

MERRY

THIS is the time of year so many of us like best. When the fresh-fallen snow crunches an invitation to enjoy all outdoors . . . when the glowing warmth of hearth and home are enriched with the gleeful laughter of children and the presence of holiday visitors well loved, too seldom seen.

This is the time of year to multiply our own jubilation by adding to the joys of others. "Christmas comes but once a year"—so make the most of it as best you know how! Hang holly in every window! Make your home open house for the boys in army camps too distant from their own homes. Give a Merry Christmas—and have a merrier Christmas of your own!



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Chef Describes How to Carve Turkey Properly

Fine roast turkey reigns supreme over the American Christmas table. But no matter how large or small it may be, the obstacle of carving the bird must first be overcome before it can be enjoyed.

Since carving is almost an art in itself, a few expert suggestions are made by Maurice Gonneau, chef at a downtown hotel in New York.

Before starting to cut the turkey, sharpen the carving knife with the steel. The correct way to sharpen the knife is to hold the steel securely in the left hand, passing the far side of the blade against the far side of the steel with a quick stroke toward the left hand.

When the knife is sharpened, remove the second joints by putting fork between second joint and drumstick. Insert knife between carcass and second joint and cut, then with the fork pull the joint free from the carcass. If turkey is properly cooked this will be easy. Next remove the wings by cutting very carefully, inserting knife toward the joints and pull out as with the second joint. Take care not to cut into the breast.

With the breast of the turkey facing you, slice the white meat with a downward stroke and away from the bone. Next cut the drumstick free from the second joint and slice the latter. Then cut the tail with lower back meat and cut out the "oyster" which is a small amount of dark meat on the back which is always in demand because of its delicate flavor.

Serve the meat with the stuffing, giblet gravy and cranberry sauce. Spoon out the stuffing which is placed first on the plate. Cover with one piece of dark and one piece of light meat, unless there are special preferences, and cover with giblet gravy. Place helping of cranberry sauce on the side.

CAKE INTO PUDDING

If you have any leftover bits of fruitcake, beat them 10 minutes in a double boiler and serve as a pudding topped with fresh or canned fruits. Try pound cake the same way.

STAKES FOR PLANTS

Good plant stakes for either indoor or outdoor use can be made from umbrella ribs. Use pipe cleaners twisted around the stakes to keep the plants in place without injuring the stalk.

Christmas Watched History in Making

Almost throughout the world, people are looking forward to a merry Christmas. This day, so significant to us, has seen great events occur in the history of the world. Following is a list of important events which occurred on Christmas day:

- DECEMBER 25
- Year Event
- 800 Charlemagne, French king, crowned at Rome, Emperor of the West.
 - 1066 William the Conqueror crowned at London.
 - 1642 Sir Isaac Newton born. He discovered the law of gravity.
 - 1776 Washington crossed the Delaware to attack Trenton.
 - 1777 Vermont declared its independence from England.
 - 1821 Clara Harlowe Barton born. She founded the American Red Cross in 1881.
 - 1837 Gen. Zachary Taylor defeated the Seminole Indians in Florida.
 - 1840 Peter Tschaikowsky born. Famous Russian composer.
 - 1868 Unconditional pardon and amnesty proclaimed by the President to all inhabitants in Southern states.

Chemical Solution Protects Christmas Trees From Fire



Lighted candles held no fears for the young lady trimming her Christmas tree, for it has been sprayed with a non-inflammable wash.

Christmas trees are still a hazard. Electric lights may have short circuits; and some folks are careless with cigarettes and matches.

To fireproof the tree, first get it from four to six days before you intend to decorate it. Then weigh the tree and buy one-fourth as many pounds of ammonium sulfate as the tree weighs. This chemical is available in most stores that sell seeds and fertilizers.

For each pound of ammonium sulfate use 1 1/2 pints of water to make the fireproofing solution. Mix the solution in something tall and narrow that will hold the tree upright. Then saw off the end of the tree diagonally so as to give a large cut surface. Set the tree in the solution in a cool place, away from the direct sunlight, and leave it there until most of the solution is absorbed. The foliage will stay green if the temperature of the room is from 55 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

DOOR SHELF HANDY FOR STORING LINENS

If your linen closet is overcrowded, build additional shelves on the inside of the closet door.

A ready-made book shelf can be purchased inexpensively and bolted onto the door. If the shelf is too deep to fit, a couple of inches can be sawed off the front of the shelves.

On these narrow shelves the smaller pieces, like hand towels, wash cloths, pillow cases, napkins and the like, can be kept.

Many Christmas Towns Found in Postal Guide

Christmas names are found throughout the United States. There are two towns named Christmas, one in Florida and another in Kentucky. Maine has a Christmas Cove, and there are Bethlehems in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Indiana, Maryland, Georgia, Kentucky and New Hampshire. Santa Claus, Ind., is the most popular Christmas post office. There is a Noel in Missouri and Virginia. Nazareth is located in Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Texas. Hollytree is in Alabama, and Kentucky has a Holly Bush and a Mistletoe. Thirteen post offices are named Laurel. Each of these towns handles huge quantities of mail each Christmas.

SPLATTER SHIELD PROTECTS WALL

Avoid ruining the walls around the kitchen sink and bathroom wash bowl by tacking up a washable splatter shield.

Some women like to use a pretty patterned oilcloth for this purpose, but the newest device is made of colorless plastic.

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First Settlers in Virginia Had a Joyous Christmas

