

The True School Spirit

By JAMES FALLOON.

School spirit, what is it? The question is often asked but seldom correctly answered. Most people say "school spirit" is true pride in our school. True, but is this enough? The true school spirit is not merely pride in your own school but in others. It is absent when you RUN DOWN another school. When you run down another school you convey the impression to a stranger that all of your fellow students are like yourself. Who desires to go to a school where all the students deride other schools? All students should love to be fair, but when they run down a rival school they are unfair.

At basket ball game or field meet, do not roast the other teams. Be fair. Roasting causes hard feelings and injures your own school more than its rival. As you do not like to be roasted, do not roast the other fellow. "Put yourself in his place," for therein you will experience the real heart of the golden rule. "Whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even unto them." Build up your own school but in so doing do not run down another, as such conduct is destructive of your own.

Another form of roasting is drowning out the other school yells. Such conduct makes the other school think that you believe they cannot give a yell, worthy of your attention.

Most students like to hear other school yells as well as their own but that false school spirit makes them drown out the yells of the rival school. Thus we lose the pleasure of hearing the yells as well as the satisfaction of being fair.

Falls City is coming to the front as an advocate of the true school spirit. Owing to the efforts of Professor Hurst, among the students, our students do not publicly roast or drown out other school yells. Some towns are adopting a similar policy. Due in a measure to the work of the Southeastern Nebraska State Teachers' associations. We want the good work to go on. Push it and soon more schools will be in line with the true school spirit. Just think how nice it would be, to go to a neighboring town and not have a roast hurled at you. Think of that; then work all the harder to instil in our school the true school spirit.

Just one word more. Take a pride in your school. Be proud of your paper, your athletics, your music, your debating society, and of the ladylike and gentlemanly conduct of our students, at home or away. Then with all this in mind work for the real good of our school. Should your conduct be thus commendable, you will have within you the real spirit of the refined lady of gentleman.—December Orange and Black.

The Athletic Spirit

By E. K. HURST.

It shall not be my purpose in this article to justify athletic sports, nor to criticize them. I want, merely, to state briefly the spirit with which the students of the Falls City High school hope to carry on their contests.

A time was when hazing the lower classmen was considered "showing class spirit." In athletic contests the school who could "root" the loudest and "roast" the hardest seemed to think they had won half the battle. In fact we confess that we are guilty of harboring yells, the purpose of which was to roast the visiting team, and if possible "rattle" them so as to make their playing below what it normally would have been. And this, too, in recent years.

But we've got another idea now, and it shall be the purpose of this High School to live up to it. My object, here, is to set forth briefly that idea and then invite the critical world to watch us live up to our convictions.

We have class organizations; and class spirit is high, but class fights are not to be heard of.

The Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes, each believe they have the best class in the world and each is striving to prove it, but they are not carrying the notion that because they are the best, no one else is any good.

Class fights, flag fights, etc., are things of the past and the energy that has been spent to prove the other classes inferior, is going to be spent by the pupils of each class in proving their class superior. And there is a great difference.

In the same way, we expect to carry on athletics.

Athletic contests have too often in the past meant bitter feeling between the schools competing. In fact it has ended thus so often that a feeling of almost hatred has grown up be-

tween the High Schools of Humboldt, Pawnee, Auburn and Falls City.

It is the sincere desire of our High School this year to heal the sores so long kept raw by improper spirit in the contest.

We believe athletic contests should breed friendship rather than enmities; and further, we are of the conviction that unless these contests are friendly they are a detriment to the school life, and should not be tolerated.

I am strongly in favor of athletics, and if space permitted should like to tell of the many manly and womanly qualities I have seen brought forth in this High School. I should like to compare average grades of our athletes with the rest of the school. I should like to tell you how our girls and boys have sacrificed personal pleasures for the good of their High School, and thus trained themselves in that greatest of all lessons, "the submerging of self for the good of society."

But this is not my purpose here. We intend to be ladies and gentlemen, win or lose, in every contest this year. We want to win, but we'd rather lose all the games honestly and in a gentlemanly manner, than to win a single one in any other way.

To the end then that we may lend our influence to furthering the proper spirit in athletic contest, and that lasting friendship may grow out of them as did last year in our contests with Nebraska City and Tecumseh; and this year with Humboldt and Hiawatha, we have, by unanimous vote of the students, discarded all yells that are intended to "roast" opposing teams, and what we say of other teams shall, in the future, be complimentary. Then all will be happier as we cheer our teams on to victory.

