

Victorian Christmas at Dundurn Castle

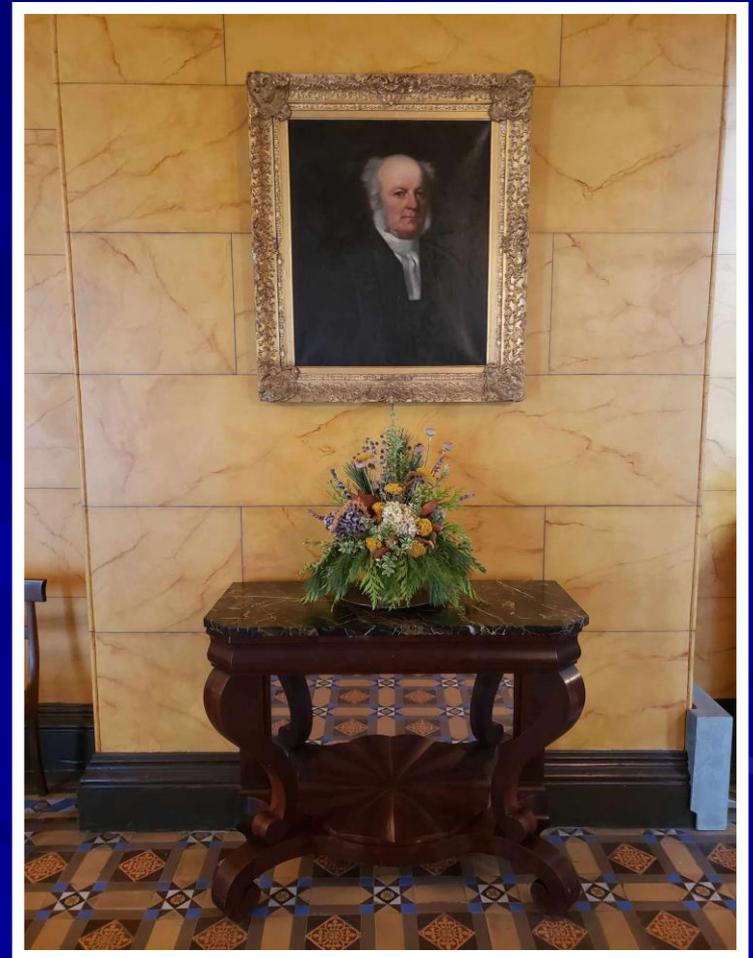


**Evening Tours starting this weekend
for the next 4 weekends**

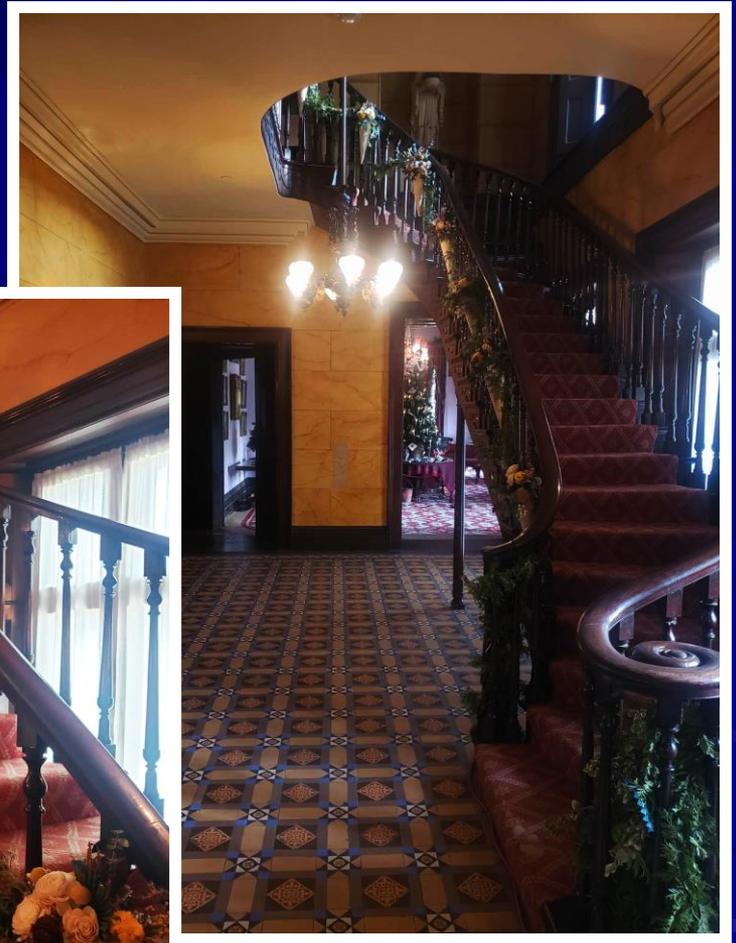
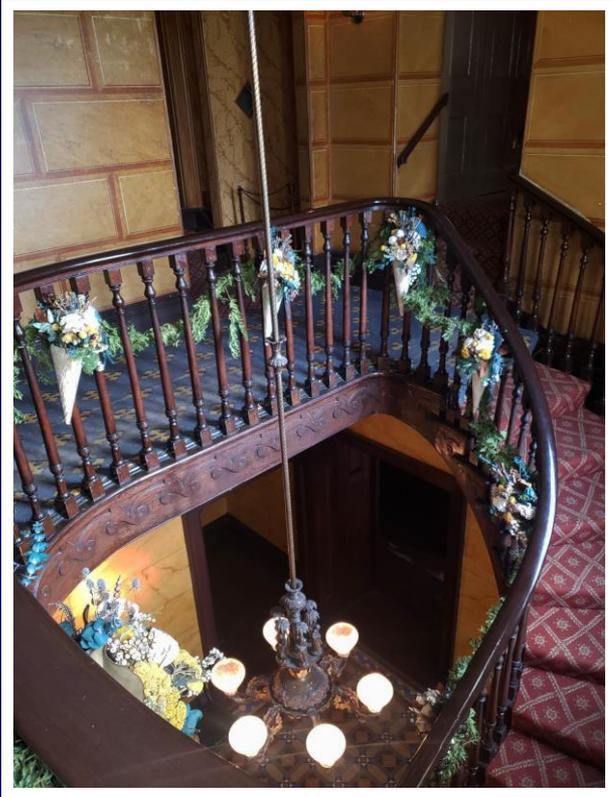
Cooking Workshops

