Recipes for Cake, pies, & pudding &c
circa 1867-1888

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Descriptive Summary

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Inclusive Dates: circa 1867-1888
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Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Historical Note

The recipes within this anonymous book suggest an extensive social network for trading and collecting recipes. There are multiple entries for the same food, such as the entry on the front pastedown for ginger snaps provided by "Libbie" and the later entry for ginger snaps attributed to "Emma Lills." There are names and dates associated with many of the recipes, indicating the span of time over which this collection of recipes was compiled.

Sources:

Historical information derived from the collection.
Scope and Content Note

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The recipes in the first two-thirds of the book include entries for such items as white cake, molasses pound cake, cream cake, ginger snaps, fried bread, and white sponge cake. The recipes which feature meat as an ingredient include several ways to prepare beef and a brine for ham. The receipts for medicinal home remedies include instructions for treating burns, dog bites, poison ivy irritation, and rattlesnake bites.

This small leather-bound volume contains seventy pages of writing in ink and pencil, as well as writing on the front and end pastedowns. The title, "Recipes for Cake, pies, & pudding &c" is written inside the front cover of the book; &c is an alternate way to abbreviate etcetera. A poem titled "Beyond the River," which was clipped from a newspaper, is sewn onto the first page. Although the compiler of this late nineteenth-century manuscript recipe book is unknown, in many instances, names and dates are attributed to the entries. A handwritten recipe is sewn onto one of the final pages in the volume as well. Another page bears the word "cat" written in a child's hand. The general wear and stained pages indicate that this small recipe book likely received frequent use.
Selected Search Terms

Topical Terms

Cooking, American.
Materia medica.

Form/Genre Terms

Cookbooks.
Recipes.
Manuals (Handbooks)

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Detailed Description of the Collection

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