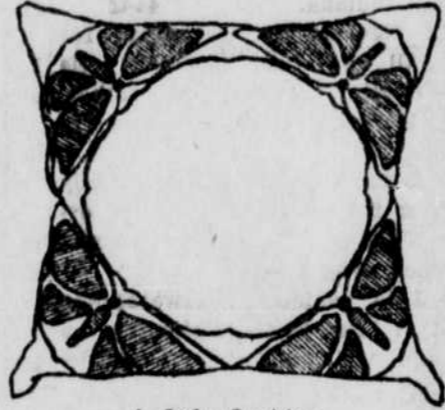
I might well add, that no student is allowed to take part in any athletic contest who is not up in his work; neither is he allowed to be a member of the team if, to the knowledge of the coach, he uses tobacco in any form.—December Orange and Black.

Home-Made Christmas Gifts

Christmas is nearly upon us again, and gifts that are to be made at home should now be well under way.

A few suggestions for pretty and serviceable articles are given on this page. The materials required are inexpensive and the work can be quickly executed.

Applique is one of the most artistic forms of needlework decoration. A pillow design is shown with butterflies of green linen applied with a heavy black couching cord to brown crash.



A Sofa Cushion.

The couching cord is sewed over and over with black mercerized cotton. The parts of the butterfly are cut out and basted to the crash, and the edges are sewed down with over-and-over stitches. It is not necessary to turn

A flat wallet, or a leather case for holding bills is a needful article when traveling. A strip of ooze leather is faced in white silk, the two are machine-stitched together. Little pockets are turned up at each end, and into these the bills are slipped. The leather is folded through the middle and fastened with a strap, made of the leather lined with silk, and closed with a "snap."

A laundry bag of brown crash, with applique of green linen and couching



For Lingerie Ribbons.

of black. The black cord is also couching to the lines of the design. Both sides of the bag are decorated.

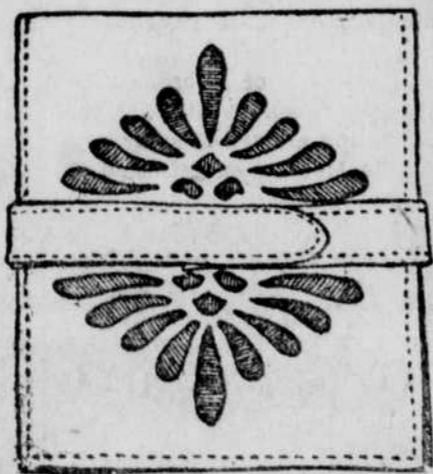
Wash ribbons for lingerie are a necessity, and they can be put in no



A Glove Case.

In the edges of the linen, as the couching cord is large enough and strong enough to completely hold and cover them. To fasten the ends of the couch-

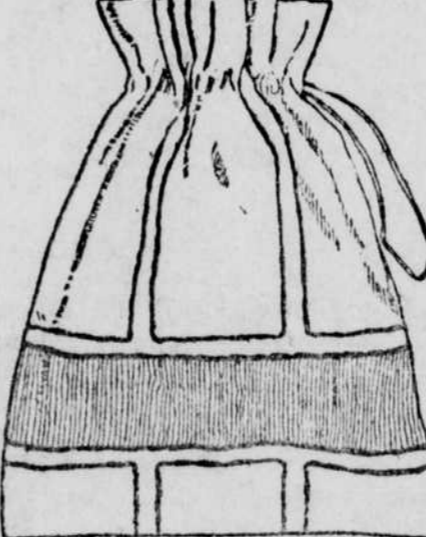
more attractive gift form than by inclosing them in an embroidered case like the above, which consists of two circular pieces of embroidered linen



A Wallet for Bills.

ing cord, draw them through to the under side of the crash.

A serviceable glove case is made of heavy tan linen with embroidery in dull colors. The flowers are rose, leaves green and the edge light brown. It is lined with silk the color of the linen.



A Laundry Bag.

mounted over stiff cardboard. The circles are faced with silk the color of the ribbon, which fastens the covers and ribbon rolls together. This design might also be used for a pin ball.

Christmas Candies

Home-made sweets for both children and grown-ups are the most satisfactory, for then one can know exactly the ingredients that are used in their manufacture.

