

PRETTY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Acceptable Presents for Young and Old and How They Are Made

EASILY MADE CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES IN NECKWEAR

NECKWEAR and muff sets were never more fashionable than they are just now, and they are among the easiest to make of home-made gifts. They confer both style and comfort upon their wearers to the joy of those who receive them.

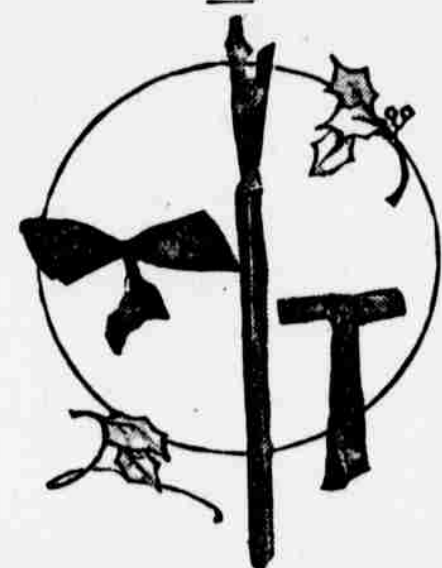
Neckpieces are simply straight lengths of velvet, plush or fur cloth, cut a quarter of a yard wide and a yard or more in length. They are lined with satin and gathered in at the



ends, where a tasseled ornament makes the finish. They fasten about the neck with a hook and eye or slide. Crocheted, passementerie or bead buckles and ornaments are used on them.

Muffs are barrel-shaped and made over beds of down or wool batting. These beds are bought ready made and are very cheap. Velvet coverings are usually gathered over them with ruffles at each end as shown in the picture. The muff and ruffles are lined with satin. Silk cords or strands of large black beads are fashionable this season for decorating these sets.

HOLIDAY TIES AND BOWS IN RIBBON



INEXPENSIVE and pretty neckwear is made of narrow colored velvet ribbon. Bows and ties like those shown in the picture are often finished with small flowers of ribbon or chiffon.

HOME MADE GIFTS ACCEPTABLE TO MEN

SELECTING gifts for one's menfolk is perplexing to the Christmas shopper; their needs are few, compared to those of women and children. Men like gifts that add something to



their comfort and they like convenient things. They especially appreciate gifts made by the donor, and this year, there are some novelties for them which are not difficult to make at home.

A basket, which will do either for a den or a bedroom, is made very easily. The materials selected for it depend upon the purposes for which it is to be used. If it is intended for a convenient receptacle for ties, collar buttons, pins, needles, thread and various odds and ends, it is to be made of cretonne, brown linen or figured silk and finished with ribbon. But if for a den to hold pipes, matches, cigars, tobacco, etc., it is to be made of thin leather or heavy silk and finished with silver or gold braided cord.

A collar box covered with cretonne and suspended by ribbon hangers is a reliable gift sure of a welcome. A

round pasteboard box of suitable size is needed over which the covering is stretched and either pasted or sewed. For small remembrance tokens flat sachets of crepe paper carrying lavender or spicy perfumes in an oblong bit of cotton batting, are tied with narrow strips of ribbons.

DESK SETS FOR THE OFFICE OR HOME

AMONG the most attractive of novel presents for men are office or library sets consisting of portfolio, letter box, waste basket, candle shades, etc. They are made of handsome wall paper designs pasted over foundations of heavy cardboard or wood. A paper having a broad black and white stripe with dark red flowers, vaguely outlined on it, was used to cover the letter box and portfolio



shown in the illustration. The candle shade is of dark red paper decorated with a fancy gold braid pasted on. The ability to choose an attractive paper and paste it on neatly is about all that is required for making these sets. Leather effects, the tiffany papers, besides many artistic flowered patterns are suited to the purpose and make useful and tasteful gifts that men appreciate.

TOBACCO POUCH AND DRESSING CASE BAG

A TOBACCO pouch is made of four long, narrow triangles of leather or of a silky plush, sewed together. A silk lining is made in the same way and placed in the outer bag. The edges along the top are blind-stitched together. The bag is 7 1/2 inches long



each triangle 3 1/2 inches wide. A casing is stitched in the bag 1 1/2 inches from the top to accommodate narrow elastic bands for drawing strings. If the bag is to be hung up ribbon or cord suspenders are sewed at each side.

INEXPENSIVE GIFTS IN COLLARS AND VESTS

A COLLAR and vestie in sheer or gaudie, to wear with tailored suits will be welcomed by every woman and costs almost nothing but the time for making. The faring collar is finished with hand-embroidered scallops or a band of fine narrow swiss embroidery, or lace, which extends down each side. The collar and vestie must be cut separately and joined at the neck line. The collar is wired to make it stand and flare correctly.

