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THE LOSING SIDE OF MAILING ORDER TRADING

HOW AN IOWA FARMER LOST OVER \$5,000

Killed the home town and lost his property value—A striking testimonial to the virtue of Preserving Local Merchant.

(Taken from the New York Journal of Commerce, Oct. 19, 1914)

Hans Garbus, a German farmer of Iowa, has discovered that the benefits which appear on the surface as attaching to the mail order plan sometimes spell disaster and has written a very interesting story of his views in a certain farm paper. Here is a part of his story:

"We farmers need awakening to the fact that we have unmistakably reached the period where we must think and plan. I am one of the slow German farmers that had to be shown, and I am now giving my experience that others may profit, for knowledge is more expensive now than ten years ago.

"Twenty-nine years ago I began my farm career. I had an old team and \$50. Our furniture was mostly home-made chairs, cupboard and lounge made from dry goods boxes, neatly covered with ten-cent cretonne by my girl wife. We rented eighty acres. Being a boy of good habits, I got all needed machinery and groceries of our home merchants on credit, until fall crops were sold. The first year was a wet season and I did not make enough to pay creditors. I went to each on date of promise and explained conditions, paying as much as possible, and they all carried the balance over another year. They continued to accommodate me until I was able to buy a forty-acre piece of my own.

"As soon as I owned these few acres the mail order houses began sending me catalogues and gradually I began sending my loose change to them, letting my accounts stand in my home town where I had gotten my accommodation when I needed it.

"We then had one of the thriftiest little villages in the State—good line of business in all the branches, merchants who were willing to help an honest fellow over a bad year, and a town full of people who came twice a week to trade and visit. Our little country town supported a library, high school, band, ball team, and we had big celebrations every year.

"A farm near a live town soon doubles in value. I sold my forty-acre at a big advance and bought an eighty, gradually adding to it until I had 300 acres of the best land in Iowa. I then felt no need of asking favors, and found it easy to patronize the mail order agents that came almost weekly to our door. I regret to say that I was the first in the country to make up a neighborhood bill and send it to a mail order house. Though we got bit every once in a while, we got in the habit of sending away for stuff.

"Gradually our merchants lessened their stock of goods for lack of patronage. Finally we began to realize that when we needed a bolt quickly for repairs,

ery, clothing for sickness or death, we had to wait and send away for it, which wasn't so pleasant.

One by one our merchants moved to places where they were appreciated, and men of less energy moved in. Gradually our town has gone down; our business houses are 'tackey' in appearance, a number are empty, our schools, churches and walks are going down, we have no band, no library nor ball team. There is no business done in the town, and, therefore, no taxes to keep up. Hotel is closed for lack of travel. Go down to the depot when the train pulls in and you will see the sequel in mail order packages.

"Nine years ago my farm was worth \$195 an acre; to-day I'd have a hard matter to sell it at \$167 an acre. It is 'too far from a live town'—so every farmer has said that wants to buy. He wants a place near schools and churches, where his children can have advantages. I have awakened to the fact that in helping to pull the town down, it has cost me \$5,600 in nine years."

Short Course For Farmers

Beginning January 4 there will be offered at Michigan Agricultural College five separate courses along agricultural lines. These include General Agricultural, Creamery Management, Fruit Growing, Poultry Husbandry and Cheese-making, and each are eight weeks in length. Nearly 3400 men have taken advantage of the opportunity offered since the organization of these courses in 1907, which is evidence of their popularity.

These courses are offered during the winter months when it is most convenient for the farmers to leave home and aside from the direct benefits from class room and laboratory work, many opportunities will be offered for his education and entertainment while at M. A. C.

No entrance examinations are required, thus making it possible for every man who has a desire for more knowledge along his chosen line to better prepare himself for his work. The expense is surely very reasonable, there being a course fee for residents of Michigan of \$5.00 and for non residents \$10.00.

Some of the subjects to be considered will be the feeding, breeding and care of live stock; formation and treatment of soil, farm crops, forge and bench work, fruit growing, poultry husbandry, creamery management, cheese-making, forestry, farm engineering, and farm management. All work is intensely practical and is, therefore, intensely interesting. Those who have taken the work in the past have returned to their homes with a new vision of the possibilities of the farm.

Circulars describing the courses offered and detailed information concerning expenses, rooming accommodations, etc., will be mailed free to any address by making application to President J. L. Snyder East Lansing.

Mrs. E. A. Fick was a Jackson visitor one day last week.

Mrs. C. K. Sigler and Mrs. Carl Meyer were Detroit visitors last Thursday.



At this season of the year you are so apt to eat too much of the wrong thing and become sick that it is well to have a DRUG STORE in mind.

Remember OUR drug store and remember what our little druggist has written on the wall above.

That is all.

We give you what you ASK for

C. G. MEYER

Pinckney, Mich.

