

The Bee's Home Magazine Page

Dottie Dialogues We Recite Plenty of Jingle Bells Staff.

"Then I suppose a white Christmas means a lean pocketbook?" hazarded Dottie, abruptly introducing the subject.

"Your purse-placidity is marvelous," I admired. "I propose three Christmas cheers and a green dog," she asked innocently.

"Because it is articulated like the cheer," I chorused. "Oh, you are easy. As Shakey says, 'Fit for Christmas trees and straightens and spoils.'"

"You seem suspiciously full of the Christmas spirit," she observed. "I hope it has been O. K'd by Dr. Wiley of Washington."

"Why not? It even makes the wicked candles bright," I asserted.

"The Christmas tree will have a light crop, then," she added. "I do hope the tariff on cotton hasn't caused a shortage in Santa Claus' whiskers."

"Never! They have a cotton batting average of 300," I cried.

"Nothing short of the fire insurance underwriters could make the amateur Santas safe," she commented. "I do hope, though, that they'll get some new lines for the Sunday school Santas to introduce on appearing to distribute the gifts to the dear little children."

"Anything wrong with the old line policy?" I inquired.

"Last Christmas when the S. Claus doated out and chirped, 'Here I am, just from my toy shop at the North Pole, one little golden-haired cherub yelled, 'Tell it to the king of Denmark,'" she recounted.

"Well, this year he might announce that he had just arrived from Cloudland in his aeroplane—something like that," I suggested.

"Yes, and have them all rushing outdoors to read his biographical record," she retorted, scornfully. "Modern children all descend from old Missouri stock."

"Pshaw! Your disapproval chills an inspiration I had to write a new version of 'The Night Foreman Christmas,' when through the apartment, silence obtained in the infant department, and mother and pa were beginning to gape, when Santa 'volcanized' to the fire escape. His machine, was all Wright, though of Blériot type, his planes were quite fancy, his engine a swipe of fifty deer power, combined with a gnome. This Santa falls off and rebounds on his home—"

"Stop the execution, I hold a reprieve from the governor!" she exclaimed, imploringly. "That certainly belongs to 'Parodies Lost.' I just knew I wouldn't get through the glad season without hearing a depressing burlesque. What do you expect to find in your stockings, after that?"

"Holes," I replied. "I trust you have made all the necessary alterations of price tags on your presents, for there's no use



"GOLDEN-HAIRED CHERUB"

trying to erase them. You may break, you may shatter, the vials if you will, but the phony price tag will cling to it still. These store people use such sharp pencils that one can't rub out a low price, so the best thing to do is to take a hard pencil and raise the price and then pretend to erase it."

"Have you any suggestions for belated presents?" she queried.

"Well, slippers for icy sidewalks," I hinted. "And never give an unsmiling man cigars with hands. If a girl hints for a ring, give her a ring on the doorknob. A nervous man could give his musically inclined son a shoe horn, or if he pined for an aviation costume, give him an elevator boy's suit. The best books are bank and check."

"I'd like to have seen those Christmas trees in the old time," she sighed, "when they dragged in the Yule log and placed it on the firelog to hear its bark. We never have a Yule log now."

"They never had a mail order house catalogue," I reminded.

"Oh, you have no sentiment!" she chided. "I always enjoyed that scene in the Christmas number of the old English weeklies. And they always had regularly, as though nobody remembered—the serial picture in red coat sloping with the squirrel's daughter; horseback through the snow; the squirrel pursuing with his red-nosed friends and a pack of spotted dogs, only to be held up by highwaymen, while the young slopers escaped to the person, through a howling blizzard, were married, and returned to unite the bonds the robbers had put the squirrel under to keep the peace and were forgiven. Those were the days! Well, what are you looking around for?"

"I am looking for a dear old red coat," quoth I, meekly.