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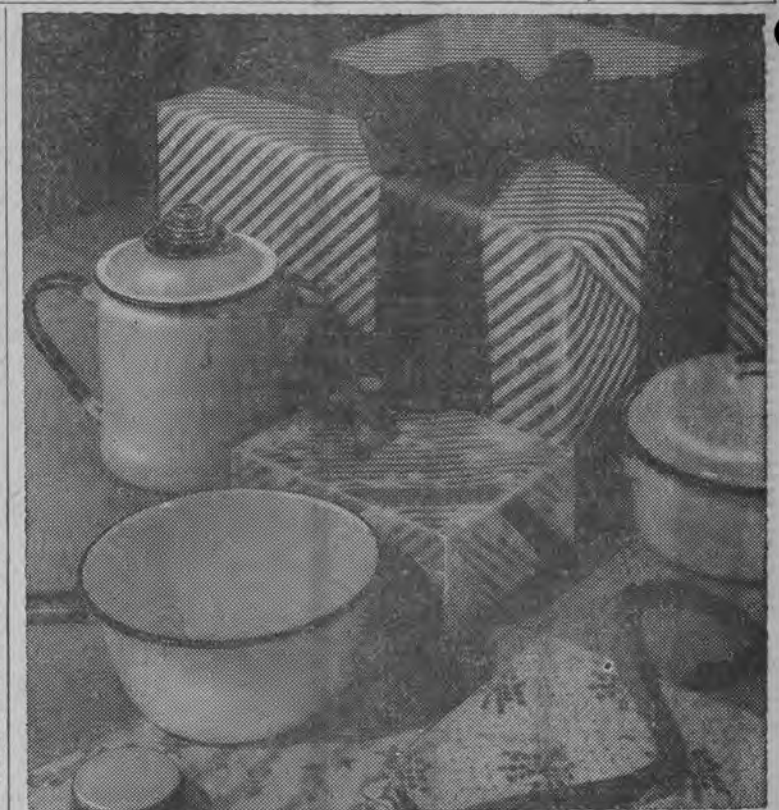
Despite this handicap, Captain John Smith writes "that the first Christmases were very merry. The extreme wind, rain, frost and snow caused us to keep Christmas among the savages where we were never more merry, nor fed on more plenty of good oysters, fish, flesh, wild fowl and good bread, nor never had better fires in England."

PRACTICAL BOY'S WEAR

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MEASURING CRUMBS

To make a cupful of Graham cracker crumbs you will need about nine. Fifteen gingersnaps fill one cup.



LEAVE KITCHEN DOOR OPEN FOR SANTA

Be a Kitchen Kris Kringle this Christmas. Give mother a gift for "her" room—something that will add color and charm to her kitchen, and be useful every day in the year. Suggested, above, amidst festive Christmas wrappings, are three attractive pieces of the new porcelain enameled ware. A new percolator, saucepan and, at right, casserole in gleaming white with smart contrasting black trim.



illuminating a room with candles will do much toward making it look more "homey." If you don't want to light a fire in your fireplace, its appearance will be enhanced by a light bulb covered with red paper and placed behind the logs. Don't be afraid to spread your Christmas presents on the floor under the tree—it's perfectly proper and far more informal than placing them on a table or chairs.

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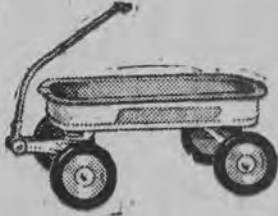
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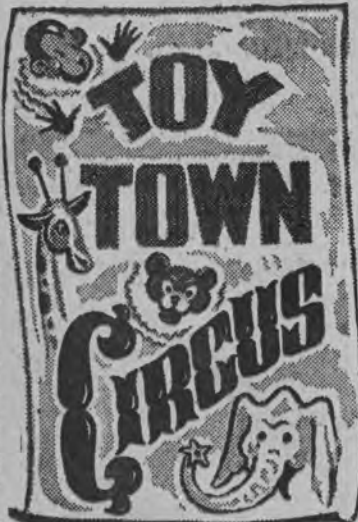
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Observe Rules When Sending Greeting Cards

Definite rules govern the signing of Christmas cards, even though they are the expression of friendship and good wishes.

It is important that the cards reflect the degree of intimacy existing between the sender and the recipient. An air of formality in a card to a very good friend is as improper as an intimate greeting to a casual business acquaintance. Many persons prefer to select cards separately to find a personal subject and message for each friend. This is an ideal thing to do, but it requires considerable time.

Handwritten signatures are written different than names on formally engraved cards. When signing your name, it is best not to include titles—that is, do not put "Mr." or "Mrs." before your name. When names are engraved, however, they achieve a more formal tone and therefore require titles. The only exception to this is the single man whose name is never preceded by a "Mr." even though it is engraved on the card.

Married couples writing informal cards to friends are faced with several special problems. There is no definite rule which tells whose name stands first, but if the names are written by hand it is better for the one who signs them to write his or her own name last. When the name is printed on the card it is immaterial whether the husband's or the wife's name comes first.

A very nice signature for a family would be, "From the George Karpas—all five." If there are only three in the family it would be equally suitable to write, "John, Mary and the Baby."

It is entirely proper to sign your name alone when sending cards to a business acquaintance whom your wife (or husband) does not know. In this case the card is addressed to the business acquaintance alone, even though he or she is married. Cards sent to a good friend, even though he is not known by your husband or wife, may be signed with both your names.

Whenever doubt arises concerning the manner in which a Christmas card should be addressed or signed, use your own sense of good taste. After all, the mere fact you are sending a card is an expression of friendship, and as a result almost any errors you may make will be completely overlooked.

BE SAFE

Choose to light the Christmas tree in your home electrically this year and be safe from fire hazards.

Plan Celebration Of Many Holidays During New Year

The new year of 1942 will roll in Wednesday night on the stroke of 12 with the usual number of holidays and three "jinx" days. Included in the calendar are three "Friday the 13ths," in February, March and November.

President Roosevelt will celebrate his birthday, Friday, January 30. The following month will call for the observance of the birthdays of two previous Presidents. Lincoln's birthday anniversary will fall on Thursday, February 12, and Washington's on Sunday, February 22. St. Valentine's day will be Saturday, February 14.

Ash Wednesday, February 13, will mark the beginning of Lent. St. Patrick's day, March 17, comes on Tuesday. Saturday, March 21, will bring a welcome visitor—spring.

April Fool's day, the first of April, will fall on Wednesday. Army day, April 6, commemorating the day the United States entered the World war, will fall on Monday. Pan American day will be observed Tuesday, April 14. Palm Sunday falls on March 29, to be followed on April 3 by Good Friday and on April 5 by Easter Sunday.

Child Health day falls on Friday, May 1. May 10, the second Sunday of the month, marks the observance of Mother's day. Memorial day, May 30—the occasion of the Indianapolis automobile race—will fall on Saturday.

Flag day comes on Sunday, June 14. The first day of summer and the longest day of the year will be Monday, June 22. With a bang the entire nation will greet the first Saturday in July—the glorious Fourth.

