

Taffy Pull—Fine Fun

DEAR EDITOR: Although I longingly recalled impromptu family taffy pulls on blizzardy Montana winter nights when I was young, somehow I thought



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my youngsters' teenage friends would be bored with such old-fashioned fun.

But last winter, our son and daughter returned from a meeting of their church youth group with news that they had to supply candy for a sale. What could we make?

I asked what about some of my mother's old-fashioned molasses taffy? So, after supper, we lit in.

About that time, teenage friends dropped by. They were curious about the taffy. While they waited for it to cook we told stories and riddles. When the taffy spun a fine thread, we divided it up on buttered saucers.

Gingerly, five pairs of buttered hands started fingering the taffy. Buttered or not, the beginning pullers all got stuck—with lots of excitement about getting unstuck.

After a lot of fun, we all decided that a taffy pull was the best kind of spur-of-the-minute party for the high-school crowd. If other families would like to try it, here is our recipe:

Combine 2 cups molasses, 1 tablespoon vinegar in a 6-quart kettle. Add 2 tablespoons of butter, cook over low heat, stirring constantly until the taffy is brittle when dropped into cold water. Remove from heat, stir in $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder and one teaspoon vanilla. Pour into a buttered plate. When cool, pull until glossy. Makes a pound.

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