Phone 55r3

THE LAST DAY BEFORE XMAS

yet there are a few things left which will make very neat presents. Such as calendars, framed pictures, perfume, ivory novelties, toilet waters, cigars, humidors of tobacco, pipes, etc.

Possibly there is someone who you have forgotten, or a present received not expected, we have many little gifts for such emergencies that will surely satisfy.

THE Nyal Quality Drug STORE

Christmas Greetings

It would give us great pleasure to be able to take our customers by the hand and personally extend to them the compliments of the season, but, lacking that opportunity, we write this as a reminder that we appreciate the trade for the past year and wish each and every one

A Merry Xmas and A Glad New Year

MONKS BROTHERS

Phone 38

Goods Delivered

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24th

FOR CASH BARGAINS

25 lbs. H. & E. Sugar for - \$1.33

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Today every article throughout our large grocery stock will be sold at a reduction for cash

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Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We remain, respectfully

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PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Mrs. A. H. Flintoft spent the week end in Jackson.

LaRue Moran and Miss Nida Lasher of Howell were Pinckney callers Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Collins of Toledo, Ohio is spending several weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Hoyt.

A card from Florence Harris who is teaching at Aberdeen, Wash., states that Christmas there does not seem much like a Michigan Christmas. Everything in that city is green and beautiful, even the roses are still in bloom.

We are now offering the Detroit News-Tribune and the Dispatch for \$2.00 a year. This gives you one of the best dailies printed in Detroit and delivered every morning for \$1.00 a year. This is the cheapest it was offered for and for only a short time, so get busy.

The Pinckney town hall was crowded with people Tuesday afternoon during the inquest of the death of Robert Edwards who was instantly killed at Anderson Saturday night, December 12th, by the Grand Trunk west bound passenger train. His death was due to an accident was the verdict given by the jury.

We take pleasure in announcing that any of our readers can secure a nice 1915 Pocket Diary, free of charge by sending the postage therefor, two cents in stamps to Dean Swift & Co., Patent Lawyers, Washington, D. C. The diary is a "Gold Mine" of useful information, bound in a pretty stiff red cover, contains note spaces for each day in 1915, a calendar for 1915 and 1916, states the crop produced in 1914; amount of corn, wheat, oats, hay, potatoes, tobacco and cotton produced in each state; states the votes cast by each state for Wilson, Roosevelt and Taft in 1912, the census population of each state in 1890, 1900 and 1910, the population of about six hundred of the largest cities in the U. S., a synopsis of business laws, Patent Laws, and much other useful information. The diary would cost you twenty-five cents at a book store. For three one cent stamps we will send you a nice wall calendar, size 10 by 11 inches. Send five one cent stamps and get the Pocket Diary and Wall calendar.

Putnam Tax Notice

The tax roll for Putnam township is now in my hands for collection. I will be at the town hall in Pinckney, the 18th, 24th, and 31st of December and the 8th and 9th of January for that purpose. No taxes received after banking hours.

Irvin Kennedy, Treasurer

Rev. Ostrander spent last week in Pontiac.

Mrs. C. Lynch spent last Saturday in Jackson.

Miss Madge Cook was a Jackson visitor last Saturday.

Miss Irene Carr of Ann Arbor is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Ed Farnam was a Jackson visitor one day last week.

Walter Reason of the U. of M. is home for the holiday vacation.

Clearance Chapman of Detroit is spending the week at the home of H. A. Fick.

Miss Lela Monka of Lansing is spending her vacation at the home of her parents here.

Jas. Tiplady was called to Jackson Sunday by the death of his sister, Mrs. Lucy Bunc.

Mr. and Mrs. Floris Moran of Grand Rapids are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Miss Mable Clinton of Ann Arbor is spending the holidays at the home of her parents here.

Ferris Fick of Pittsburg, Penn., is spending the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fick.

S. H. Carr has purchased an interest in the Dunning livery barn and hereafter the firm name will be known as Dunning & Carr.

The Presbyterian church at Unadilla, rebuilt since the cyclone last summer, was dedicated last Sunday. Rev. L. S. Brooke of Howell, preached the sermon.

Mrs. Mary Burney, a former resident of Pinckney, died at her home in Jackson last Saturday. Funeral services were held Monday.

A dancing party will be given at the Pinckney opera house next Tuesday evening, December 29, under the auspices of the Seniors of the P. H. S. Everyone invited.

Mrs. Clayton Placeway and son have gone to Detroit to join her husband who is now a member of the police force of that city, where they will make their future home.

By the decisive vote of 310 yes and 128 no, Howell voted to change from the village to the city form of government last Monday.

When a man has worked 37 minutes trying to get his stalled automobile engine going again, it pleases him beyond words to have his better-half ask from the back seat "Do you think you could fix it if you knew what was the matter with it, dear?"—Ex.

