Christmas Gifts by Little Fingers

By PEGGY POWERS 5-Raffia Collar Button Box 8-Match Strike.

1-Doll's Cord Hammock. 3-Doll's Raffia Hammock 4-Card Board Work Basket.

> this year. They should decorate it. know that something made

than anything money could buy.

by themselves is appreci-

den under his breakfast napkin?

neatly in tissue paper when finished, hook to hold the scissors. tie it with ribbon and stick a piece of evergreen or helly through the bow.

cause to make these presents they will need their tool chests, although, with tools as their big brothers. Ring Toss.

Bore five holes in the top of this, one in the center and one in each corner. one inch from the edge. In these holes fit rounded sticks about an inch thick. Paint or shellac the wood. Shellac can be bought at any paint store. If gilded for about an inch.

in circles. Seak the reeds for about and 4 inches across the top. On each When the bottom of the basket is fin-20 minutes to make them hend easier Cover them with raffia. This game long winter afternoons.

Neck Tie Rack. Basswood should be used for this 13 inches long. The rod is 14 inch bow. thick and 11 inches long. The posts are % inch by 11/2 inches. The rod and posts should be made out of birch or maple wood because it is harder. Give the rack an even coat of shellac. Place two screws and two screw eyes on the top of the rack so it will be ready to hang up on Christmas morn-

Match Strike.

wide and 7 inches long, cut with a simple chair stitch. scroll saw a match strike like in the picture. Place a piece of sand paper around a small block of wood and simple stitch and was made by a little sand paper it in the direction of the grain of the wood. Never work against | your crotchet needle and see what you the grain. Give the board a coat of shellac. Cut a square of sand paper many different things and if well made and place it on a thin layer of glue in will last for years. For the bottom mamma show you how to crochet one the center of the panel. Place some of it, cut a piece of cardboard 4 inches too.

S Christmas draws near, the glue is hardened. With your of pretty silk you have in the house. the little folks are wonder- carving punch and hammer strike Crochet, with mercerized silk crotchet ing what they shall make light, careful blows over the board to

Thread and Needle.

6-Neck Tie Rack.

7-A Pretty Bag.

ated a hundred times more this useful gift! It is made of bassthan anything money could wood 1/4 inch thick, 31/2 inches wide and 141/2 inches long. (See picture.) the cardboard base. Run a pretty As Christmas draws near, the little This must be given a coat of shellac. draw ribbon finished with bows folks are wondering what they shall Bore a hole in the middle of the board through the top. At each corner of make this year. They should know one inch from the top by which to the bottom of the bag place a bow. that something made by themselves is hang it. Two, four and six inches appreciated a hundred times more from that bore holes and place in each of them a peg 1/2 inch thick Doesn't mother still use the needle and 1 inck long, which holds the spool things even very little children can case given her two Christmases ago, of thread. Two inches from the low- make. The raffia box in this picture and isn't father as proud of his desk est one glue a velvet pin cushion. was made by a six-year-old youngster. calendar as the day he found it hid- This cushion is 21/2 inches square. It It is for father's collar buttons. In is stuffed with cotton batting. One the middle of it cut a tiny hole. Wind Remember, whatever it is, wrap it inch below the cushion screw a brass raffia evenly around this circle from

A carefully wrapped present always thermometer for his or her room. around this piece and with a piece of adds to the pleasure of receiving it. Look at the picture and cut a design | raffia sew it to the bottom of the box. Here are some ideas that will help like it out of basswood. Bore a hole Braid three pieces of raffia for a han-answer the question of "What shall I near the top for hanging. Sand paper die, Punch one hole on each side of make this year?". The first five sug- the board the same as you did the the basket near the top and run the gestions are chiefly for the boys, be match strike. Shellac both sides. If ends of the handle through them. you put a coat on only one side the You can sew smaller bows where the board will warp. Stamp the back- handles join the basket if you wish. of course, many girls are as handy ground to make it look pretty with a Any one who has ever made a rafcarving punch and hammer stamp, fia basket knows how much pleasure Cut out a background like picture for it is and how glad one is to receive Make a base or stand of wood nine the thermometer. Glue it in place, it for a gift. Soak a reed in hot wainches square, and two inches thick. Tack on a hermometer with the brass ter. Thread a needle with raffia.

purpose. Cardboard Work Basket.

