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**Making Cookies.**

One of our earliest memories is that of making cookies. Well, … maybe watching cookies being made is more to the point. Peanut Butter cookies were my favorite, … I got to help. After mother rolled the dough into small balls and put them on the cookie sheet, I got to mash each ball twice with a fork just like the picture in the cookbook showed. Growing up, mother encouraged us to use the kitchen. She had one rule. *“Cook anything you want, but leave the kitchen just like you found it.”* My siblings and I all found we derived enjoyment out of being able to put a good meal on the table and believe we have passed this on to our issue also.

 Oh Boy, … there were Hermit cookies, Oatmeal cookies, Ginger Snaps and Christmas cookies. These latter were a project and in later years we really helped. Christmas cookies were almost little pies. The dough was rolled out and cut into circles with a cookie cutter. A smaller circle was cut out of the center of half the circles. A couple spoonfuls of mince meat was placed on the un-cut circles, covered with a cut circle and crimped together. The assembly was quite aromatic. Out of deference to father, the mince meat was pretty potent (Probably where our brandy habit had its origin.)

 While we have been known to provide Chicken Soup to an ailing soul, cookies are more to our forte. And boy, … there are some mean cookie bakers here in Ottawa. The Chocolate Cookie is King here, nothing else comes close. We got our chocolate cookie recipe from Google. Boy, … the cookies are about the most chocolaty thing one could imagine.

 Feeling a bit down in the dumps? Why not bake a mean batch of cookies.

 From Ottawa,

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