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Much Wanted Recipes

Pepper Nuts—There are a favorite small cake that may be made in quantity and kept on hand for the holidays. Cream together one cup of butter, one of lard and two of brown sugar. Add three eggs one at a time, beating thoroughly after each addition. Then add the spices—one grated nutmeg, two teaspoons of cinnamon and two of anise seed, one teaspoonful of ground cloves, four teaspoons whole coriander, one cupful chopped almonds and one-half chopped citron. Next add four cups of molasses with which have been mixed two teaspoons of soda dissolved in a little warm water and four with which four teaspoons of cream tartar has been sifted, using flour to make a stiff dough. Knead with the hands until well mixed and smooth, then roll out on a floured board into long rolls about an inch in diameter. With a sharp knife cut into slices a quarter of an inch thick. Bake in a quick oven to light brown and when cold put into a tin cake box where they will keep for a long time.

Blitz Kuchen—Mix to a cream, three cups fine sugar and one cupful butter. Add six eggs and three cupfuls of flour. Spread batter on greased pans so thinly that you can almost see the bottom of the pans. Sprinkle with sugar, cinnamon and chopped nuts of any kind, and bake to a light brown in a moderate oven. As soon as removed from the oven, cut at once into squares before it hardens, as it is difficult to lift out the whole without breaking.

Have the pans cold before spreading dough in them, and remember the thicker the dough the more delicate will the cookies be. They will keep a long time.

Platen—Also for the two cupful powdered sugar, the yolks of four eggs, a pinch each cinnamon and cloves and flour to stiffen. Beat the egg yolks until light and foamy, stir in the sugar gradually, beat thoroughly, then add spices and flour enough to allow the batter to drop from a spoon onto a greased tin. Leave room enough to spread without touching.

German Almond Cookies—Beat the yolks of six eggs until light, then add one cupful and a half of sugar that has been beaten to a cream with three-fourths cup softened butter. Add a cupful blanched chopped almonds, one tablespoonful cinnamon and three cupfuls of flour. Beat hard and drop by small spoonfuls onto a buttered pan, putting an almond on top of each cake. Bake in a moderate oven.

Syrup Kucheln—Melt two scant cupfuls lard and add to it two cupfuls molasses, one teaspoonful each of cloves and cinnamon, one-half teaspoonful salt, a teaspoonful soda dissolved in a little hot water, one well beaten egg and sifted flour, adding the flour a little at a time until the mixture is thick enough to roll out. Cut in fancy shapes and bake in a moderate oven.

Season Styles in Semi-Formal Frocks

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—With the increasing interest in holiday affairs the question of clothes becomes, for the time being, of minor importance. New York modistes are enjoying a brief breathing spell, and, as a result, their orders of the last week have received an unusual degree of personal supervision in apparent in many of the costumes delivered during the last few days. It is almost impossible for a successful New York modiste to give marked attention to the execution of each of her many orders. She, of course, personally

width is the woman who will assuredly be classed as being "out of style." Of course the extreme "bobble" is generally tabooed, but in its modified form it is still the latest word in skirts. In Paris just now skirts measure, in width, almost a full yard more than they did last summer. This means that in English measurement the approved width is two and one-half yards. The effect is quite the same as that produced in the skirts of last spring; that is, when one is standing still. It is when the wearer moves about that one notices the difference.

Short-length finishes continue popular for walking skirts and street and trotting frocks; it is only in evening gowns that one sees trains, and there are rarely long.

One is bewildered at the use of buttons for trimming; they are seen everywhere on all sorts of costumes. There are silk buttons, satin buttons, velvet buttons and the lovely enameled and jeweled buttons, which are a noticeable trimming on many satin coat suits and formal costumes.



FIGURE ONE

Figured Fabrics. The colors of the season are a constant source of delight. They appear in the material used for formal gowns in the effects known in France as "false eyes," for while they seem the very essence of daintiness they are in reality the result of intricately planned color schemes. In the transparent fabrics this changeable effect is sometimes designated "chameleon"—a name more appropriate than any other that one might call to mind, for they have a way of changing color with each movement of the wearer that suggests the tiny lizard.