Saturday afternoon at the home of Dr. H. F. Sigler, a dramatization of the "Bird's Christmas Carol" was given under the auspices of Miss Kate Brown. Most people are probably familiar with the story in which an invalid child who is wealthy, conceives the idea of making Christmas day happy for a very poor family consisting of nine children. Both humor and pathos run throughout the book. Miss Brown dramatized the story in a very clever manner, arranging it in such a way that a caste, composed of the thirteen members of her Sunday School Class in the M. E. Church, were able to act the play, in the presence of a delighted audience numbering nearly fifty people. Each and every one of the children performed his or her part well, especially little Lucy Glenn who took the part of the mother. Both Miss Brown and the children are to be complimented upon the success of their undertaking. During the entertainment music was rendered by Misses Blanche Martin, Norma Corlett and Mrs. Grace Richards. A piano duet was given by Madeline Bowman and Pauline Swarthout.

JANUARY 1st IS "SQUARE-UP DAY"

Join the Movement

Everyone who is in debt is urged to "square-up."
 Everyone who has neglected or avoided another—give him the glad hand.
 Everyone who carries a grudge—bury the hatchet.
 Everyone is urged to join the "square-up day" movement.
 The man who owes will feel better when he is "squared-up", and by paying his debts the next man will have the money to pay those he owes.



The personal thought—the spirit of the giving, determines the value of the gift. What, then, could be more fitting than your portrait for the Christmas remembrance—to carry your simple message of friendship? A dozen portraits solve at once, a dozen perplexing gift problems. Come early.

Daisie B. Chapell
 Stockbridge, Michigan

Were Shouting

about the excellent quality of our printing. We don't care what the job may be, we are equipped to turn it out to your satisfaction. If we can't, we'll tell you so frankly.

Let Us Convince You

Gregory

Christmas exercises and tree for children at Baptist church Thursday evening.

F. A. Howlett opened his new bank Tuesday.

Mrs. Wright and her father, Mr. Chapman of Ypsilanti, spent one day last week with Gregory friends.

Miss Young and Miss Ayrault closed school Thursday afternoon for the holidays, with exercises and trees for the pupils.

Will Buhl returned last Tuesday from Ann Arbor and reports eyes some better.

Students who are home for the holidays are, Genevieve Kuhn and Glen Marlett of Ypsilanti, Daisy Howlett of Cleveland, Mary Howlett of Howell, Lillian Buhl, Lois Worden, Ted. Daniels and Frank Howlett of Stockbridge and Meta Kuhn of Ann Arbor.

All Gregory stores have been decorated for the past two weeks and windows filled with Xmas gifts for both young and old.

Your Cold Is Dangerous Break It Up—Now

A Cold is readily catching. A run-down system is susceptible to Germs. You owe it to yourself and to others of your household to fight the Germs at once. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is fine for Colds and Coughs. It loosens the Mucous, stops the Cough and soothes the Lungs. It's guaranteed. Only 25c. at your Druggist.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Livingston County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for the election of officers and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before it, will be held at the Court House in the village of Howell, in said county, on Tuesday the 5th day of January, A. D., 1915, at one o'clock p. m.

Dated, Howell, Mich., December 16, 1914.

52t2 W. J. Larkin, Sec'y.

Unadilla Tax Notice

I will be at the following places for the collection of taxes for Unadilla township: Bank of Gregory every Tuesday and Friday from December 15 to January 15; Plainfield, Thursday afternoon, December 17 and Thursday afternoon, January 7; Unadilla, Wednesday, December 23 and Wednesday, January 13.

F. A. Howlett, Treasurer

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
 F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.
 We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.
 National Bank of Commerce, Toledo, O.
 Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.
 Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Unadilla

There will be an oyster supper at the home of Chas. Hartsuff Friday evening January 1st. Everyone invited.

Forest and Carl Aseltine and Bruce Teachout left last week for Little Rock, Arkansas, where they will spend the winter.

Word reached here last week of the marriage of Laverne Webb to an Owosso belle.

Ed. Cranna and family spent Saturday in Chelsea.

Lee Hadley and family are here from Dakota to spend the winter.

Mrs. R. Gorton spent last Tuesday at Janet Webb's.

Miss Bertha Roepcke, after a short illness, passed away Dec. 15. The remains were brought here for burial and services were held at her old home last Friday, Rev. Coates, officiating.

Council Proceedings

Regular, Dec. 7, 1914
 Council convened and called to order by Pres. Kason. Trustees present: FERGUSON, Smith, Read, Lavey, McIntyre. Trustees absent: Swarthout. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The following bills were read, approved and orders drawn to pay same.

Clinton Electric Light & Power Co., Nov. lights \$62.85
 J. C. Dinkel, marshal 25.00
 T. Read 2.60
 Upon motion council adjourned.
 W. J. Daubar, Clerk

North Hamburg

Geo. Burgess and wife of Kendallville, Ind., visited their daughter, Mrs. Clyde Hinkle, last week.

