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AWAKE AND SING



Awake, oh world, awake and sing,
For Christ the Lord is born.

The Angels chant, "Good Will to Men"

Awake! 'Tis Christmas morn.

Let joy abound, good will to men

Oh world, receive your King!

That over all the war-torn lands

The song of Peace may ring.



'Tis Christmas day-- awake and sing!

All hail! to Christ, our Lord and King.

—Leanna Field Driftmier





A LETTER FROM LEANNA

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COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS (Religious Digest)

I. Thou shalt not leave Christ out of Christmas, making it "X"mas, for this is the sign that thou art lazy-minded and spiritually listless. To most minds "X" stands not for Christ but for the algebraic unknown.

II. Thou shalt not value thy gifts by their cost, for verily many shall signify love that is more blessed and beautiful than silver and gold.

III. Thou shalt give thyself with thy gifts. Thy love, thy personality, and thy service shall increase the value of thy gift an hundredfold, and he that receiveth it shall treasure it forever.

IV. Thou shalt not let Santa Claus take the place of Christ. In many homes Santa Claus supersedes the Christ child, and Christmas becomes a fairy tale rather than a sublime reality in the spiritual realm.

V. Thou shalt not burden thy servant. The shop girl, the mail carrier, and the merchant should have thy consideration.

VI. Thou shalt not neglect thy church. Its Christmas services are planned to help spiritualize the Christmas season for thee, thy child, and thy household.

VII. Thou shalt not neglect the needy. Let thy bountiful blessings be shared with the many who will go hungry and shiver with cold unless thou are generous in their time of want.

VIII. Thou shalt be as a little child. Christmas is the day of the Christ Child; not until thou hast become in spirit even as a little child art thou ready to enter the kingdom of heaven.

MY CHRISTMAS GREETING

This is the time of year when the thoughts of all of us center on the Christmas season and its message of goodwill and peace. Our hearts are centered on our loved ones and our hands are busy trying to form expressions of that love in preparations for the Christmas season. Soon our homes will sparkle with Christmas trees. There will be singing of carols and "Merry Christmas" greetings in the air. Down through the ages the lessons of love, understanding, good will and peace have come to us.

Our hearts are full of loving kindness. We are happy in doing for others. This happiness should not last for such a little time. We must not limit it to the Christmas season. Let us try to begin every day, through the year, with this Christmas spirit. We can plan happy surprises for others. We can be full of the joy that comes from loving and giving. The thrill we feel at Christmas time is in reality the thrill of real Christian living.

Unfortunately, in most homes, these emotions are put away with the Christmas gifts, or thrown out of the window with our Christmas trees. Our lives fit back into the old grooves too quickly.

Now at this Christmas time I want to wish for you and yours all the joy that life can bring to you. Not just gifts of material things, but gifts of love, courage, hope, unselfishness, patience and contentment. May the light from the star that shone over Bethlehem that first Christmas Eve, illumine your pathway, making the dark places light, showing you the way to Peace on earth and Goodwill to men.

AVOID CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY

Many homes have been saddened by a Christmas fire. These generally originate around the Christmas tree or fireplace. Remember these points:

Keep the tree moist so it will not catch fire easily.

Be sure all electrical connections for lights are good.

If you use wax candles, be very careful how they are placed.

One can fireproof cotton and other inflammable materials with a solution of one pound of ammonia sulphate, 2 pounds of ammonia chloride and ½ gallon of water. Spray on or apply with a sponge.



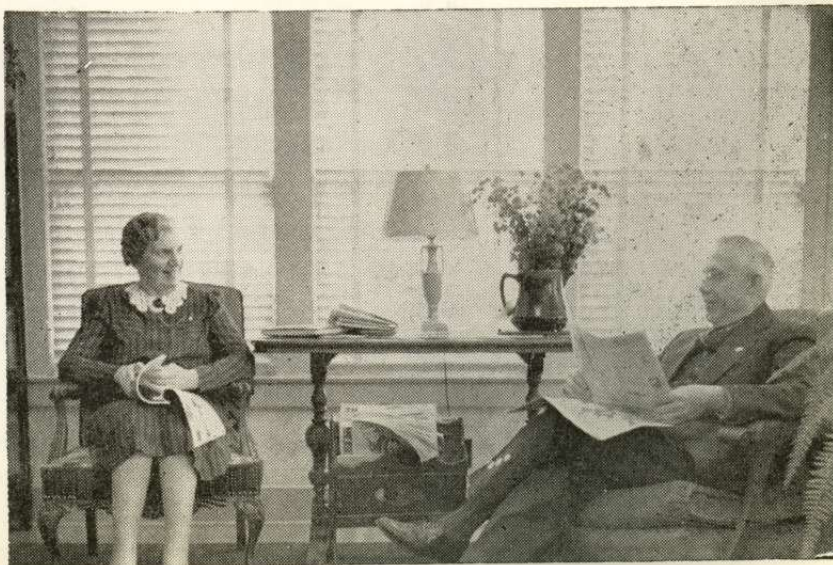
THE FAMILY CHRISTMAS

A Christmas observance that will bring to our family the real meaning of the day will take planning and forethought. Sometimes, in the hurry of the Christmas season, with the extra cooking and shopping trips, we lose sight of the real Christmas spirit.

Christmas means much more than presents under the Christmas tree, fruit cake and mince pie. It means now, as it did on that first Christmas eve, peace on earth, goodwill to men. This year, as never before, the world needs the Christmas lesson.

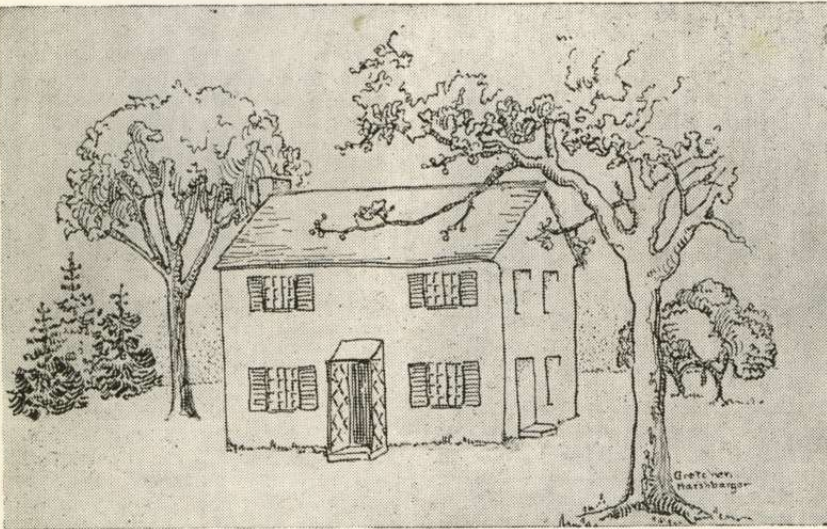
Christmas means joy to the world, and this broken and battered old world needs joy this year. We can't go across the ocean and carry the joy and peace and happiness of this Christmas season to those who need it in other lands, but we can do all in our power in our own homes and our own communities to emphasize the true meaning of Christmas.

America is made up of homes like yours and mine, so America can keep the true Christmas spirit alive if we mothers in the homes of America teach "Peace on earth, Good will to Men."



Mr. Driftmier and I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Come into the Garden with Helen



Plant trees first.

In the landscape picture that our home is to become, the house must always be the center of interest. We can give it a background and a frame, but they must contain nothing odd that will not blend in and make it seem to be all one unit.

A great deal of thought should be given to selecting the trees because we hope that they will endure for our lifetime. Their planting requires such large holes that it is wise to do it before the lawn is planted, if possible. Wait however, until the grading has been done for trees resent the piling of earth above their normal ground level.

Around each tree leave a saucer-like depression three feet across for catching the rain. Keep this space cultivated for several years.

Although the trees at the front and sides of the house are to frame it, do not crowd them in too closely. Usually a large one from 20 to 25 feet southwest of the building will furnish all the shade needed. The others farther to the sides and back will add coolness to the air without keeping the needed sunshine from children and flowers. Choose this tree with special care. American elms are always beautiful but you may find you prefer Hackberry, a Tulip Tree or a Linden. Take time this winter to look them over.

Those of us who live within reach of Morton Park Arboretum at Nebraska City find it a splendid place to study varieties hardy in this section, and when the leaves are off it is easier to study their limb structure.

For lawn trees always keep in mind the matter of tidiness. Black locusts and elms are bad self-seeders and catalpas litter the lawn with their spent flowers for weeks.

Poplars are picturesque for back ground, and rapid growers, but as their branches are very brittle it is better to plant them in little groups where one cut back tree would not be missed, as it would in a formal row.

For smaller trees you will like Flowering Crabs, Russian Olive and Red Bud. If you have room for a Pear you will like its early bloom, and its beautiful autumn coloring. The very earliest flowering tree is the Siberian Apricot.

Do not forget to intersperse a few Evergreens throughout the deciduous varieties. They "carry the line" and give a feeling of cheer through the winter. It will be another good family project to study the Pines, Spruces and Firs in your town and see which you prefer. Do not be like the lady who, when asked to name her favorite Evergreen, had to reply "Christmas Tree"!

—Helen Fischer.

Last month a little girl wrote Mrs. Fischer.

"The only thing I ever heard my mother say she wanted for herself was your flower book. She is always thinking what we six children want, and so we children have put our money together to get it for her birthday."

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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN THE HOME

Mrs. R. J. Duncomb.

Why do we always garnish our homes at Christmas time with fresh, sweet smelling pine boughs, with holly wreaths and a sprig of mistletoe? Is it not because we are happy and wish to express a festive spirit? Country folk have little difficulty in bringing into the home the spirit of Christmas. Usually there are pines which yield evergreen branches, red berries, sprays of shrubs or perhaps a small fir tree. If there should be a fireplace, it is fun to bring in the Christmas log to add comfort as well as beauty.