Daily drop in guided tours

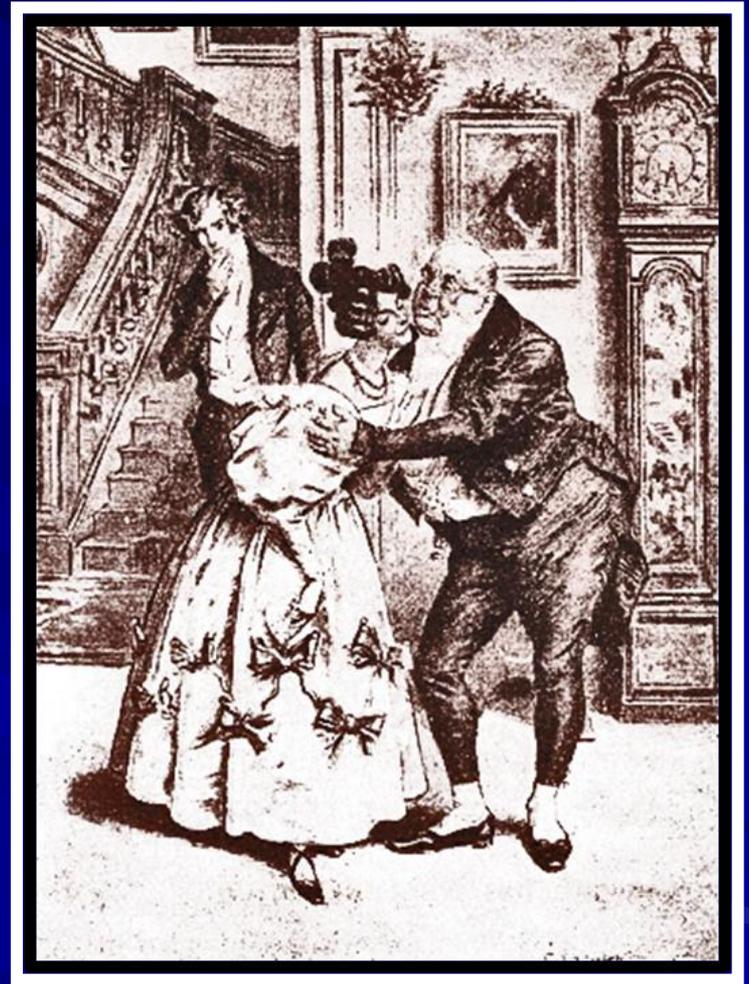
Front Hallway



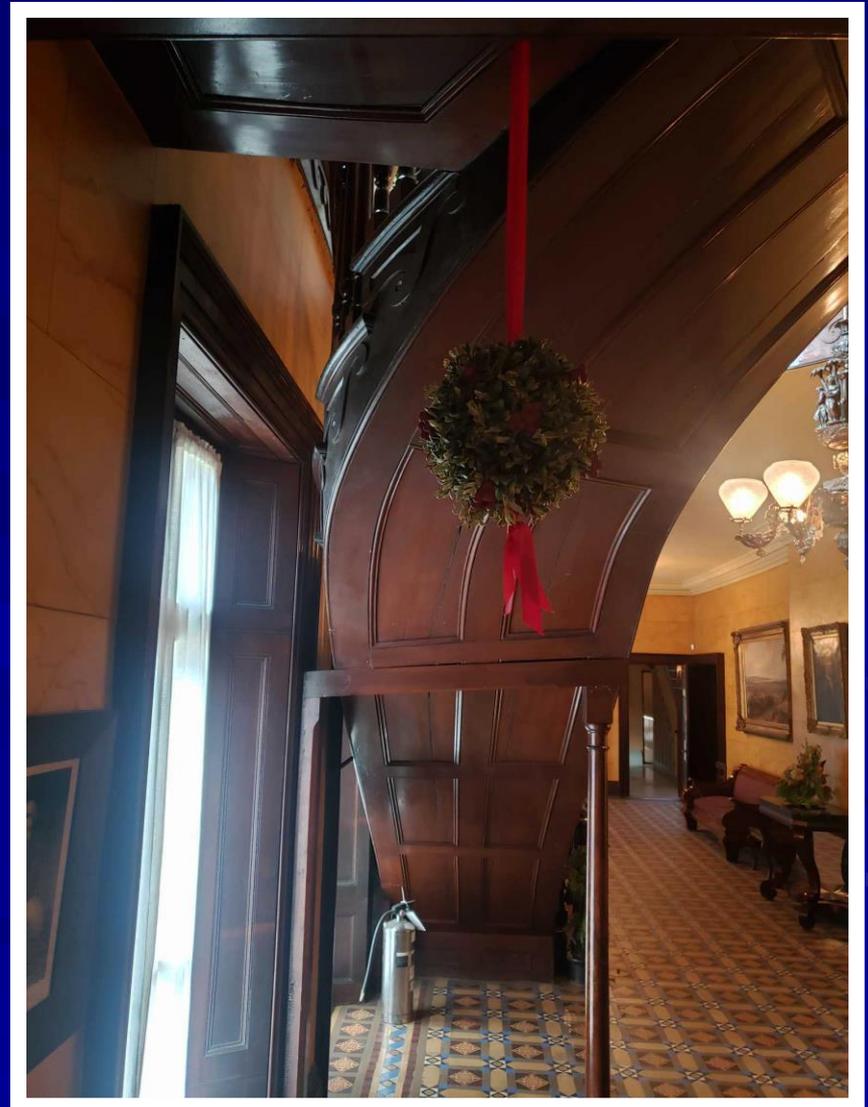
Front Hallway Staircase



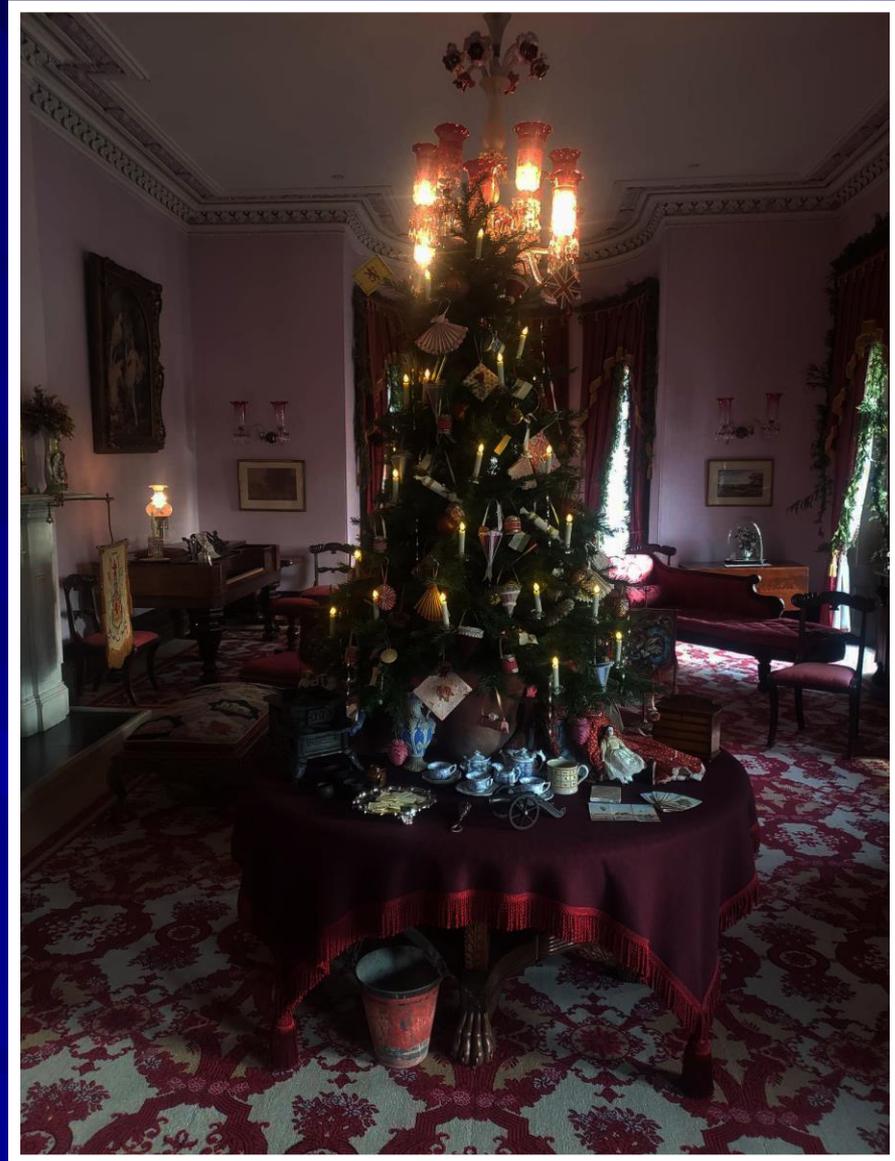
Mistletoe vs Kissing Ball



Kissing Ball at Entrance to Drawing Room













