by the ladies of the
Reformed Church of Pompton Plains, N.J.

RECIPE BOOK. Published and sold by the Improvement
Society of the Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick,
N.J. Containing contributions from many of the noted
housekeepers of this church. Compiled by one of the house-
keepers.
New Brunswick, N.J.: The Improvement Society, 1890.
Pages: 60 + blank leaves.

LOCAL RECIPES donated by the ladies of Keyport, N.J.,
and compiled by Mrs. J.E. Terry and Miss J.A. Brown.
[Cover title: BUDGET OF GOOD THINGS.]

[Y'S COOK-BOOK FOR WISE COOKS. First two edi-
tions c. 1891-1892?]
Copies not located: 3rd edition 1893.

400 RECIPES ... or recipes of "the 400." A compilation
of choice recipes of the wives, sisters, and friends of the
members of the Union Club, of Rutherford, N.J.
[Rutherford, N.J.: 1892.] Pages: (8) ads, 181, 16 blank
leaves, 4 leaves ads.


1899 THIRD REFORMED COOK BOOK. A collection of tried and tested recipes. From the homes of Raritan and Somerville.


1901 TWENTIETH CENTURY RECIPE BOOK. Tested recipes in use by the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield, New Jersey. Nineteen hundred and one. [Bloomfield, N.J.: 1901.]

1903 THE WOODBRIDGE COOK BOOK. [The Ladies’ Association of the First Congregational Church, Woodbridge, N.J.]
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1904 Morristown
THE MORRISTOWN COOK BOOK, published for the benefit of the Morristown Memorial Hospital. Morristown, N.J.: Jerseyman Print, May, 1904. Pages: 212. Other editions 1900, 1907. MWA NjHi

1904 Summit
[CRYSTALLIZED WISDOM. Domestic Economy Department of the Fortnightly Club. 1904.] Copy not located: 1932 edition, MORE CRYSTALLIZED WISDOM, cites this.

1905 Jersey City

1905 Orange
COOK BOOK OF THE ORANGES. Compiled by and dedicated to the Cake Committee of the Orange Memorial Hospital Fair, 1905. [Orange, N.J.: Chronicle Press, 1905.] Pages: (2), 3-226, 227-256 ads. NjN (Fr)

1906 Cranford
RECIPES. How to make wholesome things to eat. Told by the Ladies’ Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, N.J. 1906. [Cranford, N.J.: 1906.] Pages: (4), 5-103. (Sc)

1906 Orange
RECIPES, OLD AND NEW. Women of the First Unitarian Church, Orange, New Jersey. [Orange, N.J.?]: 1906. Pages: 39. MCR

1906 Paterson
THE PRACTICAL COOK BOOK. Selected recipes. The Women’s Aid Society, St. Mark’s P.E. Church, Paterson, N.J. Paterson, N.J.: The Press Printing and Publishing Co., 269 Main Street, 1906. Pages: (8), 7-132, (3) ads. 1:2076 (Fr) (Sc)

1906 Stanhope

1907 Jersey City
KIRMESS COOK BOOK. A collection of well-tested recipes from the best housekeepers of Jersey City and elsewhere. Compiled for the kirmess given for the benefit of Christ Hospital of Jersey City, Nov. 7-8-9-10, 1906. [Jersey City, N.J.: c1907.] Pages: 519. 1:2077 2:569 3:27 DLC ICJ MiD
1907
Morristown
THE MORRISTOWN COOK BOOK. [Published for the benefit of the Morristown Memorial Hospital.]
Morristown, N.J.: Vogt Bros., [c1900, c1904, c1907].
Other editions 1900, 1904. NjHi

1907
New Market
RECIPE BOOK published by the ladies of the First Baptist Church, New Market, N.J., in connection with an Easter Fair held March 29th and 30th, 1907.

1908
Burlington
COLLECTION OF CHOICE RECIPES mainly furnished by the members of St. Elizabeth Guild, Burlington, New Jersey.
[Burlington, N.J.]: 1908. Pages: 96. NN

1908
Orange
600 RECEIPTS obtained from private sources. Compiled and sold for the benefit of Saint Barnabas Hospital [Orange, N.J.].
[Orange, N.J.]: 1908. Pages: (2), 3-162. NN (Fr)

1909
Montclair
UP-TO-DATE COOK BOOK; a collection of well-tested recipes.
[Montclair, N.J.]: 1909. Pages: 136. NN

1909
Orange
SELECTED SOUTHERN RECIPES. Compiled by the Colonial Villa and dedicated to Cosmovilla. Given for the benefit of Orange Memorial Hospital, 1909.

1909
Weehawken
CHOICE SELECTION OF TESTED RECIPES from many households published for the Ladies’ Aid Society of Park Methodist Episcopal Church, Weehawken, New Jersey.
[Cover: THE HOME COMFORT COOK BOOK.]