Those who love plants have their own favorites for this season. Poinsettias rank first, but the Christmas Cherry and its cousin, the Ornamental Pepper, come in as close seconds. A well berried Jerusalem Cherry, in a pot lacquered the same shade as its fruit, makes a beautiful centerpiece in itself. The peppers look best in white containers. White Cyclamen in green pots give an air of purity and distinctiveness to any Christmas occasion.

Asparagus berries may play an important part in decorating, especially if holly is not obtainable. Trim off the dry foliage and use together with greens in wreaths or decorations. Corn husks dyed red or green are fine to tie together wreaths or trimmings.

Although green and red have always been the accepted Christmas colors, in recent years there has been a tendency to use blue and silver. These colors suggest the blue of the sky with silvery tree boughs against it and underneath the fleecy blanket of snow. These may be repeated inside by using silver paint on dried leaves or flowers. A winter bouquet of Honesty, the silver money flower, together with shrubs having blue berries would be lovely. Grasses dipped in water, then in flour and quickly shaken to remove the surplus, make pretty decorations. Nearly any seed head of a grass may be used. Silver angels and clustered silver bells are very appropriate for Christmas. And of course a real tree, be it large or small, is very necessary.

The Christmas candle in the window, the wreath in the door, perhaps a sheaf of grain for the birds—all these tell the world it is Christmas in our hearts and Christmas in our homes. This is the time to hang upon the wall the especial pictures which you treasure from year to year of the Holy Night. If you haven't one, look for one and keep it just for this special purpose. And though the world may weary be, there will be peace in our hearts at least.

Kings may fall, and wars may thunder,
Dynasties begin—and end—
But forever lives the glory
Of the love of friend for friend.
And since Christmas is the season
Friendship's pledges to renew
Once again we write to strengthen
Ties that bind us close to you!

—Helen Field Fischer.

The Story of My Life

(At the request of my friends I am writing this brief story.)

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It was just a few minutes until Mr. Driftmier got home from the office after Mrs. Alexander had called to say that I had fallen in the back hall and injured myself. Mrs. Pond came over right away too, and then in a short time our family doctor arrived. He had taken care of me since I first returned from the Kansas City hospital five years earlier, and when I said that surely this broken hip would keep me off my feet for a long, long time to come, he just smiled and said, "Now, Leanna, you've been through worse things than this by far—don't feel too discouraged." When he said this I realized that I had been through worse things, and that somehow a broken hip could be faced too.

I was taken to our good Shenandoah hospital immediately and the hip was put in a cast. It was broken all right—I hadn't been mistaken when I first felt instinctively that this was what had happened. As soon as the cast had been made I was placed in a nice sunny room, and I remember how grateful I was to be in our home town hospital if I had to be in any hospital. One of the hardest things about those long months in the Kansas City hospital had been that I was so far from my family, but now they were only a few blocks away and could come to see me several times each day.

I had been in the hospital about a week when Margery and Donald arrived with a surprise. We had a beautiful Persian cat named Judy that had pleased us with kittens two times before this, and now she had presented us with five more lovely little orange Persians. The children were very excited about it and brought all five kittens in a basket for me to see. When I saw them I laughed and said that I guessed it wasn't everyone in the hospital who had five new kittens call on them!

It was a great pleasure to me when so many, many of my friends called. I told them that instead of having a guest book they could write their names on my cast just by way of variety, and certainly there was enough room for I was encased in Plaster of Paris from my shoulders to my ankles. When that cast was removed a number of months later it was certainly covered with names. Fortunately I was in very little pain, and so those three weeks in the hospital were really not bad at all and it didn't seem long before I was at home again.

My sister Susan came over from Clarinda to take charge of the house, and she fixed up my downstairs office for a bedroom. For a while she broadcast Kitchen Klatter too, but I felt that I couldn't wait to get back on the air myself to visit with you friends who had done so much to keep up my spirits with your lovely letters and

cards, so in a short time we placed the microphone on a stool beside my bed and then I could talk with you again. When 1:30 rolled around in the afternoon my pillows were placed behind my back so I could speak into the microphone.

It was wonderful to be at home in bed instead of in the hospital, and so many things were done to make the experience easier that I felt very fortunate. It was a terribly hot summer and since my room had a northwest exposure I suffered from the heat until Mr. Driftmier bought an airconditioning unit that helped to keep my room comfortable. Then Donald exercised his wits and ingenuity to fix up a system of mirrors by which I could look out into the living room from my bed. It worked something like a periscope—I don't know how else to describe it. This made me feel as if I could keep an eye on the household, and with a number of children to supervise it really helped a great deal. Donald has always been interested in fixing things like this and I thought that he did pretty well for a boy only thirteen.

Another thing that I enjoyed very much was the rose garden that my family planted. I could see it from my windows, and the day never passed without Wayne bringing me a fresh bud for the table beside my bed. He inherited his Grandfather Field's great love for gardens, and took a deep interest in buying different varieties of roses for this garden. One of my father's life long habits was to go out into the garden in the morning before breakfast just to see how things were coming along, and I always thought of this when I looked out the windows from my bed and saw Wayne studying the roses before he had eaten breakfast and gone off to work.

Our housekeeper at this time was Mrs. Ethel Spurlock and she went right ahead in the kitchen with the summer's canning and preserving. It was a comfort to lie there in bed and know that jars were being filled with pickles and relish for the fall and winter months even though I couldn't be out there helping. This was just about the only summer that I didn't do all of the canning and pickling myself.

Mr. Driftmier wrote to Dorothy and Frederick who were still in the East and told them how well everything was going at home, for we couldn't bear to think that their happy trip might be spoiled by hearing about my accident. In the back of our minds was the thought that we had a hard time of reckoning coming because we knew what a shock it would be to them to get home and find me in bed in a cast, but at least their trip would be over then and they would never have to remember it unhappily. We expected them on a Sunday night, and they arrived on schedule about nine in the evening. When they came into the house and found me in bed with the broken hip it was hard for all of us, but after the first shock had passed we began hearing all about the wonderful time they had had, and of course there were gifts to open and admire.

Around the latter part of July, Lucile came home from California and

then all of our children were under the family roof once again. As soon as the cast could be removed I had to learn everything over again, and those of you who have had fractured hips and spent months in a cast, surely know too how painful it is to begin using muscles that haven't been exercised for weeks and weeks. At the time you think that it's simply impossible to make another effort, but somehow you always do. Mr. Driftmier had a carpenter make a new frame for me to walk in. This one was square with casters on the four legs; it was high enough to support me, and of course it moved so easily that I could get about quite well for short periods of time. It helped me limber up my muscles better than anything else, so perhaps those of you who have relatives or friends in the first stages of trying to learn to walk again after a long siege in a cast would like to try this idea too.

I also bought a new wheelchair when I was able to be up again. It is the one that you have seen in some of my pictures, and it was small enough to roll through the doors easily. The old one was clumsy, and I had worn bad dents in all of the door frames and against the walls that were certainly unsightly. With the new chair I could get about more easily, and it rolled along so smoothly that I could be pushed around the yard without much effort.

(Continued in January Number)

A MOTHER SPEAKS

"I have three children and I am so happy about the older one's philosophy of life. We don't have a lot of this world's goods but I have tried very hard to guide my children along the path that tests life's values. Don't you think parents should be more concerned over training children to be good well-rounded citizens than whether they wear Shirley Temple dresses and 50c half socks to school when they are little?

This training for a sense of values must begin early, even before they start to school. If parents give up everything for the children when they are little, they will have to give up more as they grow older.

I think there is too much criticism of youth. They will find their way if they are guided along right lines, that they may grow up well balanced spiritually, mentally, physically and socially.

Let's let them get some bumps. Let them make some decisions. It's hard to think they're grown up and don't need us so much. Some parents won't let children grow. WE must find new outlets, study, hobbies and reading."—Lincoln, Neb.

We have all known mothers who would not let their children grow up, and how sorry we feel for those boys and girls—and for their mothers, too. This Lincoln mother gives us good advice. Let us find new interests and enjoy life while our children lead their own lives and make their own decisions. Sometimes it will be hard to keep still but we owe it to them to let them paddle their own canoe.—L. D.

A LETTER FROM EGYPT

(Continued from November)

Well, I went into Minia and went to the main hotel which was a typical oriental dump. I walked up to a group of men in the lobby (if you could call it that) and said, "Do any of you speak English?" One of them did. I told him my plight and said that I wanted to get in touch with some American. I knew beforehand that our missionaries were no longer there, having gone for the summer. Well this fellow got in touch with a young American employed by the big cotton ginning company located on the outskirts of Minia. I talked to the American and told him that I wanted a place to rest until time for the three o'clock train. To make a long story shorter I went out there and this young American whose name was Chas. Askrin took care of me. His father used to be a mission doctor years ago. Chas had a beautiful bachelor apartment on the ginning company property. He gave me something to settle my stomach. I took a hot shower and stretched out while my clothes dried. They were wet with perspiration. In one hour I felt fine, and after lunch Chas. took me in to catch the train. Never in my life have I been treated with finer hospitality than that young American showed me. Wasn't I lucky to go into a town where I did not know a soul, sick and in need of rest, and get taken care of like that? Boy, my luck was with me that day! Of course the airways wouldn't refund my money, and I was out the cost of a train ticket, but the experience was worth it. I was told afterward that the Airways sent their chief pilot to make that unusually difficult trip. He **did** certainly handle that plane magnificently. Egyptian sand storm; now I know what he was talking about. I have been told that it is one of the few times the MISR. airways has ever sent a plane to upper Egypt in a sand storm. Some one said it was their first time, but I doubt that.