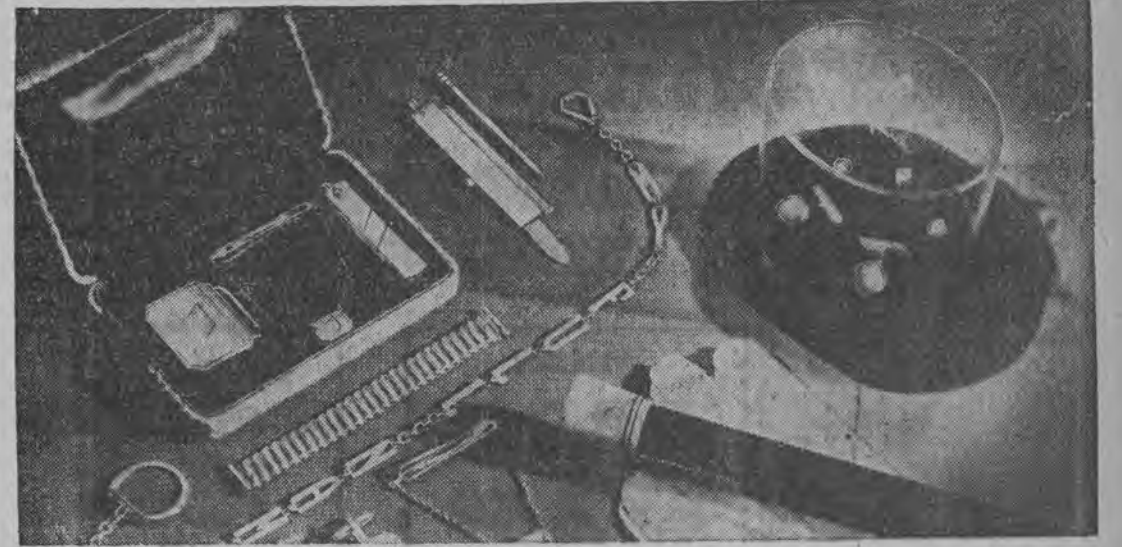
Labor day comes on Monday, September 7. Autumn will mark the end of summer on Wednesday, September 23. Halloween—October 31—will be on Saturday, and Armistice day, November 11, on Wednesday. Thanksgiving will be November 19. This will be the last year it is observed on the third Thursday of November.

Then comes Christmas on Friday to be followed a week later by 1943.

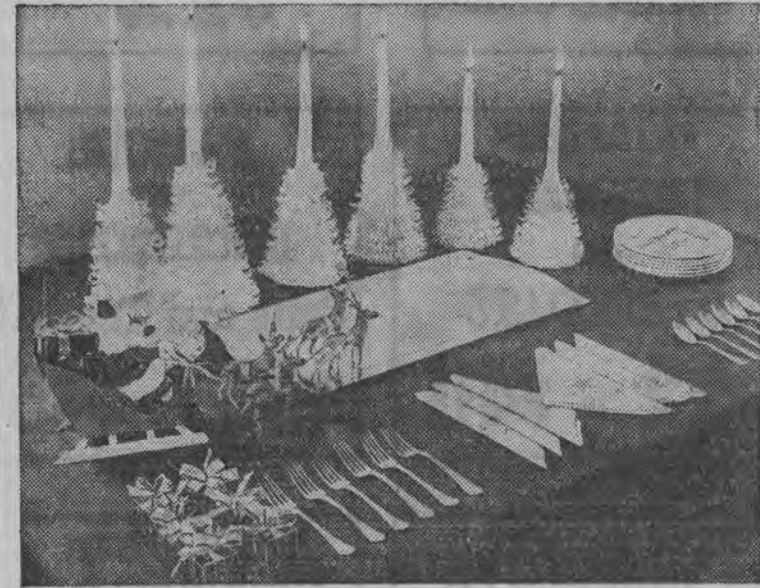
DESKS RATE "TOPS"

Desks have always had a priority on Christmas lists. For the 1941 holidays, you'll find kneehole desks dominant, some of them having a shelf for a typewriter. Secretary desks hold onto another section of public approval, and there are numerous student desks on display in town which will hit the fancy of the members of the family who are of school age.

FOR THE MAN IN YOUR LIFE



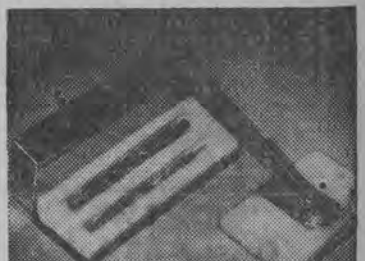
GIFTS FOR ONE who cherishes the fine things in life, are gifts of jewelry accessories for day and night. There is a wide and handsome assortment from which to make your choice.



Attractive table decorations will help make your Christmas dinner more enjoyable than ever. Putting a few pieces of candy wrapped like a Christmas present beside each place will add interest to the table. A tiny Santa Claus with his reindeer and sleigh makes an excellent centerpiece, and it can be purchased for very little. Even your candlesticks can be made to look different by fringing a long piece of paper and then winding it spirally around the base.



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ADDING ATTRACTION

Hot cereals are most appealing in cold weather, and there are many ways to increase the attractiveness of the morning oatmeal. The two main schools of thought seem to divide between serving with cream or milk and sugar or with butter, salt and even pepper.

With the milk and cream, vary and enhance with some of these: Instead of granulated sugar use maple syrup, maple sugar, brown sugar or strained honey. Or add while pitted dates, cubes or canned pineapple or dried figs cut in small pieces.

"COLD FEET" ANTIDOTE

Cold feet are a frequent complaint of those suffering insomnia. First aid can be rushed to them at Christmas time, in the form of knitted booties. Drawstrings around the ankles keep them on the most restless sleepers, and they come in dainty colors to ensemble with nightgowns and pajamas.

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Frozen Land Lacks Snow for Yuletide

Those people who think of Alaska as a land of ice and snow are mistaken!

It seems that several of the Far North communities were noticeably—even embarrassingly—lacking in snow last Christmas, and many Alaskan boys and girls who got new sleds from Santa were very disappointed.

In Seward, citizens were making plans to haul in several loads of snow from the mountains to pile around the Christmas trees on Fourth avenue as a reminder that it really was the holiday season in the "bleak and frozen north." A slight fall of snow came just in time to save them the trouble, however.

In Ketchikan, a snowless Christmas was celebrated, but this is not unusual for Ketchikan, where December 25, 1940, was the eighteenth snowless Christmas since 1917.

Christmas Facts

The English poet, Alfred Lord Tennyson, once turned down an offer of \$5,000 for composing Christmas card verses.

Because England's Kings James I and VI had a great aversion to fatty pork, turkeys became popular as Christmas fare. Christmas is celebrated by the Hindus, and also by the Buddhists in Tibet, where it is called the "Feast of Winter."

There are more than 200 varieties of holly, grown in all parts of the world.

BATHROOM GIFT

Cheer is spread at windows and tub with a gift of matching shower curtains and window sets. Patterns such as sailing ships, flying gulls, smile-provoking penguins and more formal motifs enrich every kind of fabric from transparent oiled silk to salicloth.

