

For the Children

Preparing For the Visit of Santa Claus.



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When good old Santa Claus drops down the chimney here pictured he need waste little time looking for stockings to fill. As soon as he pops out of the fireplace he can begin unloading his pack, and in a jiffy the gifts he has brought can be transferred to the time honored receptacles hanging to the mantelpiece. According to the picture, the stockings look pretty long to be worn by the little girl who is hanging them up. Perhaps she borrowed a large pair so that Santa would find plenty of room for the presents he brings. Quite a shrewd young lady she is, but Santa Claus is wise and is not easily hoodwinked.

New Year's Resolutions.

For a New Year's party or for one given near Jan. 1 a good suggestion is new year resolutions. Pencils and paper are distributed, and every guest is asked to write his or her resolutions for the new year, or, if preferred, to write some one else's resolutions (or those some one else ought to make) signed by that person. The papers are folded and collected, and each in turn draws one and then in turn reads aloud the resolution drawn. Here are a few specimens:

- If I can't be honest I'll be as honest as I can.
- I will not chew taffy with my imported ivory.
- For beautiful exercise I will walk around the block each morning before rising.
- I will try to stop smoking in my sleep.
- I will always walk with my left foot on the right side.

The Crow's Riddle.

The crow had thought very hard all week thinking up a riddle. Saturday night he flew to the raven's tree. "Suppose you tell me," said he, "the difference between a dude and a man with a glass eye." "Hub," croaked the raven, "there's a great deal of difference—uh, great deal of difference!" Then he put his claw to his beak and thought and thought and thought and thought! "Well, what is it?" said the crow, beginning to get impatient. The raven thought some more, but at last had to give it up. "Caw, caw!" laughed the crow. "Caught you that time! A dude has an eyeglass, and a man with a glass eye has a glass eye. Ha, ha, ha!" And the crow flew away, much pleased with himself.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Behad.

- 1.—A timepiece and leave a safeguard.
- 2.—A married lady and leave the first man.
- 3.—Cost and leave a favorite food of the Chinese.
- 4.—Tiny pests and leave frozen water.
- 5.—A white gem and leave a title.
- 6.—To talk and leave the top of a mountain.
- 7.—A fruit and leave part of the head.
- 8.—A bird's beak and leave sick.

Answers: 1. c-lock; 2. m-Adam; 3. p-ice; 4. m-ice; 5. p-earl; 6. s-speak; 7. p-ear; 8. b-ill.

Dr. Diddy's Donkey.

Sent all the players in a line and ask the leader to state that Dr. Diddy's donkey walks in an awkward way. The next player must form a sentence retaining the words Dr. Diddy's donkey and awkward, although he can have the animal engaged in any way that to him seems best, such as kicking, baying, eating, drinking, dancing, grazing, etc. The player other than the one giving the sentence may laugh as much as they choose, but the one speaking must pay a forfeit if he smiles. The task of framing sentences with the four words goes down the entire line of players.

Tom's Resolve.

"I'm going to turn a brand new leaf," said little Tom, the sinner.
"But I shall wait till after I have had my New Year's dinner.
For 'mong the things that I'll resolve is to check my appetite
And cease from eating everything
That I can find in sight.
But just this once I'll eat my fill;
Then, if my stomach pains,
I'll turn the leaf and make resolve
To never do so again."

Points for Mothers

Merry Christmas For All.

There is a tendency on the part of parents to make of Christmas a very practical holiday. If we look back at our own youthful Christmases it is not the memories of Santa Claus, the mysterious Christmas tree and the wonderful Christmas morning stockings that stand out most vividly and pleasantly? After all, is Christmas really Christmas with the imaginative element left out? To those who have known the old fashioned Christmas the very modern Christmas is quite unsatisfactory. Give the little ones as jolly a Christmas as you can. Don't be ashamed of having a big Christmas tree, a Christmas tree frolic and a Santa Claus. The Christmas legends are lovely, and when they grow up the youngsters are sure to discover the truth, and a little make believe won't hurt them now. Forget about the practical Christmas and give your children a real old fashioned Christmas. See how much better they like it than the other.

Forming a Girl's Character.