Frederick Driftmier, Assiut, Egypt.

I arrived in Cairo in the middle of a black-out but managed to find my way to the American University where I stayed all night. I took the five o'clock plane the next morning for Alexandria. This plane was a larger one, having four engines. We took off and climbed high to get out of the dust which was still blowing on the surface. The plane was almost filled with Army officers, Egyptians, Frenchmen and even Chinese.

The plane flew right along the edge of the desert. As I looked out of one window I saw desert, and out of the other farm lands and villages. The Egyptian fields are small and of every shape. Many were flooded for irrigation purposes and from high in the sky looked like little silver mirrors. The many little villages looked like ant hills, and the minarets stuck up into the air like candles on a chocolate cake.

The thing that fascinated me more than anything else was watching the Nile River break up into many little rivers and streams until it ceased to exist. The mighty river, so wide and deep at Assiut, becomes nothing but a little stream by the time it reaches the sea.

The fields seemed to be spotted with yellow mushrooms which were great piles of straw, where wheat had been threshed. The desert was very difficult to see for there was a cloud of dust hovering over it.

The farm lands of Egypt are seldom valued at less than \$1500 or \$2000 an acre, and as I thought of the value of the land I flew over I was amazed. Such a small country, and yet so valuable.

When I first saw the sea, I thought that it was a part of the sky. Alexandria looked like a long stretch of toy blocks stretched along the coast. The fleet in the harbor looked like toy ships but even at that it gave me a feeling of security. I saw many things I cannot tell in this letter, but I can assure you Egypt is well protected from its enemies.

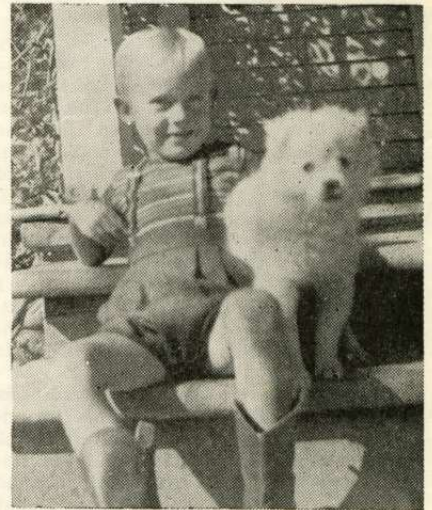


She little knew a shining star
Above the manger stood—
She only knew the pains and joys
Attending motherhood.

Nor did she hear the angels' song
Ring out in glorious light—
She only heard her baby's cry
Upon that Silent Night.

Not knowing that the Three Wise Men
Were bringing gifts so rare—
She only saw that Joseph knelt
In adoration there.

To her it never did occur
The Prince of Peace was born—
She only kissed her baby's head
On that first Christmas morn.
—By Mary Duncomb



Bruce Patterson of Blue Earth, Minn. is ready for Christmas.

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LEANNA DRIFTMIER, SHENANDOAH, IOWA

A LETTER FROM LUCILE

Dear Kitchen-Klatter Friends:

I envy all of you who are within reach of mother's voice and can hear her visit with you every afternoon, particularly in this time when the holidays are approaching. I really can't help but feel that no family has ever had such wonderful Christ-

mases as we have had, and no one has more fresh enthusiasm for the holidays than mother. Surely you will get many ideas for your own celebration when you listen to her through this month. I only wish that a radio were available that would blot out the mountains and deserts and plains and permit me to join you at two o'clock.

I hope that all of you will try mother's recipe for Christmas cookies because I'm sure that she'll be giving it one of these days. These are just about the best cookies ever. I can't imagine Christmas without them, for we have always had a big platter of them on the buffet throughout the holidays. When I was little I loved to help decorate them with tiny silver balls and fancy colored sugar, and it was so much fun to get out the special cookie cutters that made Christmas trees and bells. You must be sure to make some of these, and be sure too that you make them on Saturday so that the children can help, for I look back on those times in the kitchen as one of the happiest things in my childhood.

As I said before, I don't think that any family ever had more wonderful Christmases than we had. Now that I am married and in my own home I often look back and wonder how mother and dad could possibly have managed to see that each child in their big family got the thing that was dearest to his heart. It seems miraculous to me that this could have been managed, for I know that there were times when money wasn't found stacked under every shrub in the yard. Yet no trouble or anxiety was allowed to cast its shadows over our house, and in retrospect I feel that no children in the world have a more rich treasure of memories to cherish.

One of the things that I remember most vividly was Christmas in 1920—twenty years ago. I was ten at that time, and I remember that about four o'clock in the afternoon Howard and Dorothy and I went out in the yard with our sleds. The sky was pale purple and pink in the west, and as we coasted down the corner of our yard I recall clearly that I stopped suddenly and thought something a little odd for my years. I realized all at once that we were all together for Christmas, but that as surely as night would fall the time would come when we were scattered about over the country and couldn't all be home for Christmas Eve together. Where this somber thought came from I don't know, but I remember clearly how keenly I realized this. Just as I sat there thinking about it, Mother came to the door with Wayne in her arms and called us in for an early supper. We went racing into the house and literally

stuffed our food down so that we could get to the church for the program, and then back again to see what Santa Claus had left.

I don't remember the details of the church program, but I certainly remember how breathtakingly thrilling it was to get back to the house and find dad sitting in his big chair by the fireplace with an innocent smile on his face. (We suspected, but we didn't know for sure that he was the one who fixed everything while we were gone!) We couldn't stop in the living room and look at things because Aunt Anna and Aunt Erna and Grandfather Driftmier were coming and we had to wait for them.

My, how excited we were to see them! I can get excited tonight just thinking about it. Then it was time to go into the living room and have our tree, and sure enough, there was the baby doll that I had hoped for so terribly much, and there was a suitcase beside her filled with clothes. (I wonder now how mother could have possibly found time to make those lovely clothes.) Dorothy had the doll she wanted, and Howard had the magic lantern outfit he had been craving, and Frederick had the fine shiny tricycle he had set his heart on. Wayne was only a baby then—fifteen months old—but he had a kiddy-car that he learned to scoot along that very night. And then when we had opened all of our presents and the phonograph was playing our Christmas records, dad called mother over to the fire place and he reached up behind the clock and took out a small flat package. We all stopped playing with our things and watched wide-eyed, and I can remember still the look on her face when she opened the white velvet box and took out a beautiful necklace. I thought it was just like a story book, and when I close my eyes I can still see the snapping fire, and the big brilliantly lighted tree, and all of the toys and papers scattered over the floor, and mother standing in front of the fireplace while dad fastened the necklace around her throat. I can still hear the phonograph playing, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," and it seems strange to me that what I had a glimpse of that Christmas should have come true, and that the little boy who wanted the tricycle is now far away in Egypt, and I am in California, and the baby who learned to scoot around on his kiddy-car within a few minutes is now a business man over six feet tall, and that it has been many years now since Grandfather Driftmier was here to celebrate Christmas with us.

So you see, this is what I mean by the rich treasure of memories that we children have to cherish. I'm sure that all of you have memories like this too, and that those of you with children are creating happy memories for them to cherish also.

To all of you who have been such good, faithful friends to our family I send my very warmest wishes for the happiest Christmas you have ever had.

—Lucile.

BEAUTY AIDS
Eva Hopkins

Christmas Time! Doesn't that thot give you a thrill? The time of year when we strive to make those around us just a little happier. Peace on earth, good will toward men. This may not be true this year, but we can hope it will in the ultimate.



Eva Hopkins

The creator made a beautiful world. He made the flowers; the trees; the lakes; the rivers and the mountains! And then as a crowning glory he made man and woman after His own image. Our work is to try and keep these things in that same God-given beauty. Beauty of form; beauty of character! Beauty of deed.

Weathering—the elements if you please, will mar and finally destroy solid marble, so we must employ methods at hand to help protect the things of beauty. Your complexion is perhaps your most important feature. Guard it! Never allow stale make-up to remain on over night. If your skin is dry use a good cleansing cream at night. If oily, use a good facial soap for the nightly cleansing. If you are troubled with externally caused pimples, try Salmarine Soap for the late cleansing. Almost everybody likes that.

Why not give beauty for Christmas? Mother would enjoy that, so would sister or daughter. I seldom meet any woman that would not like to take care of her complexion and the only ones who do not, are those who think they can not afford the small outlay necessary.

A jar of cream powder with sponge for applying or a jar of cleansing cream or a pair of nice hose, always make a gift that is truly appreciated. I find that there are some wonderful lines of silk hosiery on the market that we have seldom seen here in the middle west, because the most of the output of these Eastern mills have been sold in the East. They are now available out here.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all of you for the fine letters that I have had from you the past year. If you have any complexion problems please feel free to write me and I will answer them to the best of my ability.

Trusting you will have a very happy Christmas and a healthy and a prosperous New Year, I am

Sincerely,
Eva Hopkins
Box 13
Shenandoah, Iowa

Save Work. When taking down your Christmas tree, spread a large bed sheet on the floor beside it. Take the trimmings and lights off, and tip the tree over onto the sheet. By the four corners, carry it out of the house.—Mrs. Earl Gordon, Atlantic, Iowa.

FROM A 4-H MOTHER

By Helen Loudon

Christmas is coming! Parents whisper it, children shout it, advertisements proclaim it everywhere. There is nothing in the world like Christmas. It brings well-filled toy departments; rushes of perfumed air from revolving doors as the merry crowds push us along; plans for roast goose, turkey, or hen, with plum pudding, mince pie, and all the trimmings.