The foundations for most candies is fondant. Take for making it, five cups of granulated sugar and add two cups of cold water and set it on the back of the stove until the sugar is melted. Add one teaspoonful of cream of tartar dissolved in a little water. This does away with the sickly sweet taste. Put the pan over the front of the fire, where it will boil. Do not stir it after it is hot and do not shake the pan. When it has boiled a few minutes, try it by dropping a tiny bit in a cup of cold water. Do this frequently, moving the pan where it will keep hot but not boil, for it changes so rapidly from one degree to another.

When the sugar dropped in cold water is firm enough to make a rather hard ball when rolled between the fingers, but is not crisp, pour it into a shallow pan and leave to cool till it will wrinkle when the pan is tipped. Stir it with a large spoon until it is quite cool. If it does not harden enough to use, put it into the pan at the back of the stove again until it is melted, then let it boil again, trying often. If, on the other hand, the fondant be found grainy, add a cupful of cold water and boil again until the right consistency is attained. It may take a little practice to make perfect. This fondant will keep good for weeks in a jar covered with waxed paper. With the fondant as a basis all sorts of delightful sweets can be made.

Candied Figs.—Cut a few figs in strips an inch wide and roll these in fondant. When nearly hard cut them in pieces with a sharp knife.

Date Candy.—Roll some balls of fondant. Stone some good-sized dates, cut them in halves, press one-half up against each side of the ball of fondant. Walnuts may be done in the same way.

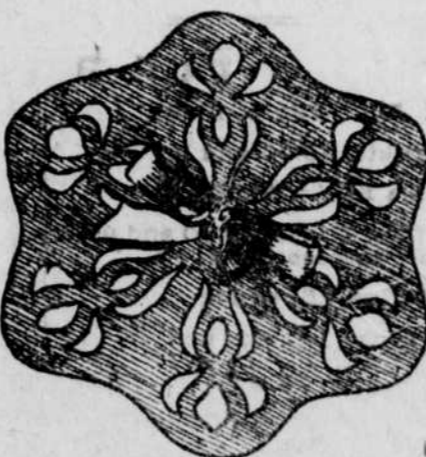
Tutti Frutti Candy.—Take a shallow pan, line it with waxed paper; put a layer of fondant, a layer of

chopped pineapple, candied cherries, chopped figs, dates, etc. Cover the top with fondant. Let it harden a little, then cut in small squares.

Chocolate Creams.—Use confectioner's chocolate for these. Melt it. Take good stiff fondant, flavor it as desired, form it into balls, and drop them into the melted chocolate. If liked, chopped nuts, dates, etc., can be mixed with the fondant, and makes a pleasant change.

Chocolate Almonds.—Blanch the almond meats by pouring boiling water over them and letting them stand a few moments. Turn the hot water off and cover with cold, when the skin may easily be rubbed off between the thumb and forefinger. Break some sweet chocolate into small pieces, put into a dish and set in a larger pan of hot water. When the chocolate is melted put a blanched nut meat on the point of a skewer or darning needle, or use a candy dipper and dip into the melted chocolate. Then lay on oiled paper to cool. When the chocolate coating becomes set dip a second time. Flavor the melted chocolate with vanilla if desired.

GIFT FOR THOSE WHO WRITE



A cut-leather pen wiper is of golden brown ooze leather with underlay of satin. The satin is cut just large enough to cover the openings. A piece of chamolis the shape of the leather top is then pasted over the satin, and there are two chamolis leaves enclosed.

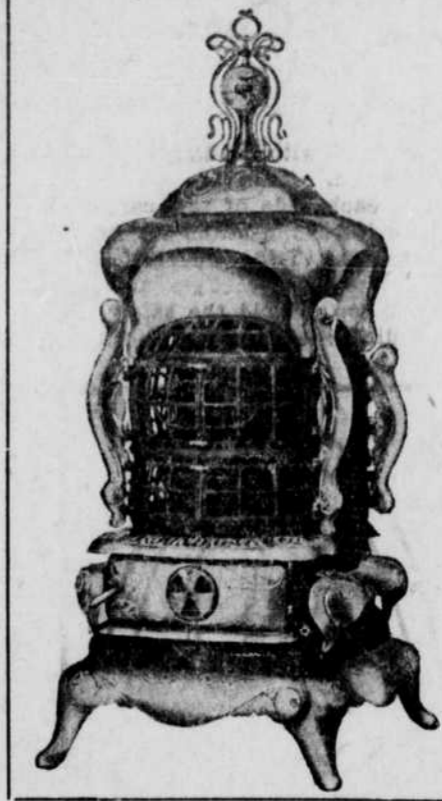
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