One of the hardest periods of a girl's life is between the ages of thirteen and seventeen years. So many mothers fail to realize how much maternal care and the closest loving attention in this period can do to form their daughter's entire after life. The average mother grows so far as thirteen years she is able to look out for herself. There is no time when she is in greater need of attention than this.

The years between thirteen and seventeen are really the formative period of the girl's life. Her character, her manners and her habits are formed during this time. Before this period she is too young to have anything make a decisive difference in her whole life. After she has passed her seventeenth year she is too firmly fixed in her past way of living to change very quickly. But during this period of four years her character may be molded like clay to grow into either the most beautiful or the most hideous model, according to the fingers which have done the work.

Baby's Eyesight.

A newly born babe shows in no unmistakable manner its aversion to bright lights, and for this reason it is always important to shade the infant from direct sunlight or bright artificial lights for some months or so after birth.

When an infant is born with inflamed eyes no effort is spared by both doctor and the nurse to cure this condition. There is no doubt that many cases have been saved from blindness. It is as well for a mother to bear in mind that an infant which has suffered from sore eyes may at a later period display some ocular weakness, and she should lose no time in putting the child in touch with medical advice.

Most infants under the age of three months, since they are not able to properly co-ordinate the eye movements, are liable to squint, but this is of no importance whatsoever. After this age the infant can be truly said to be able to look at things, but it is not until the sixth or seventh month that recognition of things seen is developed.

Balls For Christmas.

Homemade balls for wee tots are made in the following way: Take two pasteboard disks, four inches in diameter, with an inch circle cut out of the center. Wrap colored worsted all around the edge from the center outwardly, until in time the ball has the appearance of a very fat doughnut, then with very sharp scissors cut around the edge carefully, draw the two disks a trifle apart and tie the center tightly with a cord, remove the disks and tuff the ball, trimming away uneven fringes so that the ball will be perfectly round. The more colors of worsted that are used in the winding the gayer the ball will be.

Bathub Ball.

"It used to be a terrible task to bathe my baby, as he was so afraid of the water," one mother says. "One day I threw a small celluloid ball in the water, and it bounced around so enticingly that baby's attention was diverted in trying to catch the elusive plaything, and his bath was finished in comfort."

"Since then I have bought half a dozen of the pretty balls to be used exclusively in the bathroom."

"Baby fairly squeals with delight when he sees preparations going on for his morning plunge."

Christmas Apparels.

Charming pinafores of colored lins or of white, embroidered in colors, make pleasant work for Christmas. The most popular stamped patterns are fluffy kittens, processions of ducks and floral designs, all appropriate and amusing both to the donor and the recipient.

A Gift For the Baby.

A pretty baby sack is made of soft quilted silk, white on the outside and delicate pink or blue inside, with a crocheted edge of silk scallops all around.

Woman's World

First Lady of Empire State May Be First Lady of the Land.



Photo by American Press Association.

MRS. CHARLES S. WHITMAN.

On New Year's day New York will have a new governor, Charles S. Whitman. This governor, who belongs to the new school of politics, based on efficient service and devotion to public duty, is said to be one of the strong possibilities to succeed President Wilson in the executive mansion at Washington. As district attorney of New York city Mr. Whitman made a national reputation in his campaign against police graft.

One of the most interesting things about this interesting man is that he has a modern, up to date wife, who is a comrade in the best sense of the term. Whatever her housewifely gifts may be—and they are no mean ones, her friends declare—she is a woman of strong individuality and progressive ideas. She is a suffragist, although she dwells with a husband whose views on this subject no one really knows.

Mrs. Whitman was before her marriage Miss Olive Hitchcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Nelson Hitchcock of New York. She has plenty of courage of both the moral and physical kind. To overcome her fear of water she went up in a hydroplane with a well known aviator and circled over the Hudson for twelve minutes. She is interested in many philanthropies and is an active worker for the success of the vacation savings fund for working girls, in which Mrs. August Belmont and Miss Anne Morgan are enlisted.

She has taken an active part in suffrage work in New York city and in a recent interview is quoted as saying: "I shall certainly continue to be interested in all matters pertaining to the improvement and progress of woman. Speaking as one interested in suffrage, I am not so interested in the actual attainment of the ballot for woman as I am in the wonderful educational value such a campaign represents."