Yule Dinner Merits Novel Table Setting

Christmas dinner, of course, is a very special one. To add to the merriment for both homefolks and guests, here are ideas for the table setting.

Make place cards of big red apples, the name written on with icing from a tiny pastry tube.

For tree motifs for table or wall decoration, use cellophane straws.



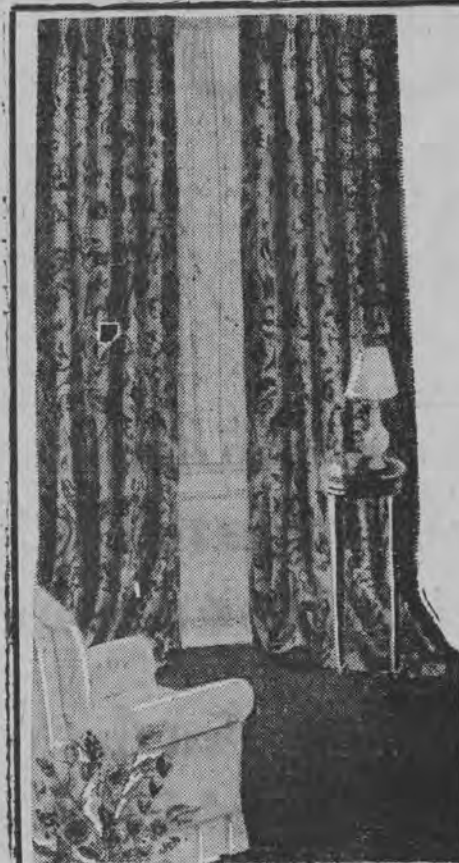
paper dollies, pipe-cleaners, screen wire, old boxes and plywood... a most amazing array of trees will result. Keep them simple and surprising. Try graduated funnels stacked up, with a star-shaped cookie cutter on top.

For the table centerpiece, have an acrobatic act of gingerbread men or cookie clowns balanced at precarious angles, held together with cake icing. Or for more seriousness, the whole manger scene may be made from cookie figures.

Another centerpiece can be formed by using a tall candle or wooden standard and placing pine cones around it.

Candles in a log holder are very effective. Drill holes in a small curved pine log, then place the candles in these. Seal the ends with paraffin to prevent the pitch from dripping. Arrange sprigs of pine, hemlock, holly or cones around the candle holder.

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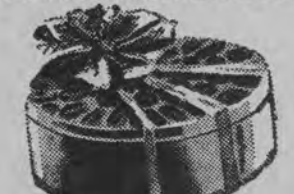
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Lincoln, Roosevelt Bring Spirit Of Christmas to White House

The White House has seen all kinds of Christmases during the 140 years that it has domiciled the President of the United States. There have been rowdy, fun-loving Christmases during the Teddy Roosevelt administration, and there have been long stretches when Santa Claus wasn't quite sure whether to stop at 1600 Pennsylvania avenue.

John and Abigail Adams, the first tenants of the "President's Palace" brought no children to it, and Mrs. Adams felt that New England was a much better place for the seat of the government.

There have been many other childless Christmases in the White House, such as the dull period between the Lincolns and the Roosevelts. But probably the two families which will go down in history as the most memorable of the holiday season are the Theodore Roosevelts, when Kermit, Archie and Quentin put a pony in the elevator and introduced the first electrically lighted Christmas tree; and the current clan of Roosevelts, who from Franklin Delano the First to Franklin Delano the Third have invoked the spirit of Christmas with equal abandon.

Tad Lincoln's Invasion.

The nearest thing to Rooseveltian good spirits in the early days was induced by Tad Lincoln who—with his pets—had the full run of the mansion.

The stately mansion had never known any such invasion since the Christmas of 1836, when Andrew Jackson threw open its doors to the orphans of Washington.

When the Theodore Roosevelts came to the White House, there was plenty of festivity, but no Christmas tree. The explanation given to the children was that a tree with candles was a fire hazard.

But the next year, the Roosevelt boys led TR to a closet, opened the door, and surprised him with a Christmas tree sparkling with electric lights. They had conspired with the electrician and prepared the first electrically lighted tree in the White House.

Christmas Spirit Rises.

Today, there is always an electrically lighted tree in the East room, and another—the intimate



A White House policeman looks at gifts for the President's family as preparations are completed to make the East room ready for Christmas eve.

tree—in the second floor hall. If Christmas spirit were registered on a thermometer, it would show a steady rise in the last 15 years. The Coolidge boys were too old to go in for Santa Claus.

The Hoover Christmas was warmer, for the lugubrious Mr. Hoover really tried to unbend on Christmas day. The most expert unbending was done, however, by his secretary, Larry Richey, who burst out of the fireplace in the East room on Christmas morning, to the delight of Peggy Anne and Peter, the President's grandchildren.

Christmas spirit rose to a still warmer degree when the F. D. Roosevelts came in and, instead of hiring the professional reader engaged by the Hoovers to read the Dickens "Christmas Carol," the reading was taken over by that master of dramatic art, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

POCKET APRON PROVES USEFUL IN CLEANING

Worn like an apron, a large oil-cloth pocket in which to empty ash trays and put scraps and odds and ends picked up while cleaning a room will save you many steps.

WASHING PAINT

Painted surfaces can be washed with a solution of one tablespoon of trisodium phosphate to a pail of lukewarm water. Rinse, then dry.

FOR BRIDGE ADDICTS

Families whose principal amusement is playing cards will find a broad selection from which to choose in selecting card tables or bridge sets this year. Whether the game be poker, pinochle or bridge, the stores are equipped to supply every need, from collapsible hide-away tables to permanent table-and-chair sets, which are a permanent part of the furnishings, ideally suited to corners of rooms, bay windows or niches.



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BETHLEHEM, N. H.—This peaceful little "Christmas town" nestled in the New Hampshire hills bears a striking resemblance to the Holy Village for which it was named. Its location is similar to that of Bethlehem in Judea, and, strangely enough it is a village of inns and Jewish people, just like the real Bethlehem in the beautiful story of the Christ Child. This similarity exists, however, only in summer when 32 magnificent hotels, taverns and inns, nine of which observe the Jewish dietary laws, are hosts to those who come, year after year, to enjoy the beauty of green fields and purple mountains. At Christmastide the population is less than a thousand souls and most of them are natives whose hardy ancestors built their log cabins along Bethlehem streets where the palatial hotels now stand.