And here is a dainty basket that does not require the tool chest, and thread over the reed and place the "big sister" will be glad to have it. needle through the coil of reed and it is too thick, thin it with a little it is useful as well as pretty. Cut raffia. In starting a new thread, hold alcohol. The tops of the sticks are out of heavy white cardboard four it along the reed and work over it pieces shaped like the picture. They until the end is fastened. The de-Six rings are made of reeds formed should be 3 inches across the bottom signs are worked in colored raffia. one embrcider several spider webs ished begin the sides by placing the with mercerized silk. Cut out of will give much pleasure during the cardboard a square, a trifle less than When the basket is finished sharpen 2 inches, for the bottom of the basket. Fit and sex the sides to the bottom ing the coil gradually. and then sow the sides together to rack, because it is soft, easily cut and form a basket. Run a ribbon, about light in weight. Saw out of the wood an inch wide, along the edges of the a design as shown in the picture. It basket. Sew it firmly at the corners. is ¼ inch thick, 5½ inches wide and At each two corner place a pretty inch apart. Fasten two brass rings

A Pretty Bag.

small embucidery rings are sewed. once across the back close to the each 1½ in hes apart. Through this edge. Work over this last row and a silk cord is drawn. You can make sew between the strand so that when Out of a piece of bass wood that up your own embroidery design. The you place your dolls in the hammock measures 1/4 inch thick, 61/4 inches one in the picture is worked with a it won't ravel. Unfasten the rings

Crotchet Bag. This bag was crotcheted with a very girl only nine years old. Get out can do. This bag may be used for thing heavy on the sand paper until by 5 inches. Cover it with any piece

thread, a chain of 160 chain stitches. For the second time round take seven stitches and go into every fourth How giad mother will be to receive stitch of the first row. Keep on crotcheting in this manner until your bag is ten inches long; then sew it to

9-Crochet Bag.

11-Ring Toss.

10-Thread and Needle.

Raffia Collar Button Box. How the children love raffia work! And it is wonderful what beautiful the center to the edge. Cut a piece of cardboard 2 inches wide and long Any one is glad to have a pretty enough to fit the base. Wind the raffia

escutcheor pins that are used for that Make a point at one end of the reed with a knife. Wind the piece of raffia around the reed. Form this end into a coil and sew tightly. Wind the reed right on top of the last coil. the end of the reed to a point, finish-

Doll's Raffia Hammock. Take a piece of strawboard 10 inches long and 7 inches wide. Along the longest edge make notches 1/4 in the middle of back of strawboard. Carry a cord from one ring on the This is a crash bag 14 inches long back through the corner notch in and 7 inches wide when finished. At front across the length of the board. the top a niece 4 inches long is turn- through over the back, and loop it ed over and 11/2 inches of it at the through the other ring. Do this unbottom is givelled for a fringe. An til the thread passes over each inch from the top of the bag eight notch. Then weave across. Weave

> and break away the cardboard. Doll's Cord Hammock. Here is a picture of a hammock for dolly, made of macreme cord. A ten-year-old child made this hammock for her little sister. It is about one yard long and made of the Solomon's knots. You can also have

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communication, telling her of her faith- again was the hue and cry raised, but

less lover's flight and informing her of Dreher managed to reach New York

his address. Next day, accompanied with his pursuers on his track. For

WIDOW MEANT TO HAVE HIM she soon became very anxious, when sented to accompany the couple to her uneasiness suddenly gave place England, but contrived, on landing at

Remarkable Story of Worldwide Chase to rage on receipt of an anonymous Dover, to give them the slip. Once for Man Who Sought to Evade Matrimony.

