

CHERRIES THE FIRST TREE FRUIT TO PROCLAIM SUMMER'S ADVENT

The cherry is generally the first small fruit which is noticed by children. Its color, shape and grace are all attractive to the eye.

What appeals to the child often merits a grown-up's second thought. At any rate there is no distinction in age when it comes to the popularity of these delicious little balls of sweetness.



The cherry season is here.

Just the thought of the gayly dangling red clusters of fruit brings smiles. And the realization is in the eating.

The cherry is the cheerful fruit.

It has appealed to humanity since time immemorial, from the dainty blossoms of the chrysanthemum land, which have influenced art itself, to the exquisitely colored fruit which tempts the appetites of great and small alike.

The drooping fruit in clusters of white, red and black is a dainty and graceful decoration for the table.

A basket of cherries will nearly always bring forth a big "Oh" of delight from the child.

The little fruit in its various raw and cooked forms is one of the most appetizing and popular.

There is one general rule to be remembered in eating it. It should be ripe. If not, it is indigestible, and injurious to the stomach.

The cherry, like the muskmelon and the nutmeg, seems to have come from Asia to America by way of Italy and England.

The wild cherry of Europe and England, which is called in the latter the "gean," is used in the creation of valuable food supplies for German and French country people. Brandies, jellies and other drinks or dishes are made from this cherry. Beverages, chiefly alcoholic, are distilled from all varieties.

Of the latter, Maraschino is made in and about Zara, the capital of Dalmatia, where the pulp of the Marasca cherries, or Marazques, is mixed with honey and sugar, or honey is added when distilling the liquor. The distillation is marked with the greatest care.

Kirschwasser is the German fermented drink made from cherries and "Cherry Bounce" the American.

The cherry tree itself has become a "family tree" to all patriotic Americans who fondly recount to the little folks the humorous nursery tale of George Washington and his little hatchet.