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### GIVE CHEERFULLY

Give cheerfully, or not at all,  
A splendid motto for your wall.  
There's nothing in that grumbling way  
Of giving gifts on Christmas Day.  
A little gift with lots of love,  
Means more to earth and Heaven  
above,  
Than millions sent reluctantly,  
And sent so all the earth may see.  
So heed ye now the Christmas call,  
Give cheerfully or not at all—  
Accounting it a privilege rare  
In this sweet season's joys to share.  
—Author Unknown.

### CHRISTMAS LIVING

A day and a night. Christmas has come and gone. One single day of unselfishness out of the year. If every gift that we give carries with it a spirit of love and unselfishness, let us hope this feeling will linger throughout the year. We can wish not only happiness on Christmas day, but happiness clear through the year. Carry the spirit of Christmas with you always. Extend cheerful greetings, sympathy to those in sorrow, congratulations, helpfulness, tenderness, encouragement, generosity. Live Christmas! Christmas-living is the best kind of Christmas-giving and lasts throughout the year.

Dear Friends,

This year I am wishing you, not a "Merry Christmas", for one can scarcely be merry in this war torn world, but a "Blessed Christmas". Only in homes where there are little children can Christmas be merry. It will be a blessed day for us if we can help create joy in the lives of others.

Christmas is only enjoyed by the unselfish, for it is a day of giving. In the world of today there is much to subdue our usual holiday gaiety. Many of you are to be alone on Christmas day, for the first time. Families once able to gather together in a group find themselves scattered to the four wings of heaven. To these, Christmas this year will be more a memory than an actual event.

We will listen for the rush of feet,  
The happy voices that we know,  
Then close our eyes and see again,  
Those faces of the long ago.

I am thankful for my storehouse of memories, for of our seven children, Margery is the only one who will be at home this year. The other day she said, "Now, Mother, don't get the idea we are not going to have a Christmas tree or the frosted sugar cookies this year." I could assure her that we would carry out all the family traditions even though there would be only three of us. I am sure the children away from home will want it to be that way.

May "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men" not be a mockery, but may we all work harder than ever to bring this to pass. We must pray that the love that is greater than earthly hates may be born again in the hearts of all people, and may God looking down on this world at war, bless our boys wherever they are fighting, that America may be kept free. May we celebrate many "Merry Christmases" in years to come.

In the letter we received this week from our son Frederick, who is in Egypt, he says that the people there have their Christmas on January 7th. Bands play, there are parades and a great exchange of gifts.

Wayne will probably celebrate Christmas on the sunny Hawaiian Islands. I have a cousin whose home is in Honolulu. On his "leaves" Wayne visits in their home. He enjoys sleeping on a wide bed and eating on china plates.

We don't know where Howard, our last son to go into the army, will be on Christmas day. At the time I am writing this we have not received his permanent address. Don will probably be at the Air Base in Texas where he is in training, and Dorothy and Lucile in their homes in Hollywood. So you see our family really is scattered this year.

We are looking forward to Christmas in 1943, when we hope to be able to have all our children at home. We will have to borrow a high chair (... Sh! I didn't tell, did I?) but that will be easy as my next door neighbor has one she will loan me.

Lovingly,

—Leanna.

### THE VALUE OF A PRESENT

When Christmas is made an occasion for sending expensive presents of all sorts, simply because it is the custom, the most beautiful of festivals is made cheap and tawdry. The value of a present lies in the sincerity of the feeling which it represents. When people of moderate means make expensive gifts, they misuse the real meaning of the day, which should be one of simplicity, sincerity and absence of pretension. The finest Christmas gift is not the one that costs the most money but the one that carries the most love.

### THE CHRISTMAS HURRY

Have you heard someone say, "I'll be glad when Christmas is over." Maybe you have been guilty of the thoughts, if not the words. Why do we lose the real Christmas spirit? I think it is because we try to crowd into a few days all the preparations that we should make during the preceding weeks.

Don't plan a big Christmas dinner if it is going to mean that you have to work all day. Generally the family have eaten so many Christmas sweets they don't appreciate the dinner anyway. Let the whole family cooperate this year, so that the Christmas holidays can be a time of real pleasure for the whole family. Make a list of the things you want to do, now, and stick to the schedule. Try to have the gifts wrapped and ready to mail or deliver, at least a week before Christmas.

### BRINGING IN A YULE LOG

From Scandinavia comes the custom of the Yule Log. With much laughter and shouting the log was placed upon the hearth. After games were played, the fire was lighted from a brand carefully saved from the last year's log. While it was burning it was considered an ill omen if a squinting person came to the house, or one with bare feet, or above all, a flat-footed woman. The log was to burn all night. If it went out it was regarded as a sign of very bad luck.

### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Since transportation is limited this year, don't try to take the children Christmas shopping with you. Children are crowded by people who tower above them. They may be exposed to cold germs. It is nice to take the children to town to see the toys and Santa Claus but try to go early and return early. Let the older children do the shopping for the younger members of the family.

### CHOOSING A CHRISTMAS TREE

If it is possible, buy a balsam fir tree, for its foliage is such a dark green and the odor is delightful. Be sure the tree is as fresh as possible. As soon as you get the tree in the home, set it in a tub of moist sand and keep it in a cool place until you are ready to decorate it. Water it often.



# Come into the Garden with Helen



Dear Friends,

My hardy Passion Flower has given me so much pleasure that I want you all to know about it. A native in the South, it will thrive in a sheltered, sunny nook for any of you.

Its beauty is so overwhelming that in all countries where it is found it is given sacred significance and so it seemed a suitable subject for the Christmas number of Kitchen-Klatter.

Darrell Crawford, the Flower Boy of Salina, Kansas, has grown it for many years and is so happy to spread flower lore that I have asked him to write of it and of its legends. —Helen Fischer.

## THE PASSION VINE FOR CHRIST

By Darrell Crawford

Many do not realize there are perennials and vines in our climate that are hardy which possess all the charm of tropical plants. The Passion Vine

(Passiflora incarnata) is one of these unusual plants seldom seen.

The large 4-inch exotic lavender fringed blooms appear in great profusion, filling the whole neighborhood with cloying fragrance, a breath of the tropics that no travel to far places could equal. The significant symbolism of each part of this flower with the life of our Lord will make this a cherished plant to bring heaven's gate nearer our garden wall as He walks with us.

The first Spanish explorers found the Passion Vine and saw in each part of the flower some association with the life of Jesus. By their legend the

ten colored parts—5 petals and 5 sepals—represent the ten apostles present at the crucifixion, Peter and Judas being absent. From the center radiates a fringe of filaments that rest on the ten petals. This fringe represents the halo about Christ's head and a double circle of yellow is clearly seen in the lavender disc and fringe.

The stamens and pistil are borne out upon a column from the center of the flower which is symbolic of the column to which Jesus was tied and scourged. The 5 stamens suggest the 5 wounds which were inflicted, one in each hand and foot and one in the side. The three sections of the pistil at right angles to the column represent the three nails.

The five-lobed leaves of some varieties represent the hand and fingers of the persecutors. The hardy variety has 3 lobes representing the Trinity. The tendrils by which this vine climbs and clings signify the whips which scourged Jesus.

This vine loves the heat and thrives in sunny difficult places better than shady ones. The foliage is a deep luxuriant green, leaves larger than your hand. It climbs to 15 feet or more, and if watered some blooms are even better. After the flowers fall, edible fruit balls soon set on, giving more interest to this plant. Each contains seed.

Increase is by many underground runners but it is not a pest, as friends are always waiting for shoots to come up. In transplanting, care must be taken to secure some of the horizontal root from which the vertical shoots sprout. A late riser, about May 20th, it fools many who think it is dead, only to burst into a greater glory each year. Next spring when the Passion Vine seed-sprouts appear and blooms cover the vines 3 or 4 months later in the summer, may they whisper to you in their sweetness of One who also rose to new life, so you and your dear ones at home or absent will remember that after this war is a double victory yet to come.

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LEANNA DRIFTMIER, Shenandoah, Iowa.

## CONES AND GOURDS IN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

By Mrs. R. J. Duncomb

The month of December does not seem so much the month of growing our flowers as it does the month of significant symbols of things we love. It is the month of gathering together all those things which we will a little later in the month, use to show our awareness of the Christian civilization. We will decorate our churches, our homes and our trees with those things which are symbolic to us of gayety, hope and beauty.

Walking among our evergreens at this season, we gather their cones lying in the grass around them, so varied and so beautiful. Evergreens have always been the emblem of eternal life, their greenery persists in winter snows even when all else is brown and sere. They seem to bear the message to us that they will bridge the dreary chasm between glowing Fall and verdant Spring. They constantly remind us that life is still going on among all growing things now locked in winter's grasp. They are the living evidence of the great plan of our Creator that life and hope is still alive though all around seems to lie death and devastation. And so we gather their green boughs to bring the sweet scent of the woods into our homes and also their cones which we can so well employ in making wreaths or in many small articles with which we like to decorate our Christmas tables. They may be varnished to bring out their richness; they may be silvered to sparkle like the frosty stars or they may be flecked with white enamel to suggest snowflakes. The Holly and the Mistletoe with their red or white berries must be with us to continue the thought of Christmas in our family circles even though some may be broken for a time. The absent ones will still be with us in thought so we must carry on the Christmas traditions for their sakes at least.

The gourds have their part to play in our Christmas decorations. Though they are so often thought of as being foreign to our customs, they too have their place, since they have in the past been useful as well as decorative. The Indians in the jungles used them as flasks to carry water and their medicines; as dishes to store food and to keep liquids cool much in the way our thermos bottles do. Let us give them also a symbolical honor by placing them in the Christmas setting, since they have played their part in the development of our country.