R. Bennett and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. E. W. Rounder, last Thursday.

Jas. Burroughs is now ready to enjoy the sleighing as he has purchased a new cutter.

R. C. Haddock is improving in health. Clyde Bennett is assisting him with his work.

The Nash brothers were Howell visitors one day last week.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Special notice is given to everyone that has not settled with us must do so before January 1st, 1915. We do not like to pay 25 per cent to collectors for doing work that you can prevent, but we will have to resort to some plan that will make everyone understand us. Thanking all for past favors, and expecting to see you all, we are,
 Yours respectfully,
 Teeple Hardware Co.
 Miss Kate Brown spent last Thursday in Jackson.
 If you are constipated begin to take Dr. Miller's Laxative Tablets.

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HOW TO PREVENT SOIL FROM BLOWING



A Border of Lombardy Poplars That Serve as a Windbreak.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Careful investigation has shown that the soil is always changing. Water and wind are always at work moving its particles from place to place, carrying them ultimately into the sea. For the most part this is a beneficial process. Were each particle of soil to remain forever in one place, the fertility of the land would be rapidly exhausted. As it is, new, unweathered and unexhausted fragments of the underlying rocks are continually adding to the fertility of the soil zone by taking the place of the worn particles which nature removes.

Under certain circumstances, however, it frequently happens that this process takes place too rapidly, that the particles of topsoil are removed before the underlying rock fragments have been sufficiently prepared to take their places. This is the case especially in the arid and semiarid regions and in sections where the soil is particularly sandy in character. Under such conditions "soil blowing" may be the cause of serious damage. In the first place the soil itself may be so blown away that subsoil insufficiently weathered and filled with humus to be ready for crops, comes to the surface; and secondly, the crops themselves may be lost through the blowing out of the seed or the uprooting, burial or cutting off of the young plants.

Few General Expedients.

The best remedy, according to the United States department of agriculture, for the farmer who finds himself confronted with difficulties of this sort is to adopt a system of crops which will cover his land with vegetation at seasons when strong, dry winds are most prevalent. The exact system which the individual farmer should follow depends, of course, upon the climate, the available markets, and other local factors. There are, however, a few general expedients which it would be well for him to bear in mind. For example, if fall plowing is not necessary, the stubble of the last crop should be left on the soil as late as possible in the spring, or oats or barley may be sown in the late summer or early fall. The plants will be killed by the frost and will form a protective mat on the soil surface. Another expedient is to protect a slow-growing crop from wind damage by a nurse crop which, planted at the same time, will grow more rapidly and shield the former until it is sufficiently far advanced to take care of itself. A thin seeding of rye and barley used in connection with alfalfa is a common instance of this method. On dry lands, however, where the scarcity of water must be considered, this plan is open to the objection that the nurse crop deprives the soil of a certain amount of much-needed moisture. Many farmers, therefore, prefer to introduce alfalfa and similar slow-starting crops by drilling in the seed in high-cut stub-



Seats of a Tree Exposed by Soil Blowing.

ble of thinly sown millet or thickly seeded kafir corn.

Summer Fallow Facilities.

The use of the summer fallow greatly facilitates excessive soil blowing in sections where dangerous winds are prevalent in the summer time, because the land is left fully exposed. This danger may be avoided to a considerable extent by seeding rows of coarse-growing crops at intervals across the fallow fields at right angles to the direction of the prevailing winds. Where the wind danger is especially great it might even be desirable to abandon the summer fallow altogether, substituting for it a leguminous crop which may be plowed under in the fall. This practice has the great advantage of adding humus to the soil, thereby not only increasing its fertility but also its resistance to wind action. The presence of humus is indeed one of the best protections against blowing, the presence of organic bodies in the soil increasing its water-holding power and therefore aiding in keeping the surface moist. The sandy trucking soils of the East may nearly always be made naturally resistant to wind action by the addition of humus through the systematic planting of leguminous crops.

Another Protection Method.

Another method of protecting fields is to plant rows of trees or bushes or to build fences as windbreaks. This is effective but apt to be expensive not only because of the actual cost outlay involved but because of the amount of land which is left unproductive. For this reason the use of such artificial windbreaks can hardly be recommended for extensive agriculture, and is usually restricted to the cultivation of fruits, garden vegetables, etc. Where windbreaks are erected, care should be taken to see that they are composed of trees or bushes which do not harbor insect pests and whose roots will not spread out into the adjoining fields.

Supply of Protein.

Clover belongs to the same family as alfalfa, and can also be used to excellent advantage in connection with corn. Both hay plants supply the nutrient which is lacking in corn, namely, protein, to give a well-balanced ration, though alfalfa is somewhat richer than clover in this.