Regretting an engagement into by her brother, she left for Berlin, only a second time did he avoid capture which he had entered, a young German to find on her arrival that Dreher, no and succeeded in reaching San Frannamed Dreher, an employe of a large doubt scenting danger, had fled south cisco, where he had the misfortune Lancashire (England) firm, threw up ward. his situation and left for Berlin. No Through Austria she traced him to cident, his means almost exhausted. news of any kind reached his fiancee, Italy, where he was found in Rome, and broken in spirit, he no longer ata widow of some means, and, as her employed as waiter at a cafe. Over- tempted evasion, but allowed himself repeated letters remained unanswered, awed by the brother's threats, he con- to be taken possession of by the widow.

The New Woman,

Mamma called in Mary's playmates

to celebrate the day. Before lunch

time Mary had sublet three rooms and

a bath on the second floor to Betty on

a nine weeks' lease at twenty-five

mosquitoes, etc.

bath to Eileen at ten cents, no lease Mary, aged six, had not lived all required. Moreover, she had contrived her years in New York for nothing. from her paint box a huge sign read- been exchanged successfully between

Christmas, and prodigally ordered for owner on premises." rooms, four baths, ample grounds, no ness. -New York Evening Post.

> Evident. "There sits a girl with money in tion could be heard distinctly at Vien her own right."

"How do you know?" "I saw it. She has a nickel in her cents a week, and a single room and right hand to pay car fare."

to break his leg. Crippled by the ac-

Wireless telephone messages have Uncle came from the west to spend ing: "Apartments to let; apply to the famous wireless station at Nauen a village near Berlin, Germany, and Mary a wonderful doll's house, fifteen Mary is still doing a rushing busi- the Technical museum at Vienna, Aus tria, 310 miles away. With a new machine that has been perfected newspaper articles read in the Nauen stana and other intermediate stations. It is prophesied that still stronger ma chines will make it possible to talk across the Atlantic

Yachtsmen Ara of Opinion That Four Vessels Should Be Entered in the Elimination Races.

Racing yachtsmen of the United States are of the opinion that in order to insure a successful defense of the America's cup next year against Sir Thomas Lipton, it will be absolutely necessary under the present conditions to build no fewer than four yachts to enter the elimination races. which should take place some time next August, after contesting in as man races during the summer as pos-

It is conceded by many that building a 75-foot sloop under the present rules for the first time, even by the Herreshoffs, is more or less of a risk when there is no vessel of that dimension ready to use as a trial horse. For this reason it is deemed advisable to build as many sloops as possible, and by different designers, so as to give both the yachts and their crews plenty of practice in racing, that the best boat may be chosen to meet the Shamrock IV off Sandy Hook next fall.

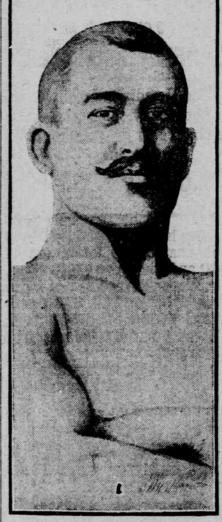
The material for the building of the first yacht-the one that the syndicate headed by Henry Walters has ordered-is being assembled at the Herreshoff yard at Bristol, R. I., and it is understood that the keel of the new boat will be laid before Thanksgiving day.

It is quite likely that the keel of the Shamrock IV will be laid about the same time as that of the Herreshoff's sloop. As usual, the utmost secrecy will be maintained from start to finish in the construction of both yachts, so that no information may leak out concerning the details of the design of either hulls or sail plans until they are ready to race.

MAHMOUT KILLED BY BANDITS

Noted Bulgarian, Who Met Many American Wrestlers, Meets Untimely Death Near Silistria.