SAPODILLA A FRUIT

Although the sap of the sapodilla tree furnishes the chicle from which chewing gum is made, its fruit is also edible, and is found in limited quantities in the South Florida markets.

'Dear Santa'



These boys want Santa Claus to know about their favorite toys in plenty of time before Christmas, and they're willing to rise to the occasion. With the help of his elder brother, this young man solemnly mails his letter to "Dear Santa."

With Sincere Good Wishes For a Joyful Christmas



We extend the wish of ourselves and our local employes to all residing in this and our nearby communities that Christmas, 1941, will be a memorable one to all.

We trust that the Yuletide will find us one and all prepared for new and richer days . . . days free from conflict . . . days that will make us all good friends and good neighbors.

It is our sincere hope that at all times the spirit of the Yuletide will be reflected in our every day's doings. To one and all we extend greetings.

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Christmas Greetings from EAMES' Enriched Bread Bakery

Santa Claus, Ind., Attracts Volumes Of Christmas Mail

About 75 years ago the people of a community in Indiana applied for a post office, asking Santa Fe as a name. There already was a post office by that name in Indiana, and since it was a short time before Christmas, the people decided to name the town Santaclaus, in one word.

In 1938 the name was changed to two words, Santa Claus. Since then letters from all over the world have come in, until now it takes a force of about eight people through November and December to handle the Christmas mail with a new electric canceling machine. About 60,000 pieces a day are dispatched around Christmas.

A Santa Claus headquarters is maintained where thousands of tourists and visitors buy gifts and post cards. During the Christmas week, Santa Claus, in full uniform and long whiskers, presides.

Although this is the only town in the world bearing this name, other places have names associated with the Yule holiday.

Christmas island, in the Pacific ocean, is so named because Captain Cook landed there Christmas day, 1777.

Five communities in the United States are named for this holiday. There is a Christmas in Gila county, Arizona; Orange county, Florida; Lawrence county, Kentucky; Bolivar county, Mississippi; and Roane county, Tennessee.

Minnesota boasts of a lake by the name of Christmas. It is located in Seott county.



THE sun shone bright through the half-frosted windows of the Perkins' hotel room. On his chair in the corner Ralph squirmed uneasily and avoided looking at Sheila.

Sheila and Ralph were trouper. On the stage they were billed as Sessie and Perkins, but in private life they were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perkins.

Sheila watched her husband thoughtfully for a few moments. Then she edged over and planted herself on his disengaged knee. "I don't know whether to laugh or cry," she whispered running her fingers through his curly locks. "Friday we start. Ten solid weeks of straight booking. How much money have we, dear?"

Ralph removed Sheila from his knee and stood up. "Thirty-three dollars," he announced solemnly after a careful inventory of his pockets. "And thirty of that goes for the hotel bill when we check out Friday."

"I can't ask for an advance until we've played at least one performance."



"The check," Ralph said casually. "I'll pay it now."

ance. That leaves us three dollars to live on for three days."

Before Ralph could question her or ask what she was going to do, she had popped one of the dollars into her purse and disappeared into the hall.

In a half hour she was back laden with supplies. "There," she said exultantly. "Liver sausage, bread, butter and pie. Enough for lunch and dinner."

Ralph stared and then suddenly began to laugh hysterically.

His wife was indignant. "What's the joke?" she demanded tartly. Ralph finally got his breath and gave her a hug. "Darling, I couldn't help it. I was just laughing at the irony of the thing. How are we going to eat all this stuff? We haven't a knife, a fork, a spoon, a plate or a tablecloth. As a matter of fact, we haven't even a table."

Sheila gave one weak little moan and threw herself on the bed. Ralph watched her stupidly for a moment and then suddenly his face began to light up slowly like a beacon. "I've got it," he roared. "Sheila, how much did you spend for all this?" His wife looked bewildered through her tears. "Seventy cents," she faltered.

"Fine," Ralph beamed. "Coffee is fifteen cents in the dining room downstairs. No matter what you order they send up a table with all the trimmings. We'll just ring up room service, order two cups and for thirty cents we can have our feast."

Sheila caught on right away. Carefully she concealed the food under the bed and Ralph phoned down for room service.

In a few minutes the waiter appeared and laid the cloth. When he had finished he presented the menu.

"Just two cups of coffee," Ralph gave the order carelessly.

The man nodded mechanically and disappeared into the hall. In a short while he was back with a fragrant, steaming pot of coffee. He poured it into the two cups and retired.

Ralph and Sheila held their breath until his footsteps faded away down the hall, then they locked the door and dove under the bed after their supplies.

Finally, when they had disposed of all the pie and sandwiches they could hold and after they had carefully boxed the remainder to keep until supper time, Ralph phoned for the waiter.

He knocked softly at the door, entered and began to stack up the plates and remove the table.

"The check," Ralph said casually. "I'll pay it now."

"The check?" The waiter looked bewildered.

"Yes, the check," said Ralph nervously. "Didn't you bring it?" "Why, there are no checks today," said the waiter. "This is New Year's day. Everything is on the house. And do you know," he added in a sudden burst of confidence, "you're the only people in the hotel that didn't order the whole menu." He shouldered the portable table and started down the hall. "Happy New Year," he called.

Sheila and Ralph stood huddled together in the doorway. "Happy New Year," they murmured faintly. (McClure Syndicate—WNU Service.)

TASK OF WASHING GLASSES SIMPLIFIED

If there isn't time to wash and dry beverage glasses after an evening party, fill each one with cool soapy water and let stand.

They will be twice as easy to wash in the morning if this is done, as it prevents the formation of sticky sediment.



Season's Greetings From the Men of Morea-New Boston

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Besides the United States, more than 40 different countries throughout the world now have, or have had, Christmas seals or stamps that are sold wholly or partially for tuberculosis work. Little did Einar Holboell realize, when he conceived that first Danish Christmas seal, launched in 1904, that his simple idea would in a generation circle the globe.

WIRE SUPPORTS TENT TO PROTECT PLANTS

To protect your favorite flowers from the bite of frost, cover them with a tent made by driving stakes into the ground at either end of the flower bed, stretching a wire between the stakes and covering with an old sheet at night.

This will keep the flowers from dying as soon as the first frost comes.

Christmas Anyway



With the approach of another Christmas, Britons recall last year's celebrations when they observed the holiday underground where they could be safe from Nazi bombers. Mothers and their children gathered in shelters like the one above to celebrate the Christmas season. Last year hostilities were ceased for three days during the Christmas observance.