The figured marquisettes of this season are especially beautiful. They are seen with Persian and Indian colorings and designs, and some of the shops are showing conventional figure developments. In the second figure we have an illustration of a charming little bridge frock delivered by a Fifth Avenue modiste a few days ago. The waist had an open neck and the sleeves were just slightly longer than elbow length. There was an odd shaped yoke which dropped into a square tab in front and the sleeves were in one with simulated bolero. This bolero effect promises to be much worn. The material used for this yoke and the sleeves was cherry colored messaline. The lower part of the bodice was white marquisette with an oval-like figure of royal blue. This lower bodice was made over the cherry messaline and furnished another illustration of the many startling color combinations of the season. The skirt was made with a tunic—a feature which steadily continues in favor. This tunic, which was of the marquisette, reached to slightly below the knees and was edged with a wide band of royal blue panne velvet. The cherry messaline foundation skirt was made perfectly plain. A wide folded sash of the panne velvet was worn with the costume, and this same velvet was used for a fine piping at the yoke and sleeve edges. There really seems to be no limit to the range of extreme color combinations this season. Black and white lead in popularity, and thereafter



FIGURE TWO

In the list follow purple and blue, American beauty and burnt orange, leaf green and cerise, turquoise and coral—in fact, any widely different color can be worn together with the approval of fashion.

Gentle Cynic

Marriage is a lottery in which alimony is frequently the prize.

What the theater really needs is a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Audience.

When it comes to an argument a man frequently gives in, but a woman never gives out.

Why are we supposed to have more respect for gray hairs than for a bald head?

A man can face the world with a good heart if he can also face it with a good liver.

Food for reflection is a poor substitute for a square meal.

Many a woman makes up everything except her mind.

Christmas Supper for Thirty Guests

A woman who has but one maid need not hesitate about inviting twenty or thirty members of the family to a Christmas supper, for such festivity is really a simple, yet delightful one, if the work is practically done a day before the function takes place.

The essential part of the supper consists in serving food which is prepared before the time of eating, and if the guests wait upon each other there is no need for any to be seated at table. Seats are required, but they may be placed about the room.

The dining table to be used may be the serving board. It is to be decorated with holly, of course, and if a spray of mistletoe is hung in the dining room it will add to the gaiety of the evening.

For food there should be cold meat and one hot dish. The latter can be easily managed by making it a chafing dish, or two chafing dishes if there are many guests. One person is detailed to look after each chafing dish.

A whole ham, turkey or a roast looks better if it is left uncarved and garnished with holly.

It should be the duty of one of the men guests to carve the turkey, etc. Thus

confusion is avoided when the food is served.

A salad of some sort should be on the table, and this one of the women may serve. Another woman should pour the coffee, that should be on a side table with cups, etc.

Soup is not necessary, and would cause another change of plates, which is undesirable.

However, desiring that the company may be helped to eat, the plates to the pantry after the meat course is eaten, and no party should be done by the host and a few assistants who have been specially requested to help. Nothing is more confusing than a roomful of persons trying to remove soiled dishes.

Christmas would not be Christmas to most persons without mince pies or plum puddings and ice cream. This means two different kinds of dessert on the table, and while they are being brought from the pantry the hostess can put on the table the plates required to eat them from.

The table should be laid before the guests arrive, and all the cold food should be in its place. Also chafing dishes should be ready to light. All this work may be done in the morning, so the hostess may rest before dressing to receive her guests.

ROSANNA SCHUTLER.

Fads of Women

A gift that will be much appreciated by a girl or woman who embroiders is an embroidered apron.

In shape it does not differ from the usual sewing apron, a square piece of lawn, organdy or dimity turned up to form deep pockets. The details, however, are not the same.

The turned up flap is divided into four compartments, three of which are intended to hold the pieces of embroidery. The fourth compartment is divided into runners into which the different skeins of silk may be slipped.

The hem is faced inside with flannel and serves as a needle book. Use cotton flannel, as woolen flannel is apt to rust the needles unless it is washed first.

If a woman owns a pretty floral scarf, such as worn last summer, she can make an attractive blouse on the peasant order.

