

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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Dear Rosa and Murray:

Here was, not only, Kindness, but Kindness Plus. A DROP O' WINE is a gem. Not that I am going into the business of distillation, but because of the botany, the wit, the just plain good reading.

Take the word "sloe." I have, for some reason, never stopped to look up the word, which I only knew in connection with sloe gin, which I guess I thought was a commercial term for some kind of gin used in the south or somewhere. The frequent reference here sent me to my OXFORD BOOK OF WILDFLOWERS. "Blackthorn," the book said, and one of the hawthorns. Now, I must learn whether this was the hawthorn used in many, many Herefordshire hedges. We were, surely, in fruiting season, August and September, but of course the hedges are all kept trimmed, especially along the roads, and there would be neither flower nor fruit.

Another word I encountered, and knew, to be sure, was "demerara sugar" called for in several of her recipes. We used demerara throughout both England and Wales and use it now, tho Safeway calls it turbinado. I even brought one of those little wooden spoons home and gave it to Lael for Christmas. I keep her supplied with demerara and have several Islanders using it now.

According to Ms Harris, you can make wine and liqueur out of about everything, including marrows (squash.) A fun book, as well as charming. Thank you for always knowing what I would like.

Thank you, too, for sending the 57 carbons. This will save me a lot of typing.