The well cured gourd may be thoroughly scraped inside with a piece of glass and used as a container for our Christmas candies or nuts. Or it may be heaped with tiny cones and red berries.

And so, whatever else befalls us, Christmas will always be observed and loved. It is the assurance to us of God's love and care and so we will continue to observe its traditions, come what may.



## A LETTER FROM LUCILE

Dear Friends:

If you could walk into my house to-night I'm afraid that you'd think I'm a pretty poor excuse for a housewife, and I'm not sure but what I'd agree with you, for there is considerable litter strewn all around. And my kitchen! Well, I'm glad that you can't see the bowls in the sink and the flour on the floor, to say nothing of boxes scattered about here and there. In all honesty I have to admit that you wouldn't often catch me in such a stew, but Christmas is the explanation... Christmas and the fact that I've actually taken steps to carry out my firm resolution to get everything packed and mailed early this year.

I'm one of these people who generally leave Christmas preparations to the last minute (ever hear of anyone else like this?), but as early as the middle of October Russell and I began making our plans for this Christmas, and now we are actually carrying them out. By November the first Dorothy and I had gotten Wayne's box started on the long trip to Hawaii, and these last few nights I've been baking cookies and making candy for the boxes that will go to Donald and Howard. We won't try to send Frederick anything in the line of food—just imagine what condition a box of fudge would be in by the time it reached Cairo, Egypt! He has to pay such high duty on all gifts that it really isn't doing him a favor to send him anything but good old American currency with our warmest love attached.

It is our understanding that Christmas trees will not be available this year, and I've been racking my brains to think of a good substitute. I suggested a number of possibilities so fantastic that Russell was finally driven to suggesting that we simply bring in a big cactus and decorate it with lights and tinsel. At this date I haven't been able to think of any satisfactory substitute, but I'm sure that by the twenty-second or third of December we will have found something. It's hard enough to make Christmas in California seem like Christmas without bringing in a few bushes and imagining that they are a lovely spruce.

I'm sure that like many, many others we don't approach these holidays with the happiness and lightness of heart that we've known in years gone by. Too many of our loved ones are far away. But we are going to try and recreate some of the spirit that made our Christmas Eves in years gone by such wonderful, never-to-be forgotten times. I intend to have a nice dinner Christmas Eve for Dorothy and Frank and Russell, and if we have to eat it at one-thirty in the morning when they return from work—well, that's all right too. We'll have our tree and gifts after we eat, and by that time we can go to early morning services on Christmas day. Perhaps it might seem more sensible



The Christmas Tree, December 1941, in Driftmier Home.

to have our dinner and tree on Christmas day, but when all of your happiest memories are centered around Christmas Eve it makes you want to carry on in the way that you know best.

There are some things that we can still depend upon. I'm positive for instance, that there will be a box of Christmas cookies from mother. I've tried to make them just as she did, but I haven't the knack. They don't taste as good, and certainly they don't look as good. No one has ever made such Christmas cookies as mother. I can see her sitting at the kitchen table with a big bowl of white frosting, and little bowls filled with green, red, and blue frosting. Then there are small packages of candies on the table, little red cinnamon drops, and silver shot, and tiny colored balls. Did she simply pick up a cookie and throw on some of this frosting and candy? She did not. She worked patiently for hours on end making fancy little Christmas tree cookies, and others with bright candy wreaths, and others with all kinds of intricate designs. There were reindeers, and Santa Claus, and bells. There seemed to be no end to the ideas that she had, and I've never known her to be so busy or tired that she wasn't willing to spend hours at the kitchen table turning out beautiful cookies to give her family happiness.

Dorothy and I try to imagine what Christmas will be like at home with only Margery there, and it's hard for us to realize that the rest of us are so far away. When you have a big family and your Christmas celebrations were thrilling events with a beautiful tree, Dad handing out the presents, and everyone getting exactly what he wanted the most, (please don't ask me how Mother and Dad managed to give all seven children their heart's desire) it's difficult to believe that Time has stepped in and made all of it a happy memory. I'm grateful from the bottom of my heart for every single one of those wonderful nights when we came home from the program at the church to find our house all ready for the big event with platters of cookies and candy on the sideboard, the tree blazing from top

to bottom with our gifts stacked around it, and Dad waiting for us in the living room. (He always stayed home to get everything ready, and when we were little we believed that Santa Claus had brought in the sleds, doll buggies, doll cribs, games, etc. As we learned the truth one by one we joined forces to make the younger ones believe that it was really Santa Claus and that Dad had just "happened to stay at home.") What more can you give your children than such happy memories that they brighten all of the years that pass?

So, those are the things I've been thinking tonight as I've packed the boxes for Donald and Howard, and experimented with the wrappings that will go nicely with Mother's gift. Remembering these things has made me determined to recreate as much of it as possible, and although we won't have snow or the kind of a tree that Dad used to decorate or small youngsters around who wait feverishly for Santa Claus, we'll all four pitch in and have the happiest possible Christmas. As a matter of fact, we'll begin right now by wishing you and your loved ones a happy, happy Christmas.

—Lucile and Russell  
Dorothy and Frank

## CHRISTMAS By Mary Duncomb

The Wise Men followed a shining star,  
From over the desert they traveled afar.

Shepherds saw in the East a light,  
Heard angels singing in radiance bright.

A mother cradled her baby dear,  
Safe in her arms with never a fear.

And cruel tyrants plotted in vain,  
Grudging to lose their rank and fame.

A whole world trembled, became aware  
That God was willing His son to spare

He gave Him willingly, freely—glad—  
Why should this Christmas make us sad?

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## LETTER FROM FREDERICK

(A letter from our son Ted, who is in the Y. M. C. A. Service on the battlefields of Northern Africa.)

Cairo, Egypt.

Dear Folks,

Well, after my enforced vacation, I am now back on the job again. Although I had a nice time in the Sudan, there were a lot of hardships, the worst of all being the indecision—not knowing whether I was to go on home or return to my work here. The picture I am sending you this time is of an Italian ambulance which is now owned by the British. Notice how it has been painted to camouflage it.

I know how greatly relieved you are to hear good news from this theatre of war. We are all very optimistic, but of course one still never knows what will happen from one day to the next.

In my work with the army it is necessary for me to have a car and I have tried for the last two weeks to buy one. The prices run from \$1,200 for a 1936 Chevrolet to \$4,000 for a 1941 car. I used to think that buying, when you didn't spend your own money, would be enjoyable but now, when I come home from a shopping trip, trying to buy things for my work, I feel very blue and depressed. The high prices I have to pay for clothing just makes me sick. Very ordinary 35c socks are \$1.45. Pajamas I used to pay \$1.60 for, are \$4.00. Potatoes are \$10 a bushel (if you can get them). This gives you an idea of what it costs me to live.

My unexpected vacation gave me a nice rest but set my work back. It was quite warm in the Sudan but the frequent rains helped to cool things down. Before every rain in Khartoum there is a dust storm called a "haboob". Sometimes they are very violent and dirty. You see, Khartoum is right in the desert. The really fertile part of the Sudan is about 100 miles to the south. It was a big thrill to see the two mighty Niles, the Blue and the White, from the air. As our plane circled over the city we got a good view of the junction of the two rivers, and the difference in colours was quite evident.

Speaking of rivers, we are having a real flood here in Egypt this year. I have seen the Nile overflow three different times at Assiut, but this year it will be higher than ever. There is no high water around Cairo.

The Egyptians here at the Y.M.C.A. are learning to play softball. They know the general idea of the game but have a hard time playing it. It is hard for them to throw a ball for in their games they never throw anything. They have never seen a real American game and know nothing of our custom of shouting and cat-calling. I try to remember this and keep still. Once I forgot myself and let out a terrific shout before I realized what I was doing. There was an awful silence while everyone looked my way. I guess they thought I had lost my mind.

Now that I am driving a car I am



Frederick Driftmier in a camouflaged ambulance on the battle fields of Egypt.

having the terrible experience of bucking up against the Egyptian pedestrian. They pay no attention to automobile traffic, and never seem to hear a horn. I actually push people out of the way, with the bumper of my car. I just drive in low gear and gently push them aside. They don't seem to mind it a bit. After driving in a blackout, I am a nervous wreck. You follow the blue street lights and red curb lights. The pedestrians act at night just like they do in the day time. Their faith in God is such that they have complete confidence that He will not let them get hit by anything.

There is a nice group of American fellows staying at the Y.M.C.A. now. One boy, Harold Runft of Pawnee City, Nebraska, thinks his mother listens to you. These fellows are civilian employees for the U. S. Army.

Lovingly,

—Ted.

(Note—Harold Runft's mother does listen to my radio programs and wrote me after I told on the air that Ted had met Harold.)



## CHRISTMAS CANDIES

## OLD TIME NUT CANDY

1/2 cup butter or substitute  
3/4 cup brown sugar  
1 1/2 cups molasses  
1/8 teaspoon soda  
2 cups dates  
1 teaspoon lemon flavor  
1 1/2 cups walnut meats, chopped  
1/2 cup almonds or pecans, chopped  
1 1/2 cups Brazil nuts, chopped  
Boil sugar and molasses together until mixture forms a hard ball when tested in cold water. Add butter and continue to boil until mixture is brittle when tested in cold water. Add soda, dates, lemon and chopped nuts. Pour in greased plate to harden. Slice as wanted or slice and wrap in individual pieces.—Mrs. Ernest Clayton, New Hampton, Missouri.