1910
Asbury Park
COOK BOOK BY LADIES’ AUXILIARY Y.M.C.A., Asbury Park, N.J. Comprising a number of tested recipes, kindly contributed by residents of Asbury Park and vicinity, and sold expressly for benefit of campaign fund. Thanks are extended to tradesmen and others who have helped us financially . . .
THE JOURNAL OF THE

1910 RARE RECIPES FOR RIDGEWOOD RESIDENTS. Published by the Woman's Guild of Christ Church, Ridgewood, 1910. [Ridgewood, N.J.: 1910.] NjRid

1910 THE PALISADES COOK BOOK. Published by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Tenafly Presbyterian Church. [Englewood, N.J.: Englewood Press, c1910.] Pages: (2), 5-265. 1:2081 2:589 3:27 AzU DLC ICJ MiD NjN NjR (Fr)


1913 THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH COOK BOOK. Published and sold under the direction of Mrs. M. Wayne Womer, Englewood, New Jersey. Price—thirty-five cents. [Englewood, N.J.: c. 1913?] Pages: frontis, (8), 9-85, + ads interspersed. 1:2085 (Fr)

1913 BOOK OF CHOICE RECIPES, compiled and published by Auxiliary No. 1 of Monmouth Memorial Hospital and Asbury Park Auxiliary of Ann May Memorial Hospital, Long Branch, N.J. [Newark, N.J.]: 1913. Pages: 164 + ads. 1:2083 3:27 NNNAM

1913 COOK BOOK OF TESTED RECIPES. Compiled by the Woman's Society of the Watchung Avenue Congregational Church, Montclair, New Jersey. Montclair, N.J.: Italian Mission Printing Club, 43 Grove Street, [c. 1913?]. Pages: (2), 3-62. 1:2086 (Fr)

1913 THE "DAISY" COOK BOOK. Published by the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, West Orange, New Jersey.
      |          | Arlington, N.J.: Published by the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church, 1914. Pages: 154. Same group 1881. NN

1914 | Cinnaminson | [THE "HOME" COOK BOOK. 1st edition c. 1914?]
      |          | Copy not located: 2nd edition 1915.

1914 | Freehold | FREEHOLD COOK BOOK. Recipes collected by the Housewives League of Freehold.
      |          | Freehold, N.J.: Monmouth Democrat, 1914. Pages: 60. NjFHi

1914 | Montclair Heights | THE LAUREL COOK BOOK, compiled by the women of St. John's Guild, Laurel, Miss., in the year nineteen hundred. Edited by Mrs. George Gardiner. Revised and reprinted in the year nineteen hundred and ten. Edited by Mrs. George Gardiner, Mrs. Charles Buffum. Revised and reprinted in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen with important additions, by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Montclair Heights, N.J., Reformed Church. Edited by Mrs. George Gardiner, Mrs. McWhorter Beers.

1914 | Newark | UP-TO-DATE COOK BOOK. 1914. Compiled and published by the Ladies' Aid Society of the South Park Presbyterian Church, Newark, N.J.
      |          | [Newark, N.J.: Modern Printing Company, 1914.] Pages: (3), 4-164. r:2088 (Fr)

1914 | Plainfield | CHOICE SELECTION OF TESTED RECIPES. From many households. Published for the Rosemary Class Sunday School of the Congregational Church, Plainfield, New Jersey.
      |          | Plainfield, N.J.: The W.H. Nichols Press, 1914. Pages: (12), 13-123. r:2087 (Fr)

1914 | Richfield | THE GRANGE COOK BOOK. Published by the Ladies' Auxiliary of Acquackanonk Grange No. 183, Richfield, New Jersey.

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Bill of fare: YE ART OF COOKERY, Newark, N.J., 1888.
REFERENCES CITED:


6: Listings taken from the catalogues of various cookery dealers.

LIBRARY SYMBOLS USED IN NEW JERSEY SECTION:

- AzU University of Arizona Library, Tucson, Arizona.
- KMK Kansas State University Library, Manhattan, Kansas.
- LU Louisiana State University Library, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- MCR Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- MiD Detroit Public Library, Detroit, Michigan.
- NHi New York Historical Society Library, New York City.
- NN New York Public Library, New York City.
- NNNAM New York Academy of Medicine, New York City.
- NeD Duke University Library, Durham, North Carolina.
- NjBHi Bloomfield Historical Society Museum, Bloomfield, New Jersey.
- NjFHi Monmouth County Historical Association, Freehold, New Jersey.
- NjHi New Jersey Historical Society, Newark, New Jersey.
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(Hu) Mrs. Walter Husted
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