Queen of Sheba



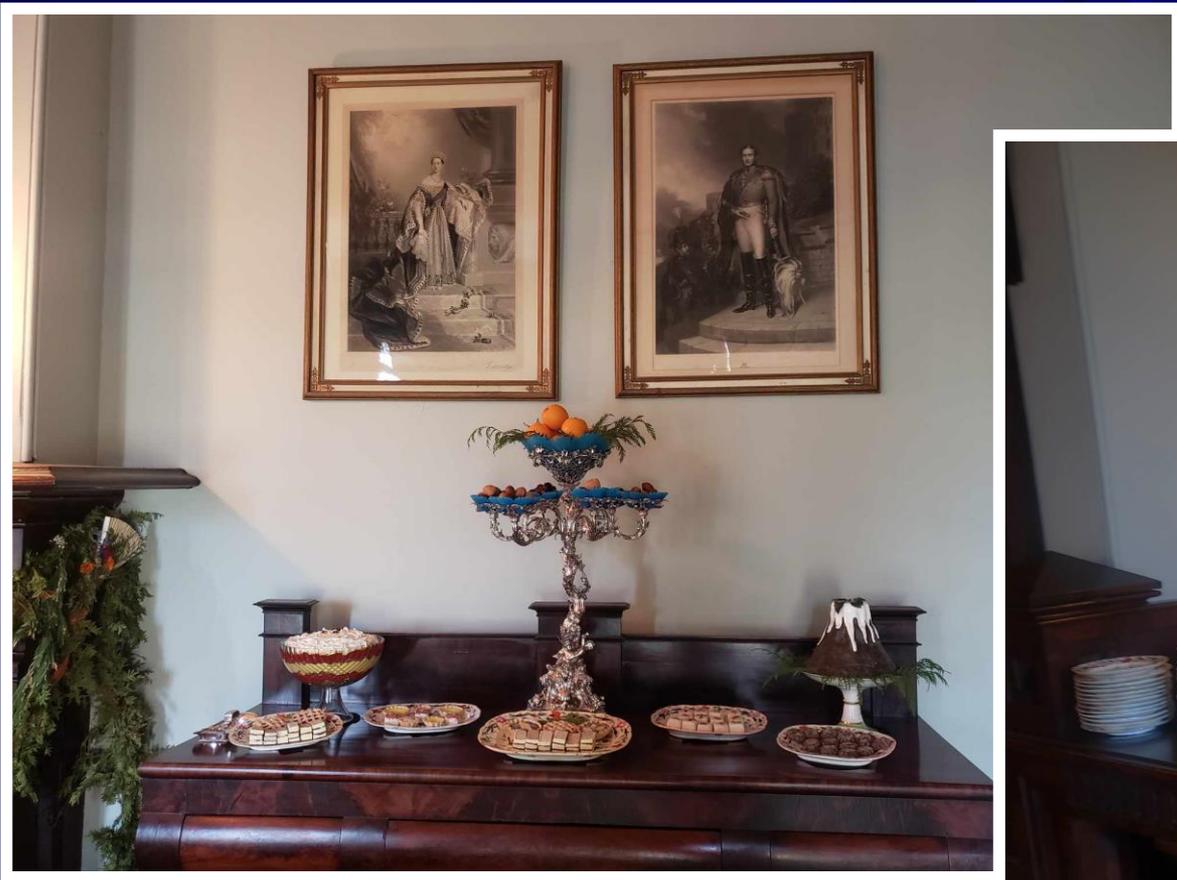
Drawing Room









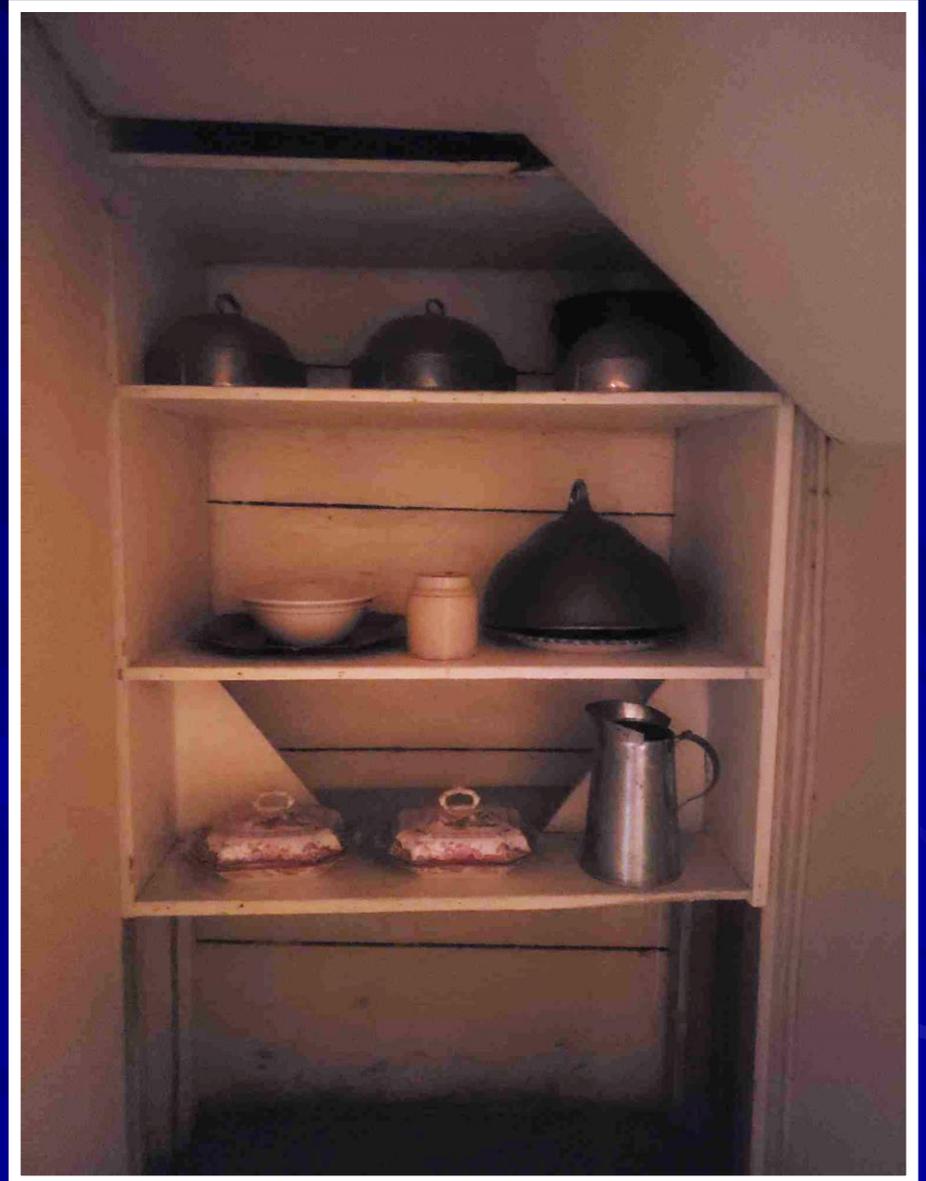


Food is sent from The Kitchen in
basement to the Butlers Pantry on a
Dumbwaiter





Dumbwaiter is just outside the Kitchen



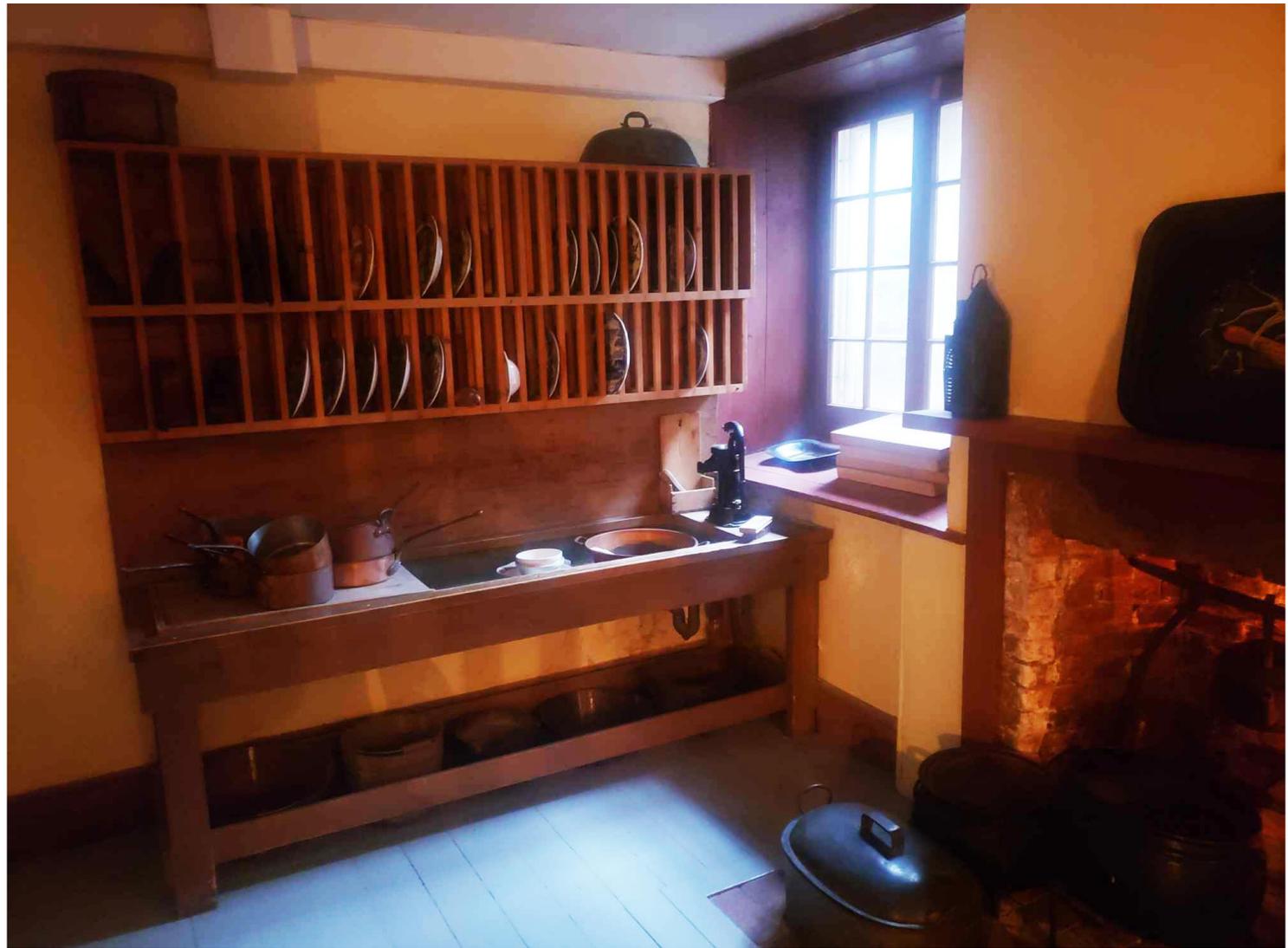