Yussiff Mahmout, a Bulgarian vrestler, who met a number of American matmen, including Frank Gotch. by whom he was defeated, was killed by a band of Bulgarian bandits in the



Yussiff Mahmout.

mountains near Silistria, his home, according to a story told by two Turkish wrestlers who arrived in this coun-

Mahmout was petty officer in the Bulgarian army during the late war, and, according to their story, went to the town to draw his money to pay off the men in his command. Sixteen bandits; learning the purpose of his trip, waylaid him on his return, but because Mahmout had procured only orders instead of gold coin, they killed cates that not a fine was collected

Considerate of Mother. Captain Clem Fenker, Cincinnati university's star quarterback and one of the most sensational players the varsity has developed in years, does not want his mother to see him play. 'I have a peculiar notion that if my mother were to sit in the grandstand and I knew it, I would not be able to play my best game," explained Captain Felker. "I feel I cannot enter the contest with the same fighting spirit as when I know she is at home. My mother is of a rather nervous disposition. Football is no child's game, and a player is liable to be hurt at. any time. I would not want to let day as a bowler around Brooklyn, here see me injured."

Athletic Coaches Costly. The sum necessary to maintain

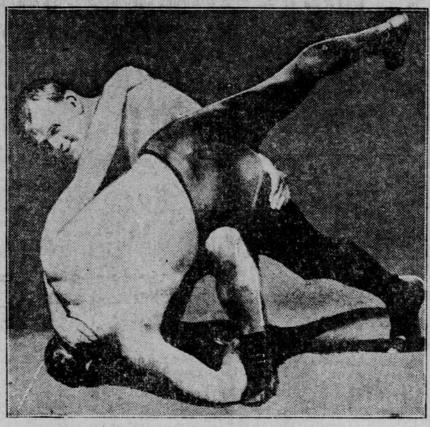
Harvard's position as a factor in intercollegiate athletics will this year alone exceed \$35,000 as salary for the coaches in the different sports.

Football has the biggest expense list, with an outlay of about \$13,000. Head Coach Houghton, who has placed Harvard on the football map. receives \$8,500; Leary, his assistant. gets \$3,500; while others on the staff get minor sums. The track coaches, Donovan and Powers. draw \$3,500. while Shrubb, the cross-country trainer, receives \$2,000. All the other coaches get generous stipends.

Plank Victim of Bear Story. Eddie Plank, after pitching wonderthe wonders of this baseball age.

Senators Sign Two. Otto Nye, an outfielder from Springfield, Ohio, and Herman Schwartz, a paper and omitted the name of Ty

TRIAL YACHTS ARE FAVORED FRANK GOTCH CRUSHE'S ITALIAN CHAMPION



Gotch With Half Nelson and Crotch Hold on Westegaard.

wrestling mat, at one time imagined roots. made countless thousands laugh.

Gotch had heard that Pardello was a onds. bone breaker and a prize fighter. He Gotch made a speech, in which he nate to escape with both ears intact countering the latest sensation from lost his temper on the mat. Latin Europe

The night of the match found the pavilion packed almost to suffocation. Pardello rushed at Gotch like a wild man when the referee signaled the start, but Gotch side-stepped him. Gotch went to his hands and knees. lifted Pardello in the air and hurled him to the mat. This was the signal tics for which he was noted. He gouged Gotch with his elbow and fina da fell." slugged him in the mixups. The crowd hissed Pardello, but Gotch had learned his opponent's actual strength and took these thrusts lightly.

Soon, however, Pardello showed his shoulders of his or reached over in a fit of rage, grabbed to his trophy room that night. the lowan by the hair and pulled a!

GOSSIP

Shanks' ankle.

six of the number.

playing in midwinter.

anything on them next year.

from a player last season.

MONG

Bonesetter Reese, the great friend of

Chief Bender has pitched nine games

There are some things at which

Joe Birmingham and his Naps claim

The annual report of President

Tearney of the Three-I league indi-

The reports from Detroit are that

Ty Cobb is to get a salary of \$15,000

for his services next year. This is the

The Federal Baseball leaguers are

If Gotch were president of the Na-

tional league the toe hold might be-

come a big factor in settling knotty

Larry McLean is gaining fame every

where he is living this winter. He re-

Cubs have a strong pitching staff, and

Sox as sub when they won the world's

Connie Mack denies he picked an

all star baseball team for a New York

it's pitching that counts.

cently averaged 206 for eight games.

his team.

club.

problems and hair-pulling disputes.

merrily "entering" many cities. It

will have many months for depar-

tures, so might as well take in all.