## RAISIN CLUSTERS

1/2 pound sweet chocolate, melted  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 cups peanuts  
1 cup raisins  
Mix all together and drop by spoonful on a buttered sheet.—Mrs. Erwin Kiephaefer, Carleton, Nebraska.

## PEANUT BRITTLE

2 cups white syrup  
1 cup hot water  
1 tablespoon butter  
1 cup cracked peanuts  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 teaspoon soda  
Cook water and syrup until very brittle. It must be very brittle when a little is dropped in cold water. It must be so hard it almost cracks. Then add peanuts and butter and boil until a golden brown. You must stir it all the time now as it will burn. When it is brown, add the soda stirring all the while. It will puff up now. When it is well mixed, pour out on large buttered platter. When cold you can break it into pieces.—Mrs. Fred Abendroth, West Point, Nebr..

## FRUIT CHOCOLATE BALLS

Grind 1 cup of dates, 1 cup raisins, 1 cup nut meats. Figs may be added. Form in balls and dip in melted sweet chocolate.

## STUFFED DATES OR PRUNES

Wash and remove the seeds from dates. Stuff them with large nut meats. Roll in granulated sugar. Healthful and good.

## MARASCHINO DROPS

Drain and wipe the cherries dry. Dip in melted sweet chocolate.

## CARMELS

1 cup brown sugar, 1 cup molasses, 1 cup milk, 2 tablespoons butter. Boil to hard stage. Add nut meats and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Cool in buttered pan and cut in squares. Dip each one in melted chocolate.

## MOLASSES POPCORN BALLS

1 cup brown sugar  
1 cup molasses  
1/2 cup water  
1/2 teaspoon soda  
Boil to hard ball stage, then add 2 tablespoons butter. Boil to crack stage and add 1/2 teaspoon soda. Pour over popcorn and form into balls. Dip hands in water.

## FRUIT CANDY

1 cup figs, ground  
1 cup raisins, ground  
1 cup dates, ground  
1/2 cup coconut, crushed  
Orange juice to moisten. Shape into balls and dip into melted chocolate and press a nut meat on top and let set until firm.—Mrs. C. H. Burns, Westboro, Missouri.



## HEALTH HINTS

By Mrs. Walt Pitzer



Mrs. Walt Pitzer

Sleep is not as important as we have been led to think. Centuries past we were told that folks should be "dead to the world" at least eight hours out of twenty-four. Probably just a convention, but the idea has lived and thrived until many folks are wretched if they cannot sleep eight or more hours at a stretch. Even tho' it has been proven that many would be in better health if they slept fewer hours, such facts are usually turned down. Some folks realize the pep and energy so noticeable following a "cat nap" during the day whereas a few hours sleep brought only a dull feeling.

REST is of great importance and most of us need more than we get these days when living at high speed. Even tho' we are not asleep, if the body is relaxed the blood pressure is lower, the metabolism less, and the heart beats slower. It is not always the loss of sleep that makes us act like a lion the following day, but the fuss we make when trying to sleep.

A glass of hot tomato juice or a light lunch will often help us to drop off to sleep or at least relax and rest. Controlling worry thoughts is not so easy with children in service or taxes coming due. Try turning on the lights. Many folks can then drop off to sleep whereas darkness brings a mental depression. You might care to read my Leaflet on "Worry". Send 3 cents also a stamped envelope to me at Shell Rock, Iowa.

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Answer to questions received:

Mother, remove your bifocal glasses and you may see the world as the child sees it if his eyes are not functioning properly. Neither you nor the child can tell if things appear as they should. I know one child who was taken from school at age 12 because he seemingly could not learn. Doctor discovered the child had less than 50% vision. Since being fitted with glasses he is doing fine in school but will always have a personality problem to fight because of being so far behind the boys his age in school.

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Yes, you certainly should reduce, especially as your doctor has warned you of a stroke. But reducing can be dangerous if you do not have the bodily requirements of minerals and vitamins. The "Eight-Day" schedule in my Health Booklet is well balanced but in case of illness it is always wise to let your doctor check the schedule also ask his advise as to how often it is wise for you to follow it, as you do not want to reduce too fast.



## OVER THE FENCE

Mrs. W. A. Newell of Juniata, Nebraska, contributed these lines. Lay out more work than you can do, then do it, Bite off more than you can chew, then chew it, Hitch your wagon to a star, Keep the seat and there you are, You can do it.

Mrs. Frank Schinkus, Norfolk, Nebraska, writes, "Leanna, tell our Kitchen-Klatter friends to always remember the neighbors and friends with cards or letters when they are sick. This helped me so much." I, too, know how much it means to be remembered at such a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hayden, who formerly broadcast over KMA, have a new baby girl who will no doubt be another entertainer like their other talented children.

Have your wall phone installed low enough on the wall that you may sit in a chair while phoning. This suggestion is made by Mrs. Oscar Fossum, Canton, South Dakota.

I never could pull a child's tooth by tying a string around it and fastening the other end to a door knob and slamming the door, could you? Mrs. Laberta Brown, Horton, Kansas, says she keeps a small pair of pliers for this purpose.

Mrs. LeGrand Smith, Madrid, Iowa, has crocheted 350 pairs of baby booties and 265 baskets, not to mention many other articles. She does it to keep her fingers from getting stiff, as she has arthritis in her hands. When I feel discouraged I stop and feel thankful that my hands are not lame.

Keep two sets of curtains for each window. Then you always have a clean pair when you want to freshen up your rooms for company or club, writes Mrs. F. L. Servos of Edwardsville, Kansas.

I wonder who holds the record for knitting the most Red Cross Sweaters? Can any of you surpass the record of Bess Lane of Fremont, Nebraska? She is 81 years old and has knit 30 sweaters and three shawls since last February.

Don't throw away old furs! The government wants old fur to line vests for our soldier boys.



Do you remember the Christmas my radio friends gave me a shower of gifts? I received so many presents! There were 347 handkerchiefs, 118 wash rags, 56 aprons, 328 pan holders, 234 towels, 193 tea towels, 24 dust caps, 9 centerpieces and 164 miscellaneous articles ranging from rugs to cosmetics, and a variety of dainties for our Christmas dinner. What did I do with all these things? I packed "hope chests" (pasteboard cartons) for each of my seven children, for I thought some day they would be real keepsakes. The rest, I have been using myself. Perhaps you were one who sent me a gift that Christmas of 1926.

This seems to have been a bad month for colds at KMA. Edith Hansen, Edythe Sterlin and I have each taken our turn at being hoarse but we all kept going. Edythe Sterlin was fortunate to have her daughter Josephine to broadcast for her. I had Gertrude Hayzlett to stand by and help me when I needed her. Edith Hansen got through without any help. All three of us hope we are through with colds for the winter.

Zora Zoe Zeigler of Laurel, Iowa, has always wanted to find someone else who had Z.Z.Z. as their initials. Zoe is a beauty operator and one day a lady came into the shop. She wanted Zoe to do her hair because her name was Zeigler, too. When asked if she had any children with 3 Z's like hers she said yes, her baby was Zora Zella Zeigler. I wonder if there are any others who would like to join a Z.Z.Z. Club.

Mrs. Will Hissem of Libertyville, Iowa, writes "A neighboring Ladies Aid are helping win the war and earning money for their treasury by shucking corn. Not all of the ladies can do this but some are strong and able. The farmers paid them 10c a bushel."

Some time ago Mrs. H. F. Volberding of Dike, Iowa, received some carrot seed from Ireland. Today I am eating for dinner some carrots raised from that seed. They are very good.

If you give a handkerchief as a Christmas gift, enclose this verse: "I hope this piece of cambric sheer, Will ne'er be used to wipe a tear."

From Mrs. Ruth Hagermaster of Villisca, Iowa, comes this help. Upholstered furniture which has become infested with moths may be cleared of them by sponging with a solution made by dissolving 1 part paradichlorobenzene in 75 parts of ethylene dichloride and 25 parts of carbon tetrachloride. It is non inflammable and will not stain. I am printing this formula for you for I know you could never understand it on the radio.



# From My Letter Basket

By Leanna Driftmier

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUES: "At what age do you think children should be told the truth about Santa Claus? Our little girl is five and I'm wondering if perhaps I shouldn't tell her the truth this Christmas."—Missouri.

ANS: It has always seemed to me that the time to explain Santa Claus is when the child asks if there really is such a person. Until the average youngster starts to school he generally is happy about the fact that Santa Claus exists and I think it's quite all right for him to feel this way. But when he once questions the fact and says, "Mother, it is really true?" I believe that the true meaning of Santa Claus should be explained.

QUES: "What is the proper thing to do if one receives a card from someone to whom he has not sent one? I feel embarrassed about the fact that last year we had cards from three people whom we hadn't remembered."—Iowa.

ANS: It isn't necessary to feel embarrassed, for after all many people do not send cards and as far as these people know, you may be one of such a group. This year you can send them cards with a perfectly clear conscience, but don't think anything about it if you don't receive cards from them!

QUES: "Our boy, eighteen, has been going with the same girl for the past two years. They are not engaged, but he would like to give her a nice Christmas gift and has asked me for suggestions. Frankly, I'm at a loss to know what to suggest, so could you offer any ideas?"—Illinois.

ANS:—Any gift that is not too expensive and personal is quite correct under such circumstances and certainly will be warmly welcomed. Why not consider a handsome compact or a pretty monogrammed scarf and mitten set? If she likes to read, a current best-seller would be acceptable. Or if she likes sports, why not consider some ice skates or a tennis racquet? These are all things that any mother would be happy to have her daughter receive.

