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ART TOPICS

A style of artistic needle work very fashionable in the east today is what is termed as the jewel embroidery. Exceedingly rich and brilliant effects are made in this particular way; but one must harmonize the jewels and brilliant-hued silks in artistic patterns, else gaudiness will flash in the eye and leave no room for night sare garishness. The Indian beading is a dazzling mode of this (now) new jewel work. But we have made improvements in the manner of treatment, these crystals used in harmony with the bright and brilliant rainbow-hued silks to accentuate a high light and bring forth a charming variety and are sewn on here and there. Some of these pretty bright pieces of colored glass have foil at the back of them to make them flash back their own glinting rays and increase their own brilliancy.

Nancy recently was shown a most beautiful oriental spread, in this rich and ancient style of needlework. Much bright colored silk was used in a heavy thrown up pattern, here and there mingled in copious profusion were the gay jewels to accent a special high light and mixed in with them in abundance were spangles of platinum and brass and some pretty little forms of mother of pearl. The iridescent beads and crystals are also used in conjunction with the old time Arsenic and Chenille to make pretty Xmas gifts, a novelty beside some of the styles now in vogue. Take a bright piece of heavy satin damask and for some friend or loved one, design a wall pocket, book cover, portfolio, reticule, scrap book, catch all, etc. then sketch on the article some artistic little spray and proceed to carry out this most pleasing change from the other obsolete and well worn methods.

Now when chrysanthemums are so profuse, I will offer suggestions for a chrysanthemum luncheon, dinner or party. If a large dinner table is used, choose a large flat dish, tray, or basket for centre-piece. If the maroon and pink flowers are to be used in preference to the yellow and orange tints, fill the utensil or receiver with the flowers, being careful to put the darker (maroon or orange) at the bottom of this receptacle and graduate the tints until the centre is reached with the lightest shade of pink or lemon yellow down through darker shades to the deep red brown. After this centre piece is arranged then choose a few of the desired flowers in preferred hue and tie with broad satin ribbon, to correspond with color of flowers chosen and place one at each guest's plate. Make some large clusters of the chrysanthemums and tie with immense bows of ribbon and put up the bunches on the wall in shape of floral panels here and there. Fill fire place with potted plants in bloom, loop back curtains and draperies with bunches of the same flowers. Now if you have on hand any bright old Japanese fans or parasols put them up in odd corners and nooks and stick them full of flowers in between the sticks. The mantels may be backed up with cut flowers and menu or score cards may be hand decorated with the Japanese symbolic flowers. Rooms are to be lighted with colored lanterns or candles and fairy lamps. The hostess will present a charming and unique appearance if she will request her guests to wear typical Japanese costumes, or she may carry out the idea by wearing a dress made from some of the many beautiful hues to be found in these brilliant and harmonious flowers.

For those who wish to make their own Xmas gifts and show their handwork, I would say it is long since the time when you should have your plans completed and your work under way. After September and October lazy days are on, then comes on apace Thanksgiving day and we are aware Xmas, the happiest day of the year, is with us all too soon for we as usual are unprepared. For those who have learned to decorate china or have it in their power to create some pretty little ideals in oil or water colors it is a much easier task to select a pretty souvenir or gift than for those inexperienced in the arts at all. There are so many beautiful shapes in the old pieces of china now days to be decorated, one can readily find a suitable gift and must really be hard to please if they could not find a desirable offering to suit both purse and person. Any friend you may choose to remember, be they young or old, lady or gentleman, an appropriate Xmas remembrance is ever suitable in an exquisite little piece of china decoration. If you do not point now go to some well known artist and make an effort to do something yourself, for any friend will appreciate your own manipulations, even if not quite as good as some one else and you may surprise yourself in the speedy development of your hitherto unknown talents; for if there is any genius in you a good teacher will early discover and cultivate it. If you have not the time or wish to devote to art yourself, then go to some good studio at once and for the same or less than you could purchase a shop article, you may have done to order a pretty remembrance for your loved one and just what your taste calls for and money cannot find in a store. However if you intend to give any Xmas orders you must get them in at once, for in all the studios at this time you will find them full of workers and orders too—even now.