Plant Trees.

Plant trees. Nothing adds more to the appearance of a country home or, in fact, makes it look more like home than a house set in the midst of a beautiful lawn dotted with trees, shrubs and flowers.

Success With Poultry.

The successful poultryman has not stepped into that all at once. He has arrived at that by the slow and arduous road of experience. He cannot stay there except by traveling the same road.

WITH CHANTILLY LACE

EXQUISITE MODEL FOR A FALL EVENING GOWN.

Every Detail of the Present Mode Contained in the Accompanying Design—Favorite Black and White Are the Colors.

The model illustrated today is typical of the fall evening gowns. Dainty and feminine looking, there is a very obvious dignity about it that marks it for the new order of things and enhances its charm to a degree. Since black and black and white



Black Lace is Back in Favor.

effects are so modish this season, black lace has been brought into favor once again, especially chantilly. Black laces have in general been out of the reckoning, but now it is just the thing for long transparent tunics, and there is a variety of ways of using it.

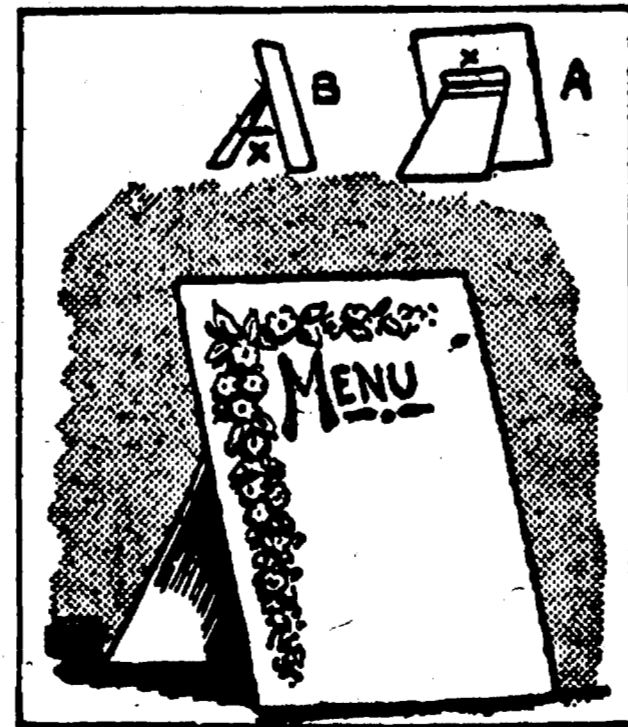
The illustrated evening gown shows a chantilly tunic effectively bordered with white fur. The body part of the corsage and the short-pouched tunic are of black chiffon velour ornamented with circles of smoked pearl beads. The V décolletage allows a glimpse of white malines folded over the bust, and there is a little flaring collar of the same at the back. Chantilly is again employed in the sleeves, and these, too, are bordered with a narrow white fur banding. The lace tunic veils a white taffeta skirt, which is completed below the length of the tunic with black chiffon velours, bordered, in turn, with the white fur.

A recent twist of this idea of the lace tunic substitutes a net foundation built upon with flounces of lace, wide or narrow, or it may be that the net is crossed and recrossed with lace insertions, finished about its lower edge with a wide self hem, or with a broad band of black velvet or taffeta. Velvet ribbon is playing an important part in the decorative schemes of both day and evening dresses as a tunic border.

MAKES DAINTY MENU CARD

Design That May Be Colored at Home—Most Appropriate for Simple Formal Dinner.

Those of our readers who are artistically inclined may like to try their hands at producing some dainty menu cards of the nature shown in our



sketch. Gilt-edged cards of various pale shades of color can be purchased very inexpensively for this purpose and they should measure about three and a half inches by four inches in size. To the back of the cards a support should be fitted made of a wedge-shaped piece of white card, hinged on at the top with a short piece of tape. Diagram A on the right at the top of the illustration shows this, the cross indicating the tape. Between

the support and the back of the card another short piece of tape should be fastened with a drop of glue, to prevent the support opening too far.

Diagram B illustrates this, a cross again indicating the tape.

On the front of the card running down the left hand side and along the top, some pretty little floral design, such as suggested in our sketch, can be painted in water colors, and the word "Menu" can be painted in the center in a color chosen possibly to match or harmonize with the color of the blossoms. Sets of, say, half a dozen of these cards with different pretty floral designs painted upon them would make a novel feature on a stall at a bazaar and be sure to sell well.

RIBBONS IN GREAT VARIETY

All Descriptions and Shades Called In to Use Both for Girdles and Trimmings.

Rich satin, faille and moire ribbons are used for girdles and hat trimmings. Girdles are either plain, of striped broche, or a combination of ribbons. Velvet brocades have entire velvet figures, or satin flowers outlined with velvet. Velvet stripes appear in dark, rich roman ribbons.