It means new pieces to be learned, and old carols to be sung; dozens of gifts to buy and wrap, and where can I hide the children's things this Christmas? It's new clothes for the Christmas program, wreaths for the windows, and oh my goodness, I forgot to buy a present for Uncle Chet! It is guests and calls; and parents craning necks for glimpses of boys and girls "home" from college for the holidays.

It's Dickens and Scrooge and Tiny Tim; it's the Bird's Christmas Carol; it's life and love and laughter and sometimes tears. It is Goodfellows and Kiwanis, and Community Chests, and Christmas baskets galore, and hope for no wistful little face against a window pane; no empty ragged stocking on Christmas morn.

It is an old, old story, yet never old after all, of a deathless Babe cradled in the fragile arms of a girl-mother, as if she would shield Him alike from Herod and from Golgotha. It is a radiant star leading three strangers on camels, bearing priceless gifts to the Child born in a stable. The first Christmas gift.

Surely we will all do well to keep our Christmas celebration as simple as we can. It spoils the joy of the holidays if we get worn out and cross. Nor should Father have to worry too much over bills on January first! A well-chosen, inexpensive gift is always more pleasing than something costly, poorly selected, and carelessly wrapped.

When one's Christmas budget is limited, it can be a sort of game for the family to see who can buy the cleverest gift for a dime or a quarter, or who can make the nicest gift. Last year Phyllis gave me a wood-fibre rose that she had made at 4-H. It was beautiful and I treasure it.

Of course, most of us will have to buy our cards and gifts; but we can at least show a little originality and thought. It's a good time to check up on your friends' hobbies, too!

Merry Christmas!

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HEALTH HINTS

By Mrs. Walt Pitzer

My Dear Friends:

While doing my washing this morning I wondered what my best Christmas wish to you could be. I thought of "contentment" then realized there were strings attached to such a wish, for health must come before contentment. Physicians call the two months following the Christmas season their "busy season", so my best wish to you is that you may escape the physical troubles that often befall us during that season.

We are inclined to forget our past experience with certain foods and over eat especially of the heavier foods such as fruit cake, heavy puddings, mince meat and pumpkin pie, etc. I call them "soda-box" or "sour-stomach" foods. Even a preacher could not get a view of heaven with a mixture of them in his stomach.

Nutritional disturbances often cause a "flare up" of functional or organic diseases. Grandma may forget that "fats" may bring on an attack of her gall bladder trouble. Daddy should not stray away too far from the diet the doctor gave him for the stomach ulcers. (Keep him away from that soda-box.) The family thinks the baby looks so cute tasting the bites of the various Christmas foods but indigestion may follow and he will be cross and cry if a finger is pointed at him.

If one of the family has been complaining of extreme thirst, have the urine examined before the big dinner. He may have diabetes. Mother may notice her "excess baggage" looming up and that seems just about the worst yet.

Yes, we enjoy the Christmas whirl but if we are not cautious we will feel like a dish rag when it is over. The best suggestions I can give is as follows: One week before Christmas buy oranges and grapefruit by the bushel and turn the family loose on them. Citrus fruits counteract the effects of acid producing foods and help neutralize the mucous forming foods. The surplus vitamine A will be stored in the system and be a help in protecting against the Influenza germ.

Another suggestion is to take a glass of unsweetened lemonade half hour before dinner. This will absorb the mucous in the stomach and start the digestive secretions flowing. Then if possible serve dessert two hours after the main course and follow with a glass of orange juice. One more thought, then I must leave you; Home made sorghum molasses taffy is one of the least harmful sweets for the children.

Very best Christmas wishes to you and yours from me and mine.



Mrs. Walt Pitzer

IN THE CHRISTMAS LETTER BASKET

South Dakota Sea-Shell. These are made of shell macaroni. First, heat a large darning needle and burn a hole in each shell, not too near the edge. Put a toothpick in each one, and as you hold it, paint with nail polish or bronze paint. As you finish, stick each toothpick in a bar of soap while the shells dry. String on round rubber cord. Forty shells makes a bracelet. For a necklace, use at least eighty shells.—Mrs. E. B. Patton, Carthage, So. Dak.

A Christmas Bouquet. Make a stiff starch, as for starching clothes. Let it get cold and dip branches of bridal wreath or barberry in it. Sprinkle with artificial snow. These make beautiful Christmas decorations.—Mrs. C. Herrick, Stuart, Iowa.

Safe Candles for the Tree. Wrap stick candy in cellophane, each stick separately. Twist one end of the cellophane, and insert the other end in the tree candle holder, and fasten these on the tree. These make pretty and safe Christmas tree candles.—Mrs. Howell Griffith, Dawn, Mo.

For the Table. Use a small "log", two or three inches in diameter and seven inches long. Cut a round hole the size that a red candle would fit into, on each end, and flatten the bottom side so it will not roll. Use sprigs of evergreen around it. When the candles are burning, the effect is very pretty.—Mrs. Lee Hunter, Lohrville, Ia.

Another Centerpiece. My daughter shaped a loaf of bread like a little house. She coated the sides and ends with white frosting and the roof and chimney with chocolate. The doors and windows she outlined with a cake decorator. This was placed on a cookie sheet, covered with cotton and sprinkled with artificial snow. Sprigs of evergreen were used for little trees and a small mirror for a lake. Almost any mother could make this centerpiece for her Christmas table.—Mrs. G. A. Eddy, Swaledale, Iowa.

"When the children were smaller, we always had a Christmas Pie before our breakfast. During the night Santa would leave his packages on the dining table, under a large table cloth—in the morning each person having packages would add them, without peaking. Then we'd take our places, as for meal time, and each reach under the table, in turn and draw a package, open it, then the next one, until all had been drawn. If a person drew his own package, they had the privilege to have another draw. If one drew someone else's package — they merely handed it over to the rightful owner."—Mrs. Carl Rousch, Battle Creek, Ia.



IN DESPERATION

'Tis said the quickest way to reach
Men's hearts is thru their tummies;
And, if that's true, too many girls
Are acting like mere dummies.

We waste a lot of precious time
In making dark hair light;
Or tinting golden tresses shades
Which rival deepest night.

We powder, rouge; we curl our hair;
We do things to our eyes.
We smear our mouths with lipstick,
whew!
We're really in disguise.

I know; I've done it all, and still
Men say I'm not good lookin'.
I'm so discouraged, goodness me!
I think I'll take up cookin'.

—Lyla Myers.

OATMEAL COOKIES

- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup shortening
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sour milk
- 2 cups oats
- 2 cups flour
- ½ box raisins
- 1 cup nuts
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon cloves
- ½ teaspoon ginger
- ½ teaspoon allspice
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg

Drop on cookie sheet and bake in moderate oven.—Mrs. Ross E. Mitchell, Bethany, Mo.

BUTTER SCOTCH CURLS

- 2 cups flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 2/3 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons shortening
- 2/3 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons butter
- ½ cup brown sugar

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Add shortening and mix it in with a fork. Add milk to make a fairly soft dough. Knead slightly and roll out ¼ inch thick. Spread well with the creamed butter, sprinkle with brown sugar, roll as for jelly roll and cut out in pieces 1 inch thick. Stand these on ends in well greased muffin pans. Centers of rolls curl up and glaze on sides.—Glenna Pool, Box 5, Malcolm, Nebr. (Age 11)

"Recipes Tested in the Kitchen Klatter Kitchen"

By LEANNA DRIFTMIER

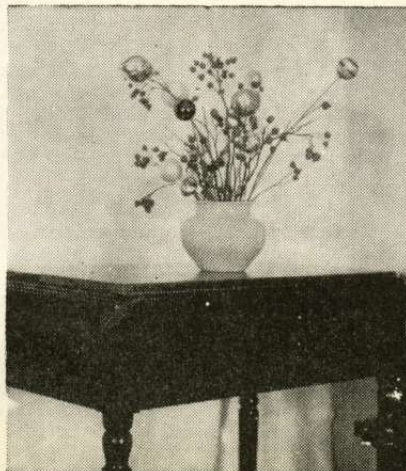


ORANGE COOKIES

- ¾ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup shortening
- Pinch salt
- ½ teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 egg
- 1½ cups flour
- ½ cup sour milk
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- Grated rind of 1 small orange
- Cream sugar and shortening. Sift dry ingredients together. Dissolve soda in sour milk. Mix all ingredients and add the orange rind and juice last. Drop by spoonfuls on a greased cookie sheet and bake 15 minutes.—Mrs. Alice Macy, Osceola, Iowa.

POPCORN BALL SIRUP

- 1 cup sugar
 - ¼ cup molasses
 - 1 tblsp vinegar
 - ½ cup butter
 - 2 tblsp. hot water
 - ¼ tsp. salt
- Heat sugar in a smooth, heavy skillet, stirring constantly until melted. Pour quickly into a saucepan in which other ingredients have been heated slowly together. Boil until brittle when tested in cold water. Pour over corn. Add chopped nuts or dates, if desired. Shape with buttered hands while warm.



Genevieve Eckberg of Dana, Ia. makes a clever Christmas bouquet.

SOME CHOCOLATE DIPPING SECRETS

In this section of the booklet has been collected a variety of useful facts: practical advice adapted to the needs of the amateur candy maker, cautions and hints that may prevent failure or turn failure into success.

Points to remember:

Do not attempt chocolate dipping on a very warm or a very humid day. In many candy factories the temperature and the humidity of the room are scientifically controlled. This insures a perfect gloss to the chocolates.

Do not attempt chocolate dipping in a direct draft. Uneven cooling affects the gloss and color of chocolates.

Use from 1 to 2 pounds Baker's Dot Chocolate for best results. Less than 1 pound gives insufficient chocolate to work with. More than 2 pounds of chocolate may cool and solidify before it can be used up.