Such blouse can be worn over a cream or white net waist, or even over a pretty liner blouse when a dressy effect is desired.

Little curly bear cloth coats for infants and small children in sizes up to 6 years of age cost only \$3 in some shops.

These wraps are full box style, with turn over collar and cuffs and have a white quilted lining. A bonnet to match, lined with white silk and trimmed with a rosette of ribbon and ribbon ties cost only 50 cents. These are pretty enough for any baby, but if a woman wishes to pay more a coat of snow drop bear cloth can be bought for \$5. This design is lined with a heavy quilted lining and finished with turn over collar and cuffs. It closes double breasted with pearl buttons.

Perfumes are always acceptable as Christmas gifts, provided a woman knows what scents the recipient likes, or new essences may be found that will give pleasure.

Among such holly gifts this season is a fragrant perfume prepared by a French house. It is called Prince Igor. The bottle has a gilt and glass stopper with an extra cap of gull fit into an envelope case of the best leather.

Price complete is \$1.50 and the bottle, of course, can be refilled when empty.

Bottle is handsome without the case.

Days of Trial.

Old Santa Claus we've sought to paint As good and kind as could be; If he is not a perfect saint, The Christmas shopper should be.

—T. E. M.

Dolliver on the Stump

I think Senator Dolliver always regarded his response to the man who interrupted him in one of his best meetings in the 1896 campaign as the cleverest bit of repartee in his experience as a public speaker," remarked Judge Kenyon, quoted by the Des Moines Register and Leader.

"This particular individual had demanded that the senator divide time with him and hold a joint debate. The senator declined, but the man was not satisfied and after the speaking had begun he interrupted the senator to insist on a joint discussion. The senator suggested in a genial way that he hire his own tent, and went on. Within a few minutes a donkey in the neighborhood began to bray in such a manner as to set the tent full of people into a roar and to put the speaker in an embarrassing position. As soon as the noise was over the senator said: I notice that the gentleman is still insisting on a joint debate. If I

had any idea that the chief speaker of the opposing party was to be present I should have made other arrangements." When the laughter was over the meeting proceeded, and that was the last heard about any joint debate. Dolliver always felt that he set out of a tight place at that meeting as well as he ever did in his long experience on the stump."

Daily Health Hint

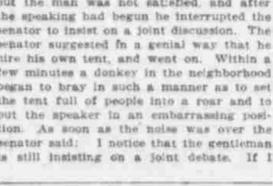
Physicians tell us that a clear, genuine complexion depends upon every organ of the body and the health of every organ depends upon exercise with its regular accompaniments—fresh air, nutritious food, pure water.

Butcher's Magic.

A butcher's a magician. Some of his feats are big; He can cut off a pig's tail And then re-tail the pig.

—T. E. M.

NEW YEARS EVE



SHOP EARLY.



STUNG.



The First One—Looks like a big night to-night!

The Other—Won't be a circumstance to our heads in the morning.

"What does your uncle usually give you for Christmas?"

"Advice!"

Attractive in Omaha.

"The Old Homestead" at the Brandeis. "The Wife's Father" at the Boyd. "McFadden's Flats" at the Krug. Vaudeville at the Orpheum. Burlesque at the Gayety.

Robert Edson's "Where the Trail Divides" company got into Omaha from Minneapolis yesterday and the members thereof will spend the week in seeing and their money in shopping in Omaha. Mr. Edson went on to New York, but will be back here in time to open at the Brandeis on Sunday night.

Christmas week and New Year's week will be busy ones at the Boyd, for it is planned to give two performances daily of the great plays that are scheduled for the holiday season. "Peter Pan" is to go up for Christmas week and "Cinderella" for New Year's week. Rehearsals are under way.

A deal that almost came to a conclusion in New York last week meant something for Omaha. The State & Havlin people came nighty near breaking into the burlesque game, and, if they had, the Krug would have become a rival to the Gayety. Something interfered with the progress of the plan, however, and it is now understood to be off entirely.