The cook rings a bell to let the Butler know that food is in the Dumbwaiter

When the meal is over , dirty dishes are sent down on the dumbwaiter to the Scullery to be washed



Scullery

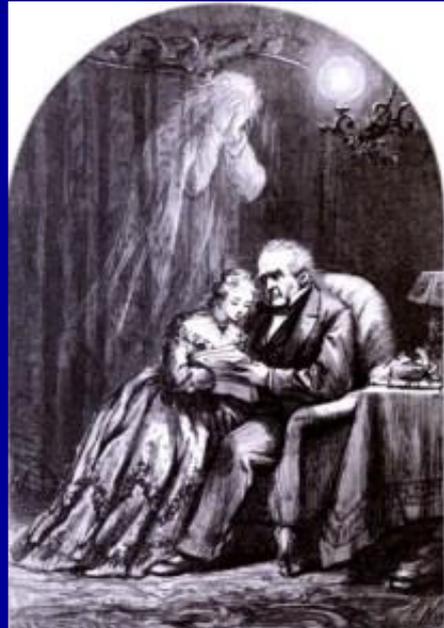
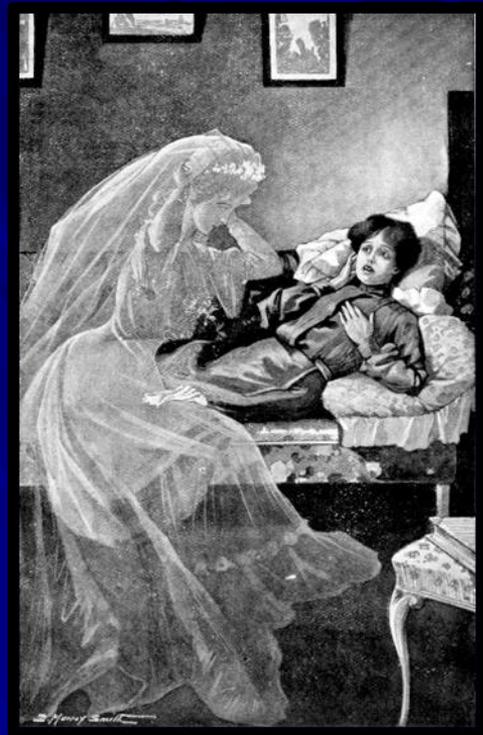


