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**Many Words That Add to Christmas Season**

WORDS come to our lips so easily that we do not always appreciate how glorious some of them are and how much they mean to us.

Think of the words that add to the Christmas season! Every one of them has a significance and a Christmas meaning of its own.

There are greens and there are ribbons. There are gifts and there is Yuletide. There is sleigh and there is snow.

There are bells and there is cheer. There is the bright fire, and the frosty air. There are sleds and sunshine on the snow and the glow of a Christmas afternoon.

There is happiness and there are candles. There are wreaths and holly and mistletoe.

There is Santa Claus for the children and friendly voices wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There is the postman and there is a small child by the old chimney.

There is plum pudding and mince pie and turkey and cranberry. There is the Christmas tree and children talking of reindeer.

There is tinsel and there is holiday candy. There are stockings and there are Christmas decorations.

There are surprises and there are excitements.

And all of these things have such beautiful sounds. The words themselves are so wonderful. They mean so much. No other words would be the same.

And best of all is the word Christmas.

It is the year's most glorious word—*Mary Graham Bonner.*

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**Six Puppies, Nellie's Present for Her Mistress**

THERE was to be no Christmas party for little Susanne Hansen. The family was in dire financial difficulties and it was mutually agreed among them all that for this one Christmas there would be no exchange of gifts. Susanne was disappointed that there would be no surprises, but she comforted herself with the thought that she would at least have Nellie, her faithful dog, to play with Christmas Day. Nellie had been given to her the Christmas before by her uncle and she had been Susanne's constant companion up until about a month ago when the dog was sent away—"to the hospital," her mother had explained. Susanne had been most unpeppably lonely all that month with no pet, and had been counting the days till Christmas when she was promised the dog would be hers again.

Christmas morning when the door-bell rang, Susanne flew down the stairs to answer. There was an excited cry of joy. "Oh mummy, come down and see what's here." There in a basket brought by the boy from the dog hospital was Nellie with six little puppies just like her. Susanne was in love with the pups.

"They're just a Christmas gift for you from Nellie," said the boy and closed the door behind him.—*Marion R. Reagan.*

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**THE KIND THAT COUNTS**



He—Think we'll have a green Christmas?  
She—I hope so—a "long green" one.



**Maple Popcorn Balls**

Pop three quarts of corn and discard hard kernels. Melt one tablespoonful of butter in a saucepan, add one cupful of maple syrup and one-half cupful of sugar. Bring to boiling point and let boil until mixture will become brittle when tried in cold water. Pour mixture gradually, stirring all the while, over corn which has been sprinkled with salt. Shape into balls, using very little pressure.