Many rich ribbons are very dark, such shades as dark brown, navy, purple, mahogany, russian and stem greens, etc., and are blended with hair lines of black, yellow, scarlet, pale blue and green satin, or one wide one of black satin. Girdles and sashes of brocade have a rich effect with a plain colored gown. For evening or dancing gowns rich satin girdles are worn, and fancy stripes set off a simple serge or cotton dress. Soft finished ribbons are used for crush girdles.

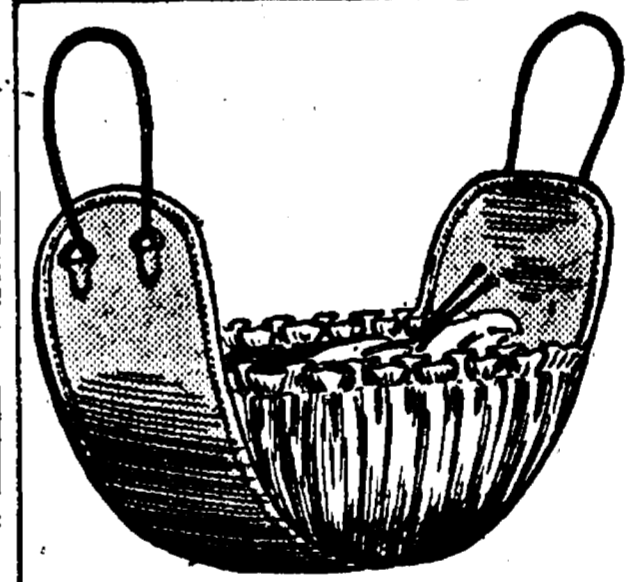
Tinsel ribbons heavy with gold or silver scrolls or flowers are very handsome and are used for girdles or for collar, vest or cuffs. Ribbon tassels of black ribbon are fur tipped and used as a coquettish finish on some of the close turbans worn tipped sharply on the side.

FOR KNITTING OR CROCHET

Novel and Easily Made Bag, Which Requires Only Remnants for Its Material.

Our sketch shows a useful bag of a very novel nature that can be carried out with the aid of a remnant of almost any strong material and that is convenient to use and easy to make.

It can be prepared in any size to suit the requirements of the owner,



and consists of a broad band of material, lined with sateen and bound at the edges with narrow ribbon.

The side pieces are made of soft satin gathered into a little frill at the top and they are semicircular in shape and sewn on to the edges of the center piece. The handles are made of silk cord attached to small key-rings fastened on to the sides of the bag with tabs of ribbon. To open it the handles have merely to be pulled apart, and the bag can then be laid almost flat upon the table so that the whole of the contents will be exposed and any article it may contain selected in a moment.

To make the tabs for fastening on the rings, cut a short piece of ribbon into points at both ends, then pass one end through the ring, fold the ribbon and sew it together at the edges. It can afterward be sewn in place upon the side of the bag and the handle tied on in the manner shown in the sketch.

Good Plan.

A young woman who was making some soft cushions and comforts found that the cotton filling that she was using had become slightly damp. This made it difficult to thrust the needle through in tying the comfort, so she placed the cotton in the oven to dry and become slightly browned. As a result it became very light and fluffy and held its fluffiness. Treated this way it holds its resilience, and does not mat and pack down.

Chantilly Capes.

Capes of chantilly, ornamented with embroidery, are formed in loose sacks, dark blue, silver and deep red appearing in the stitching. Sometimes the chantilly is mounted over a cape of black tulle for young girls. They are just little sacks with kimono sleeves, the long fronts turned under and caught into the belt; this makes a pretty little addition to a dress.

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"Distinctively Individual"

Liggatt & Myers Tobacco Co.



MIGHT HAVE BY THE SCENT

Englishman's Answer to Inquiry Might Have Been Termed Personal by Some People.

A certain English humorist, visiting America, was spending the week in a town on Cape Cod. One afternoon he boarded a trolley car and found the only available seat next to a roughly dressed and hearty down-Easterner. Englishman's jaunty cane and neat outing clothes evidently attracted and amused the workman, and with a quick look at his friends across the car, he touched a finger to his cap.

"Excuse me, sir," he inquired, "but don't you come from Manchester-by-the-Sea?"

The Englishman adjusted the well-known monocle, exaggerated his stare, and replied: "Bah Jove How did you surmise it? And am I wrong in thinking that you are from Gloucester-by-the-smell?"

At the First Signs

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Not in a Good Set.

"No," exclaimed the mother turkey, "I would prefer my children not to associate with those incubator chicks."

"Because they are so heedless and don't know how to feather their own nests?" inquired the duck.

"No, it isn't that so much I have brooded over," replied the turkey, "but there's something so artificial about them."