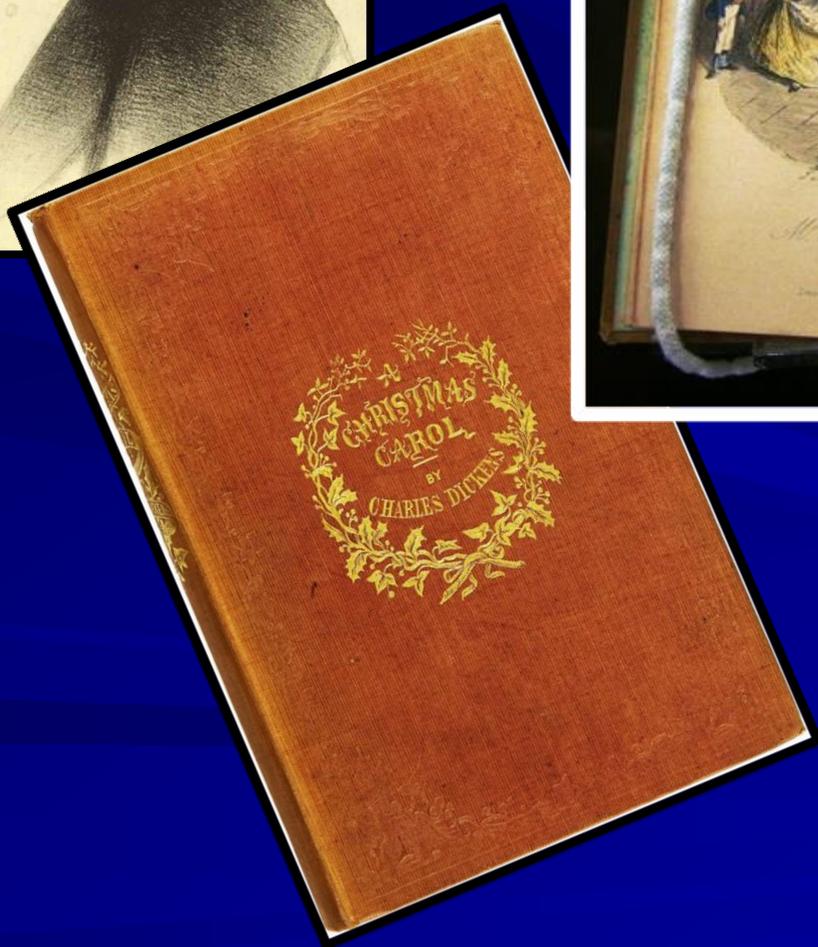
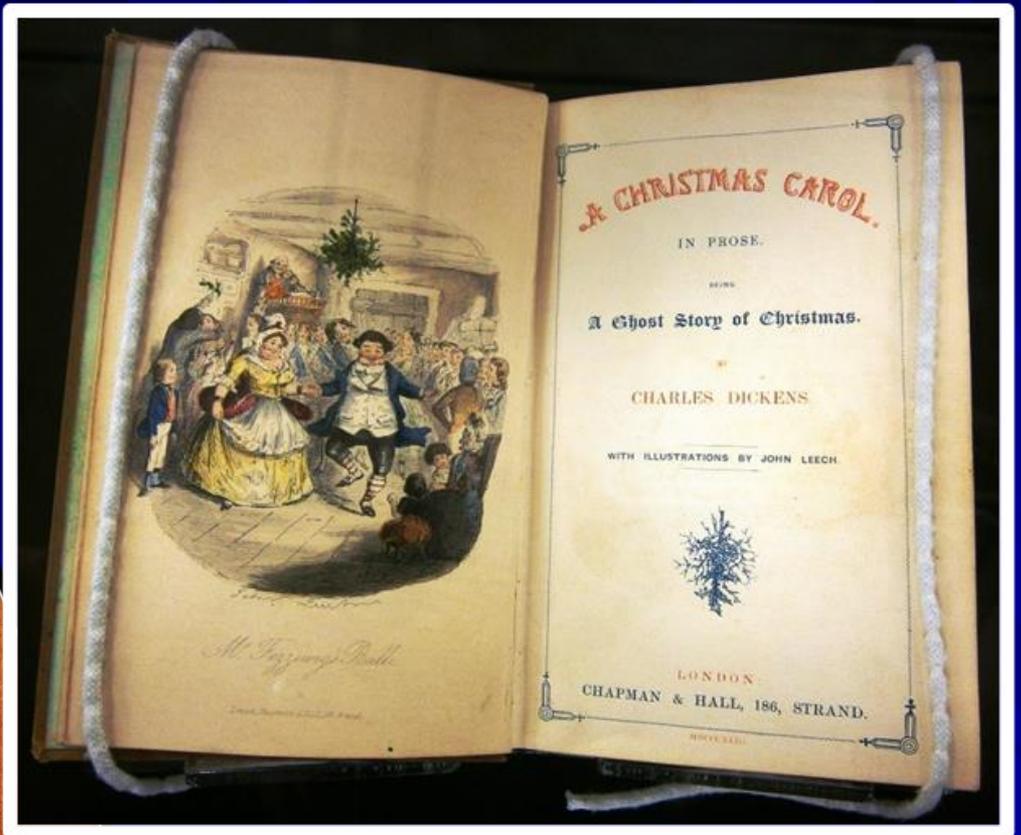
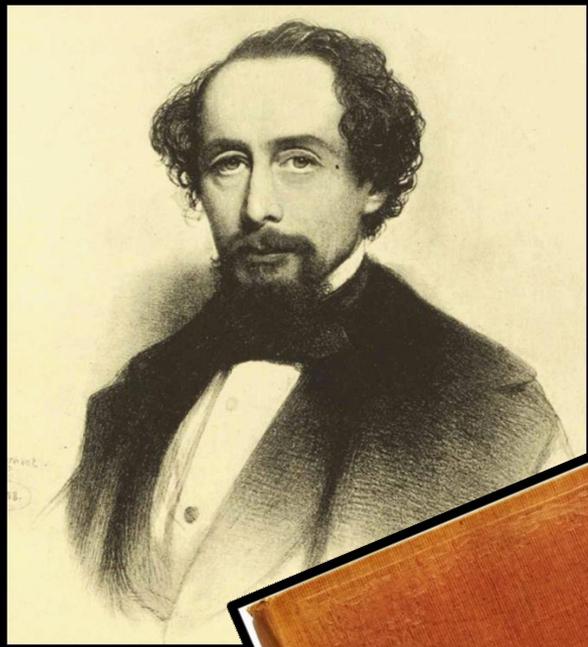
Gas lights in the Kitchen and this cast iron range, made it easier to prepare lavish meals

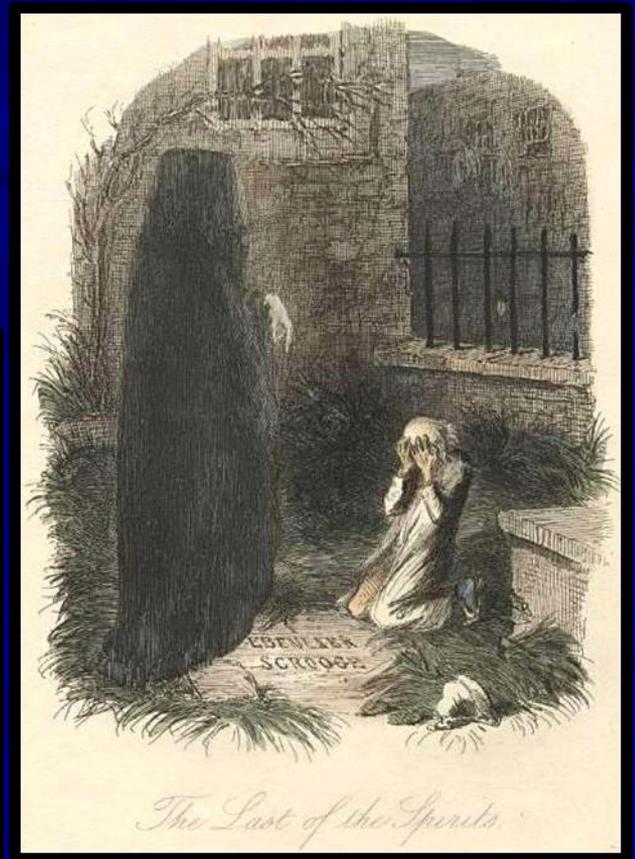
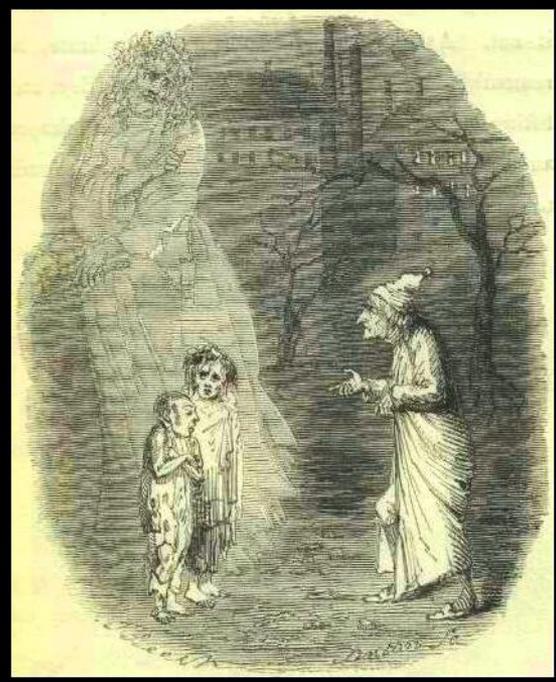




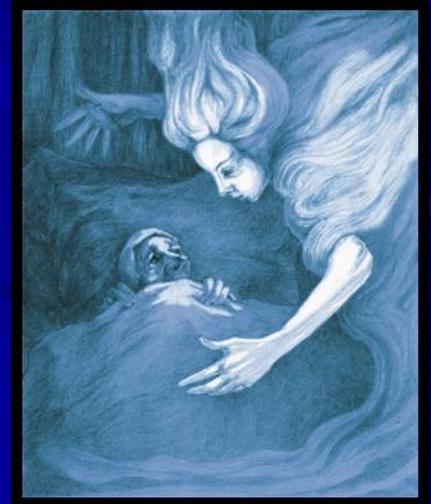
Christmas Traditions
included telling Ghost
stories in Christmas Eve







The Last of the Spirits.