QUES: "My husband objects strenuously to being invited away from home on Christmas Day and won't even attend family gatherings. Do you think we should humor him in this?"—Kansas.

ANS: I can say both yes and no to this question! Christmas is a holiday that means more to families than any other day, and I think that all children miss something if they don't have memories of happy reunions with grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins. At the same time, we want them to have vivid memories of Christmas in their own home. I've always felt that it is possible to work out a solution in this way: have the family tree and gifts on Christmas

Eve and keep this night free from visits with relatives, or have the family tree on Christmas morning and have the day with your own husband or children. This leaves you with ample time for family gatherings, either on Christmas Day if you have your tree on Christmas Eve, or on Christmas Eve if you have your tree on Christmas Day.

QUES: "My daughter, twenty years of age, wants to go to an army camp down south to spend Christmas with a boy friend who is in the army. She has saved her money all fall to make this trip, but I'm wondering about it. Would you let one of your girls do this?"—Minnesota.

ANS: It is so difficult to get accommodations near a camp, particularly during the holidays, that I wouldn't want to see one of my girls start out on such a trip all by herself. I feel that under such circumstances it is advisable for a girl to have older counsel in this battle of finding a rooming house or desirable hotel. It seems to me that it would be better if she could make the trip with a second person. Perhaps her friend has a sister or aunt who could go, or possibly even his mother could go. Why not start at once to see if you can't round up someone with a little more experience to go with her so that she won't be disappointed after planning all of these months on her trip.

QUES: "This is my first year on a farm, Leanna, for I was married in June and came here to western South Dakota from Bridgeport, Connecticut. We haven't much money to spend on Christmas and yet I do want to remember my friends in the East who were so generous to us when we were married. Have you any suggestions?"—South Dakota.

ANS: One of the loveliest gifts I ever received was a beautiful wreath of spruce that had bright winter berries carefully woven through it. If I'm not mistaken, you live in an area where material for wreaths is available, so why not consider getting started on some right away in order that ample time may be allowed for delivery? If this is impossible, why not pack very carefully some small jars of home-made marmalade tied with perky bows, or consult with your nearest railroad agent about the possibility of sending poultry packed in dry ice? Many farm women do this, and I know that no gift is more welcome to city people.

QUES: "We have three children, all married and away from home, and this year my husband wants to give them each a bond for Christmas. It doesn't seem to me that this is very "Christmasy" and I'm tempted to discourage it. What do you think?"—Iowa.



Donald, Darrell and Donna May Payne of Pulasko, Iowa, came to visit Aunt Leanna last summer.

ANS: I think that it would be an ideal Christmas gift, for every bond purchased means that we have more opportunity of celebrating a peaceful Christmas just that much sooner. I'm confident that your children will agree, for anyone who has married and established a home thoroughly appreciates how necessary it is for the customary expensive gifts to be put aside at such a time.

QUES: "About the middle of December my husband and I are going to realize a dream that we've had for several years—we're going to Chicago to adopt a little girl who will be old enough to make the return trip with us at that time. Is it correct to send out announcements to our friends telling them about our new daughter, or are such announcements only proper when the child is born into the home?"—Missouri.

ANS: It is perfectly correct, and very nice, I think, to send out announcements when one adopts a child. When I read your letter it occurred to me that since this event takes place so near Christmas, why not combine your Christmas card with the announcement? A card with such happy news would give double pleasure to your friends.

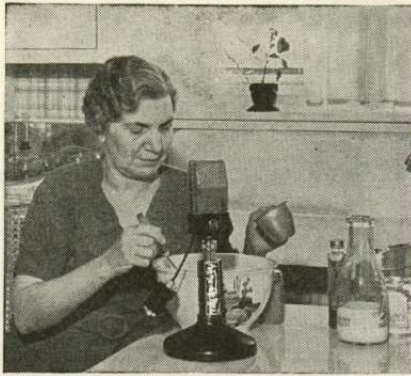
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### SERVICE BOYS' CHRISTMAS COOKIES

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- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup dark corn sirup
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted, or
- 3 rounding tablespoons cocoa
- 1 3/4 cups sifted flour (more if needed)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup coarsely chopped nuts

Cream shortening, add sugar gradually and cream well, add sirup gradually, beating after each addition. Gradually add well beaten egg and melted chocolate. Add dry ingredients alternately with milk. Add nuts with last addition of flour. Chill. Drop by teaspoons, 2 inches apart. Bake 12 to 15 minutes at 400 degrees. When cookies cool, they may be spread thinly with an icing made of 19 marshmallows cut fine, 2 squares unsweetened chocolate, and 3 tablespoons top milk, melted and blended well in top of double boiler. Remove from fire and cool till thick and fudgy.—Mrs. J. E. Halliburton, Lemons, Mo.

### PLAIN PASTRY

(Baked in Kitchen-Klatter Kitchen,  
October 22, 1942)

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup shortening

Cold water, about 5 tablespoons  
Sift the flour and salt together. Add the shortening and cut into the flour until a coarse crumbly mixture is formed. Add the water a little at a time until the mass may be gathered into one lump. Divide the dough into two parts. Roll on a floured board and place in pie pan, fitting closely to the pan so no air bubbles are left beneath the crust. Roll top crust the same way, fold double and cut some gashes in, to allow for escape of steam in cooking. Place filling in bottom crust, dampen around the edge with tips of fingers dipped in cold water, arrange top crust and press to lower one. Cut away the over hanging edges and flute the edge with the fingers or a fork.

## "Recipes Tested in the Kitchen Klatter Kitchen"

By LEANNA DRIFTMIER

### GRANDMOTHER'S SOFT GINGER COOKIES

(Baked in Kitchen-Klatter Kitchen,  
November 5, 1942)

- 2/3 cup fat
- 1/2 cup sugar, brown if possible
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup chopped raisins
- 1/2 cup nutmeats (optional)
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

Cream fat and sugar. Add rest of ingredients. Chill dough and drop portions onto greased baking sheet. Bake 12 minutes in moderate oven.

### POTATO DOUGHNUTS

(Made in Kitchen-Klatter Kitchen,  
October 15, 1942)

- 1 cup mashed potato
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons shortening
- 2 eggs
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- Flavoring

Flour to make dough that can be handled easily. Roll to half inch thickness and cut.  
Fry in deep fat.

### LEBKUCHEN

Boil 1 quart honey with 1 cup lard for a few minutes, till mixed well. Cool slightly. Add 1 teaspoon each of cinnamon, cloves and allspice, 1 pint sweet milk, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons soda, flour to stir. Let stand over night. Cut in shapes and bake next day, and frost. Dough should be not too stiff. Frost with powdered sugar frosting.—Mrs. Fred J. H. Busch, Hopper, Nebraska.

### KRISPIE GOODIES

- 1 cup butter, melted
  - 1 cup coconut
  - 1 cup nutmeats
  - 1 package Rice Krispies
  - 36 marshmallows
- Form in loaf and slice.—Mrs. G. L. Pulliam, Memphis, Mo.

### CRANBERRY SALAD

- 2 cups cranberries
- 1 cup water, small
- Cook 5 minutes. Add
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 package cherry jello
- Chill.
- 3/4 cup celery
- 1/2 cup nut meats
- Grind through food chopper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

—Mrs. Edw. F. Pieper,  
Lincoln, Nebr.

### FRUIT CAKE

Put the following in the sauce pan:

- 1 1/2 cups raisins
- 1 1/2 cups dates
- 2 cups sugar
- 5 tablespoons shortening
- Let simmer 20 minutes and cool.

In sifter put 3 cups flour, 1 teaspoon soda, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1 teaspoon cloves. Add slowly to first mixture, beating well after each addition. Add 1 cup nut meats. Bake 1 1/2 hours in moderate oven. Other fruit may be added if desired.—Mrs. Charles Tolzmann, Buckeye, Ia.

### CRANBERRY ICE

- 4 cups fresh cranberries
- 2 1/2 cups boiling water
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatine

Cook cranberries in water until soft, then run through a sieve. Mix with sugar, syrup and salt. Soak gelatine to soften in 3 tablespoons cold water 5 minutes then add to hot mixture. Stir until thoroughly dissolved then add lemon juice. Cool, then pour in freezing tray and freeze until mushy. Beat well.—Mrs. P. C. Reilly, Topeka, Kansas.

### CALIFORNIA FRUIT CAKE

- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups light brown sugar
- 4 eggs, well beaten
- 1/4 cup coffee (liquid)
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 3 tablespoons molasses
- 3 cups flour (sifted)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 3/4 cup almonds
- 1/2 cup seeded raisins
- 1 cup white raisins
- 1 1/4 cups chopped dates
- 1/2 cup currants
- 1 cup mixed candied fruits
- 1/2 cup chopped citron
- Grated rind of 1 orange and 1 lemon
- 1/2 cup grape juice
- 2 tablespoons spiced fruit juice

Bake very slowly for best results.—  
Nellie Mygatt, Shenandoah, Iowa.



### APPLE SAUCE CUP CAKES

Cream 1 cup brown sugar with 1/2 cup fat—may be lard or nice clean fryings. Add 1 1/2 cups sweetened cooked apple sauce. Mix well. Sift together 2 cups (rounded) flour, 2 teaspoons soda, 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Add to above. Add 1 cup raisins and 1/2 cup black walnuts. Batter should be stiff. Pour into 12 cup cake pans and bake in a slow oven from 30 to 45 minutes. You may sprinkle coconut over top before baking if desired.—Mrs. Austin Tyer, Dawson, Iowa.