An unusually pretty and attractive thing shown in china novelties to be decorated is the tray in its various and unique styles. A pretty conceit is the trinket tray, consisting of tray, puff box, pin tray, match safe and rouge box, with centre of tray for manicure set. This when prettily done is a most charming and cleanly dresser adornment. A tete a tete set composed of beautiful little teapot, creamer and sugar basket, two odd cups and saucers and pretty wafer



plate complete this beautiful novelty for the five o'clock tea table now in vogue.

Most beautiful colors, and all the delicate tints in fact are now reproduced in the new stationery. What was once considered the proper thing, white note paper, is now occupied by the light hues to be found with all fashionable stationery dealers. The colors will usurp our cream and white for the present. Its a fad and we must follow suit.

Suede leather is a delightful change in the novelties now in use. It is used as a material for trimming dresses and hats and occupies a decided prominence in fancy work this season. Often forming the background for embroidery or painting and afterward made up in various shapes as reticules, work bags, slipper holders, sofa pillows, chair cushions, broom holders, handkerchief, necktie and veil cases. With a moderate amount of ingenuity and good taste one may shape and form many beautiful gifts out of this many colored soft pliable leather.

Miss Riley tells meshe has quite a bright class in the public school in drawing this season.

It is currently reported that Mrs. Lou K. Riggs will creditably fill the place as china artist from now on at Wesleyan University. I bespeak for her a successful class.

Mrs. Will Wittman has just started a beautiful little landscape. A wee little bird told me it is to be an Xmas gift. Who is to be the fortunate receiver, I wonder.

Mrs. May McCandless has been working in oil recently and has done some charming bits of work as proof of the many hours of labor expended in this line and occupation.

Mrs. Chancellor Canfield has been doing an excellent likeness and ideal of a baby and child, in oil recently. Mrs. Canfield is a thorough success when it comes to a portrait and this is up to the usual standard.

It is astonishing how the fad for china painting increases, and as a salesman in this line recently told "Nancy" it is not only in Lincoln but a wave seems sweeping all over our country increasing daily this love of art.

China prizes for two more swell parties are being prepared now at Studio Revera

and let me whisper from what I spied in my quick view, they were all worthy of trial and the fortunate receivers of same will truly be in luck.

Mrs. Will Donahue has completed and turned over a most satisfactory crayon portrait of Miss Rose Budd Foster, daughter of H. P. Foster. To say this is a fine piece of work and true to life is commendation of which Mr. D. is worthy.

Mrs. Fred Kelly celebrated her fifth wedding anniversary by giving a party to her friends. Cards were the order of the evening and beautiful china odd pieces decorated by Mrs. Kelly herself were bestowed on the four most skillful players.

If any of our artists wish a most complete article, illustrated in detail, on the World's Fair, I would suggest that they take a look at the October number of Scribner's Magazine. A most reliable piece of work, I deem it, from personal observation.

Little Miss Mary Chapin is as busy as a bee these short days dividing her time between Lincoln Normal and her cheerful little studio in the McMurtry block. Miss Chapin did not get the old room back but has found one which answers all purposes fully as well.

Miss Bessie Tuttle is very enthusiastic over her new home and the brilliant class of workers she is now chaperoning through some of the mysteries of the palette. Miss Tuttle works principally in oil from life and endeavors to instill the same principles into her pupils at Rushville, Neb.

Mrs. Nellie Baum, now of Omaha but well known to all our young people, has just known to Philadelphia to finish her course in water colors. Miss Nellie has done a great deal of good work in this specialty and seems to have developed quite a talent for it. She will remain in the art school all this winter.

H. W. Mesing, the famous marine painter of the Hague and commissioner for the Netherlands fine art department at Columbian World's Fair, reports to Chief Ins. of the arrangement of their national exhibit. It will be small but complete and will embrace the best work of the Dutch masters for the past decade.

The Haydon Art Club had a very successful meeting in University chapel last week. Some entertaining papers were read and matters pertaining to the same discussed by the members. If some more new workers could be imported like some of the recent

enthusiasts there would soon be enough warmth to incite the torpid members to interest and action.

