

WOMAN'S SECTION OF THE BEE

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Christmas Toys Follow Military Lines and They Are Not All Made in Germany

Variety Is Great and the Small Boy as Well as His Older Brother and Sister Will Be Pleased.

"Papa, when will it be Christmas?"

Little Billy, aged 6, tired with the persistent and herculean activities of the vigorous day the average American of his years is wont to put in, crawled into daddy's lap, snuggled up in the paternal arms, sure sign the lad was all in and time for him to lull to slumber by the sandman, asked the question upmost in his waking hours at this blessed season of the year.

"Papa, will I get a gun?" was the next drowsy question asked of the ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the court of Saint Nick.

Billy believes implicitly in Santa Claus and his wondrous workshop at the North Pole. He also believes that daddy has an intimate and affectionate relationship with childhood's patron saint, and in some mysterious telepathic communication flashes the desires of all boys and girls during the yuletide season to the hoary-headed old red-checked almoner of Christmas gifts who resides in a mystic land that is very real to those of tender years.

Still Boy at Heart.

His voice faint-hearted protest at Billy's request, but papa, who was once a small American boy, aged 6, and who, despite his partly bald dome of thought, is still a boy at heart, responds to still a boy with a good-natured "I think so, brother; now get ready for bed."

And the little lad, in his rapture for this in an old-fashioned family, levels at mamma's knee, says his baby prayer a little sleepily, perhaps, but eloquent of faith and happily hies him off to the land of nod and nappies dreams.

Then dad, his paper idly fallen beside him, in the quiet of the room, is warded to his own childhood

dreams. In his day there were no guns with which to train young America how to shoot, and the toys of the Christmas season which brought joy to him were wooden Noah's arks with their cargo of old man Noah's family, stiff and carved out of the same block, and then by twos the speckled and ring-streaked cows, horses, deer, camels, elephants and pigs which constituted the domestic and wild life populations of this fascinating zoo.

Wonderful Watch. Later there came the wonderful gold watch with its length of dazzling chain and which one could wind with the stem and move the hands around the dial, and which only set father back a nickel. Then the wooden jumping jacks and jacks-in-the-box. Later on iron locomotives, mechanical toys of tin and wooden hobby horses.

Papa's first toys come from the famous Black Forest of Germany and were made by the toymakers of Nuremberg, who for two centuries have practically had the monopoly of the world's toy trade.

The Teutonic toymaker studied in his heavy, philosophic way the psychology of toys, and he reproduced in tin the street cars, fire engines, ice wagons and types of vehicles with which the American children were familiar and he was equally as versatile in catering to the eye of the French child, reproducing miniature fiacres, carte des pompiers and grotesque marchands de plaisir, trundling their pianos on wheels before them. The Japanese child was amused by little jin-rickshaws, drawn by Jap coolies and the Arab and Egyptian juveniles by camels, elephants and lions mounted on wheels.

Germany Loses Out. Then came the great cataclysm of war, which isolated Germany from the markets of the world and the result of which has hurled her, even as Gabriel was hurled, from the eminence of toymaker for the world to a position so low that no competitor can envy her.

German toys disappeared from American stores and for a year or two stocks of toys were limited in quantity and variety. Japan filled the gap in a way, but

the oriental mind, when it comes to toy designing, is very crude and so childlike that its appeal was only to the 2 and 3-year-old American. The toys were cheap, recommending them to mother, the conservatism of the family, but dad and 10-year-old Billy had a supreme contempt for them because of their sophistication.

This year when daddy, as a good American and fond forebear, went to buy the Christmas beneficence of toys for little son and daughter, he was actually roused at the evolution that has taken place in the toy business.

American manufacturers had seized the golden opportunity and had made the most of it. On every counter in the city of Omaha their products monopolize the space. Not only is there a lavishness of variety, but also is there a lavishness of novelty.

Makes Play Real. The American child makes play a very real thing in his or her life. The American child has a lively imagination and an inventive mind, as well as clever hands.

The thing that made Billy ask for a BB airgun was his desire to be prepared to handle a .22 target rifle when he attained the many years of Brother Jack, aged 12, and Jack is anxious for the time when he can own a fine Parker hammerless automatic shotgun like older brother, Fred, who is now overseas, one of the many marksmen, who accomplished wonders of straight and deadly shooting with the modified Enfield rifles in the trenches of France.

Whole Railroad System. Billy will also get a set of Tinker toys, a chest of mechano parts and a real railroad system, with its depot, block signal system, switches, side and main tracks, bridges and tunnels and locomotive propelled by electricity or clockwork. With hand and mind and heart he will devote solid hours to the work of creation, of assembling and of operation.

His father will quit reading the evening paper many times during the long winter evenings and will get down on the floor and play with Master William, and while Billy will be general manager daddy will be the willing collaborator and there will be no strikes against hours or compensation on the public works that will be built or the transportation system that will be developed, although there are sure to be some rather heated quarrels because of father's dense stupidity and Billy's masterfulness in his own field of exploitation.