Chocolate melts more readily and makes a better blend if finely grated. Never melt chocolate over direct heat. Chocolate is rich in cocoa butter and tends to separate at high temperatures.

Do not allow water to boil under the melting chocolate. Moisture may get in the chocolate and render it unfit for coating purposes.

Stir chocolate continually and rapidly with a circular motion. This keeps the cocoa butter well distributed through the chocolate, prevents any overheating, and produces a more perfect blend.

Work rapidly while dipping chocolates as the range of temperature at which chocolates can be satisfactorily dipped is small and cooled chocolate stiffens suddenly and becomes lumpy and too thick for use for dipping purposes.

Allow the freshly dipped chocolates to harden for at least 5 minutes before removing them from waxed paper. After cooling, chocolates should be kept in a cool, dry place, and should never be exposed to direct sunlight. They may be packed in layers, separated by waxed paper.

The Reasons for Defects:

Gray or streaked chocolates may be caused by:

- Incorrect room temperature.
- Incorrect chocolate temperatures.
- Too great humidity.
- Dipping in direct draft.
- Dipping centers which are not cold.
- Insufficient stirring.
- Cooling chocolates too slowly.

A "foot" or broad base on chocolates is a common fault. It may be caused by:

Dipping chocolates at too high temperature.

Failure to remove excess chocolate after dipping centers in melted chocolate.

A sticky spot on chocolates may be caused by:

Leaking of cream centers due to incomplete coating of chocolates.

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PENOCHE

- 2½ cups light brown sugar
½ cup water

Boil without stirring till it forms a soft ball in cold water. Have ready the white of 1 egg beaten stiff, with a pinch of salt added. Pour syrup slowly over egg white, beating constantly, when it begins to harden, add 1 cup nutmeats.

BRAN CANDY BARS

- 3 cups brown sugar
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon butter

Boil till creamy. Add 1 cup chopped dates and cook to soft ball stage. Remove from fire and beat until cool. Add 1 cup nuts, 1 teaspoon vanilla and enough bran flakes so the mixture will hold its shape without being hard. Put into a flat pan and pat out smooth. Cover with chocolate coating.

CHOCOLATE COATING

- 1 cup sugar
½ cup milk
2 tablespoons cocoa

Cook to soft ball stage and cool without stirring. Add butter size of walnut. Stir until thick enough to spread. Place over hot water while coating. Return to fire if it gets too thick.

PRALINES

- 1 cup brown sugar
2 cups white sugar
3 tablespoons corn syrup
¾ cup condensed milk
½ cup water
2 teaspoons maple flavor
1½ cup pecans.

Mix all except nuts and cook to soft ball stage. Cool. Add 1 cup nuts and ¼ teaspoon salt and beat vigorously till stiff and creamy. Drop rapidly from spoon onto a greased sheet in patties about 4 inches in diameter. Put rest of pecans on top of pralines. Wrap in oiled paper.

DARK TOWN CRISPIES

Melt 1 pound dipping chocolate and 1½ squares unsweetened chocolate in double boiler. Remove from heat and stir in 6 cups bran flakes and 1 cup chopped nutmeats. Drop on waxed paper.

You can vary this by using coconut instead of the branflakes.

Bits of fondant and peanuts may be used together with the chocolate to make a good variation.



Nicely wrapped packages of Mrs. Carl Busch, Battle Creek, Ia., ready for the Christmas tree.

DIVINITY

- ⅓ cup corn syrup
½ cup water
2 cups sugar

Boil till it forms a fairly hard ball in cold water (240°)

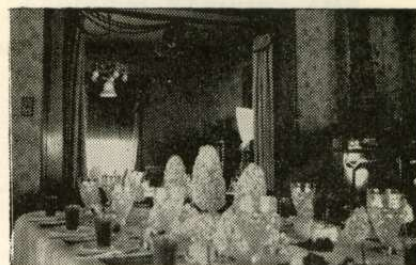
Beat 1 egg white stiff

Add the cooked syrup to the egg white very slowly, beating steadily, add 1 teaspoon vanilla. When fairly stiff add ¼ cup nuts and ¼ cup raisins. Continue beating till mixture will stand alone, then drop by spoonful on oiled paper, or pour in buttered pan and cut.

For a different and very delicious candy, use the above recipe and substitute orange juice or other fruit juice for the half cup of water.

UNCOOKED FONDANT

Melt ¼ cup of butter in a double boiler. Add 4 cups powdered sugar and ¼ cup canned milk. Knead the mixture until smooth. Make in patties or into a roll which may be sliced when cold.



A CHRISTMAS TABLE

The above picture is of the Popcorn table decorations arranged by 4-H Club girls at the home of Miss Gladys Jones, Atlantic, Iowa.

In her letter she says, "For a centerpiece we had a large popcorn tree, with one a little smaller on each side. At each place we had little individual popcorn trees. These were made green by using a little green fruit coloring in the syrup. Around the centerpiece, we put plain white popcorn resembling snow."

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HOT ROLLS

- 1 yeast cake
- ¾ cup shortening
- ¾ cup lukewarm water
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 cup mashed potatoes
- 1 cup scalded milk
- 2 eggs
- 6-8 cups MOTHER'S BEST FLOUR

Mash potatoes; add shortening, sugar, salt and eggs. Cream well. Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water; add to lukewarm milk. Then add to potato mixture. Add sifted flour to make stiff dough (until you can make a big loaf) put in large bowl and let rise until it is double in bulk. (Cover with towel.) Knead down again—rub the top with melted butter—form rolls and bake; or place in refrigerator until ready to bake. (Can be kept nicely for one week in your refrigerator.)

Mother's Best FLOUR

KMA PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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KMA'S DAILY PROGRAM
MORNING

4:30 a. m.—Haden's Hillbillies
5:45 a. m.—Chick Holstein
6:00 a. m.—Weather and News
6:30 a. m.—The Family Altar
7:00 a. m.—Morning Headlines
7:30 a. m.—Stamp's Quartette
7:30 a. m.—Family Altar (Sun.)
7:45 a. m.—The Haden Children
8:00 a. m.—Lem Hawkins
8:00 a. m.—Uncle Bill (Sun.)
8:15 a. m.—Uncle Carl
8:30 a. m.—Frank Field
8:45 a. m.—Mid-Morning Devotions
9:00 a. m.—Homemaker's Visit
9:30 a. m.—Stamp's Quartette (Sun.)
9:45 a. m.—The Rangers
10:00 a. m.—Earl May, News
10:00 a. m.—Church Services (Sun.)
10:30 a. m.—Kitty Keene
10:45 a. m.—Ma Perkins
11:00 a. m.—Songs of a Dreamer
(Mon.-Wed.-Fri.)
11:15 a. m.—Cornussel News
11:30 a. m.—KMA Country School
12:00 Noon—Midday Melodies
12:15 p. m.—Golden River Boys
12:30 p. m.—Earl May and the News

AFTERNOON

1:00 p. m.—Stamp's Quartette
1:15 p. m.—Nancy Lee
1:30 p. m.—S. O. S. Program
1:30 p. m.—Back To The Bible (Sun.)
1:45 p. m.—Chick Holstein
2:00 p. m.—Kitchen Klatter
2:30 p. m.—Songs of the Range
2:45 p. m.—The Other Woman
3:15 p. m.—Club Matinee
4:00 p. m.—News
4:15 p. m.—The Carter Family
4:30 p. m.—Faylon Geist, Organ
5:00 p. m.—Set Sail
5:15 p. m.—Irene Wicker
5:25 p. m.—A. P. News
5:30 p. m.—Bud Barton
5:45 p. m.—Captain Midnight

EVENING

6:15 p. m.—Western Melodies
6:30 p. m.—Earl May, News
7:00 p. m.—Ben Bernie's Musical Quiz
(Tues.)
7:00 p. m.—Pot O' Gold (Thurs.)
7:00 p. m.—Harry Kogen's Orchestra (Fri.)
7:30 p. m.—Fame and Fortune (Thurs.)
7:30 p. m.—Farm Bureau Program (Fri.)
7:30 p. m.—Little Ol' Hollywood (Sat.)
8:00 p. m.—You're In The Army Now (Mon.)
8:00 p. m.—Roy Shield's Revue (Wed.)
8:00 p. m.—Gangbusters (Fri.)
8:00 p. m.—Song of Your Life (Sat.)
8:00 p. m.—Old Fashioned Revival Hour
(Sun.)
8:35 p. m.—Chamber Music Society (Mon.)
8:35 p. m.—Bishop and the Gargoyle
(Tues.)
8:35 p. m.—America's Town Meeting of the Air (Thurs.)
9:00 p. m.—Story Dramas by Olmstead
(Mon.-Tues.-Wed.)
9:00 p. m.—Madison Square Garden Boxing
Bouts (TO BE ANNOUNCED)
9:00 p. m.—Newstime (Sunday)
9:30 p. m.—National Radio Forum (Mon.)
9:30 p. m.—Meet Edward Weeks (Tues.)
9:30 p. m.—Doctors at Work (Wed.)
9:30 p. m.—Shenandoah Town Meeting
(Thurs.)
10:15 p. m.—Newstime (Mon. thru Fri.)
10:30 p. m.—Newstime (Sat.)
11:00 p. m.—Associated Press News
10:00 p. m. to 12:00 Midnight—Dance Bands—
Cecil Golly, Gray Gordon, Vaughn Mun-
roe, Emil Coleman, Freddy Martin, Duke
Ellington, Johnny McGee, Matty Mal-
neck, Tony Pastor, Glenn Miller, Gene
Krupa, Jimmy Dorsey, Eddie Lee Baron,
Erskine Hawkins, Ray Kinney, Tommy
Dorsey, Woody Herman, Charlie Spivak,
Harry James, Wayne King, Artie Shaw
and others.