Mrs. Cadman makes a nice showing of oil work in the window of Lincoln E. & A. Co.

Mrs. C. A. Kieth gave some exquisite pieces of china as prizes Friday evening last when she entertained the Bohemian club. Lady's royal, a beautiful creamer and sugar decorated in corn flowers and the gent's royal a cigar case encircled by golden cord and dainty Dresden pattern scattered over its surface. Mrs. A. G. Billmeyer was the recipient of the lady's souvenir and Mr. T. H. Benton was the gentleman rewarded for most skillful playing.

MISS NANCY

The new line of silverware just received for the holiday trade at F. B. Harris is the most artistic and handsome in the city. Also a fine line of watches, clocks, and jewelry. Call and inspect.

The candy sold at the New York bakery is all made on the premises and is guaranteed pure and fresh.

The excellent products of the celebrate Geneva Roller Milling Co., are on sale at all first class grocery stores.

Full line of fancy feathers just received, Mrs. J. H. Blair, 117 South Eleventh street.

A beautiful new line of novelties in china were received again this week, direct from Chicago, for use of pupils and others interested in unadorned ware at 326 South Twelfth street.

Why not buy a bicycle from E. R. Guthrie for a Christmas present? Call and see his line, 1540 O street.

Fifteen kinds of imported and domestic cheeses at Reinhold & Moser's, Faone 728.

Miller's Grocery Changes Hands. What will doubtless be a surprise to all will be the announcement that Messrs. W. A. Coffin & Co. have bought out the popular and well established grocery store of J. Miller, who recently moved into Bossi man's old stand on Eleventh street near N. Mr. W. H. Coffin has been in the grocery business for over twenty years, seven of which he has spent in Lincoln, where he has made many friends who will be pleased to hear of his re-embarkment into business again as manager

of so popular a concern. Mr Coffin's wide acquaintance in the country will give him a decided advantage in securing the freshest eggs, the finest of butter and other farm products.

The new firm will cater to the best city trade and hopes by carrying a nice line of goods to merit a large patronage. The business will be conducted at the old stand and Messrs Coffin & Co. hope to be able to continue past pleasant relations that have been extended the retiring merchant. All orders over telephone 398 will, as heretofore, receive prompt and careful attention. We bespeak for the new firm success and continued prosperity.

Burlington Route—Winter Tourist Rates. Special low round trip rates are now in effect to Austin, El Paso, Houston, Lumbago, Corpus Christi, Galveston, Laredo, Rockport, San Antonio and Velasco, Texas, also to Deming and Eddy, N. M., and to New Orleans and Lake Charles, La. These tickets are good for return until June 1, 1893. Tickets and further information apply to agent B. & M. depot, or city office, corner O and Tenth streets. A. C. ZIEMER, City Passenger Agt.

Orchestra Music. Irvine's new orchestra furnishes superior music, any number of pieces, for concerts, receptions, balls, parties, etc. Leave orders at COURIER office, 1134 N street, telephone 288.

K C Baking Powder, 25 ounces for 25 cents. Absolutely Pure. Have you tried it?

F. B. Harris, the jeweler, is showing some beautiful new designs in silverware, just the thing for presentations.

GENUINE CANNON CITY COAL at the Lincoln Coal Co., southwest corner of Eleventh and O streets.

Mrs. J. H. Blair, the Lincoln milliner, 117 South Eleventh street.

When you give the next party at your house leave your orders for tables and chairs at Hardy & Pitcher's. They have a new supply just in that they rent at reasonable prices delivered to and taken from your residence.

Go to Henry Pfeiff, 314 South Eleventh street for choice meats.

TIME TO KICK

It was to be regretted that some of the gentlemen who were invited to participate in the banquet to the Hon. Patrick Egan at the Hotel Lincoln Monday seemed to imagine that they were at a charivari. The result was most appalling to all present who desired to hear the splendid and decidedly felicitous addresses delivered. Outside of this one annoying feature the banquet was a superb affair and in every way enjoyable. Guests at banquet would do well to remember that when it comes their turn to chat the toastmaster will notify them and they will find their names on the bills.