However, when the incubator chicks heard this they thought of the funeral baked meats of Thanksgiving and remarked significantly, "Death levels all ranks."

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Children and Old-Fashioned Toys



"CHILDREN are conservative beings, even old-fashioned, when it comes to choosing toys. They aren't up to date and as full of the modern spirit of progress and invention as the toymakers believe them to be."

Thus spoke one who is a sort of professional Santa Claus—that is, he has played the part at so many Sunday school Christmas parties that he sometimes imagines he is growing cotton whiskers.

"They display the same quaint, simple, old-fashioned taste as their grandfathers and grandmothers when they were children," he continued. "Most of them, do, anyhow. Every year the toy manufacturers break loose with a new crop of automatic racing cars, aeroplanes, submarines, fire engines and kicking donkeys. If the children were constructed on the same nervous clock-work plan, they would give old Santa Claus no rest unless he kept up with all the modern inventions. Instead of toy soldiers they would demand mortar batteries, and they would not be satisfied with mooley cows, but would demand that they have pedigrees and give only certified milk and cream.

"They would not accept a Noah's ark unless it was a combination of

the steamship Lusitania and a modern cement bungalow, with sleeping porches, twin-screw propellers, electric searchlights, wireless apparatus, second chattel mortgage—in fact, all the comforts of ship and home complete. They would require Mr. Noah to carry a pilot's license as well as a college degree in natural history. All the animals would have to be trained to do tricks, and poor Noah's family would have a fine time herding them while wearing wooden raincoats and stove-pipe hats.

"Fortunately children, real children, are not constructed that way. They want their arks on the old-fashioned plan, whereby you lift off the roof and find Noah minus his head, and most of the animals trying to hobble on three legs.

"Automobiles in miniature, with real upholstered seats and rubber tires may fascinate a small boy for a few hours, but you'd better place your faith in a good, old-pattern rocking horse, with saddle and stirrups, and a mane and tail of real hair. The rocking horse is not going out of fashion by a long ways, and I predict that in the horseless age, if that time ever comes, our children's children will be jerking the mane of a wooden 'horse' and whipping him on his painted flanks, and trying to feed him crackers. Also, they'll be falling off his back and bumping their little foreheads in the old-fashioned way, and 'horsey' will have to be thrashed and locked up in the clothes closet for his bad behavior.

"And as for dolls, you've got to give them real 'baby dolls' and not grand ladies in the latest tango gowns and hats. For the last 50 years or so doting parents who are well to do have been trying the experiment of presenting their little girls with waxen fashion models—only to find the precious one crying for the rag baby of the laundress' daughter. Children show the real mother instinct when they spurn the 'play-child' which is too dressy and up to date.

"I have one friend, the father of a large and lively family. I make him happy every Christmas time by presenting his kids with a bunch of cheap, mechanical toys. After about half an hour of winding them up, the little ones tire of the clicking wonders and return to their woolly dogs, rubber dolls and other simple favorites. That is when father's fun begins. He insists on winding up the toys and running them all Christmas day, ostensibly for the pleasure of his youngsters. He does not cease winding until the toys begin to get out of order, and then he has the additional pleasure of trying to repair them.

Sometimes I think that a manufacturer could make a fortune selling toys just for grown-ups. Seeing a bunch of adults busy working mechanical toys reminds me of the time when the whole family insists on taking little Johnny to the circus.

A Christmas Carol

by HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

I HEAR along our street
Pass the minstrel throng;
Hark! They play so sweet,
On their hautboys, Christmas songs!
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expires!

IN December ring
Every day the chimas;
Lead the glaucous string
In the streets their merry rhymes.
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expires!

SHEPHERDS at the grange,
Where the Babe was born,
Sing with many a change
Christmas carols until morn.
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expires!

THESE good people sing
Songs devout and sweet;
While the rosy ring
Themselves stand with freezing feet.
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expires!

NUNS in frigid calls
At this holy tide,
For want of something else,
Christmas songs at times have tried.
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expires!

WHO by the fire stands,
Stamps his feet and sings
But he who blows his hands
Not so gay a carol brings.
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expires!

ANNUAL "HOLLER" DAY.

When children have their Christmas toys
The house will ring with laughter gay;
And thus, in truth, by girls and boys,
A Christmas made a "holler" day.

HANGING MISTLETOE

Origin of Custom Associated With Christmas Festivities.

Plant is Surrounded With Many Superstitions in European Countries—Sign of Ill Omen in Some Parts of Ireland.

THE good old custom of hanging mistletoe from the ceiling at the Christmas festivities is said to have its origin in the idea that since the plant did not have its roots in the ground no part of it should ever be permitted to touch the earth.

Among the Saxons the fact that mistletoe was suspended from the roof of a dwelling intimated to the wayfarer that the hospitality of the house was at his disposal, and beneath its branches friend and stranger, vassal and lord, gathered in comradeship and good cheer.