Frank Bacon, who is with the company that is playing "The Fortune Hunter" through the west and who will soon be here, delivered himself at Denver of an interview that is characteristic and thoughtful. Among the things he said was a statement that the quality of acting has not deteriorated; it is public taste that has changed, and if the public were to swing back to the classics and demand the old-style plays again, plenty of actors would come forth well qualified to present them. Bacon is doing so well with this piece that his place may be sold to be fixed, and the popular "stock" organizations will likely know him no more.

A note from Margaret Anglin is to the effect that she has fully recovered from her recent illness and is now at her home in New York, up to her eyes in work. Miss Anglin does not say when she expects to return to her work on the stage, nor what play she will first offer.

Gabrielle D'Annunzio and Claude Debussy promise an opera based on the martyrdom of St. Sebastian.

Julius Tannen, the vaudeville raconteur, writes that after he had journeyed all the way from Sioux City to New York to see his new born son, the infant blessed him. Mr. Tannen adds that he will make the youth a dramatic critic.

Thus the thrifty Miss Mabel Hite: "I mean saying everywhere," she says. "I'll bet I've started more theatrical people saying than you could shake a stick at. I guess you know that isn't their strong point. Just think of the great performers who have died poor. And look at the benefits I've taken part in. Last year I necessary if people would save. Last year I never touched my salary, but put it right in the bank. 'We lived very comfortably off Mr. Demlin's,' adds Miss Hite.

Mr. George Fawcett is to act with Mr. Martin Farnum in "The Silent Call"—formerly "There Are My People"—to be made known in January 2 in New York City. He was in the original cast of "The Squaw Man," the actor of Big Bill, a racy and versatile character. Big Bill, twenty years older in the dramatic chronology of the sequel to "The Squaw Man," figures anew

Laymen's Movement Results In Sending Man to Bolivia

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—J. E. Washburn left the city today on an extended journey, which will not be completed until after steady traveling for a month, when he reaches La Paz, Bolivia, to which place he has been designated as the Methodist church. Mr. Washburn is a graduate of Dakota Wesleyan of this city and has prepared himself for work of this character. While he received a call from the Board of Missions of the church to engage in the work, he could not go to the field because of the lack of funds on the part of the board.

The way was made for him at the convention of the Laymen's Missionary movement, which was held in this city last

SENIORS HONOR MISS M'GUGH

Fourth Year High Students Name Her Class Teacher.

ELAINE GIRLS HAVE MUCH FUN

Character Singing in Which Many Take Part, Enjoyed by Fifty Members and Half as Many Visitors.

The senior class of the Omaha High school held its first meeting under the direction of the new officers yesterday at the close of school. The meeting was opened by President Recker, and the first five minutes were taken up with the practice of new class yells under the leadership of one of the high school cheer leaders.

The important business of the afternoon was the unanimous election of Miss Katharine Mottguth, assistant principal of the high school, as class teacher. After this President Recker read to the class some plans for the coming year. He announced that instead of having a senior fair as years ago a senior reception could be held. This will be practically the same as the fair, only not so elaborate, the amount of decorating being less. At this reception a class play will be a feature and performances given after afternoon and evening. It was expected that about \$500 can be raised. This money will be put in the bank and the interest from it used to buy two gold medals for scholarship, one for a boy and one for a girl, to be awarded at graduation under specifications to be named. The meeting adjourned after the president had

WOMAN'S EFFORT TO END HER LIFE UNSUCCESSFUL

Miss Grace Wittobek Takes Large Dose of Paregoric, But Surgeons Save Her.

After quarreling with a male companion Miss Grace Wittobek of 618 South State street attempted to commit suicide last night at 11 o'clock by taking an overdose of paregoric. However, she did not take enough of the poison to put her life in danger. Police Surgeons Bishop, Harris and Peppers attended the woman.

Foley Kidney Pills are Tonic in Action,

quiescent, and restores the natural action of the kidneys and bladder. They correct irregularities. Sold by all druggists.