**Then and Now**

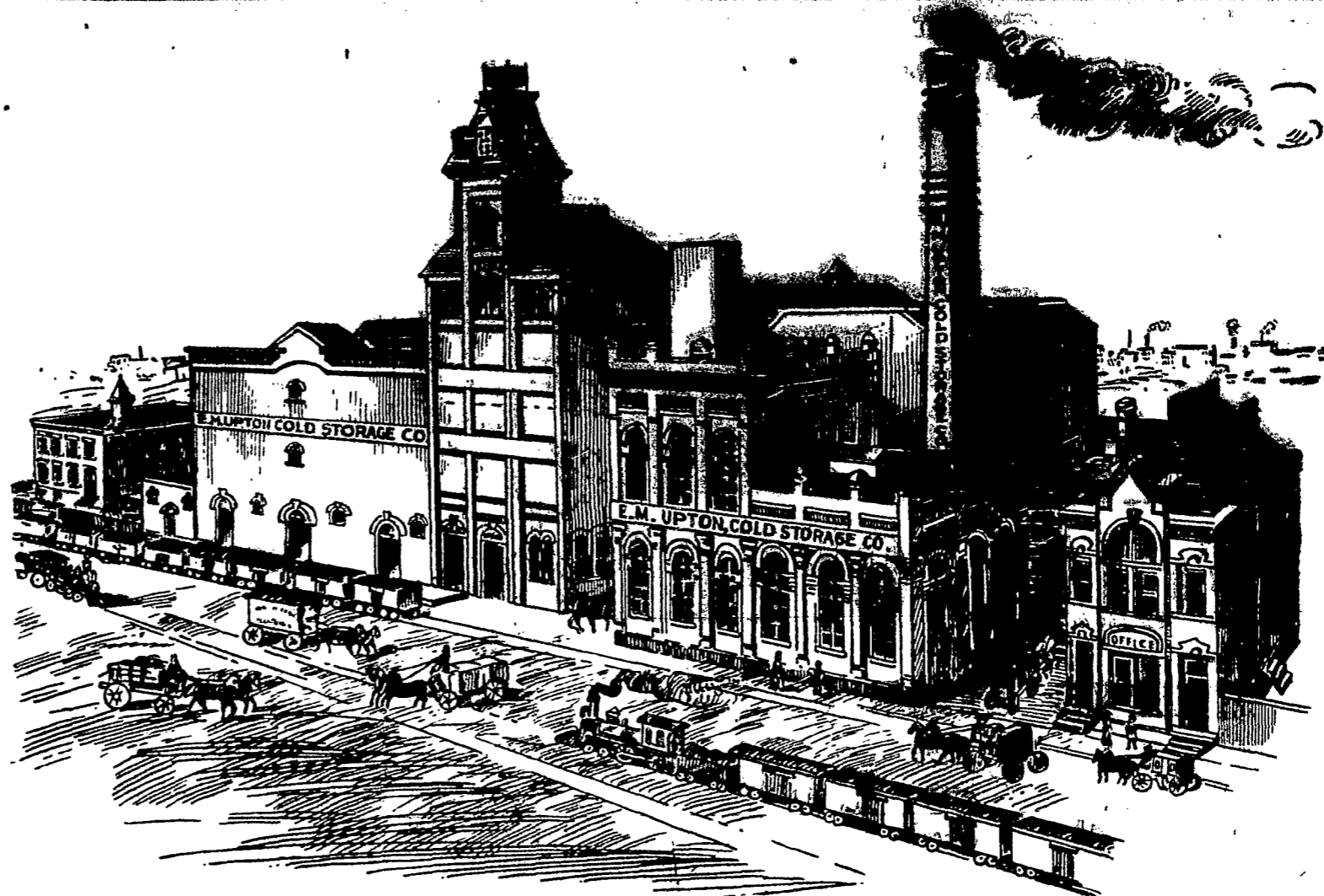
The old-fashioned boy who used to get an apple, an orange, a handful of mixed nuts, a dime's worth of powder and shot or a new pair of home-knit socks for Christmas now has a grandson who must have a new car, a diamond ring, and a check. Times change.

**At Christmas Time**

Mr. Smiles—But why do you expect a Christmas box from me? Surely I have had no dealings with you?  
"Boy—Yes, sir—please, sir, you tripped over my 'oop last week."

**Origin of Carols**

Few, if any, Christmas carols were ever sung in Scotland, while from earliest times the custom has been universally prevalent in England, France, Italy and other countries of the European continent.



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**For the Christmas Tree**



All the little people for whom the tree blooms and bears will be delighted with toys and ornaments made from crepe paper printed with figures of children. Ornaments, like those pictured, are made by pasting the paper to cardboard and cutting the figures out. A bonbon wrapped in paper is tied to each one of them with baby ribbon, which also serves to hang them on the tree.