St. Francis Started Use of Yule Crib

It was St. Francis of Assisi who gave the Crib the tangible form in which we know it today. In 1223 he visited Rome and told Pope Honorius III his plans of making a scenic representation of the place of the Nativity. The Pope gave his sanction and on Christmas eve, St. Francis constructed a crib and grouped round it the figures of the blessed Virgin and St. Joseph, the ass and ox, and the shepherds. He used live animals in a real stable.

The custom spread from Italy to Spain, Portugal, France, the Netherlands and Germany, and from these countries it has spread to all corners of the earth.

Museums throughout the world possess very ancient cribs. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, has a group which dates from before 1478.

The custom of placing cribs out of doors as Christmas decorations in the yard has become popular in the past few years.

Huge Christmas Feasts Served in Old Castles

Christmas dinners served in medieval castles were in reality "feasts." The meal lasted usually from three in the afternoon until midnight.

One of the dishes always on the table was meat pie. In delving into history we find that Sir Henry Grey in England ordered one baked that weighed 165 pounds and was served from a four-wheel cart built for the purpose.

- Here's the recipe:
- 2 bushels flour 6 snipes
 - 20 pounds butter 4 partridges
 - 4 geese 2 neat's tongues
 - 2 rabbits 2 curlews
 - 4 wild ducks 6 pigeons and
 - 2 woodcocks 7 blackbirds

Making a Doll Buggy

The amateur carpenter of the family can make a doll carriage easily and cheaply. A jumbo grape basket may be fastened on wooden axles for wooden wheels. Handles can be made from discarded yardsticks or window-shade sticks, with a piece of broomstick for a hand rest. Paint any desired color, and mother, aunt or sister will be glad to make a pal for the inside. It makes a dandy Christmas gift for any little girl.

STOCKINGS

If extra silk stockings are kept in a tin can with a tight lid they will keep indefinitely. Also if one-half teaspoon powdered alum is added to a quart of water after a good rinsing about every third washing, they will wear a long time.

FOR THE MAN IN YOUR LIFE



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- Smart Sweaters . . . \$2.95
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- Smart, Fancy Broadcloth Pajamas (all styles) . . . \$1.65
- Young Men's Snappy Hats . . . \$2.95
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'Old Christmas' Is Best Despite Modern Trends

Modernistic art and architecture are very fine, but an old-fashioned Christmas is still the best. Using the traditional colors of red and green as a basis, the occasion can be brought up-to-date with pretty modern angels and worldly gnomes of plastic, tin and wood.

Ideas for decorating the house require forethought and planning, even though the job itself must wait for the final hours. Home decorators offer a few suggestions which will help homemakers to plan more attractive Christmas decorations.

GOLD STANDARD—Broad, gold Christmas ribbon will be the motif, looped extravagantly in swags over the tree and caught up with clusters of big gold Christmas balls strung to the tree with all gold lights. Repeat the theme of gold ribbon swags and gold balls for table, mantel and window decorations.

SILVER BELLS—Shining silver bells of all sizes spangled thickly over the tree will be different and festive for Christmas, especially with garlands of little shells painted silver and strung together. Or have evergreen wreaths with silvered shells worked into them instead of the usual holly berries or pine cones.

FLASHES OF RED—An evergreen tree splashed with huge red artificial poinsettias made into garlands, strings of cranberries, red glass balls, then all white lights would be very festive indeed, especially if complemented over the house with evergreen boughs tied with white ribbon and clusters of big red poinsettias.

DELLA ROBBIA—An old idea that has a classic enduring beauty is the use of small, perfect, real fruits entwined with Christmas greens to make garlands and wreaths for Christmas decorations. Especially decorative is a wreath like this made on a stout frame inset with candleholders and suspended from above by stout cords of ribbons.

Accidents Offer Grave Threat To Yule Gaiety

Nothing can spoil the festive gaiety of a Christmas celebration more completely than a fire or accident in the home. There are several essential precautions which will help to assure a truly Merry Christmas.

⚡ Don't risk using frayed cords and broken plugs.
⚡ Don't handle electrical appliances with wet hands.
⚡ Don't yank at cords or run them under rugs.
⚡ Don't forget to have insulated staples on hand for stringing cords around.

⚡ Don't overload your house circuit. Usually 1,000 watts is as much as any one circuit will stand.
⚡ Don't neglect providing plenty of extra lamp bulbs of the various sizes and colors you're using for Christmas cheer, so you can replace burned-out ones.
⚡ Don't set pennies in a warning-out. A blown fuse is a warning!

⚡ Don't have high wattage lamp bulbs near fancy inflammable ornaments, synthetic materials, paper or cotton. Watch out about using candles too near draperies, wall paper or woodwork.

⚡ Don't plan to have a row of candles too close to a mirror or the heat may crack it.
And above all, don't burn real candles on your Christmas tree unless it has first been thoroughly fireproofed.

REPLACES ALUMINUM WARE

With more and more aluminum being commandeered for defense purposes, some manufacturers of metal cooking utensils have bent their talents to producing ware of other materials. There is, for instance, a whistling tea kettle made of glass, one of a new complete line of top-stove glass utensils made by a well-known manufacturer of aluminum. The kettle itself is a two-quart size, with a flat bottom that makes efficient use of fuel (all the glass utensils in this new line have similar bottoms). The whistling spout is also the cover over the water-fill opening. The whistle has a small plastic heat-resistant knob which enables you to remove the "whistle" without necessity of touching hot glass. The plastic handle on the tea kettle is also heat-resistant and balances well for pouring.

Other glass utensils in this new line include saucepans of several sizes, teapots, double boiler and percolator. All are of clear glass with comfortable heat-resistant handles which may be removed for cleaning.

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FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS LEARN TO FLY TOGETHER

Racine, Wis. (U.P.)—Like father, like daughter, is the paraphrase at Horlick-Racine airport these days, with flying no longer a man's game.

Gordon Guilbert, Racine manufacturer, who was state golf champion in 1921, turned to flying as a sport after the airport opened, and his daughters, Patricia, 16, and Jeanne, 18, made it a family affair.

Felder Sommers, manufacturer, has been flying for years, is a licensed pilot, and owns his own plane. His daughter, Monnie, began her flying career about the same time as the Guilbert family.

STORING PARSLEY

Parsley can be dried and stored for home use. Chop into fine pieces and place in the refrigerator until dry and crisp. Store in a covered jar.

DESOLATE UTAH SECTION MAY YIELD MAGNESIUM

Salt Lake City, Utah (U.P.)—Utah, the nation's foremost nonferrous metal producing state, also may become a major source of vital defense magnesium.