Christmas Games

1792

CHRISTMAS GAMBOLLS.



CHRISTMAS DAY.

Mark here the Merchants Family,
With their own Chaplain disagree:
His Pride exceeds his hunger far
No Grace he'll say because they part.

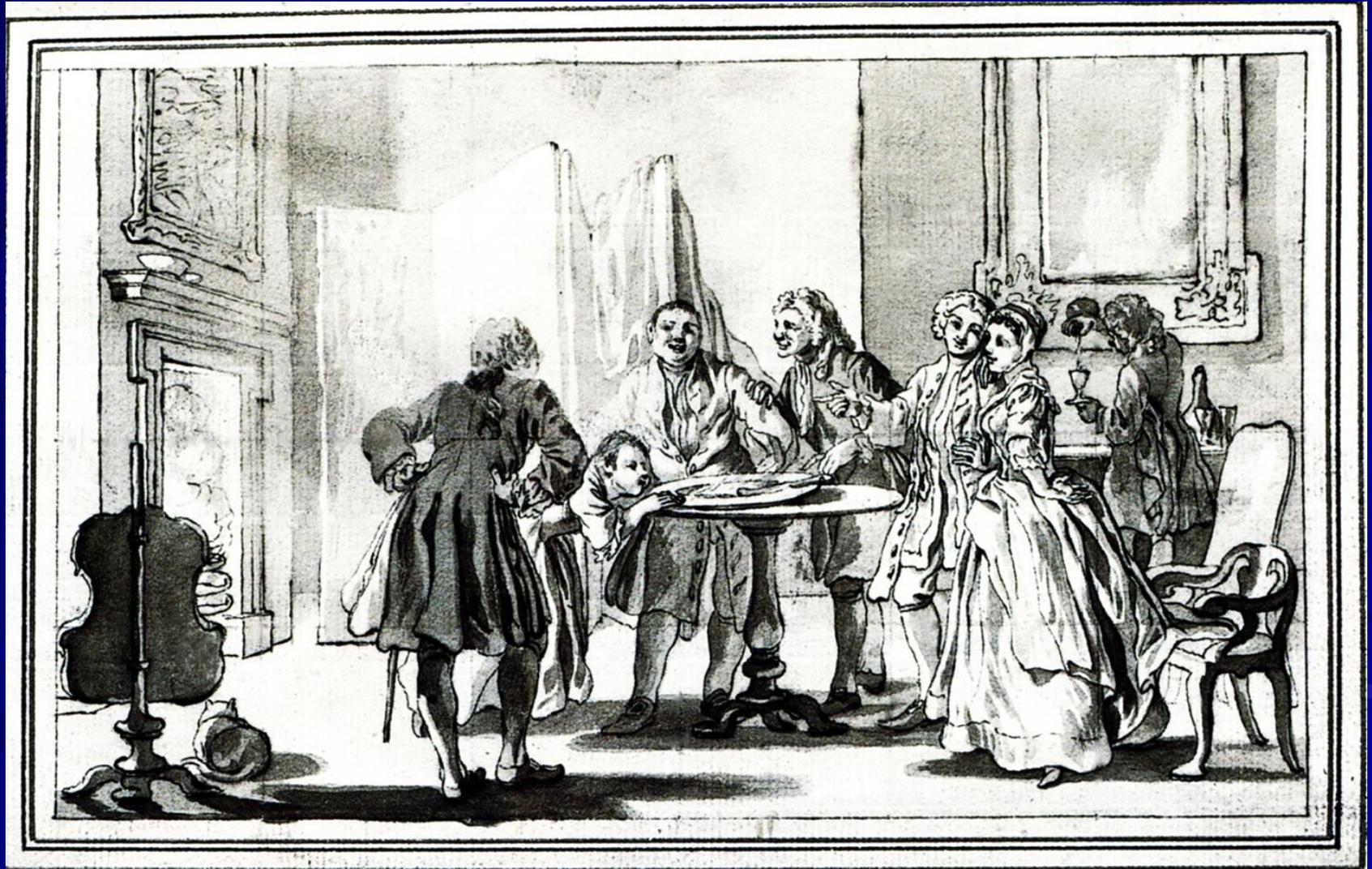
The Butler with mischievous Look
A Christmas Gambol gives the Cook:
Down on the Floor she tumbles flat
With melted Butter scalds the Cat.

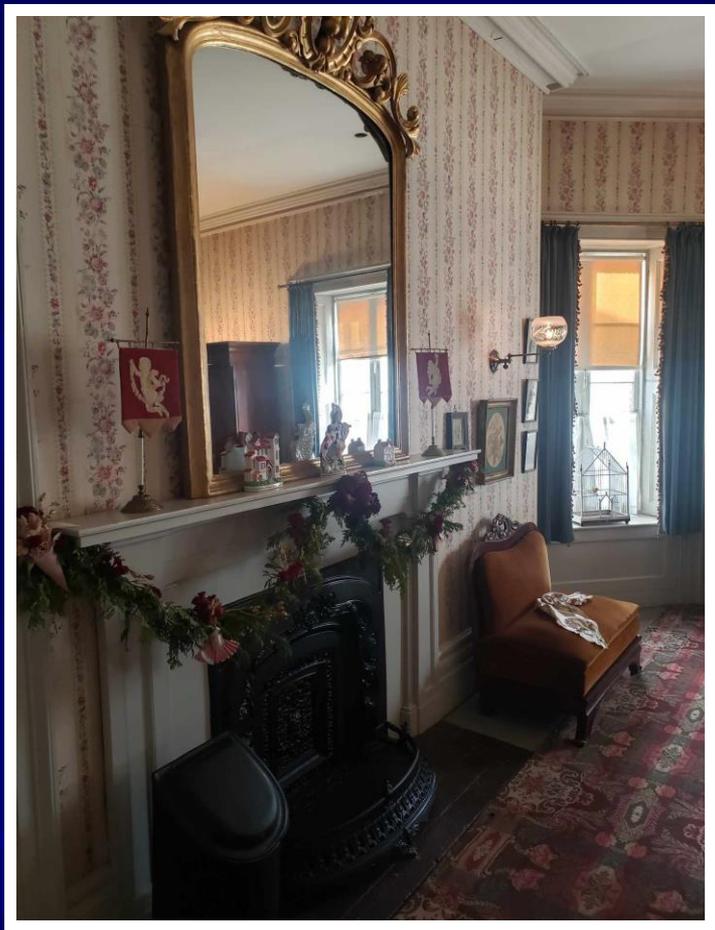
The Groom behind the Kitchen Door,
By Jove makes harmless Nell a Whore:
The Baker's Boy his Pleasure spurs
Lies full the Vender with the Puss:

The Monkey too must have a Pull,
To interrupt the wanton Cull.
The Black evens all with cunning Green
Now look this Medley o'er again.