The weekly public ball has broken out afresh and bids fair to continue through the winter. One of the leading halls of the city is given over to it now almost every Friday evening and as long as the presiding genius pays his rent and escapes being driven out of town by irate husbands and fathers, will continue to assemble in dangerous social intercourse the questionable characters of the city of both sexes and such associates among the young and innocent as may offer themselves as recruits. One of these promiscuous dances at 9 a. m. always presents a pitiable picture—a weird scene of abandon and blasé exhaustion. The commonest courtesies are unknown and the most suggestive familiarity is every where apparent. They are but a step removed from the French balls of Gotham, renowned for their sinful magnificence. Mayor Weir once did a commendable act in suppressing a similar enterprise. He might honor the precedent by suppressing this one.

"About the shillest fake that any Lincoln newspaper has attempted to spring upon a well read public," said a paying patron of the news stands as he threw away in disgust a copy of an evening paper he had just purchased, "is this fairy story concerning the mysterious fire in the window of a Belmont church. That face is decidedly ubiquitous. It has been seen in a hundred cities since the story was invented a few months since. I have encountered that story as often as I have the fables told about mammoth subscriptions, but never before have I seen a paper that had the hardihood to locate the uncanny spectacle in its own town.

There shall be no liquor sold on election day. This is true and the law, but the law is not always obeyed, and such certainly was an offence on Tuesday. Drunks and disorderlies by the score were to be seen on our streets and the fact is known that they obtained their fiery fluid at local shops, and their yelling for their favorite candidate was something horrible to the ear. Election day should be observed with all due respect to the law and man given the entire freedom of his conscience to vote as his better judgment sees fit. He cannot do this with a brain fired with strong drink. Saloons in Lincoln, as well as drug stores have been given too much freedom, and the side door racket has played altogether too important a roll. It is time that the vendors of this flowing bowl be compelled to respect the law, and if they cannot do they should quit the business.

And Now for Christmas. Few people realize just how near Christmas and the joyous holidays are at hand, but the calendar tells us that within a short month that much loved occasion will have been here and gone. What have you done in way of arranging for tokens for your friends and relatives? They will, each and every one of them, expect something and as you still have plenty of time to make a selection, why not stop in and see Eugene Hallett's new holiday line of fine jewelry, watches, clocks, diamonds, silverware, etc. You may not now be financially prepared to invest, but that will be no barrier for your making a selection as Mr. Hallett, like in former years, will reserve anything in his stock on payment of a portion of the amount of purchase. Why not stop in now before the rush, when you can take your time and get first pick out of a grand new stock? Such a line of goods as Mr. Hallett is now showing has never been equaled in Lincoln, either in artistic design, attractive styles, novelties or prices.

Clergymen, Attention. The B. & M. will issue for 1893, half fare permits, good on all Burlington route lines, to regularly ordained or licensed ministers or missionaries engaged solely in religious work. It is our desire that these permits be in the hands of clergymen by the first of the year. Application should therefore be made as early as possible either at our depot or city office, corner O and Tenth streets. A. C. ZIEMER, C. P. & T. A.

It is a well known fact that we sell hosiery and underwear cheaper than any other house in Lincoln. Come Saturday and Monday, November 19th and 21st, if you want to secure some big bargains. J. W. WINGER & Co., 1109 O street.

If you enjoy dancing go to your druggist and get a bottle of Positive Corn Cure, which insures comfort.

Overcoats for boys and children from \$1.00 up—200 just received, at Ed Corf & Co., 925 O street. A nice present given with every garment.

Full line of artists materials at Lincoln Frame and Art company's, 236 South 11th street.

K C Baking Powder, 25 ounces for 25 cents. Absolutely Pure. Have you tried it?

Mrs. S. F. Ryan, fashionable dress making, room 78 Burr block.

H. W. Cowie, funeral director, successor to Fred Thomas. Embalming a specialty, 119 South Twelfth street.