Extensive tests are being made in Grand county—a desolate section of southern Utah, once believed a possible oil basin.

The first hints of the presence of magnesium came in 1932, when test oil wells were drilled. The residue revealed a 50 per cent magnesium content.

STAIN ON FURNITURE

Perfume stains on furniture when still fresh may be removed by the following treatment:

Cover the spot with cold cream and allow the cream to remain on for about five minutes. Rub off with a clean cloth and polish with furniture polish.

SERVICE MEN ENTERTAINED BY MILLS COLLEGE GIRLS

Oakland, Cal. (U.P.)—Girls of Mills College, oldest woman's college west of the Mississippi, are doing their bit for national defense by entertaining groups of soldiers from nearby army posts.

The first group of 25 service men were entertained at tennis, bridge, Badminton and swimming in the afternoon; served a buffet supper, and were guests at informal dancing in the evening.

Rosemary Gnaedinger, of Oak Park, Ill., chairman of student social activities, said that by the end of the year each girl student will have had at least one service man as her guest.

GAIETY IN WASTEBASKET

Freshen up drab wastebaskets by pasting on some gay motifs cut from leftover wallpaper.

OPENING AROUND PIPE

To seal an opening around a pipe that goes through a partition, cut core from a ball of twine and force a slit in the cone-shaped cardboard the pieces into the opening so that they fit tightly.

KEEPING ARMS DRY

A cuff made by wrapping absorbent cotton around the wrist of a rubber glove on the hand, and turning the top of the glove back over the cotton, will keep water from running up the arms.

RUG FOR BASEMENT

Linoleum is an excellent covering for basement playrooms. Be sure to use damp-proof cement and linoleum tiles that will withstand moisture.

Read these ads carefully.

STREET CAR CHARTERED FOR BIRTHDAY PARTY

St. Paul, Minn. (U.P.)—To celebrate their birthdays, Jean Miller and John Hastings hired a street car.

Miss Miller, 18, and Hastings, 17, invited 22 young people to their party aboard the car, which traveled along downtown streets for three hours.

Several amateur musicians and a phonograph supplied the music for dancing. Refreshments were served on card tables. Everybody had a good time, including startled pedestrians who watched the car move slowly through the business district.

The rental fee for the street car was \$10.

OUTING FLANNEL SUPPLIES TINY TOWELS FOR RAZOR

Razor towels, discovered long ago by hotels, are now appearing in home bathrooms.

Housewives are learning that by supplying little outing flannel squares near the wash-basin they are not only making it easier for men to wash and dry their razor blades but they save good towels from being cut.

A yard of outing flannel will make at least a dozen of these little towels. It's a good idea to hem them all around and to attach a loop of tape so that they may be hung on a hook close to the shaving mirror. The little razor towels can be put into the regular weekly wash. A dozen or two of these razor towels, neatly boxed, will make a novel inexpensive Christmas or birthday gift.

PATIENCE WINS THE DAY WITH SKUNKS IN CHURCH

Batavia, N. Y. (U.P.)—When a kunk invaded the parish rectory of the Very Rev. Alanson C. Davis, required the services of Game Protector Matrin E. Salway and an hour's patient nudging before the animal could be removed—without mishap.

Salway edged the sleeping animal into a cardboard box and carried it outside. Pounding on walls and dangling a piece of meat on a long pole failed to arouse the polecat.

OLD FINISH FOR OAK

To give newly finished oak an antique finish, clean and sandpaper the surface and go over it with a sponge saturated with a solution of washing soda and water.

Do this two or three times, then allow the wood to dry.

When dry, rub with fine sandpaper to smooth down the grain raised by the soda solution, then rub over with a pad moistened with linseed oil of good quality.

STARCH ON IRON

Starch can be removed from an iron by rubbing with scratchless scouring powder moistened with water.



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The SPUR of the Moment

CHRISTMAS EPISODE by J.A. WALDROD

EVERYBODY except confirmed bachelors and spinsters from choice is interested in domestic phenomena. And the marital happiness of others is a matter of wonder and inquiry on the part of matrimonial parties who have missed it.

The Vanners—Rose and John—had been married two years and had lived at a hotel all of that period except the weeks devoted to honeymoon travel. They were happy, and this state in a hotel is unusual with married pairs for any considerable period.

After Mrs. Vanner's women friends had discussed the matter among themselves without solution one of them made bold to ask her about it.

"A man and a woman can be happy anywhere if they are in love with each other and if they are truthful—absolutely truthful—with each other," was Mrs. Vanner's explanation.

Not that they prided themselves on their veracity, or paraded virtues. It just happened that they were such good pals that deceit had no place in their association. And while each, before marriage, had been lively enough in a decent way, they were so well satisfied with each other that they were seldom apart, except as business called Vanner, or auction bridge or some other pastime engaged Mrs. Vanner.

The holidays were approaching. The Vanners were dining together at the hotel as usual when Mrs. Vanner asked: "Have you any plan for Christmas eve?"

"Not a plan," Vanner replied. "Want tickets for the theater?"

"No. We go to the theater all the time."

"Well, make your own plan."

"If you are keen for some mutual enjoyment, make one yourself."

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

By Joan Stedman

"WE'RE tired of the camp and we're going to move on. See?"

Orrek Gordon lifted his head. "Going to walk out on me and quit? Your wages are good here."

The foreman of the lumber gang sneered. "Say, money ain't everything. We want to get back to town and we're going." He slouched back to the tent and joined the crowd of surly men around the great campfire.

From the log bungalow beyond the camp twinkled many lights. Orrek stared at the Christmas candles. Marcia had placed them there, saying they brought peace to the household. And now, with his men walking out on him, Marcia would be lost to him.

A skimming sound on the firm snow aroused him and Marcia, a gay little figure in her white furs, caught at his arm and came to a stand-



"Why stay out here when I want you?"

still on her skis. "Why stay out here when I want you, Orrek? We're making up a bridge table."

A bridge table when his future career was tottering down!

"Orrek, what's wrong with the men?" she asked. "My maid told me there had been a row there."

Orrek's eyes blazed as he tucked the small hand under his arm. How he loved her! In a few brief sentences he told her of the discontent among his men. "It's the loneliness that gets them," he finished, "the lack of amusement."

"If they walk out you cannot keep your contract. That will queer you with the owners." She turned and left him in silence.

Back at the bungalow Marcia tumbled the contents of her clothes closet while talking rapidly to her maid, Ninette. "Isn't it lucky that I taught you those chords, Ninette?"