ESPECIALLY FOR THE
CHILDREN!

By Agnes Frandsen.

Christmas has an air of mystery for everyone—especially for the children. All you mothers like to watch your children write to Santa, hang his stocking, and then what joy abounds the next morning! Can one ever forget it?

It takes such simple things to make children happy that it behooves us all to do our part in making the occasion even more festive for them.

Your kiddies will love a fat jolly Santa Claus made from two of your brightest red apples. Cut the top off each one of them so they'll fit together—fasten them with wooden skewers. A strip of green pepper or construction paper can be used to fit around the middle for a belt. A light colored onion serves nicely for a head—the top of the onion sticking up for a tassel on the cap. The eyes are raisin or currents secured by means of pins, a cranberry makes the typical red nose, and use plenty of cotton for the beard and bushy eyebrows and hair. Hands and feet are prunes fastened with tooth picks. The sack is a potato, also secured by toothpicks, but apparently held by a slip of red apple peeling, which goes over to his hands.

Something else that will thrill the children is a large doll house made from sheets of cookie dough. Cut the pieces as evenly as possible—fasten them with icing and tooth picks. Decorate with all colors and shapes of candy and little trinkets.

Santa's home is also an attraction—made from layers of cake, covered with lots of snowy white icing and placed in a snow bank of cotton or sugar.

A huge colored cheese cloth stocking filled with candy, nuts, fruit and tiny parcels can serve as a centerpiece, with tiny stockings, names attached, as place cards and favors.

A gaily wrapped box—containing the surprise dessert—does honors as a centerpiece, then tiny boxes attached by a ribbon to the large box could serve as the favors and place cards. The children will enjoy opening the large box to obtain the dessert and the little gift in their individual boxes can prove very amusing.

Peppermint canes tied with colorful ribbons are tasty favors. And don't forget a large sleigh filled with goodies—as a centerpiece—with small replicas of the sleigh as favors.

"Dear Leanna, I am sending in to renew my subscription to Kitchen-Klatter. It is my choice for a magazine as I can afford but one! It didn't take me long to make my choice, either."—Mrs. Ivan Sand, Riley, Kans.



OVER THE FENCE

Don't forget to plan so that all gifts are ready at least a week before Christmas day. Those to be mailed can be started on their way.

Mail your Christmas cards by Dec. 20. I have found that it helps to keep a list of all those to whom I sent cards last year. I also keep a record of what gifts I gave. This will eliminate duplications.

Christmas time is letter writing time. Write to Mother, Father, sister or brother or that old school friend you have not written to for months. (Yes, even write me a Christmas letter.)

While we are busy planning Christmas surprises for the young people, we must not forget the elderly folks of our acquaintance. As they sit alone with their memories of other Christmases, let us show them that they are not forgotten. It will mean more to them than we can know.

Thousands of children are celebrating Christmas but I wonder to how many it is just a time of selfish satisfaction, in receiving gifts, without one thought of the real significance of the day. I have seen children unhappy all through the day because they didn't get what they wanted for Christmas. Mothers of small children, begin early to teach the lesson of giving, instead of receiving. Center their thoughts around the Christmas story.

No matter how slim the purse, we can always keep Christmas. Your gift to your family may be greater than money can buy, if you give warmth of love and affection. One will forget material gifts, but few forget these most precious gifts that come from the heart.

Most of us have our share of care and worry but let's put these aside during the Christmas season. Who knows! perhaps they will be much lighter when we meet them again, or better yet—they may have disappeared entirely.

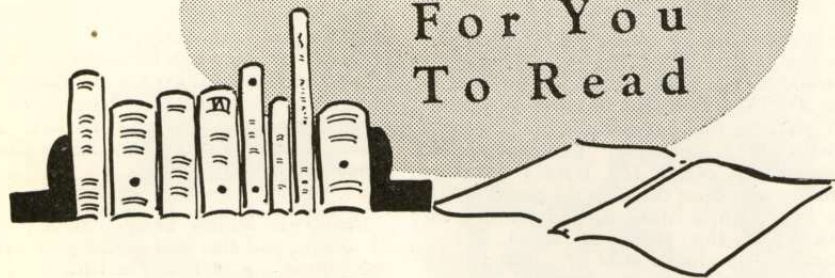
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By

MISS ANNA DRIFTMIER, Librarian

Clarinda, Iowa, Public Library

With Christmas just around the corner we begin to think about the gifts to family and friends. The selections are made from an abundance which is a delight.

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Rural electrification made it possible to have electric lights on the Christmas tree at the home of Waldemar Schulz at Wells, Minn.

THE GIFT BOX

By Gertrude Hayzlett

There is nothing that puts one in the holiday mood quite so much as making the decorations with which to beautify their home at Christmas. Cunning tree decorations may be made from—eggs! Carefully blow out the contents. Decorate the shells with gummed stars and dots, or dip them in bright colored dye. Make a hole at the top just large enough to slip over a small electric tree-light bulb, then close the hole with some of the seals. They glow beautifully when lighted.

Make some fairy stars from transparent drinking straws. Tie a cord loosely around the middle of a bundle of red or yellow straws. Place them on a flat table and have someone hold his hand on the bundle while you draw the cord tighter. Press the straws gently into a round flat rosette. Lay a pattern of a star on top of the rosette and with scissors trim the straws to the pattern. This is nice for top of tree, or in the window. They are pretty not trimmed, too, as they can be shaped to form a round ball. Half straws make smaller balls.

Pop corn and form into balls. In each of them conceal a tiny wax-paper-wrapped gift. Wrap the balls in gay colored paper, tie at top and fringe ends. Pile several of these at foot of the Christmas tree. Or use as centerpiece on table. A ribbon may be tied to each, with other end placed at the plates, serving as favors. Don't forget that strings of popcorn make nice decorations. Dip in colored syrup for variation.

Cut your Christmas cookies in fancy shapes. Make cardboard patterns of Santa Claus, reindeer, Christmas trees, a church and other Christmassy subjects. Roll out the cooky dough, lay pattern on top and cut out with the point of a knife. Cover with frosting.

Tiny Christmas trees may be made from pine cones. Select a large cone. Bore a tiny hole in stem end and insert a sturdy twig for a trunk. Plant in a "tub" made from a waxed paper cup filled with dirt and moss. Cover the tub with fancy paper. Stick tiny ornaments of gum drops or cranberries on tips of the tree.

Cut medium size wire into pieces 8 to 12 inches long and wrap with strips of crepe paper. Tie various colored Christmas tree balls at intervals on the wires and arrange like a bouquet in an ordinary flower holder.

Directions and patterns for several other Christmas gadgets will be found in Gift Box Sheet 4. Sheets 2 and 3, telling about gifts which can be made from rickrack and oilcloth, are still available. Any of these will be sent to Kitchen-Klatter readers for 3c each.

Just couldn't find a nickle
To buy a card for you,
So this little U. S. postcard
Will simply have to do.

But —

Am sending "Merry Christmas"
Good will and all the rest
And may your luck in '41
Be nothing but the best.

—Maude Jackson.



Personalized Brooches. From a cigar box, or other thin nicely grained wood, cut a piece about an inch wide and 3 inches long. Make ends round, V-shaped, or cut slantwise. Smooth with fine sandpaper. From alphabet macaroni, select the letters of your name and glue them on the wood. With a sharp knife make an indentation on back of the piece of wood, large enough so shank side of small safety pin will fit into it. Put the pin in place and run some plastic wood over it, to hold it firm. Plastic wood may be bought in a small tube for a dime. When the plastic is entirely dry, give the pin a coat of shellac. These pins are clever, new and easily made.

—Gertrude Hayzlett

Luncheon Set. Buy a yard of very loud print the louder the better. Fringe all four sides for $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch, then stitch inside fringe to keep from raveling. Make 4 12-inch napkins to match the outstanding colors in print—one of each color or 2 alike. Fringe napkins $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and stitch with thread to match.—Mrs. G. R. Justus, Vermont, Ill.

For a Make-up Cape get a 44 inch bath towel. Begin at the center of one of the short ends and cut up to the exact center of the towel. Fold towel crossways and lengthways and cut a circle from the center point, for the neck. Bind neck and front with bias tape. Attach tie strings to tie under the chin, and another set down the front a ways. Sides should be sewed partway from the bottom, leaving large arm holes.—Goldie McNamee, Hartley, Iowa.

Fruit Jar Rings crocheted around in yarn and put together in attractive forms make lovely doilies or chair back sets. You can sew yarn on center of rings like spokes in the wheel.—Mrs. Edwin P. Olson, Beresford, So. Dak.

Plywood Book Covers are novel. You may burn letters on cover, for instance: Scrap Book or Guest Book. Smaller ones may be made for addresses or note books. Have hide strings for tying covers and paper together.—Mrs. Edwin P. Olson, Beresford, So. Dak.

A very pretty Corner Whatnot shelf can be made from the wooden cheese boxes, sanded and varnished. If you can't get a pattern cut one yourself from a picture in a magazine or catalog.—Mrs. Ruth Foust, 211 Livingston St., Bevier, Mo.

Muffler. Get a remnant of silk or rayon of suitable length and cut in two lengthwise. This makes two mufflers. Sew each up double, and ravel the ends for fringes.—Mrs. Rose Barnard, Weldon, Iowa.

A clever apron may be made of print in a tie-on style (gathered onto a band) and a border at bottom made of tiny nine-patch blocks of plain materials to match colors in the prints.—Mrs. Kirby Hoskinson, Corning, Iowa.

