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FRUIT CAKE



1 cup sugar

1 teasp. soda

 $1 \frac{1}{2}$ teasp. salt

1 1/2 teasp. cinnamon

1/2 teasp. nutmeg

3/4 cup light brown sugar

4 cups flour

8 eggs, unbeaten

6 cups fruit -(3 lbs.) (1 1/2 lbs. mixed, 3/4 pineapple and 3/4 lb. cherries)

1 quart chopped nuts (2 quarts better)

1 cup white raisins

Cream butter, sugar and spices. Blend in brown sugar, Stir in 1 cup flour, Beat in eggs (1 at a time). Dredge fruit and nuts with part of the flour. Stir remaining flour into mix, stir in fruit.

Pour into tube pan lined with brown paper and greased. (grease on sides and tube).

Bake 2 1/2 hours at 300 degrees.

<u>Important</u>: Keep large shallow pan of hot water on rack under cake while baking.

Put in airtight container wrapped in cheesecloth and some apple slices. About once a week or so, sprinkle about a cup of brandy over cake.

Should end up with obout 2 pints of brandy when finished.