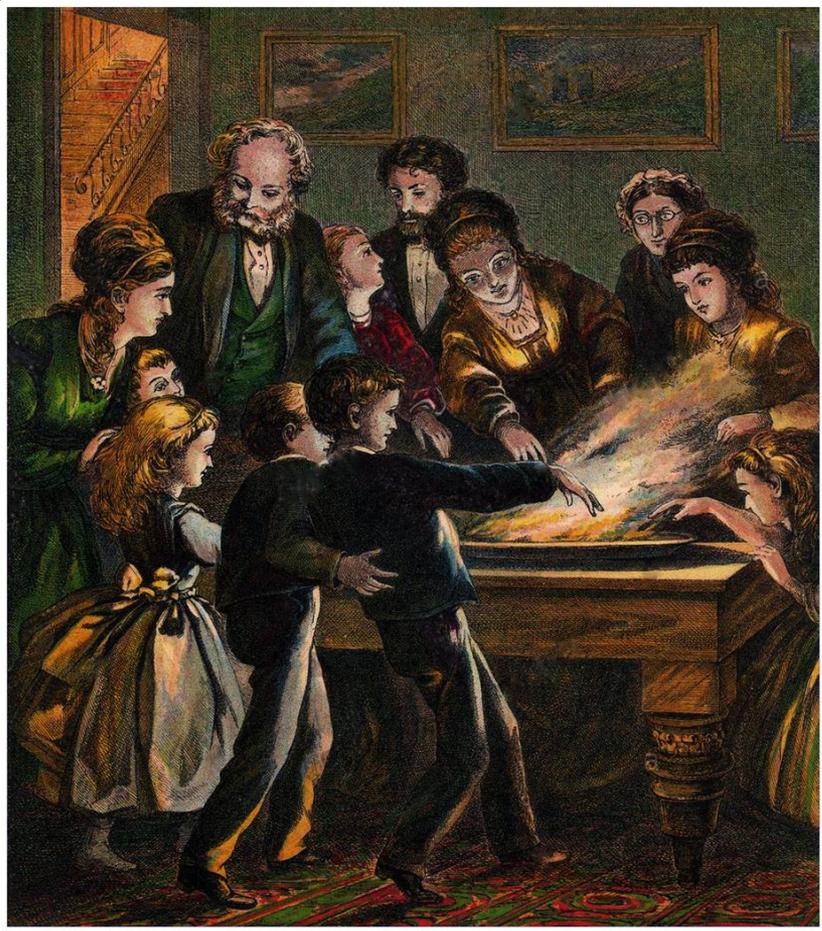
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Bullet Pudding