A brilliant vestie, with collar and revers of filmy lace, is pictured made of brocade velvet and shadow lace. The vestie is a band about the neck



gradually widening to the waist line where it is trimmed into points. It fastens just above the points with hooks and eyes, and here three small, fancy buttons are set on for ornament. A short ruffle of lace forms a faring collar which is supported with fine wires. The revers are made of straight pieces of lace draped in at each side and at the top in the neck line. Made of bright colored brocades this is one of the prettiest of novelties to be worn to embellish the blouse.

SUBSTITUTES FOR CORN FOR HOGS

KAFIR OR SORGHUM SEED CAN BE FED WITH PROFIT

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our Readers.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Hogs will consume with profit kafir or sorghum seed where the supply of corn is limited. At the North Platte experimental farm, cane seed was found to be one-half as valuable as corn, bushel for bushel. With ground cane seed figured at 50 cents per bushel and alfalfa hay at \$8 per ton, pork was produced at a cost of \$5.78 per 100 pounds. Where the cane seed and corn were fed in equal parts, the cost of pork was reduced to \$4.30 per 100 pounds. In the latter case, corn was figured at 47 cents per bushel, which was the current market price at the time the experiment was conducted. In this experiment, with hogs selling at \$5.90 per 100 pounds, cane seed brought 55 cents per bushel and corn 82 cents per bushel. With hogs at the present high values, both corn and cane would show a higher feeding value. Milo maize, where fed experimentally at North Platte with three-fourths corn, proved equally as valuable as barley, and nearly as valuable as corn.

Fall Care of Vegetables.

Do not expect to keep vegetables successfully in an unpartitioned cellar containing a furnace. If no cave or portion of the cellar is available, dig a trench as long as desired and about a foot deep. Providing proper drainage is maintained, cabbage, potatoes, celery, carrots, beets, in fact, all of the root crops may be stored in it. For storing apples, the hole should be deeper. Usually the apples are protected by being surrounded by straw before soil is placed on them. The outer leaves of the cabbage should be removed and the tops should head downward. Beets, carrots and salsify may be buried as soon as the tops are frozen. Celery may be placed in the trench when mature to be bleached, and later stored where it will not freeze. Parsnips may be left unpeeled, but if buried in a trench may be more easily handled. Many persons believe that the flavor of the parsnip is improved by being allowed to freeze before burying.—Department of Horticulture, Nebraska College of Agriculture.

Good Dairy Rations.

The best rations for the dairy cow, according to the most recent investigations of the Nebraska College of Agriculture, are as follows for a 1,200-pound dairy cow of the proper sort and producing thirty pounds of milk daily:

Ration No. 1—Twelve pounds of alfalfa, 35 pounds of corn silage, 4 pounds of ground corn, and 3 pounds of bran.

Ration No. 2, where silage is not available—Fifteen pounds of alfalfa, 6 pounds of ground corn, 8 pounds of corn stover, and 2 pounds of gluten meal.

Ration No. 3, where neither silage nor alfalfa is available—Twelve pounds of millet, 12 pounds of sorghum hay, 2 pounds of ground corn, and 3 pounds of oil meal.

Will be Well Represented.

The western section of the state, probably, will be well represented at the mid-winter meeting of organized agriculture. Alfalfa seed growers are preparing to communicate with Prof. F. Josiah Chase and exhibit samples of the excellent seed raised in western and northwestern Nebraska. At the corn show at the Lincoln Auditorium a large number of the so-called "dry climate" counties may make exhibits, if present plans are followed. Counties in the central and western sections, derived much benefit from the county collective exhibits at the 1914 state fair, and it is reported promoters of these displays are highly satisfied with the benefits derived.

Want Civil War Relics.

State officers of the G. A. R. are working to secure enough civil war relics before the legislature convenes so that a display of some size can be fitted up at the capitol by January 1. The state has provided fourteen glass cases and cabinets in which to keep them, and about half of these have been filled already with mementoes of the rebellion. Farragut post, G. A. R., of Lincoln has undertaken a canvass among its members and friends for relics to fill another case.

Is Up to the Legislature.

The law gives constitutional amendments the advantage of all straight party votes, if political parties endorse them at the primaries, but the law appears to have made no provision for contesting the vote on amendments. Attorney General Martin can find no method. He says the legislature may provide by law a method of procedure for a recount. He thinks the expense of a recount will be large and he does not care to start proceedings on his own motion.

FOR BELGIAN RELIEF

Appeal of the Lincoln Representatives of the Belgian Relief Central Committee of New York.

Persons desiring to remit money to the Belgian relief fund should send it to W. C. Wilson, treasurer Belgian relief committee, Bankers' Life Insurance building, Lincoln, Neb. Persons having clothing to contribute should send it to Mrs. C. F. Ladd, 823 South Seventeenth street, Lincoln. Those desiring information as to the making of clothing or Red Cross supplies should address Mrs. W. H. Ferguson, 700 South Sixteenth street, Lincoln. For further information apply to J. E. Miller, Miller & Paine, Lincoln.