The camp men, grumbling around the fire, fell into a sudden silence as the gay plink-a-plunk of a banjo sounded in the clearing.

Gebert, surly gang leader, jerked out his pipe. "Listen, boys!"

Down the hill Marcia came gaily, her fingers bringing jolly notes from the strings. The frosty air echoed and re-echoed as Ninette joined in.

"I know that," declared Gebert. Carried along by memories, the men joined in, forgetting the loneliness of the Christmas eve, forgetting their fancied troubles.

Marcia had come to the very edge of the great fire and stood there picking at the strings. Above her towered the man she loved, just beyond her stood the men in a semi-circle, their unshaven faces lighted by a mutual love of music.

"How many of you play small instruments?" she asked softly.

The answers brought a quick smile to her lips. "I thought there would be many of you to help me out," she cried.

"I want to have a string-band," hurried on Marcia, "and I need volunteers. A violin, maybe two or three. A guitar—"

"I play the flute," interrupted Jacques.

"And I the piccolo."

"At home I have an accordion," came a wistful voice, "but—"

"Fine," interrupted Marcia. "I have, tonight, made out an order that should have been mailed sooner. It is my Christmas gift to our men. The order is for musical instruments. I wish each man would write down his instrument and give it to me. With luck we should have the order filled in three days and we'll practice hard so that New Year's day may find us ready. How about it?"

There was an instant response as hardened palms came together.

Just beyond the pines a wolf howled, but Marcia was looking up into her lover's eyes.

(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

WET WEATHER APPAREL MAKES PRACTICAL GIFT

A Christmas gift that will gain all year usefulness is the one that's a protection against wet weather. Spring and summer, fall and winter—rain and snow call for practical, cheery clothes.

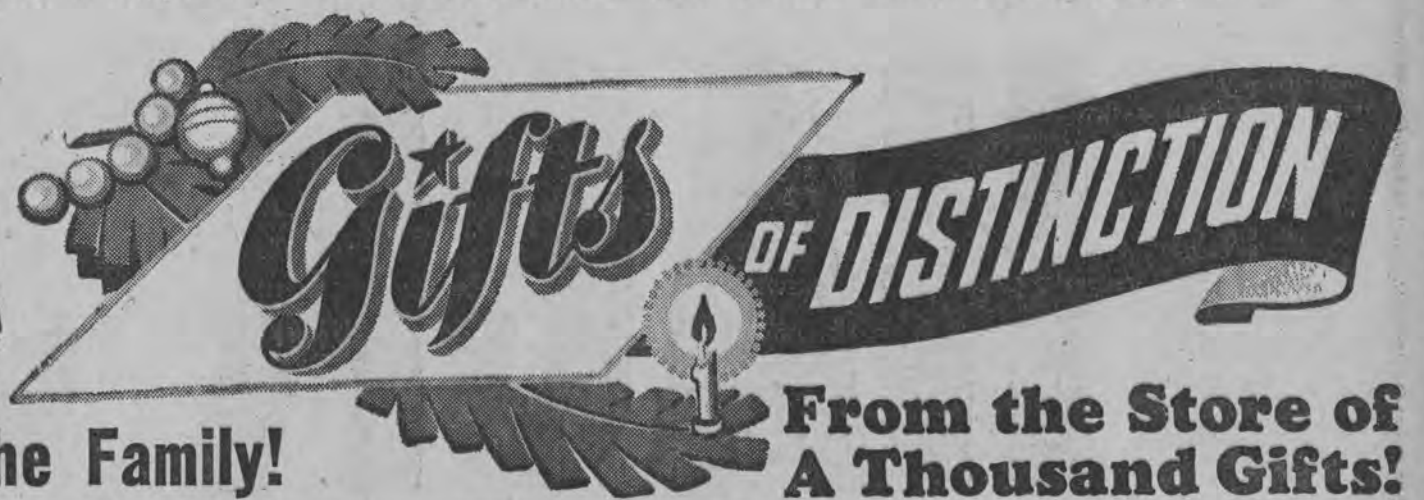
Many umbrellas and raincoats have been made to match—some of the umbrellas of folding type—some of the raincoats with detachable hoods.

Pliofilm, oiled silk, waterproofed cottons, rayons, parachute cloths and gabardines are types of fabrics in which these wet weather styles are made.

Since many fabrics from which raincoats are made, are required to outfit men in army, navy, marines and air force—such a gift seems doubly desirable to the "civilian" this Christmas.

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With and without hood style. Plaids and new solid colors.

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USEFUL GIFTS FOR THE BABY DEAR



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"Merry Christmas," she cried.

Think up something. But if you are not, I've an idea I should like to play bridge that evening if you could find something congenial!"

"The idea suggests one to me. Friends at the Sojourners' club have been trying for weeks to get me into a poker game. They are all 'alones' and live at the club. I think I can make a date for Christmas eve with them."

"But you wouldn't go into the game as a regular thing, dear?"

"Oh, no!"

"Isn't poker a gambling game?"

"No more a gambling game than bridge, Rose."

"Shall you play late?"

"I shall probably be home by midnight."

"Well, we shall play but four rubbers. No doubt I'll be in bed and asleep when you come in. Just go to your room, and we'll see which of us wishes 'A Merry Christmas' first in the morning."

And so it was planned. The Vanners had dinner together at the hotel, as usual. Then Vanner went off to the Sojourners' club, and Mrs. Vanner started to drum up her trio of bridge devotees. But her plan did not carry. One of the women was suddenly called out of town, and another became just ill enough to eliminate the game. Mrs. Vanner finished a novel she was reading and went to bed. She was always a sound sleeper until very early in the morning.

The Sojourners' club bunch were amazed at Vanner's luck at poker. At midnight he had most of the chips, and in decency he had to play on. At 4 a. m. he insisted upon cashing in and started wearily for his hotel. He wished there might be some way to keep the knowledge of this innocent delinquency from Mrs. Vanner.

He got to his room in the hotel safely. Apparently Mrs. Vanner was slumbering peacefully in her room. He shed his coat and vest and was at work on his collar when he saw Mrs. Vanner at his door with a wrap over her night robe.

"Merry Christmas!" she cried.

"Merry Christmas, dear!" he responded. The chimes of a neighboring cathedral rang out, foretelling the early Christmas service.

"But why are you dressing so early, John?" she asked.

Vanner suddenly became wide awake. "Oh, I thought it would be a treat to go over to the cathedral and hear the wonderful music," he replied.

"Of course you were going to call me to go!"

"Of course, honey!" Vanner yawned audibly. "Run along and dress."

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