largest sum ever paid a ball player.

the Washington Senators will not have

even a golfer will balk, among them

. . .

in different world's series and has won

the ball players, has cured Howard

Leo Pardello, fun maker of the whole handful of Gotch's hair from the

he could down Frank Gotch. The Ita- That proved the downfall of Pardeltian was heralded as one of the tough- lo as an aspirant for the highest est men in the game and Gotch wrestling honors. In a wild mixup face. The state of California has thought he was taking on a big con- the wrestlers shifted about the mat adopted concrete construction for tract in agreeing to an encounter with and in less than thirty seconds Gotch practically its entire system of state this fighting "demon" from sunny had Pardello's left foot up his back highways, after a most thorough in-Italy. Both wrestlers were disillu- for the toe hold. There was a sharp vestigation. Wayne county, Michigan, sioned November 26, 1906, at the snap audible to those at the ringside. has been building concrete roads for Brookes' Casino, Chicago, when they Pardello, with a groan, fell to the mat | the past five years, and they have met in a finish match. After this de in defeat. An examination showed that given most excellent satisfaction. feat Pardello devoted his talents to a ligament had been snapped, but the comedy, and as a mirth producer has game Italian came back for the second ties had learned by experience how fall, which Gotch won in a few sec- to build concrete roads with expan-

was apprised that he would be fortu- told the crowd he deeply regretted the accident to Pardello. It was one of the of roads were built which broke into and all his teeth in his head after en- few times the world's champion has

Gotch, "a friend of mine met Pardello hobbling about the streets of Chicago. "'What do you think of Gotch now?"

my friend asked him. "'Gotcha?' was his answer. 'Why, Gotcha, he very fina da fell. He get ona the mata and go toa da wrestle. least. Gotcha, he cracka da joke. One fina da joke. I stoppa to laugh. Gotcha, for Pardello to employ the rough tac- he catcha my foota and twist him upa da backa. Oh, yes, Gotcha, he very After this match Pardello seemed to

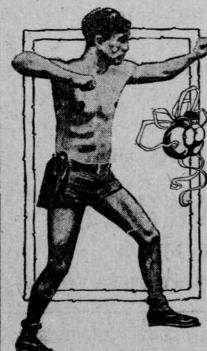
take a proprietary interest in the champion. After every match Gotch had in Chicago his wrestling tights disappeared. Pardello took them for temper and resorted to the Marquis of souvenirs. After his last match in Queensbury code. He came to his Chicago Gotch ordered a boy to get his feet and made a swing at Gotch and tights and see that they were carried the crowd again hissed. Gotch lunged to his hotel. Pardello noticed that and brought Pardello to the mat again. the boy had them in charge. After Gotch was working for a hold to se- Gotch departed from the dressing cure the first fall. He had slipped over room he approached the youngster a crotch and half nelson and was grad- and took the grip, saying Gotch had ponent to the canvas. Pardello Thus he secured an imposing addition (Copyright, 1913, by Joseph B. Bowles.)

WOLGAST IS POOR SALESMAN

Lightweight Pugilist Lets Farmer Have Fine Bull for \$45 When He Could Have Secured More.

In spite of assertions to the contrary, Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion, has been the "goat" in several deals involving the exchange of money. Ad was "stung" for \$25 by a farmer just before the ex-champion went to Milwaukee recently.

Ad owns a couple of farms in the vicinity of Cadillac, says the Detroit Journal. He had one fine bull he de-



sired to sell for he didn't want to buy food for the animal during the winter. So a farmer went out to see Ad about the bull. "I'll give you \$40 for him," The Senators made 117 double plays said the tiller of the soil. "Nope, won't during the 1913 season. Gandil led take less than \$50," Ad replied. The all the players in taking part in dual bull was finally sold for \$45.

killings, having figured in eighty-nine. Ad had barely made the deal and was still smiling when another farmer Manager Griffith will keep Nick Alt- came to buy the bull. "It's sold," rock and Dutch Schaefer on the beamed Addie. "How much do you Washington pay roll next season. Griff think I got?" asked the fighting Dutchconsiders the vets of great value to man. "About \$70 or \$75." said the · farmer. Ad stared hard for several minutes and then asked: "What were A Cincinnati sport scribe claims that you going to offer?" "O, about \$65," the team that beats the Cubs next sea- said the visitor. son will win the bunting. He says the