Rapid Fire Guns. Daddy found in his rounds of the stores devoted to toy selling that the war spirit was reflected in a thousand different realistic toys. Whole sections were devoted to a display of trench mortars, rapid fire guns, light and heavy field guns, the latter drawn by galloping horses, submarines, destroyers, battleships and cruisers, motor lorries and army motor transports, all of the engineering and impeding nature of the modern army. He also found top automobiles with electric lights, horns and all other accessories, up to the minute in streamline bodies and fenders.

One of the most unique things was a real chemical laboratory, the same thing in chemistry as the mechanical sets. In this laboratory were chemicals which would make the most mystifying color changes in fabrics and which, combined, would produce a wizardry fascinating in the extreme. All of the chemicals are safe and the book of instructions gives the recipient of a gift of this character chance to wander far afield in the realm of chemical experimentation.

Never before has there been such a showing of educational games as this year. Some of them are so intricate and so intensely interesting as to make the grownups look at them with wistful eye and realize the poverty of their own childhood, so far as accessories to play and amusement are concerned.

Toys For the Girls. The girls share equally with the boys in the prodigality of the American toy producers' genius. The toy doll houses and toy doll furniture are made artistically, as strongly, finished as handsomely as the furnishings for the homes of the grownups. Then there are marvelous push automobiles for the dolls as well as the most beautiful selections of doll bargies.

Only a few years ago French and German dolls were the only kinds found on the market. Today the American doll maker is supreme in the field. He reproduces real babies in size and every doll has a real character and personality. The larger sizes can be clothed with the dainty garments that are found in the infants' departments of the stores. The smaller sizes of dolls also have an especial appeal.

A few years ago all friction, mechanical and iron toys bore the brand "Made in Germany," and the Teuton manufacturer boastfully paraded his supremacy before the world.

Now American manufacturers have beat him at his own game and are producing infinitely better made,

Mrs. Wilson Has Heroine Stewardess



STEWARDESSES FOR MRS. WILSON ON S.S. GEORGE WASHINGTON

Mrs. Anna Hamilton of Limerick, Ireland, has been chosen as stewardess for President and Mrs. Wilson on their trip to the peace conference and back, according to an announcement made by the Knights

of Columbus War News bureau in New York. The presidential stewardess has been on three different ships which have been torpedoed and has seen service on the battlefields of northern France. Mrs. Annie Glascock, Mrs. Mary Simp-

son and Mrs. Vera Stuart will be stewardesses to the rest of the presidential party. The photo, reading from left to right, shows Mrs. Vera Stuart, Mrs. Anna Glascock, Mrs. Mary Simpson and Mrs. Anna Hamilton.

more durable, more appealing and more comical than anything the Hun competitor could make.

Dancing Coon. The Dancing Alabama Coon, jiggling away and cutting real pigeon wings, while he keeps rhythm with the motion of his ham-like hands has a touch of real humor that excites any of the comic creations of the boogie. Then there are Panama pile drivers, steam cranes, derricks and a multitude of elaborate toys that work by gravity which not only amuse little Billy, but also teach him the first principles of physics.

Daddy, as he wanders through the aisles, sees the offerings of Santa Claus with the eyes of his little Billy, and thanks God for it. It is a recrudescence of his youth, a purely American trait, and one which must inspire the American toy manufacturers.

As exemplified in the Omaha toy market today the whole wealth of national invention, enterprise, progressivism and sympathy has been consecrated to making this a real American Christmas for the boys and girls of our land.

No longer the dominance of the unimaginative boche in nursery, playground and playground accessories.

Billy's father responds to the new and altruistic spirit of the thing and while costs of living may be higher, he will be more extravagant in making little Billy or Albert's Christmas a more happy and lavish one this year than it has been in the past—for it is going to be a Christmas of American toys, made by men inspired by democratic altruism, in the land that helped to give the world this Christmas, the most sacred gift that can be given to humanity—the gift of liberty and democracy.

Then, too, daddy's extravagance may be due to the satisfying of a longing for the things unattainable in his own lost childhood and which he can today satisfy in those own recreations of himself—his own little boy and girl—and in this mother, Heaven bless her, joins in tender hearted sympathy and gladness.

Echoes Heard in Local Lodge and Ante Rooms After the Gavel Falls

Grand Lodge Degree of Honor. The meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Degree of Honor which was to have been held at Hastings has been indefinitely postponed on account of Spanish influenza.

Ivy Club Dance. The Ivy Congenial club will hold its bazaar the evening of Dec. 12 at I. O. O. F. hall, Fourteenth and Dodge. Dancing will be one of the features for the evening.