Lincoln.—Many requests for information as to the scope and needs of our work are being received. To meet them it has been thought advisable to prepare a circular letter setting forth the work undertaken by our committee.

The daily press is filled with dispatches describing the destitution wrought in Belgium by the present terrible war. Her people have been ruined financially, by the destruction of their property, by the closing down of all industries, by levies upon their wealth and supplies on the part of their conquerors. Over two millions are refugees from their native land, in England, France and Holland, the greater part of them helpless women and children, with little or no property and inadequate clothing. The question of food is immediate and urgent; it is estimated that seven million Belgians are now facing starvation.

In view of the terrible calamities which have thus befallen millions of helpless and innocent non-combatants it is the immediate and urgent duty of the people of America to hasten to their generous aid. In many of our cities this has been undertaken on a large scale and food is being steadily forwarded to the destitute. But it is realized that aid must be continued all winter; every effort of every American is necessary to save the suffering people. The United States is today the most prosperous nation in the world; without exaggeration, there is no part of the United States more prosperous at this moment than is the state of Nebraska. The war has helped our markets for grain; but it has also increased our responsibilities for our fellow men. It would be a shame to the state were it not now to respond liberally to the call for help from an afflicted nation.

The Lincoln committee is working as the Nebraska representative of the Belgian relief central committee, which, in turn, is co-operating with the international commission in London and Amsterdam. The Lincoln committee guarantees that all relief furnished for the Belgians will pass through these hands directly to destitute non-combatants.

The work of the Lincoln committee embraces the following branches:

First—the raising of money for food and supplies for Belgian non-combatants who are in dire need. Funds sent to any member of the committee, or to the treasurer, W. C. Wilson, president of the Bankers Life Insurance company, will be used for this purpose unless otherwise designated.

Second—The procuring of clothing, serviceable garments for winter wear, to be forwarded to Belgian non-combatants in and out of Belgium. Mrs. C. F. Ladd, 823 South Seventeenth street, Lincoln, is chairman of the sub-committee having this work in charge.

Third—The procuring of money and supplies for the work of the Red Cross in answer to the appeals being sent out by this society. Only money specifically designated for the Red Cross will be sent to this society; the Lincoln committee prefers to collect funds for the urgent Belgian need. There are, however, many women who can give work—sewing and knitting—and as this is of the utmost value to the Red Cross, the Lincoln committee undertakes to forward all such completed work to the society and to furnish specifications for the materials and patterns to be employed. Mrs. W. H. Ferguson, 700 South Sixteenth street, Lincoln, is chairman of the sub-committee having this work in charge. For additional information apply to her.

Fourth—The dissemination of information in regard to the actual situation abroad. Lecturers will give their services in this cause to societies and communities desiring direct information other than such as can be supplied through the mails.

The personnel of the Lincoln committee is as follows: Mrs. W. G. Langworthy Taylor, Mrs. Allen W. Field, Mrs. Frank H. Woods, Mrs. T. E. Calvert, Mrs. W. H. Ferguson, Mrs. R. E. Moore, Mrs. Callen Thompson, Mrs. W. A. Apperson, Mrs. W. M. Leonard, Mrs. C. F. Ladd, Mrs. M. Olive Watson, Miss Ida Robbins, W. G. Langworthy Taylor, W. C. Wilson, H. K. Burket, J. E. Miller, H. B. Alexander, R. O. Castle, F. C. Zehrung.

Death at Grade Crossing.

Nebraska City, Neb.—George Hilton and wife of Farragut, Ia., on their way in an auto to spend Thanksgiving day with relatives at Havelock, were instantly killed opposite this city Tuesday morning, while trying to cross the tracks ahead of a fast moving passenger train. The car engine gave out as they reached the center of the track, and they did not have time to escape.

NEARLY DIES IN PROVING IDENTITY

"Dead Man" Almost Loses Life After He Reads He Has Been Buried.

Spokane, Wash.—Supposed to have been drowned, identified, buried and the grave marked by a tombstone, James McKinnon, the owner of a 700-acre ranch near Red Deer, Alberta, and of a substantial deposit in the Bank of Montreal, appeared in Spokane to the surprise of his friends and acquaintances. Since the report of his death and funeral got abroad he



He Started in a Blizzard.

has been having a distressing experience in establishing his identity.

A man of McKinnon's size was taken from the river. The body was brought to the Lodwick undertaking rooms and positively identified as James McKinnon, according to the records. A laundry mark, "J. McK.," found on the underwear of the dead man, seemed to clinch the conclusion, and the body was given a respectable burial in Fairmount as James McKinnon, ranchman.