Pot Holders can be made of pieced quilt blocks. For example, make them in form of nine-patch blocks of two colors and the back of a single color to match. Sew a wire loop from a hose supporter on one corner, by which to hang them.—Mrs. Kirby Hoskinson, Corning, Iowa.

Bias Tape Pillow Tops. Cut a piece of muslin the size and shape you wish the pillow top to be. Starting in center, sew strips of bias tape close together to entirely cover the foundation. You can use all colors and make a crazy pillow, or certain colors to match color scheme of a room.—Pearly Morrow, Wall Lake, Iowa.

A serviceable and attractive mat for the bathroom may be made of two flour sacks. Lay one thickness of cotton between the sacks and carefully quilt them on the sewing machine. Finish with a wide binding of bias tape. An applique design may be added.—Mrs. Mike Kanders, Clarkson, Nebr.

SIMPLICITY

Sometimes I am glad I am not rich,
Is it a singular thing to say?

If I were I should have missed

The beautiful joy that was mine
today

Simply because the scarlet bloom
Came to brighten my little room.

And it is strange, but when I am tired
A flowered plate or a quaint cup,
Or a new pan placed on my kitchen
shelf

Can magically lift my spirits up.
Something for a dollar, a quarter, or
a dime

That I have wanted a long, long
time.

I pity the woman who can never know
The keen delight that some small
thing gives,

A new stove singing a golden song
Into a room where a family lives,
A new rug blossoming on the floor
Where an old one had been before.

She who is rich may have fine things,
But she has not waited as I have
done,

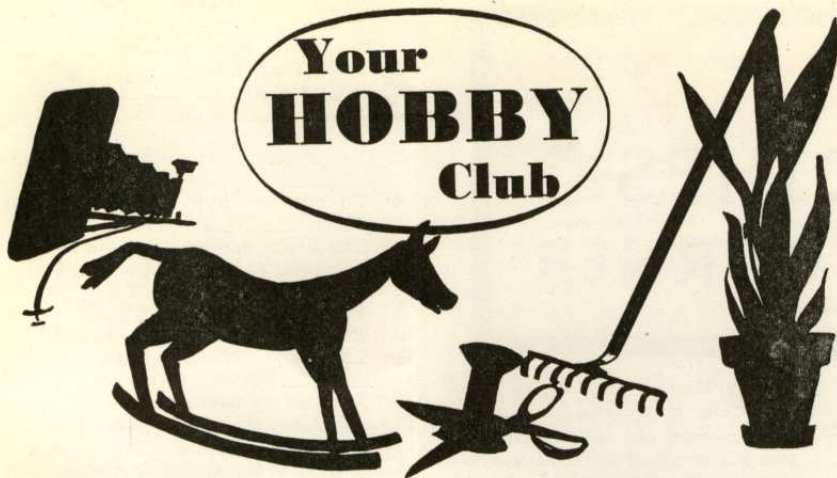
She has not gathered her treasures in
Slowly and gladly one by one,
I do not think that her great rooms
shine

Any more radiantly than mine.

—Author unknown.

"I am enclosing \$1 for a year's subscription to Kitchen-Klatter. I have always enjoyed your programs and the Magazine. I sent it to my sister some time ago and she scarcely ever writes that she doesn't mention the Magazine and how she enjoys it."—Mrs. L. C. Surfus, Maynard, Iowa.

Your HOBBY Club



Another Hobby

I have had a number of letters from readers of the Hobby Page asking for suggestions as to what hobby they might adopt, and not wanting to suggest things that perhaps all of their friends are collecting I have really given it serious thought. Then all of a sudden it occurred to me: has anyone thought of collecting stereopticon pictures?

Almost every house had a stereopticon set years ago, but most of them have disappeared from front rooms now. The stereopticon views date back to 1851 when Queen Victoria had pictures made of the Royal family. Views may be classified by collectors. I can remember seeing pictures of Indians, logging camps, mining camps, exploration, public buildings Civil War scenes, and many dancing and comedy scenes. There are countless other classifications, of course, so if you want a fascinating and unique hobby start prowling around in attics when you can get permission to do so, and see if you can unearth a set that was once the pride and joy of the parlor.

Mrs. R. H. Marks, RFD, Alexandria, Nebr. wants to hear from anyone who has an old glassware goblet or other piece to exchange. Tell her what you have and what you want for it. She also wants old periodicals of all kinds.

Miniature pitchers, bath towels and wood souvenirs.—Mrs. Geo. Witcofski, R2, Crab Orchard, Nebr.

"I collect miniature shoes in glass, china, metal, etc., but no wooden ones; also plates. I have over 500 shoes and am very proud of them."—Mrs. Ethell Shaw, Beaumont, Tex.

"Through your Hobby Column I have exchanged with several of the sisters. I now have 35 elephants from 13 states. My aim is one from each state in the union and one from each of our 93 counties. Pretty big order, but I have faith."—Mrs. Ernest Wall, Beaver Crossing, Nebr.

Buttons—Mrs. Maude Stringfield, Geneva, Nebr.

"My hobby is collecting dogs. I now have over 400, from every state but five and many from foreign lands."—Miss Dora Curtis, Box 64, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa.

"My hobby is collecting poems, also biographies of noted people that I like especially well. Another hobby is collecting souvenirs. This sort of just happened, as my children would bring me souvenirs from places they visited. My daughter, Gladys, is collecting salt and pepper shakers, also postmarks."—Mrs. Oscar Nordstrom, Dayton, Iowa.

Cactus, and fancy or odd pottery to put it in.—Mrs. Wm. H. Gingles, Clay Center, Kans.

Patterns, scrapbooks—Mrs. Edwin P. Olson Beresford, So. Dak.

Advertising pencils and cream pitchers.—Mrs. Floyd Thompson, Colfax, Ia. Cactus.—Helen LeMar (age 11) 620 N. 22 st., Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Elephants and Donkeys. — Mrs. Ed Akers, Dows, Iowa.

PRACTICAL POULTRY POINTERS By Mrs. Olinda Wiles

The way the wind is howling around the corners today reminds me we are



Mrs. Olinda Wiles

about due for a change in the weather, and coming at this time of year we can expect it to be colder weather at that. I hope you have fully prepared the flock of chickens in your poultry house for just such a change.

Two years ago the change in weather started with a drizzling

rain about ten o'clock in the morning. My chickens were all out over their usual range and as the rain increased and then finally about noon began to turn to snow, the chickens found shelter wherever it was convenient in place of going to the poultry house. As the snow increased they huddled under bushes or near fences and remained there.

About four o'clock I began to try to get them to move toward their roosting places, but it was about as disagreeable thing to do as I have ever tried. They would only move a little ways and then huddle together again. After several hours of chasing and shooing and finally catching the last of them, we got them all inside, and you may rest assured we did not let them out again for a good many days.

I recently received a letter from a lady in Illinois who was having trouble with her chickens losing the feathers in large patches on their heads and necks and no new ones coming in after they had completed moulting. I have answered it, but for the benefit of those who have the same trouble, will say—the depluming mite is a tiny mite that burrows just under the skin around the quill of the feather, gradually loosening it and causing it to fall out. The treatment is simple but like any other individual treatment it is tedious and often neglected.

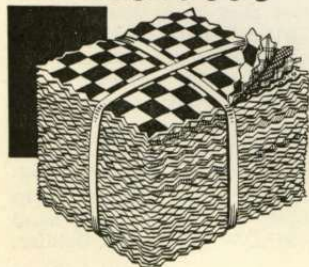
Mix one part sulphur with nine parts lard or vaseline and rub into the skin of the affected parts. This is also good for scales on the feet or shanks which is an irritation set up by the infestation of mites. It may have to be applied several times, but often one application will cause the scales to drop off and the trouble to disappear.

Depluming mites are spread during the mating season and are sometimes the cause of the "feather pulling habit."

As we are nearing the Christmas season and the beginning of a New Year, we look forward with new hopes and ambitions, and look back with sighs and regrets on a great many occasions, and joy and happiness on others.

My wish for each and every one of you that read this column, is that you have unbounded success through the coming year, and that you may walk hand in hand with joy and happiness.

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OUR KIDDIES CORNER

MICKY'S PIES

By Mrs. F. A. Zappe

Thanksgiving time was always full of gladness for a certain pug-nosed freckle-faced, little boy. Micky was his name, and he looked forward to the day of feasting, games and visiting. The big dinner was sure to include his favorite pumpkin pie.

On this day just before Thanksgiving, the pumpkins had been made into pie. They were put on a shelf in the pantry to cool, but none would be eaten until the next day. Now Micky could hardly wait. The spicy smell of cooling pumpkin pies did queer things to him. He couldn't resist walking by them several times. Each time he walked by slower and nearer. At last he stopped right in front of one of them. That was the big mistake. While he stood there he began to feel that he simply must have a wee, small sample.

He wondered how he could get a taste without making a mess of the pie. At last he decided to use a spoon, and he hoped he could make a neat job of it. He was sure he could try, and he intended to take just the smallest bit of a bite. Surely, mother wouldn't mind—but he knew she would mind!

One taste of the pie was good. It was so good he took another, and another and **another!** Before long the pie was a sorry sight. It was so bad looking he knew that he or someone would have to explain things.

Now Micky was usually very honest, but in this case he turned into a red-faced coward. He hit upon an idea that might save himself from punishment—get the cat and shut her in the pantry with the pies! Perhaps Mother would think that old Tabby had eaten the pie, so—he did just that!

That evening Micky didn't feel like eating supper. In fact, he didn't feel like doing **anything**, so we went to his room and made ready for bed. Mother didn't seem to notice his queer actions and she didn't even mention the pie when she tucked him into bed. Micky couldn't understand this.