"As mother of a little girl four years old I naturally look forward to the future and give consideration to what the future will hold for our children."

Household Economics.

A good housewife, who has begun a campaign of economy, gives the following advice:

The primary duty of every housewife is to prevent waste. She can do so not only by gauging to a nicety the requirements of her household, but also by giving out the stores day by day as her grandmother habitually did.

Before resorting to stricter measures she should decree economical methods of cooking. Fish should be for boiling and not for frying and meat for stewing slowly instead of for roasting. Puddings that require four should give place to milk puddings, stewed fruit and simple savories. Every effort should be made to save fuel.

Bread should not be served when fresh, but be kept until stale, when it will be more digestible and less wasteful and every scrap can be utilized for crumbly puddings. Jam instead of butter should be served on the children's tea table, not the two together.

Soup made of lentils and dried peas will be a resource, and in every case great care should be taken over the flavoring of it and of other dishes. Vegetables dressed in different ways are an excellent resource and very good for the health.

Gift Suggestions.

What girl ever had too many silver picture frames?

A pair of opera glasses, a first supply of calling cards or monogrammed writing paper, an attractive leather portfolio, a fitted sewing box, leather traveling trinkets and desk appointments are among the large assortment of gifts suitable for the girl.

A jewel case of French gilt or an ornate little silken and lace befrilled bag which might serve for the opera or theater is a charming receptacle for the Christmas sweets.

If one enjoys making dainty things a set of pink brocaded slipper bags, with a fetching little cap to match, or a protector of light satin or brocade trimmed with soft awnswand to wear under the coat with the evening gown, will make charming gifts for young girls going to their first parties.

FOR FAIR AMAZONS

Soldierly Effects in the Gown and Hats of the Season.



BROADCLOTH AFTERNOON DRESS.

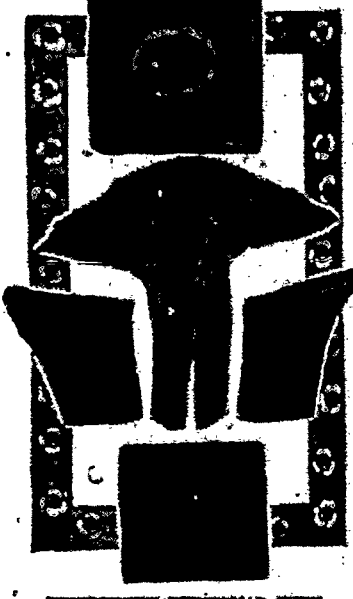
Fashion designers even of the made in America school revel in the military suggestion. The cosack, the souave, the grenadier, the husar, the dragon, the uhlan, the cuirassier uniforms have all been scrutinized for style suggestions. The costumes pictured here is a novel development of the fad. It is in the new souave effect, carried out in a draped tunic with hip pockets. The suit, which is for afternoon wear, is of nocturne blue broadcloth and velvet. The short jacket, with tiny side pockets at the waist line, is fastened with gun metal buttons. It has a collar and cuffs of white caracul. The close fitting tunic, with its band of metallic trimming, also carries out the military idea.

LAST MINUTE GIFTS.

The Shops Are Full of Dainty Novelties to Delight Little Buyers.

There is that late gift that you, of course, forgot to buy for the cousin or aunt or friend who is sure to remember you. Do not worry, for this season the shops are wonderfully well supplied with trifles that are sure to be pleasing and appropriate.

When in doubt, jewelry is always nice if you can afford it. A pin set or



EXPERIMENTAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

A fancy brooch, such as are illustrated, costs comparatively little.

Collars and cuffs are modish, and your women friends will like them if you select the very latest. Charming is the turned over collar with long cuffs of embroidered batiste and Valenciennes lace which are shown here.

Handkerchiefs, books, ribbon novelties, etc., are thrifty choices for the last minute gift buyers.

Fox Furs For Christmas.

Any woman who cares for furs will like a set of fox furs for Christmas.

According to the Dry Goods Economist, natural blue fox and dyed blue fox are much in vogue. As the real blue fox is so high in price that it will not become a big factor in the smaller stores, the dyed furs, which closely imitate this coloring, are mostly shown, as they are offered in medium priced qualities.