Through the columns of a Spokane newspaper James McKinnon learned at his ranch in Alberta that he had been drowned and buried. Distressed by the circumstances, in which he foresaw a distribution of his estate and his reduction to a condition of poverty, he hastened from his ranch, which is remotely situated, to the nearest telegraph office.

He started in a blizzard and was halted before attaining his objective by his feet freezing. For many weeks he lay at a ranch house under the care of strangers before he could resume his journey. In the meantime an inquiry, that suggested a doubt of his existence, came from a Spokane bank. When he had satisfied the bank he concluded to defer his visit.

On his arrival here he immediately went to the Lodwick undertaking rooms to view the record of his death and burial.

HAWK LAID LOW BY TERRIER

Bird First Whips Game Cock and a Hen and Seizes Chick, but is Killed.

Hanover, N. J.—A game rooster, a hawk and an Irish terrier figured in a desperate struggle in the chicken yard of Robert Nixon, a farmer living near the Whippany river.

Nixon heard a commotion in the chicken run. He had missed several ducklings and chicks, and he believed they were being stolen by raccoons, possums or weasels. When he ran toward the henery he saw a huge hawk swoop down inside the wire enclosure and attempt to seize a small chick in his talons. The mother started for the marauder, but one swoop of the hawk laid her low.

When the hawk set after the chicks again a game cock called Barney started out for him. It was a battle royal for a few minutes, but the rooster was soon lying on the ground, played out.

Teddy, the Irish terrier, next jumped into the fray, and as the hawk was rising with chick the dog grasped the bird by the throat and hung on. Nixon killed the hawk, which measured 5 feet four inches between the tips of its wings.

SLAYS LIONESS WITH BLOW

Mother, Defending Child, Uses Rifle as Club After an Unsuccessful Shot.

Reno, Nev.—Mrs. George Ellery, wife of a trapper whose cabin is near Unionville, saved her own life and that of her three-year-old child by killing a big mountain lioness with a blow from a rifle after the animal, wounded, had charged her.

Her husband trapped three lion cubs and believes they were the lioness' litter and that she trailed him to his cabin. Mrs. Ellery saw the lioness watching the cabin and called the baby playing outside. Then she reached for a rifle.

She took one shot at the lioness, but only wounded it. The animal then rushed at her. Mrs. Ellery brought the butt of her rifle down on the head of the lioness, killing it.

Backache Spells Danger

Do you know that your back may be merely a hint of some hidden, deep-seated kidney disorder? Census records show that deaths from kidney disorders have increased 75% in 20 years. People can't seem to realize that the first pain in the back, the first disorder of the urine, demand instant attention—that it may be a signal of coming rheumatism, gravel, dropsy or fatal Bright's disease. The best prevention of serious kidney disorders is prompt treatment—the best medicine is Doan's Kidney Pills.

A Kansas Case

"Rony Picture This Story" Mrs. J. W. Noland, 809 Kickapoo St., Hiawatha, Kan., says: "I had kidney disease for years and finally got so bad that I could hardly get around. My limbs, feet and shoulders ached terribly and I had awful dizzy spells. The dizzy spells caused me no end of trouble, too. When I used Doan's Kidney Pills I picked up and continued use drove away the kidney ailments."

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ODD COINAGE ON NIGERIA

Legal Tender That is Unhandy to Carry About in Any Considerable Quantity.

Among the strangest coins in the world are those used in certain out-of-the-way towns and villages in southwest Nigeria, on the west coast of Africa, and called "manillas." In shape they resemble a horseshoe with the two extremities flattened out like a camel's foot. Being made of solid copper, three-eighths of an inch thick, they weigh over eight ounces each. In "face value" seven of these queer coins are equivalent to one quarter, so that a dollar's worth would be an uncomfortable, heavy load.

Not only are these "manillas" used among the natives, but white traders accept them as legal tender for goods sold at the various stores. At one time the strangely shaped money had quite a circulation in certain parts of the coast, but its use is now restricted to a few bush towns and one or two of the smaller seaboard places, including Bonny, Brass and Akassa. "Manillas" are now very difficult to obtain, and curio collectors value them not solely by reason of their scarcity, but because of the novel serviette rings they make when silver plated.

Before Congress of Vienna.

One hundred years ago Alexander I of Russia, the king of Prussia and other sovereigns, accompanied by a large retinue of diplomatists and soldiers, made their solemn entry into Vienna to take part in the congress which was to readjust the map of Europe. The throngs which Napoleon had overturned were to be righted and the old despots whom he had dismissed were to be given back their scepters. The first weeks of the congress, however, were not devoted to the serious business at hand, but were spent in a succession of magnificent festivities. Notwithstanding the financial ruin of the country, Austria appropriated sums amounting to thousands of dollars daily to provide balls, banquets, concerts and other entertainments for the visiting monarchs and their advisers.

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