He crawled under the covers, but he wasn't the least bit sleepy. He looked out and saw the moon looking at him. The old moon seemed to say,

"Mickey did it! Mickey did it!"

Poor Mickey was so bothered he finally muttered,

"Aw,—you old moon, what do you know about it? You weren't even in the sky when I ate the

pie!"

Mickey shut his eyes very tightly and tried to go to sleep again, but the old grandfather's clock in the hall ticked slowly and seemed to say,

"Mickey did it! Mickey did it!"

Then Mickey blurted right out and said,

"Oh, you old clock, you don't know anything about it, away upstairs and far from those pies!"

Just then old Tabby came into the room and jumped upon Mickey's bed. She purred and purred while Mickey stroked her soft fur. Then Tabby's purring seemed to say,

"Mickey did it! Mickey did it!"

He couldn't stand it any longer. Mickey sat up in bed, curled Tabby in his arms and sobbed,

"Yes, Tabby, old dear, you **do** know I did it, and I'm going right down and tell Mother this very minute!"

When Mickey's mother heard his sorry story she looked very solemn, and yet a little twinkle was in her eyes. At length she spoke softly and said,

"Mickey, I knew you would be good and brave and tell Mother all about it, but remember, cats never leave spoons in pies!"



Betty Margaret Jenson, of Maryville Mo., plays by the light of the Christmas tree.

PIES

1. To shape by trimming. _____
2. Two of a kind. _____
3. A pretty girl. _____
4. An _____ a day keeps the doctor away.
5. The swiftest part of a stream. _____
6. To cut or chop into very small pieces. _____
7. California sundried product. _____
8. A spread for bread, and England's neighbor. _____
9. The oldest berry. _____
10. The saddest berry. _____
11. The tree Washington chopped. _____
12. Time of an event. _____
13. An English game played in a walled court. _____
14. A device for drawing water, and one's relation. _____
15. Sweetest pie. _____
16. Product of the tropics. _____
17. Popular coating for candy. _____
18. A coniferous tree, and a fruit. _____

Answers

1. Prune.
2. Pear.
3. Peach.
4. Apple.
5. Currant.
6. Mince.
7. Raisin.
8. Butterscotch.
9. Elderberry.
10. Blueberry.
11. Cherry.
12. Date.
13. Squash.
14. Pumpkin.
15. Sugar.
16. Cocoanut.
17. Chocolate.
18. Pineapple.
19. Chicken.

—Mrs. Morrie

WHAT MATTERS

My mother says she does not care
About the color of my hair,
Nor if my eyes are blue or brown,
Nor if my nose turns up or down—
It really doesn't matter.

And Mother says she does not care
If I am dark or if I'm fair,
Or if I'm thin or if I'm fat;
She doesn't fret o'er things like that—
It really doesn't matter.

But if I cheat or tell a lie,
Or say mean things to make folks cry,
Or if I'm rude and impolite,
And do not try to do the right—
Then that does really matter.

It isn't looks that make one great,
But character that seals your fate,
It's what's within your heart, you see,
That makes or mars your destiny—
And that does really matter.

—Myrtle Barbara Carpenter.

Tree Will Not Shed. I used to have trouble with my Christmas tree shedding, but not any more. We put it in a big bucket and pack wet sand around it.—Mrs. W. M. Graetz, Soldier, Iowa.



MY WISH

I wish that I could wish a wish
And have my wish come true;
I'd wish that all my happiness
Could be shared alike by you;
I'd wish that all my blessings
Be given you thrice o'er,
I wish this wish could just come true
'Twould be worth wishing for.

I wish that I could wish a wish
At this happy Christmas time;
I'd wish you had as many friends
As I feel I can call mine;
I'd wish you had the treasures
Of their friendships tried and true.
I'd wish God's blessings doubled
This is my Christmas wish for you.

—By C. D. Wray.

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GAMES TO PLAY

SCRAMBLED PIES

This being pie time, prepare a list of the most familiar pies, but pi the name of each. Take as many slips as there are guests and write the following or a similar list of "pied" pies on each:

kiuppmn (pumpkin)
mneol greenumi (lemon meringue)
Cactouno dratucs (cocoanut custard)
narisi (raisin)
pealp (apple)
haubbr (rhubarb)
haped (peach)
tropica (apricot)
yewbratrts ((strawberry)
reelubybr ((blueberry)
preag (grape)
pyrbarres (raspberry)

Of course the list should contain only the pied, or mixed-up, names given above. Allow the guests 10 minutes to unscramble the pies. The first one who names all correctly, or the one who names the most of them correctly, might be given a pumpkin or mince pie as a prize.

STORK SHOWER CONTEST

1. What hood is the most becoming to a woman? (Motherhood)
 2. In what hood is a woman most interested? (Babyhood)
 3. What pertaining to Cupid is the first article baby is taught to handle? (Spoon)
 4. What acts as baby's main security? (Safety pin)
 5. In applying the powder, what adornment of woman is used? (Puff)
 6. What article of bedding does baby suggest to its mother? (Comfort)
 7. What do a mother and a sailor both dread? (Squall)
 8. What disfigurement of a boy's hair suggests a baby's pain? (Colic)
 9. What article of a baby's clothing is musical? (Band)
 10. What food of a baby's is paternal in name? (Papst)
- Sent by Mrs. G. W. Ferrel, Council Bluffs, Ia.

SHUT IN

One autumn, when the cold had come,
And frost had killed the flowers,
I thought the days would longer seem,
And lonely all the hours;
For I was still to be shut in—
How long, no one could tell;
Yet shut in by a Father's hand,
And He does "all things well."
It may be that He shut me in
To keep me safe from harm—
If so, I'm glad to feel so safe
Within His sheltering arm.
Perhaps it was, that I might learn
To say "Thy will, not mine"
So how could I but gladly take
The task He did assign.

Now, months have passed, I still am here,

Weary and suffering still;
But oh, so glad I've learned to say,
"My Father, do Thy Will."
And days—I thought they'd be so long
Have never shorter been
And each had brought some joy to me
Since I have been shut in.

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You Need NOT Be a Subscriber To Enter . . . But, in fairness to present yearly subscribers and anyone else who may subscribe before contest closes—I will give **DOUBLE AWARDS** to winners who are yearly subscribers to Kitchen Klatter Magazine.

I'm sure this is the easiest contest you ever entered—and you'll find it heaps of fun, too. Just a few minutes in afternoon or evening—and you may win a crisp \$25 bill—or one of the 40 other prizes.

Get the family together and have them help—see who can get the most words! It's a good way to pass the time—and besides testing your skill it will improve your knowledge of words.

Anyone may enter—and anyone may win. This is not a big national contest where hundreds of thousands in 48 states enter—it's just among Kitchen Klatter friends and neighbors. And with 41 prizes, it's easy to win.

I first thought I'd have one set of prizes—and let all win on the same basis. But my husband didn't think that would be fair to yearly sub-

scribers. So, we decided that if any yearly subscriber, or anyone who decides to subscribe for one year before the contest closes, should win, we'll just **DOUBLE** their prize.

For example, if you are a yearly subscriber and win first prize . . . instead of \$25, you receive \$50. If you win one of the other prizes, like the filet lace table cover, you get two table covers, or one table cover and your choice of the other merchandise prizes! Is that fair enough?

Read the rules carefully, and then make up your list of three letter words right away. Remember, the contest closes December 31, midnight. That may seem like a long time off, right now, but you really haven't any time to lose.

ALMOST
EVERYONE
CAN WIN
IN THIS
BIG, EASY
Contest!

HERES ALL
YOU DO!



KITCHEN-KLATTER, DEPT. C., SHENANDOAH, IOWA

Merely Make a List of Three Letter Words Found In This Sentence:

"Kitchen-Klatter is full of Helpful Ideas!"

HERE ARE THE EASY RULES

1. Make a list of three letter words from the letters used in this sentence: "Kitchen Klatter is full of helpful ideas."

2. Use no letter for any one word more times than it is used in the contest sentence. Correct spelling, of course, is essential. Proper names and plurals will not be counted.

3. Write on one side of the paper only. Print your name and address plainly at the top of each page. Put the total number of words in your complete list at the top of the first page. Number each page in the upper right hand corner.

4. Mail your entry to Kitchen Klatter, Dept. C., Shenandoah, Iowa. You may send as many entries as you wish, but each entry must be postmarked before midnight December 31, 1940.

5. You need not be a subscriber to Kitchen Klatter magazine to enter. Yearly subscribers to Kitchen Klatter magazine who do win, however, will be awarded double the amount of the published prizes. In case of ties, duplicate prizes will be awarded.

6. Entries will be judged on total number of three letter words, entered. Authority used will be Webster's New International Dictionary. Writing must be legible. Elaborate entries will not count extra. Entries, contests, ideas therein become the property of Kitchen Klatter Magazine. No entries can be returned or acknowledged, nor can Kitchen Klatter enter into correspondence with anyone regarding entries. Decision of the judges will be final and binding.

7. Anyone may enter this contest except the employees of Kitchen Klatter Magazine, the employees of radio station KMA, and their families. This contest is subject to all national, state, and local laws and regulations. Winners will be notified as soon as possible after the close of the contest.

8. A complete list of winners will be published in the February issue of Kitchen Klatter Magazine.

HINTS ON HOW TO WIN

One way is list all 3 letter words you find in your dictionary . . . get a big dictionary, with lots of words. Then go through your list and strike out any word containing letters not in the contest sentence. Another way is to start writing 3 letter words as you see them in the sentence. For example, the first 3 letters of the sentence make the word "Kit"—the last three of the first word make the word "Hen". See how easy? Read the rules—and before you mail your entry be sure you have complied with each rule.