### CHEESE SOUFFLE

- 4 tablespoons quick tapioca
- 4 egg whites beaten stiff
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/3 cups grated cheese
- 4 egg yolks beaten
- 1 1/2 cups milk

Cook milk and tapioca in double boiler until tapioca is clear. Add cheese and stir until melted. Add egg yolks and mix well. Fold in egg whites. Bake in greased baking dish set in a pan of hot water at 350 degrees for 50 minutes.—Mrs. Chas. Carver, Cooper, Iowa.

### LIMA-HAMBURGER CASSEROLE

Peel 4 or 5 potatoes, cube and put in bottom of baking dish. Fry 1 pound hamburger, scrambled up, and 1 medium onion and put over the cubed potatoes. Add 1 can lima beans on top of meat. Then add enough water to cover. Bake about an hour. A little tomato may be added if desired.—Mrs. Glenn Nordeen, Ft. Dodge, Iowa.

### RICE SPECIAL

- 1 cup uncooked rice
- 1/3 cup salad oil or bacon fat
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup quick melting cheese
- 1 1/2 cups tomato sauce or pulp
- 2 cups water
- 1 cup whole ripe olives
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon chili powder

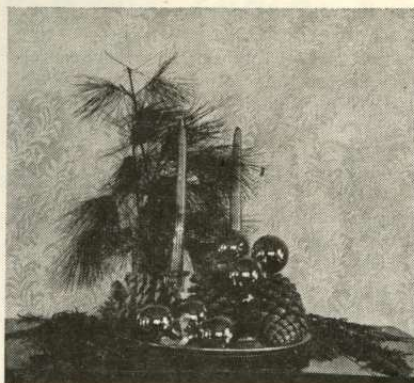
Wash rice. Heat fat in frying pan, add rice and cook until a golden brown, stirring often. Remove from heat. Add remaining ingredients and pour into a greased casserole or baking dish and bake 1 1/2 hours at 375 degrees.—Mrs. R. J. Bazant, Diller, Nebraska.

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### CHRISTMAS TABLE DECORATIONS

In our dime stores we can buy so many clever articles for table decoration, that it is hard to make a selection. Clever little reindeers, sleds and Santa Clauses, red or green candles, gilded pine cones, bright colored tinsel and Christmas tree decorations. These may all be used very effectively.

Bright green and red peppers arranged in a wooden bowl, gourds of various sizes and shapes enameled in bright colors, a poinsettia or a bowl of holly make nice centerpieces.

Why not make a gumdrop tree? Use a branch of barberry stuck in a flower pot for the tree, and on each thorn stick a small gumdrop. The branches may be painted silver or dipped in starch and sprinkled with artificial snow. Popcorn trees are made in much the same way and also make a pretty table or sideboard decoration.

Many families have a small artificial Christmas tree that they use on the table from year to year. We have one that is taken from its box Christmas week and placed on the table or buffet.

A pretty centerpiece is made by boring three holes in a small cedar log and in them putting red candles tied with bows of red ribbon. Around the log arrange branches of cedar or holly.

### MINCED HAM LOAF WITH VEGETABLES

- 1 pound minced ham, ground
- 2 or 3 slices of stale bread, broken fine
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup tomatoes or juice
- 1 egg

Salt and pepper to taste  
Mix all well and shape into a loaf. Place in pan that has cover to fit. Cut carrots rather thick, as many as desired. Put these around loaf, then put a few slices of onion over top of all. Salt the vegetables. Place in oven and bake until all are well done. If more moisture is needed before the loaf and vegetables are well cooked, add a little water to them. Ground bologna may be used instead of minced ham.

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## NEIGHBOR BOB'S Dinner Table ALMANACK

My neighbor's wife says she feeds every tramp that comes along just because it's such a joy to watch a man eat a meal without finding any fault with the cooking!

A young friend of mine, who was turned down by the army, has decided to find refuge in marriage! His mother tells me she's absolutely positive the girl he's marrying will make a good wife—because she's starting out with more kitchen aprons than lounging robes.

Mrs. Glenn Johnson of Ord, Nebraska, is certainly a booster for Mother's Best Flour. Her mother, who is 78 years, is still turning out dandy loaves of bread with it. Mrs. Johnson, who has been baking for 29 years, says she never found as good a flour for home baking—and she's tried many kinds. And her daughter, now married, is also using Mother's Best Flour. Three generations can't be wrong! It must be unusually good flour. Have you tried it yet?

Fred Potts of Des Moines writes me that Victory Gardens will be more necessary than ever next year—that due to the farm labor shortage city folks will be hard up for vegetables unless they grow 'em themselves. One fellow told me his Victory Garden was a "jewel"—had just 18 carrots in it!

Yours 'till next time,  
Neighbor Bob.



## THE GIFT BOX

By Gertrude Hayzelt

Let's spend a few hours making Christmas cards. A handmade card expresses our love for our friend much better than a card we buy.

A box of plain correspondence cards with envelopes to match, a variety of Christmas seals, red, green and black ink, metallic paper (envelope linings are fine) sharp pointed scissors, to cut dainty designs from old greeting cards or colored pictures, and a pot of paste will be useful in building any number of clever cards.

One attractive card shows a candle in a holder with the flame silhouetted against a circle of gold paper, with Merry Christmas printed vertically down each side of the card. The candle can be cut from red or black paper or can be one of the large candle seals.

Another utilizes tiny lace-paper medallions cut from doilies. Arrange 3 or 4 one-inch circles on a card to represent flowers in a bouquet. With embroidery thread, fasten them to the card with French knots spaced about one-third of an inch apart around edge of flower. Use one row of lavender or pink and one of yellow around each. Put the French knots in the open spaces of the medallions. Cover the rough ends of thread on wrong side of the card with small circles of white paper pasted on. Next cut a bow from metallic paper. Look through your old cards for one with a pretty bow that you can use as a pattern. It should be fairly large but with narrow graceful loops. Cut stems for the bouquet from green paper—tiny, thin stems—or draw them with green ink. A nice touch on any of the cards is to dip a small loose pad of cotton into either very much diluted red ink, water color (or even liquid fruit coloring), and pat lightly on the card, making a delicate rosy shaded background. Powdered chalk can also be used. Other colors may be used, to blend with color used in design on card. On one card try arranging a dozen gummed stars into a bouquet tied with a bow of gold paper. This would be pretty on a tan colored card with green shaded background.

Wall paper makes pretty greeting cards especially if it is in small "all-over" design. Cut a piece 7 x 11 inches. Fold through center the long way, then again the other way, making a 4-fold card. Draw the flat edge of a dull knife over all edges, roughening them a trifle. Clip a Christmassy picture from an old card and arrange on front of folder. Inside print or type this verse:

For years I have been thrifty,  
Yet this year beats them all,  
For I send you Christmas greetings  
On paper torn from the wall,  
Yet it carries Bonnie Wishes,  
Though it didn't cost a cent,  
For a braw bright Merry Christmas

And a New Year of content.

An envelope for this card takes a piece of the same wallpaper 9 x 8 inches, preferably with a narrow border across one of the 8-inch sides. Lay this paper on the table before you, printed side down, with bordered edge at top. Fold each of 9 inch edges over 1 inch, then fold bottom up 2 inches. Fold top edge down 3 inches. Put card inside and slip bottom edge inside the folded-in sides of the top edge and it is ready to send. A snapshot of your home or your family mounted in a folder of plain gray or brown construction paper is one of the best liked holiday greetings.

A clever greeting is this verse written on a penny Government postal, with one a Christmas seal for decoration:

I think it funny how folks spend  
their money,  
For things to be cast aside.

Such is the fate, it is sad to relate,  
Of cards sent at Christmas tide.

Now here's one for you, I hope it  
will do,

My wishes for you are so many,  
Just throw it away after Christmas  
day,

The thing only cost me a penny.

Or this verse:

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 '43

Be nothing but the best.

In lettering your greetings use a fairly fine pen and make the letters neat and graceful—and DO leave the "Christ" in "Christmas". After all, if it weren't for Christ we wouldn't have Christmas.

## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CARD

This year thousands of Christmas cards will be mailed. The idea of sending these greetings came to us from England. In 1846 a Mr. J. C. Horsley designed a card for Sir Henry Cole, a man who had thousands of friends whom he wished to remember with a Christmas greeting. The cards were hand painted and pictured a family around a table on Christmas day. It was not until some years later that cards were printed as we have them now.

## PROPER POSTAGE

Unsealed Christmas cards carry for one and one-half cents if they contain only a formal greeting as "Merry Christmas" or "Best Wishes". Letters may not be enclosed in packages, but can be stamped separately and tucked under the string tying the package. Wrap packages carefully for many gifts are lost in the mail because they come untied. Be sure your return address is on the package.

## CHRISTMAS HINTS

Crochet a container for odd pieces of soap. This is very useful in the bath.—Mrs. G. A. Gustafson, Beatrice, Nebr.

A package for each month—a box of cheer. Use small appropriate inexpensive articles carefully wrapped.—Mrs. John Rood, Clarke, Nebr.

Cover a ball of steel wool with single crochet. Makes a fine pin-cushion. Keeps needles and pins sharp.—Mrs. Sam Stigers, Gallatin, Mo.

Save tin strips from coffee cans and paint them. Twist in curls to make ornaments for the Christmas tree.—Mrs. H. R. Redman, York, Nebr.

Christmas candles made of stick candy. Fasten these in the usual holders. There will be no fire hazard. Marshmallow snowmen, ginger-bread animals and cellophane wrapped gum drops look attractive on Christmas tree.—Mrs. Otis Harkness, Bonaparte, Ia.