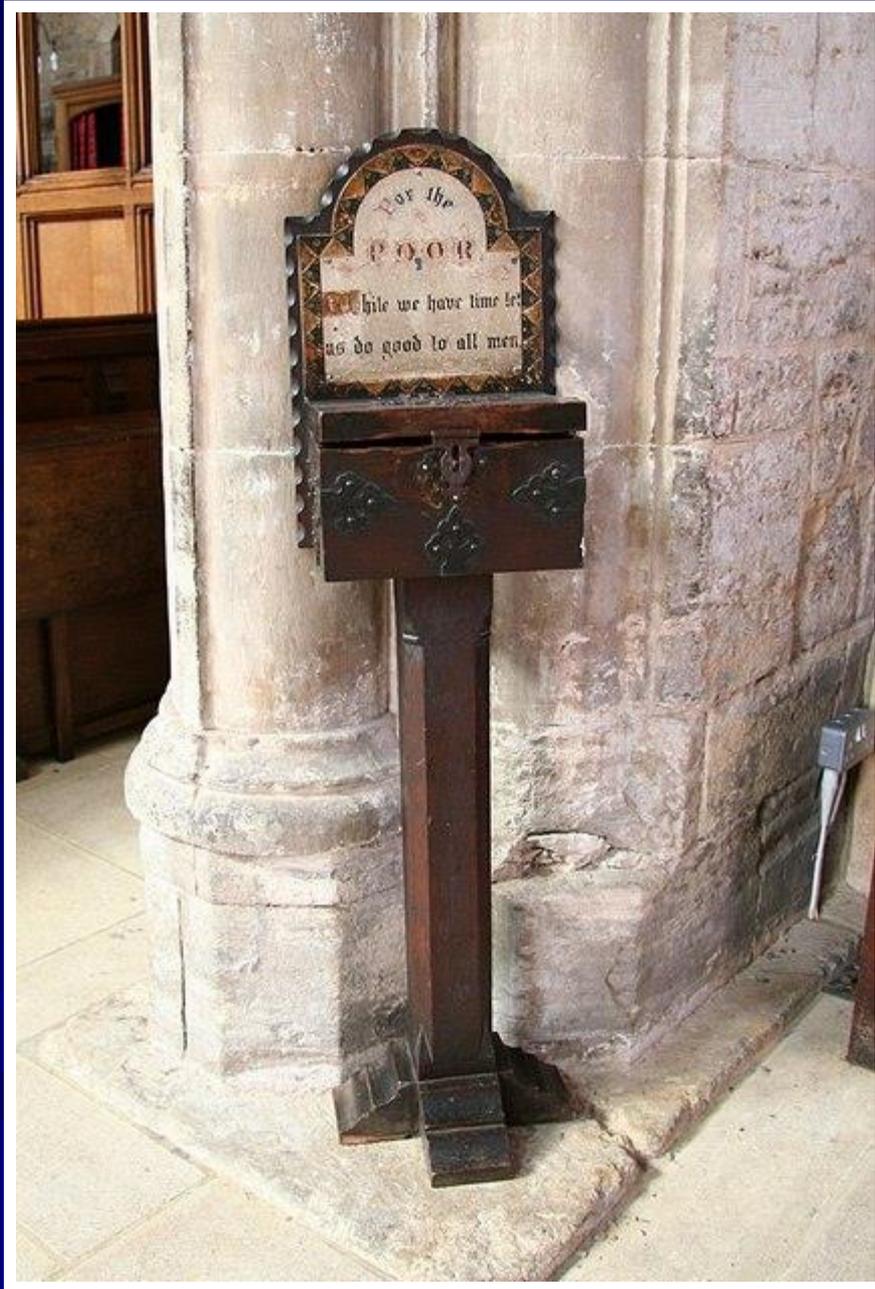




Snapdragon



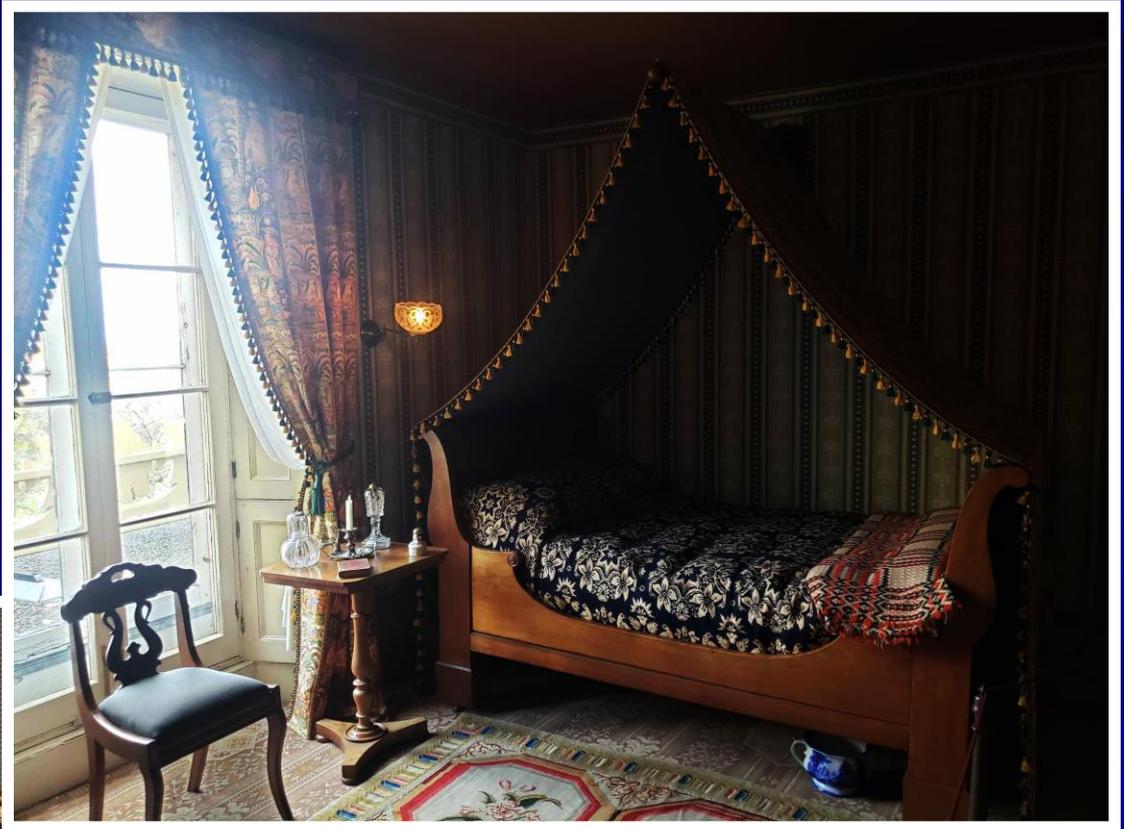




On Boxing Day, Church poor boxes were opened and all money was distributed to the Parish poor

Wealthy families such as the MacNabs would give packages of food and warm clothing to those less fortunate.

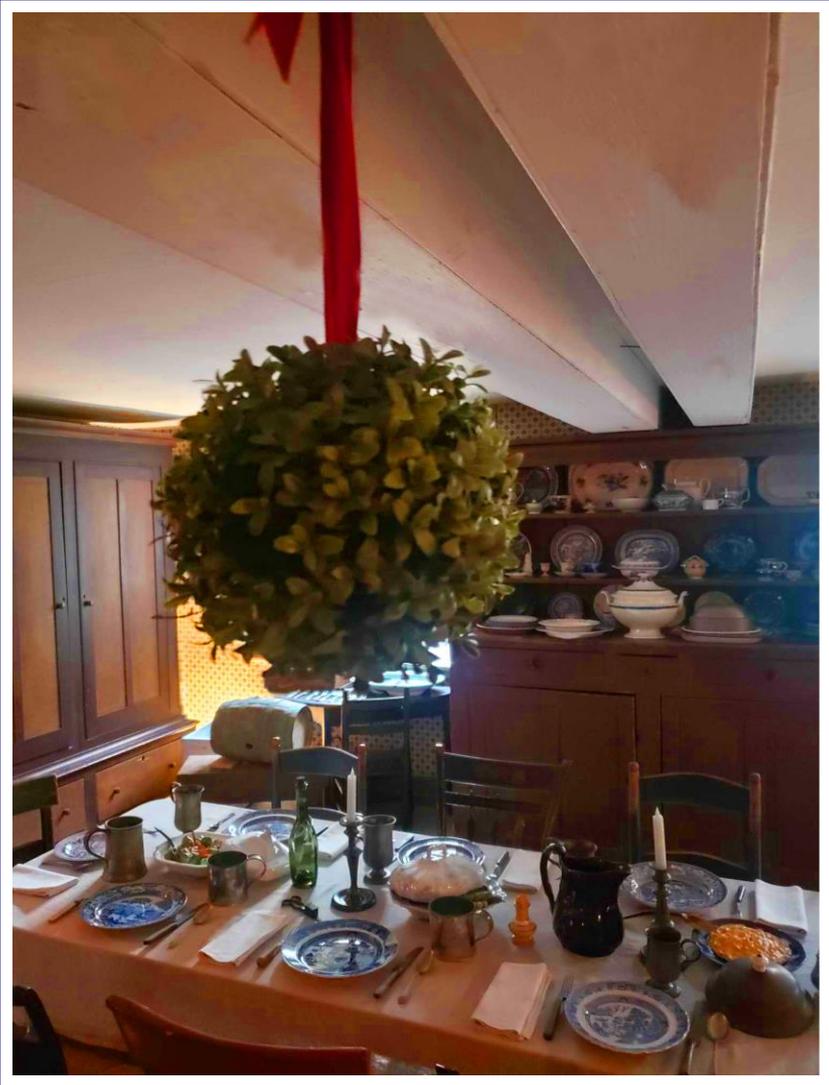






The Servants would have their Christmas Party on Boxing Day





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HAMILTON CIVIC MUSEUMS HOLIDAY EVENTS

FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS

November 24 12:00-4:00pm - Dundurn National Historic Site

Enjoy a FREE self-paced visit of Dundurn Castle beautifully decorated by the Garden Club of Hamilton while listening to joyous seasonal music. Experience the launch of "Defending the Heights" - An Augmented Reality experience in the Hamilton Military Museum and the Handmade Mini Market in the Museum Gift Shop. Please bring a non-perishable food item to help stock local food banks.



CHRISTMAS EVENING TOURS

Select dates November 30-December 22 7:00-9:00pm - Dundurn National Historic Site

Enjoy Dundurn Castle in full splendor decorated for Christmas in the evening. Begin your experience with carol-singing in the front hall, followed by an extended tour of Sir Allan MacNab's home and a sampling of an assortment of traditional Victorian foods served in Dundurn's historic kitchen. *Pre-registration required.



A CANDLELIT EVENING TOUR

December 6, 13, 20 7:00-9:00pm - Whitehern Historic House & Garden NHS

Experience the exceptional ambiance of evening lights as we explore how different generations of the McQuesten family celebrated Christmas. Visitors will be treated to light refreshments in The Stable and an opportunity to view the home with the joyous sounds of Christmas music and the warm glow of candlelight. *Pre-registration required



CANDY WONDERLAND! DROP IN ACTIVITY CENTRE

December 21-January 5 12:00-4:00pm - Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology NHS

This winter break you can satisfy that sweet tooth at this free, drop-in activity centre that takes the shape of a giant candy-themed board game. Visitors can roll the sugar cube dice to explore a sweet, sweet world. Museum staff will provide demonstrations on candy and sugar science intermittently throughout the afternoon. *Children must be accompanied by an adult



WINTER PAST TIMES: DROP IN ACTIVITY CENTRE

December 21-January 5 12:00-4:00pm - Battlefield House Museum & Park NHS

During the school winter break, bring the kids for crafts, games and activities in the Nash-Jackson cellar! Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season with a stroll through the picturesque landscape, then learn about early holiday traditions that pre-date many of the customs we are familiar with today during a tour of the Gage House.



HAPPY NEW YEAR! CHILDREN'S MUSEUM POP UP

December 31 10:00am-3:00pm - Hamilton Children's Museum

Whitehern Historic House and Garden and Hamilton Children's Museum are inviting family and friends to join us for a day of fun and celebration. Enjoy a family tour of this historic home, followed by craft activities and a farewell to 2024 and a welcome to 2025. *Pre-registration required, meets at Whitehern Historic House & Garden



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