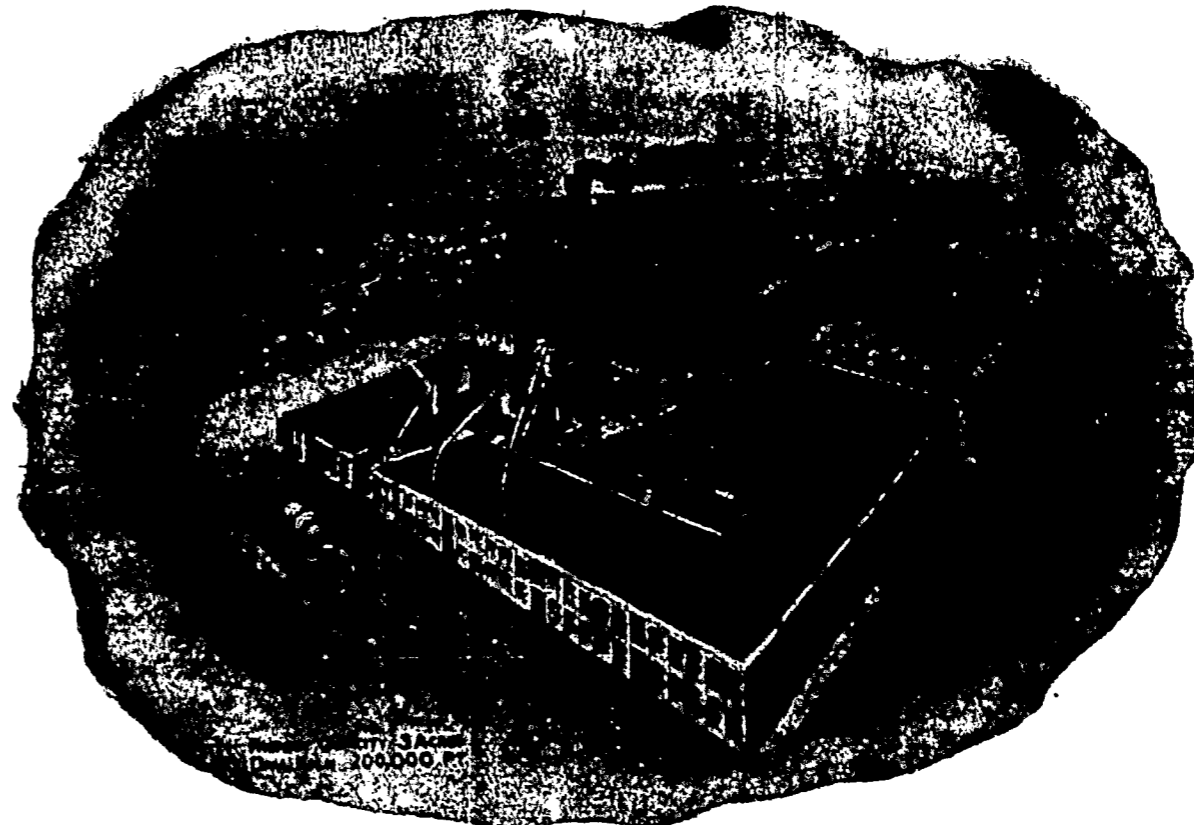
**Hostess' Apron**



More for the sake of hospitality and beauty than because she needs it, the hostess dons a gay and dainty apron when she serves her guests. Here is a pretty one that will make a nice Christmas gift. It is made of light blue satin and flowered cretonne, in pink and black on a white ground; but there are many lovely color combinations in these materials, so a friend's favorite colors may be used.

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**Why Termed "Dowager"**

Strictly speaking, every widow in receipt of a dowry is a dowager—"dowry" implying property which was either brought by a bride to her husband and reverts on his death to her own use, or which has been legally settled by the husband to his widow's use. In practice, however, all widows so situated are not called dowagers, but only those whom it is necessary to distinguish from the "reigning" wife of the same name and, even then, the word is confined chiefly to ladies of high rank. Thus in a titled family we may hear of the duchess and the "dowager duchess," the latter, by the way, very often living in the "dowager house," a small establishment near the big mansion put aside for the use of the widow by the late lord.

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