Small wooden spoons like darning cotton comes on can be enameled or wrapped in bright yarn and strung on a crocheted yarn string. This makes a nice necklace.—Mrs. Claire Underwood, Anita, Ia.

House plants in painted pots make lovely gifts and, too, if your friend collects cats, dogs or vases, these make appreciated gifts.—Mrs. Ernest Watts, Marquette, Kans.

Spry or syrup pails, covered with heavy material and sewed together, make nice little stools. Pad the top and cover with a single piece of material. Save spools, paint them in bright colors and string them for some child.—Marie Willamon, Fremont, Ia.

On the top of your Christmas package tie a wish bone which has been painted with gold or silver paint.—Mrs. Harry Jorgensen, Ames, Ia.

On one of the walls of the room put up thick white cardboard, bordered with green pine branches, and with thumb tacks or Scotch tape fasten up the Christmas cards as they come.—Mrs. Vernon Neison, Fremont, Nebr.



Jean Alexander, Mrs. Helen Fischer's granddaughter couldn't wait till she was dressed to try the ironing set Santa brought her.



# THE MOTHER'S ROUND TABLE

Written for Mothers by Mothers



Our youngest son Donald, who is at the Waco Army Flying School, Waco, Texas.

## A MOTHER TALKS WITH GOD

God, You must know a mother's heart,  
For You once gave a Son  
To save a savage, sinful world,  
Whose day was almost done,  
Today I'm giving up my boy,  
That all who live may see  
The altar light of hope burn bright;  
That men may still be free.

If in some garden in the night  
Alone he sheds his tears,  
O God, just let him feel Your hand  
And help to calm his fears.  
In those dark hours he'll turn to You,  
For I have taught him prayer,  
Just let him know You're keeping  
watch,  
And wait beside him there.

—Raymond L. Sauter, Sterling, Colo.  
Director Army Field Service,  
Second Infantry Division, U. S. A.

## TURNABOUT

The following statement was made some time ago in a newspaper in Bournemouth, England:

"We have been a pleasure-loving people, dishonoring God's day, picnicing, and bathing—now the seashores are barred; no picnics, no bathing.

"We have preferred motor travel to Church-going—now there is a shortage of motor fuel.

"We have ignored the ringing of the Church bells calling us to worship—now the bells cannot ring except to warn us of invasion.

"We have left the Churches half empty when they should have been filled with worshippers—now they are in ruins.

"We would not listen to the way of peace—now we are forced to listen to the way of war.

"The money we would not give to the Lord's work—now is taken from us in taxes and higher prices.

"The food for which we forgot to say 'thanks'—now is unobtainable.

"The service we refused to give to God—now is conscripted for our country.

"Lives we refused to live under God's control—now are under the nation's control.

"Nights we would not spend in 'watching unto prayer'—now are spent in anxious air-raid precautions."

MUST WE LEARN THE HARD WAY?

## WORD FROM WAR MOTHERS

Rolfe, Iowa. "At present we are having a grease party where we take our grease and fats, put them together and sell them. We use the money for buying materials for the backs of the quilts we make for the sailors."

From Mrs. Maud Hightower, Bern, Kansas. "Leanna, you are holding a steadfast place on the home front as your three boys are doing wherever they are, by reminding us to buy War Bonds and Stamps, giving us all money-saving ideas and recipes. With you, Leanna, as our leading officer, we thousands of housewives will keep up the good work and surely we will not lose."

Mrs. Ernest Ohlenkamp, Alpha, Minn. "We must never cease to pray for our boys. There are so many temptations, we want God to be always near them."

My friend Mabel Nair Brown of Scranton, Iowa, is doing her bit for the boys in the service. She writes, "My spare time is devoted to getting out a little 4 page paper twice a month for the young men of our community who are in the service. I have some cartoons, jokes, news of neighborhood doings—just the homey everyday things. You should see the enthusiastic letters I get back from 'my boys'."

Mrs. Anna Coffee, Frankfort, Kansas. "The majority of us mothers mask our true feelings with a smile and get busy with our hands. Sorrow endureth for a night but joy cometh in the morning. Truly the world is in a time of night. We must work at the reconstruction after the war by living brotherhood, eliminating prejudice and discrimination. We have talked about this for so long but failed to live it. So we must be strong and courageous. He has promised to strengthen our hearts."

Mrs. Roy Snodgrass, Stella, Nebr. "We are all saving scraps to beat the Japs. When opening a tin can, do not cut clear around the end of the can. Empty and wash can, cut around the other end also, leaving the circle of tin attached. Fold these inside and flatten the can."

## ENCOURAGE TO GIVE

How often do we hear children say, "This is what I want for Christmas" or "I hope I get a lot of toys from Santa." If your children think only of getting they have missed half of the joy of Christmas. Children really love to give presents, especially if they are something they have made or saved the money to buy. Help them to accumulate a little money in the "piggy bank", so they can at least buy a gift for Mother and Dad. Be sure your children know only the true spirit of giving. It would be too bad if they should hear you say, "I wish Mary would stop giving us gifts, for then we would not have to give her any." Encourage the children to think of giving, not getting.



You can  
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## A NEW CHRISTMAS LEGEND

By J. Bradford Pengelly

When Caesar Augustus ruled in Rome a child was born in one of the hilly towns on the "Bridge of the World". The child was destined to become a great king who would subdue the nations by His spiritual power.

For centuries many men had longed and watched for the advent of this child. A divine expectancy welled up in the hearts of men. The time had come when the Eternal Spirit was going to become man and make his home on earth.

Lying nestled in the hills of Judea like a babe gathered in his mother's arms lies the little town of Bethlehem. This was the city where the families of the royal house went to be registered and taxed by the Romans who ruled the land. Among the families who made this solemn and pathetic journey was the one of Joseph of Nazareth and his wife Mary. Unknown to many and recognized by only a few, a bright star moved as did this royal family and when the young Mary laid herself down to rest, the star rested right above her and its brightness increased so that all who had waited and watched learned to know its story. Mary was soon to be delivered of her child, a boy, and the Anointed One of God.

There were four men who had been watching for the star a long, long time and when at last they knew their prophecies and dreams were to be realized, bowed their heads in silent gratitude and meditation. One, a Persian prince, living in Babylonia, by the name of Cyrus, made plans to leave with his servants in quest of the Promised Child. In the city of Damascus there lived an artisan Benjamin, who was skilled in the working of gold. He was neither of a princely, nor of a priestly, nor of a wealthy family. He was not a Jew but a Samaritan. He also saw the star of Bethlehem and resolved to go and swear allegiance to the "Promised Son". There lived in the city of Ephesus, a Jewish merchant, Samuel, who was renowned for his shrewdness. He was a regular attendant of the synagogue and a good friend of the Rabbi. Samuel watched from the top of his house and saw the heavenly sign. On the morrow he will start for Jerusalem. While in Athens there lived still another man who was ready for the coming of the Promised One. His name was Aristos and he was a distinguished scholar. He meditated on the age old longings of the human heart, of its cravings for salvation, immortality, perfection. "Surely", he said to himself, "There is an answer, a rational answer to these yearnings of the deep-

est being of man. Tomorrow", he said quietly, "I shall leave for Jerusalem, the city of the Soul."

Along the steep slopes of the hills that rise from the Jericho road up to Jerusalem, none could travel very fast so Cyrus and his servants and Benjamin overtook each other and feeling a kindred spirit were thrown together in a friendly group.

On a Greek ship whose sails were set for the port of Athens was the distinguished Aristos and later Samuel boarded the ship. They find they are both impelled by the same force in their quest and enjoy fellowship together as their journey continues.

Ten days have passed since the men first saw the star. They stopped for a brief visit at Jerusalem and then converged on Bethlehem where the Prince of Peace was born.

These four men worship at the manger of the newborn King, giving Him gifts of priceless gems. So they were all united by a common spiritual longing and bound into one undying fellowship by the birth of Jesus.

Illumed by the inner light, kindled by their prophetic and successful journey these four friends agreed to band themselves together and to spread the spirit of the first Christmas day and its divine revelation.

They decided to first journey to Damascus, Benjamin's city. When they reached there they found riotings and discovered the men were sorely oppressed and poorly paid. Benjamin called a conference and righted some of their wrongs. When at last the four friends saw peace ruling, Cyrus suggested they proceed to his home town, Babylon.

Upon entering the city, they found a rebellion had been stirred up and many were killed. Cyrus discovered that his own principedom had been full of graft and oppression so he decided to know his people better. He swore that every one should have equal rights and that justice should be his motto.

It soon became known that this kingdom was the best governed of all on earth. Order was restored, unity of spirit was at work all over the realm, so the four friends traveled on to Samuel's city of Ephesus.

Samuel found much to do here in his factories and stores. He improved conditions and the more Samuel did for the people the more interest they had in his work and the more good will in society. He told other merchants the words of the Prophet's, "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?"

The influence of Aristos as a preacher in Athens where the four

friends next journeyed could not be estimated. He founded schools, had young men trained to study problems in health and to discover causes of diseases and prevent them. Art and literature, science and philosophy, religion and morals were all lifted to a higher plane as a result of the life and teachings of Aristos and his followers.

Benjamin believed that love creates life and joy, and that hate kills them. Let us love one another that we may be one in our efforts for a society in which the constructive forces of beauty, peace and self expression may find fruition.

"Because God is the Father of us all, we are all brothers and ought to live so as to be known as Brothers."

Cyrus tells his people in his last speech that the time is surely coming when the spirit of Christmas will rule over the entire world and will lead all men toward peace. Someday, it may be far away, men will look backward with shame upon our horrible national hates and our cruel wars and forward with pride to the coming of the Universal Man. There will come a time, a distant day, when the war drums throb no more and the battle flags are furled.