To Launch Cup Defender in May. The American cup defender to be constructed by the Herreshoffs at Martin Krug, who was with the Red Bristol for the Vanderbilt-Morgan syndicate will, it is understood, be ful ball in the world series, is quoted title, but last year with Indianapolis ready for launching before May 1, as being on the retired list. Plank in the American association, has been 1914, for the syndicate is figuring on is thirty-nine years old and one of sold to the Omaha Western league using the yacht in the spring races of the New York Yacht club.

Shanks' Ankle Fixed. Bonesetter Reese has cured Howard Shanks' bad ankle. The expert found pitcher from Brooklyn, have signed Cobb. The way to make Mack talk, a tendon out of place. The Washingcontracts to play with the Senators it seems, is to accuse him of saying ton outfielder, now writes that he is as good as ever.



PLANNING FOR BETTER ROADS

Method of Construction Must Be Put in Operation Which Will Produce More Durable Highways.

"Waterbound macadam roads, which for practically a century have been adequate for the traffic, have now, under the new conditions, become obsolete, and their further construction means a serious waste of public funds," is the opinion of former President Lewis R. Speare of the Ameriean Automobile association.

"Macadam may answer for side roads and cross roads where there is little travel to wear the surface into dust, and few fast moving vehicles to throw the dust into the air to be blown away. But for main roads, anywhere and everywhere, a method of construction must be put in operation which will produce durable roads,

"Wherever it can be used concrete makes a most excellent road, or a road base for some other kind of sur-

"Before the Wayne county authorision joints to prevent the concrete from cracking in cold weather and buckling in the hot sun, several miles frequent cracks. To repair these cracked sections of road they poured "The day after the match," says hot bituminous material into the cracks and covered them with sand. This has worn to the level of the concrete, and the whole forms a most delightfully smooth road to travel over, and one which looks as if it would stand for a generation, at

"In some sections of the country the concrete is being used as a base, and two or three inches of broken stone. mixed with bituminous materials, put



Good Road Crown Maintained by Dragging in Alexandria County, Virginia.

on for a surface. If properly built this kind of road should be very durable, and should justify the additional expense. The concrete will furnish the strength required to hold up the loads which are constantly growing heavier. while the bituminized surface will prevent the creation of dust, making the road pleasant to travel over.

"The only proper way to figure on the cost of a road is to consider both the original cost and the expense of maintenance for a period of ten or fifteen years. Under present conditions of travel a macadam road would have to be resurfaced every two or three years, and would be in bad condition two-thirds of the time. The aggregate cost would be far greater than that of a concrete road with a bituminous surface and the latter would present a good road all the time.'

A Difference in Roads. Two farmers living in separate counties, but at an equal distance from the cotton market, learned by telephone that cotton had advanced in price \$1 per bale. The farmer living on a bad road, according to Arkansas Homestead, responded by hauling one bale of cotton, which was all he could get over the unimproved road, while the other farmer was able to haul four bales, owing to favorable road conditions. The rise in price gained a profit of \$4 to one man and \$1 to

· Auto Owners Contribute.

The automobile owners of Massachusetts have contributed some \$300,-000 for the betterment of the highways of the state; the state treasury will contribute \$700,000 more and the local appropriations for the same purpose will bring the total up to \$2,500,

Increase Values. Farm productions are increased in

value by getting them where needed at the proper time. Good roads increase values. Southern States Aflame.

The southern states are aflame with better roads enthusiasm

Bad Roads Expensive. Bad roads are always the most expensive kind.

Good Horses Pay. It is well to remember that there are ten buyers for horses worth \$200

and upward to one that is worth \$100

Get Best Engineers. The people must look ahead and insist upon the employment of the best

road engineers. Surflowers.

The Russian is about the only one that it pays to grow in a commercial