As these furs are quite as suitable for the matron as for the miss, they will doubtless be an important item in the Christmas showings. Other furs in novelty sets which are in good demand are fish, skunk, beaver, ermine, the variety of foxes, civet cat, Hudson seal, etc.

MOLES ARE MOODISH

Why? Because a Green Apple That Fur For Mole and Wrings.



MOLESKIN WRAP.

Anybody who knows the little gray mole in his hair's end is aware of his unpopularity. With gardeners will be surprised to learn that a mole's skin is like the one illustrated is a very costly wrap. The answer is that mole is fashionable. The story goes that Queen Alexandra of England hearing that fashions in a certain section of Great Britain were suffering from a plague of moles, adopted the use of moleskin with the object of making it fashionable and creating a commercial demand for the pelts of the little animals in order to aid the farmers. She succeeded, for in a short time moleskin was one of the most popular of furs. It is a very beautiful pelt. Its soft gray being becoming to most women. Hundreds of skins are needed to make a wrap like the one shown here. This luxurious mantle has a collar of suspended ermine and is lined with silk.

SUBSTITUTE FOR SHELLAC

An Economical Varnish Which May Be Easily Prepared at Home.

For keeping the woodwork that is finished natural in good condition this substitute for shellac varnish may be made at home and kept ready for use any time the housekeeper chooses.

Take four pounds of silica or the same quantity of China clay—the former, however, is the better—and stir into it a quart of good Japan liquid drier. Beat the mass into a perfect mixture.

Then add, while stirring the mass quickly, one and a half gallons of best hard oil, after which let the mass stand an hour or so and strain through a fine sieve. Thin with turpentine for use. On soft woods use it very thin, but it should be applied heavier on harder wood. This shellac will look and wear well.

COLORS THAT MAKE ONE SEEM SLIM.

A girl who fears that she is too plump for the fashionable ideal of beauty should ponder well before choosing the color of her clothes.

Many colors add to their wearer's apparent size, while others have a kindly way of diminishing it.

This black—as that it should be so in a gray world—has the power of making any one look her slimmest, and the stout find it a friend. Yet its effect is so depressing that one forgives those who have a pale quality.

Salmon shades of blue, heliotrope and others have also this happy and unobtrusive effect of lessening the appearance of bulk, but wellwood blue, pale gray and almost all tones of red have the opposite power.

White can be worn by all, though only the blond should choose clear or dead white. The vice brunettes should select creamy tones.

Mauve and certain shades of green if worn near the neck and shoulders are helpful in lessening any appearance of overtones.

Oddly enough, these colors usually suit a certain type of blond that is apt to become stout after very early girlhood is past.

Milady's Mirror

Decorating the Christmas tree is a task that is not to be undertaken lightly. It is a task that requires a certain amount of skill and a certain amount of time. It is a task that is not to be undertaken lightly. It is a task that requires a certain amount of skill and a certain amount of time. It is a task that is not to be undertaken lightly. It is a task that requires a certain amount of skill and a certain amount of time.

For Tender Feet.

When the feet become tender from the cold, a good remedy is to soak them in warm water each night. This will help to soothe the feet and prevent them from becoming chapped. It is a simple and effective remedy that can be used by anyone.

How to Fix the Hair.

Always use the shampoo that is most suited to the texture of the hair. This will help to keep the hair clean and healthy. It is a simple and effective remedy that can be used by anyone.

Strengthening Roused Shoulders.

An excellent exercise to strengthen round shoulders—very good for girls or women who have to sit a good deal—is performed by placing a thin stick or wand across the back and letting it run out through bent elbows. The arms are bent so that the hands rest on the chest. Keep the arms and shoulders pressed back and down and walk about the room in this way for five or ten minutes.

Boric Acid For Eyes.

A good boric lotion for the eyes may be made as follows: Put into a pint bottle one ounce of boric acid crystals, fill up with hot boiled water and thoroughly shake. When the lotion has been used if any crystals are left at the bottom more hot water can be added.

Chronic Moisture of Hands.

If you are troubled with chronic moisture of the hands, a good remedy is to use a lotion made of the following ingredients: one ounce of salicylic acid, one ounce of glycerine, and one pint of water. Shake well and use several times a day.