Man will never rise above a mere animal plane by resorting to the law of the jungle. They will attain the highlands of life only by practicing the law of the Prince of Peace.

One by one as the years rolled by, the four friends died leaving a lifetime of simplicity and sincerity behind them. Their teachings traveled far and wide and everyone with whom they came in contact was better for having known them. Even when years later, the wild, uncivilized tribes from the north came and tried to destroy all traces of the Brotherhood of Christ there continued to exist the Spirit of Christmas. This spark even helped to subdue these invaders and the teachings of Christ continued.

And so today in our war-torn world over two thousand years since that first blessed Christmas we too lift up our eyes and pray to the Prince of Peace: "Glory to God in the highest, on earth, peace, good will among men."

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## FOR THE CHILDREN

### THE REINDEER By Evelyn Hansen

The Reindeer lives in Alaska, Siberia, Canada, Greenland and Labrador.

They are used for hauling sleds. A full grown Reindeer can travel one hundred miles a day and pull a load of three hundred pounds. The Eskimos, Indians and Laplanders eat them for food and make clothing, harness and tents out of the hides.

Both the father Reindeer and the mother Reindeer have horns. The horns are called antlers. The antlers are not alike on each side. There is one antler which is wide and leans toward the face. In the fall they shed their antlers.

Baby Reindeer which are called Fawns, are born in the spring.

In the winter, the fur of the Reindeer is long and grayish brown in color. In summer, they are a dark brown. The legs, neck and the long hair on the throat is grayish-black. The father Reindeer have a white band on their feet just above the hoofs. The hoofs of the Reindeer are split like sheep hoofs. This makes it easy for them to travel over the snow.

In the summer time, they live on leaves, grass and plants. To escape the flies, they keep traveling about the country. They usually travel in herds. In the winter, the animals which run wild go south into the woods. They paw away the snow and eat the moss which covers the ground.

The wild Reindeers are larger than the kind that are used to pull the sleds.

The people of Canada do not call them Reindeer, but instead, they say Caribou.

There are several different kinds of Reindeer. The Woodland Caribou, which are gray and middle-sized, and the Barren-ground Caribou, which is small and gray in color. There is a large black Mountain Caribou and a white Caribou from Greenland.

### CHRISTMAS WREATHS

With very little work and material at hand, one can make wreaths for inside or outside decorations.

First, cut a circle about two or three inches wide, from heavy cardboard. Using a large needle and linen thread, sew in place evergreen or holly twigs. The wreath may be made more beautiful by adding poinsettias cut from red paper or small red and green balls like you use on Christmas trees. A bow of red ribbon tied at the top is also very pretty. If the wreath is to go on the front door, use red oil cloth for the bow.

### A CHRISTMAS CHARM STRING

A Christmas charm string can be hung inside the home or on the front door. Use brown cones and bright red, blue, silver and gold Christmas balls. One might also be made of evergreen, red and green peppers and tiny orange colored tangerines. Small gourds, brightly enameled, would also look well in a Christmas charm string.

### POPCORN BALLS

1 pound marshmallows, 1/4 cup sugar, 1/4 cup butter, melted chocolate if desired. Put all in double boiler till marshmallows are melted then pour over 6 quarts popped corn.



### A CHRISTMAS EVE THOUGHT

If Santa Claus should stumble  
As he climbs the chimney tall,  
With all this ice upon it  
I'm afraid he'd get a fall  
And smash himself to pieces  
To say nothing of the toys!  
Dear me, what sorrow that would bring  
To all the girls and boys.  
So I am going to write a note  
And pin it to the gate,  
I'll write it large, so he can see  
No matter if it's late—  
And say, "Dear Santa Claus, don't try  
To climb the roof tonight,  
But walk right in, the door's unlocked,  
The nursery's on the right.

—Harriet Sterling.

### YOU CAN MAKE THESE

Make a Santa Claus out of a clothespin, using a paper spoon for the head, cotton for the hair and beard, red crepe paper for the cap. Make the suit red with white cotton trimmings.

Little sprigs of evergreen standing on painted spools make nice place cards.

Make some cotton snow balls of cotton and sprinkle with artificial snow. Stack these in the center of the dining table. If you have a small Santa perch him on top.

Send the Kitchen-Klatter Magazine to one or more of your friends.

### "TIZ"

You will think this a funny name for a game. On a tray arrange a collection of Christmas goodies, one of each thing. It might have on it an apple, an orange, a walnut, a cookie, some pieces of Christmas candy, and a stuffed date. One of the children leaves the room and those remaining name one of the articles on the tray "Tiz". When the one who left the room comes back he may have anything he takes from the tray until he picks up the one named "Tiz". Then he has to stop and he is out of the game.

### A CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Who were the parents of the baby Jesus?

In what city was Jesus born?

Did Mary ride on a horse?

Was Jesus born in a house?

Did Jesus receive any birthday gifts?

Who came to see Jesus?

What did they ride on?

What was the first Christmas song?

What did the Shepherds see in the sky?

Why did Joseph and Mary take Jesus to Egypt?

What was the name of the wicked king who wanted to kill the baby Jesus?

After the wicked king had died, where did Jesus' parents take him?





# Practical Poultry POINTERS

By Mrs. Olinda Wiles

Do I like surprises? Well, that all depends on the time and surprise. But last week when I found a hen with twelve baby chicks in the sheep shed that I thought was hen proof—well, I can't say I exactly liked the surprise. Now if it had been several months earlier in the season or last spring, I really would have liked it. The doors and windows of the sheep shed have been securely closed for some time, in fact, since last spring as we had no occasion to use the shed except to store some straw in for the present, but the wind had blown in a window pane and this gave the hen access to the shed, and she took advantage of the security the shed gave her to hatch her brood.

Well, I imagine that hen has about as much use for me as I have for Hitler, for I put her in jail and took the baby chicks down to the hatchery where I sell my eggs—as they have chicks in battery brooders all the time and the chicks can live a normal life on full feed, whereas if I had tried to keep them they would hardly have been able to stand the cold long enough to come from under the hen to eat. So after all, I believe I was doing them a kindness at least.

I think, as a rule, people are giving more care and thought to the feeding problem. Now is the time to study balanced diets and see that the hens have the proper amount of proteins and also green feed. I have been feeding my hens stock beets. I planted one row across my garden and this fall before freezing weather stored them where they are handy to give some to the hens every day and they clean up every scrap of them.

If you expect a good egg yield be sure to give your hens plenty of water, as a very large per cent of the egg is water and a hen must also have a considerable amount for her own body use.

In bringing in feed from other places I believe I would empty it into pails and carry it into the feeders and not store the sacks in the building that houses your hens; unless you are sure the sacks are free from disease germs. You can see for yourself that the sacks gathered up from every place last spring and sold to feed dealers again could very easily bring you trouble unless the sack had been thoroughly steamed before it was refilled for sale. I believe the law now requires the sacks to be disinfected or steamed before they are to be resold but you know there are times when things not thoroughly done may bring disastrous results.

Listen to the Kitchen-Klatter Program over KMA Daily—1:30 to 2:00 p. m.



Tim George gives the news.

Tim George, newscaster and announcer over KMA, was formerly a teacher. Perhaps this experience has helped him make such a good teacher of KMA "Country School" on the air. He was born in Burlington, Iowa, is married and has a five year old son, Tommy. His wife's name is Blanche.

Besides being an announcer, Tim also plays the piano very well and is heard in the background with a number of groups on the air.

His likes and dislikes! Well, Tim says he *likes* to "keep busy" and his biggest *dislike* is lima beans. Before coming to Shenandoah, about a year ago, he worked at KHAS, Hastings, Nebr. and KGNO, Dodge City, Kansas. It is Tim George who introduces my program on the air.

## EVERY DAY NEEDS

- (1) Milk—1 pint for adults, 1 quart for children.
- (2) Enriched bread and whole grain cereals.
- (3) One of these: lean meat, poultry, fish, dried peas, beans or lentils, or eggs.
- And each person needs at least 3 eggs per week.
- (4) Oranges or grapefruits or tomatoes.
- (5) One leafy, green or yellow vegetable.
- (6) Two other vegetables—potato and one other.
- (7) Fruit, at least once a day.

I use this list as a guide, jot down what I have on hand, or order, divide it into three reasonable meals, add the trimmings and hope my family is well fed.

"I get my Kitchen-Klatter every month and just can't wait to get each magazine. It's the most interesting little magazine on the market. I read it from cover to cover and then keep them in a scrap book all in order and look them over real often."—Mrs. Henry Lark, Ogden, Ia.