The Maccabees. Omaha tent No. 75 held election of officers last Monday evening. The following officers were elected: Commander, Ira L. Mitchell; lieutenant commander, Ben M. Hornum; record keeper, Thomas E. Gerin; elected; chaplain, Peter Merhns; sergeant, Charles C. Elington; master-at-arms, John E. Roberts; first ward, F. P. Scofield; second ward, Frank T. Downs; sentinel, Bert Williams; picket, James C. Pageler; trustee, three years, Ben M. Hornum; captain of degree team, Ira L. Mitchell.

A big dance and reception for returning soldiers and sailors will be held on Monday evening, December 30.

Knights of Pythias. Nebraska lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock opposite the post-office in the Crouse block, third floor, Monday evening, December 9, work in the second rank.

Postpone E. O. S. School. Maple Leaf chapter, No. 152, Order of the Eastern Star, announces that the school of instruction which was to have been held December 14 has been postponed owing to present health conditions.

Big Attendance at the Readjustment Congress

Commissioner Manley is in receipt of a telegram from C. C. George, Everett Buckingham, Charles H. Pickens, H. M. Goulding, John W. Gamble and Francis Brogan, who represented Omaha at the readjustment congress held in Atlantic City last week. In writing back the Omaha men state that the attendance was fine and that the meeting was the best ever held by the association.

War Camp Community Notes

War Camp Community Service is making plans to place all soldiers and sailors stationed in Omaha in Omaha homes on Christmas day. This is in accord with a national movement, outlined in the Ladies' Home Journal for December.

The co-operation of Omaha churches, clubs and societies is being sought in order that enough invitations may be secured to take care of all the men.

Because of the street car strike, the course of lectures for club leaders will be postponed until Thursday, December 2. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance, as it is the last meeting of the course and a very good program is planned. Miss Emma Ghering will give her talk on "The Psychological Characteristics of the Girl," and Mrs. Charles Musseiman will give a demonstration of Folk games. It will be held at Jacobs hall, 1716 Dodge street, at 7:30 p. m., instead of at the Y. W. C. A., as formerly announced.

Social events for the coming week are planned as follows: Open house at the Y. W. C. A. for soldiers, Wednesday evening; Foch club dances, at Fort Omaha, Wednesday evening; D. T. A. club dance at Florence field, Wednesday evening. Jacobs hall is now being put in readiness for Girls Community service clubs and will soon be known as the Girls' Community house. The Mesco club will be the first club to have a supper there. Supper will be served Tuesday at 5:45, followed by a program of music, games and presentations of future club plans. The hall has been used on many festive occasions for the last two months by the girls' clubs and soldiers. Through the courtesy of Mr. George, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and of the vestry of Trinity cathedral, the use of this hall was made possible.

Plans for the Victory Christmas celebration are developing rapidly and the executive committee will meet Monday afternoon to hear reports of subcommittees and to fur-

ther perfect details for this celebration. The big municipal Christmas tree is on its way to Omaha and the decorations committee, headed by Richard Grotte, is making elaborate plans for placing it in a suitable setting in the Auditorium.

Claude F. Bossie, chairman of the finance and presents committee, promises that there will be a tempting sack of Christmas goodies for every child who attends the Christmas Eve celebration.

The organizations and visiting committee is headed by Mr. Randall K. Brown, who is arranging a plan by which each hospital and charitable institution in the city will be assisted in its celebration by some club or other organization of Omaha.

The Woman's Municipal League of New York City has launched a campaign with the aim of doubling its present membership of 1,200.

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Memorial Services at Benson Monday for Boy Killed in France

A letter written October 27 by Sgt. Joe Timperly has been received telling of the death of Corp. Edmund G. Scanlan, a popular Omaha boy, who at the time of his enlistment was acting as postmaster of Irvington.

Sgt. Timperly writes that Scanlan fell while making a charge in one of the last campaigns. His chum was within twenty feet of Scanlan when he paid the supreme sacrifice.

The last letter received from Corp. Scanlan was written October 12th and he gave full particulars of the two months he was confined in a base hospital suffering from a severe shrapnel wound received July 17. He had but recently returned to the fighting line.

Corp. Scanlan enlisted in Omaha, May 26, 1917, and was sent to Fort Logan and from there to Douglas, Ariz., where they were in training 10 months, from there he was sent overseas.

Mrs. M. E. Scanlan, mother of

this young man, has not received notice from the government as yet.

A brother, Jim, is an enlisted man in the navy and at present is stationed in Siberia.

Memorial services will be held at St. Bernard's Catholic church in Benson at 9 a. m., Monday.

The Red Cross realized \$100 through the sale of a piece of needle work executed by an Indian girl student of the mission school at Pine Ridge, S. D.

A chorus of praise and rejoicing all over the allied world is being planned by the National Council of Women, comprising 7,000,000 women, for the afternoon of the approaching Thanksgiving day.

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