## KMA PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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5:00 a. m.	Chore Boys
5:45 a. m.	News
6:00 a. m.	Jimmy Morgan
6:30 a. m.	Morning Worship
7:00 a. m.	News Summary (Sun.)
7:00 a. m.	Vern Morgan
7:05 a. m.	Minstrels in the Morning (Sun.)
7:15 a. m.	Frank Field
7:30 a. m.	Hour of Morning Worship (Sun.)
7:30 a. m.	Frank Field
7:45 a. m.	Jess & Carlene
8:00 a. m.	News Roundup (Sun.)
8:00 a. m.	Morning Headlines
8:15 a. m.	Coast to Coast (Sun.)
8:15 a. m.	Gully Jumpers
8:30 a. m.	Back to the Bible
9:00 a. m.	Frank & Ernest (Sun.)
9:00 a. m.	Homemaker's Visit
9:15 a. m.	Sun. School Lesson (Sun.)
9:30 a. m.	Iowa Speaks (Sun.)
9:30 a. m.	Songs of a Dreamer
9:45 a. m.	Newstime (Sun.)
9:45 a. m.	Earl May, News
10:00 a. m.	Church Service (Sun.)
10:00 a. m.	Earl May, News
10:15 a. m.	Breakfast Club
10:30 a. m.	Stump Us Program
10:45 a. m.	Ma Perkins
11:00 a. m.	Cadle Tabernacle (Sun.)
11:00 a. m.	Lone Journey
11:00 a. m.	Music By Black (Sat.)
11:15 a. m.	The Goldbergs
11:30 a. m.	To the President (Sun.)
11:30 a. m.	Nat'l Farm & Home Hour
12:00 Noon	News (Sun.)
12:00 Noon	Earl May, News
12:15 p. m.	Musical Meditations (Sun.)
12:15 p. m.	Frank Field (Mon. Wed. Fri.)
12:15 p. m.	Man On The Farm (Sat.)
12:30 p. m.	Horace Heidt's Orch. (Sun.)
12:30 p. m.	The Rangerettes
12:45 p. m.	Market Reports
1:00 p. m.	Pilgrim Hour (Sun.)
1:00 p. m.	Ray and Ken
1:15 p. m.	Church of the Air
1:30 p. m.	Kitchen-Klatter
2:00 p. m.	John Vandercook (Sun.)
2:15 p. m.	Wake Up America (Sun.)
2:30 p. m.	News
2:45 p. m.	Gully Jumpers
3:00 p. m.	The Lutheran Hour (Sun.)
3:15 p. m.	Johnnie's Fiddle Band
3:30 p. m.	Young People's Church (Sun.)
3:45 p. m.	Jimmy Morgan
4:00 p. m.	Back to God Hour (Sun.)
4:15 p. m.	KMA Hawaiians
4:30 p. m.	News for Americans
5:00 p. m.	The First Nighter (Sun.)
5:00 p. m.	Don Winslow of the Navy
5:15 p. m.	Hop Harrigan
5:30 p. m.	Jack Armstrong
5:45 p. m.	Captain Midnight
6:00 p. m.	Fulton Lewis, Jr.
6:15 p. m.	The Rangerettes
6:30 p. m.	Stars & Stripes in Britain (Sun.)
6:30 p. m.	Earl May News
7:00 p. m.	Watch the World Go By (Mon. thru Sun.)
7:15 p. m.	Lum. 'n Abner (Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs.)
7:15 p. m.	Edward Tomlinson (Sat. & Sun.)
7:15 p. m.	Dinah Shore (Fri.)
7:30 p. m.	Britain to America (Sun.)
7:30 p. m.	Duffy's (Tues.)
7:30 p. m.	Am. Town Meeting (Thurs.)
7:30 p. m.	Those Good Old Days (Fri.)
7:30 p. m.	Danny Thomas Show (Sat.)
7:45 p. m.	Back To The Bible (Wed.)
8:00 p. m.	Excursions in Science (Sun.)
8:00 p. m.	Counter Spy (Mon.)
8:00 p. m.	Famous Jury Trials (Tues.)
8:00 p. m.	Chamber Music Society (Wed.)
8:00 p. m.	The Green Hornet (Sat.)
8:30 p. m.	Jimmy Fidler (Sun.)
8:30 p. m.	Spotlight Band (Mon. Thru Sat.)
8:45 p. m.	Dorothy Thompson (Sun.)
9:00 p. m.	Old Fashioned Revival Hour (Sun.)
9:00 p. m.	Raymond Gram Swing (Mon. Thru Thurs.)
9:00 p. m.	Meet Your Navy (Fri.)
9:00 p. m.	Prescott Presents (Sat.)
9:15 p. m.	Allas John Freedom (Mon.)
9:15 p. m.	This Nation at War (Tues.)
9:15 p. m.	Nat'l Radio Forum (Wed.)
9:15 p. m.	White Stars to Victory (Thurs.)
9:30 p. m.	Stag Party (Sat.)
10:00 p. m.	Tim George Comments
10:30 p. m.	Newstime (Mon. Thru Sat.)



# Our Hobby Club

For Subscribers to the "Kitchen-Klatter Magazine"

## MY HOBBY

By Mrs. T. J. Smith, Gove, Kansas

As a girl I had a charm string which finally carried 500 buttons. I received some buttons as late as 1919 and 1920, but I wasn't paying a great deal of attention to them at that time and did not until along in '33. However I kept them and when searching for other things frequently ran onto them and wondered why I had kept them and what I'd ever do with them. We lived in Chicago several years and during that time I attended Parent-Teacher's meetings because I had children in the schools and liked to keep in touch with things being done by this organization. One day the Principal of the school, a woman and a cripple, in greeting said, "Someone has said, 'Have a hobby and ride it hard.'" I wondered if it could be true, and came later to find that it was, for my hobby (buttons) did save my life. I had four children and plenty of work to keep any woman on the jump, but I was desperate for some absorbing interest that I could give my whole thought to at times or leave it alone. I became so nervous that even church attendance was out of the question. Then one day I heard over the radio that some woman in Wisconsin had 4,000 buttons and wanted to exchange with other collectors. I remembered my 500 and thought I could get 4,000, too. I wrote to the station for her address and began hunting out my buttons. The first time I counted, I had 501. My latest figures are 18,800. I began to improve almost from the first day and those desperate days are now only a memory.

There are buttons from many states and 9 of the foreign countries. Several are from radio and screen stars, Gene Autrey, Mary Pickford and Marie Dressler. I have buttons from Senator Capper and other prominent people. One came from a dress Mother Bickerdyke wore, one from Zona Gale and four different groups from women 100 or more years old. Four of my buttons are 100 years old or more. I have two that came from a German prison camp in France after the first World War, and four buttons—one an officer's—that came from German soldiers' uniforms in Germany. The man who gave me these was in the army of occupation. I have many of our own army buttons. Two came from a Civil War veteran's cap. My "Uniform" card holds Postoffice, Chicago Fire and Police, Street Car buttons, the Rapid Transit buttons, Marshall Field's and many railroad uniform buttons. I have a card of workshirt buttons that, believe it or not, holds over 200 of the metal buttons found on men's work-shirts.

My flat celluloid buttons with metal back cover a black velvet panel 19 inches by 54 inches. I have one panel of 3 types of pearls with my name, Faye Smith, a triple horse shoe and the date 1933. The border is also pearl buttons. Another panel, 18x36, is a Dutch windmill, a shoe and a tulip with moon and stars in celluloid buttons with metal eyelets on the back. A larger panel, about 24x36, is a tree made of cloth covered buttons. I have several buttons 3 inches across and my smallest is like a drop of gold—barely an eighth of an inch across. I have a carved ivory one from China, and four metal buttons that were made in Singapore. I mount one from each bunch of buttons given me, with the name of the giver, and there are 500 of these.

I have shown my buttons at hobby shows, church affairs and taken them to the County Fair. Received a second and third prize on them. They are always received with a great deal of enjoyment and interest.

## HOBBY COLUMN

Note—Some of our readers have been disappointed when they sent articles that some of you collect and did not receive something for their collection in return, so when you send your hobby to be listed in this column, please state if you wish to exchange or not.—L. D.

Potholders.—Mrs. Walter E. Ohlde, Route 1, Snohomish, Wash. Invalid, unable to exchange.

Hankies.—LaVerna Irene Henke, Bloomington, Kansas.

Shakers and Potholders.—Mrs. Albert Schewe, 307 W. Madison St., Marshalltown, Iowa.

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### HER OWN AFFAIR

Did you hear about the lady who had her own "Chicken Pie Dinner" asking ten friends and charging them 50c apiece. After the dinner she displayed fancy work, aprons and other gift items she had made, a real miniature bazaar. These things she sold at reasonable prices. The money received for the dinner and bazaar was given to her Aid Society. This idea worked so well that other ladies are having the same kind of parties.

### KEEPING CHRISTMAS

"Are you willing to stop and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weaknesses and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

"Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and the brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas.

"And if you can keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone." —Henry VanDyke,

"The Spirit of Christmas."



### LET'S HAVE CHRISTMAS FUN

Don't let any in your family say, "We can't have Christmas this year." I know that in doing for others one forgets their own troubles so it seems to me Christmas is just what we need. Let us have a party that will include not only our own friends, but reach out into our neighborhood and include any who need to have fun.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Print this menu in large letters and put it on the wall where all can see it.

1. Fruit cocktails. 2. Turkey. 3. Gravy. 4. Potatoes. 5. Peas. 6. Celery. 7. Jelly. 8. Pudding. 9. Coffee. 10. Nuts.

Write a number of slips each bearing the numbered name of one of the articles and place 10, all of one kind in little envelopes, one envelope for a guest. One player might get all the "Jelly" slips. At a given signal, the players start exchanging slips until someone calls "Dinner's ready!" He has a complete menu assembled. Give a cook book as a prize.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Write the names of the guests on separate slips of paper. The leader of the games holds these slips and calls the names one by one. The game is to see who can name a Christmas gift using the initials given on the slip, as Grace Brown—gold bracelet, Mary Smith—maroon sweater, etc. The one who first calls the name of the gift gets the slip. The one who acquires the most slips wins the game.

### A TREASURE HUNT

You are all familiar with out-doors treasure hunts but did you ever have one in the house? Use articles small and inconspicuous as a toothpick, a foot of white thread, a needle, a rubber band, a penny, a paper clip, thumb tack, thimble and button. Give each guest a list of the articles to be found and as they are seen, check them off on the list, not letting any one know that they have found them. The one to finish their list first, wins the hunt and is given a small gift.

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