The religious aspect of the mistletoe tradition, which had its origin in the Druidical rites and the gathering of it by the archdruid with his golden sickle, merged later into a purely social symbol, and the idea of simple hospitality developed into one of merrymaking and a somewhat riotous entertainment.

The kiss of the Scandinavian goddess expanded into the custom of a kiss given for every berry that grew on the bough. Small wonder that, in spite of the mistletoe having originally existed in the odor of the sanctuary, the church came to regard it as an entirely pagan symbol and refused to allow it to participate with the lily and the evergreen in the Yuletide decorations.

There is an ancient belief that the mistletoe was the tree from which the holy cross was hewn and that after this was made the plant withered and ever afterward became a mere parasitic growth, clinging for support to other and sturdier trees.

Other stories, however, credit it with divine gifts in the healing of diseases and the expulsion of evil spirits.

Ram, the high priest of the Celts, received in a dream the intimation that by means of the plant he would be enabled to save his people from the plague which was decimating them. To celebrate their delivery he instituted the feast of Noel (new health), a midwinter holiday, which has come to be considered coincident with the new year.

In many parts of the United Kingdom the silver berries and the gray-green leaves of the mistletoe are looked upon as anything but an emblem of good cheer; on the contrary, the plant is regarded with dread as being the bringer of ill luck and the sign of ill omen. This superstition exists both in Devonshire and in Ireland, and, strange to say, in neither of these places does the plant flourish, owing, report has it, to the fact that both incurred the displeasure of the Druids and were in consequence cursed in such a way that their soil became incapable of nourishing the sacred growth.

In the sixth book of Aeneid a lengthy description of the mistletoe is given by Virgil, who makes the Sybil describe to his hero the exact spot in hades where he will find it growing. There is little doubt that the strange ethereal appearance of the little opaque berry is largely responsible for the mystic character it has enjoyed among the people of diverse nations from the earliest historical times.

HE WAS THANKFUL.



"John," said the Loving Wife. "I intended to get you a nice new necktie for Christmas, but I am ashamed to acknowledge that in the rush of the shopping I completely forgot it."

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A Ruse That Attracted as Well as Diverted Attention.

One morning Mrs. Wilmington's attention was attracted by a strange spectacle coming up the street. At that distance she could not quite make it out. It appeared to be some sort of animal with a headlight fastened to its forehead. As it came nearer it resolved itself into the shape of a human being—perhaps some sheik with a red fez. But in another moment Mrs. Wilmington recognized Martha Maria Sophrina Smith, the seventeen-year-old colored girl who came every Monday for the laundry.

Martha Maria had a flaming red ribbon four inches wide round her head. It was tied in front into a huge bow, the wings of which stood out four inches beyond her forehead.

Mrs. Wilmington was surprised, for, although she had noticed some of the signs of pride of dress in Martha Maria, the girl had more than the ordinary amount of good taste.

"Why, Martha," exclaimed Mrs. Wilmington, as the girl came round the porch, "what in the world are you wearing that bow for?"

A slow grin widened the girl's mouth as she said:

"To attract attention, missy."

"To attract attention? Why do you want to attract attention?"

"I don't, mah'm."

"Then why are you wearing that awful bow on your forehead?"

"So folks will look at mah haid."

"Why do you want them to look at your haid?"

"So they won't look at mah feet—I got holes in mah shoes."—Youth's Companion.

GOLD LETTERED SIGNS.

None of the Leaf Used in Making Them is Ever Wasted.

"On the matter of domestic economy in the American household, which, it is asserted, the housewives and the boys and girls of the family no longer practice, it is interesting to know that if economy be a lost art at home it is pursued with a great deal of care in many lines of business," remarked Henry A. Shields of New York. "I was impressed a few months ago by

the observation of a sign painter, who informed me that he could not deliver a sign I had ordered on a certain day because in the intervening time he would have the quarterly clean up day. I was curious to know what clean up day meant, and he told me.

"It appears that in the making of signs a great deal of gold leaf is used, and necessarily some of it is wasted. Just as it is when gold letters are placed on show windows. I had never noticed that when the painter is at work putting the leaf on he is careful to conserve all the leavings. Just so in the shops. All refuse there is carefully brushed into a pile and kept. In three months' time there will be a great deal of what appears to be rubbish around a sign painter's shop, but the painter knows its value. This rubbish is cleaned up, stowed in bags and sent to Philadelphia, where it is screened and the particles of gold leaf extracted. My friend informed me that it is not unusual to get as high as \$90 out of one shipment of rubbish, all of which goes to the workmen in the shop and not to the owner."—Washington Post.

When Charlemagne Took a Bath.

Like so many of the European warm springs and bathing places, Baden Baden was first appreciated by the Romans. The Emperor Caracalla in especial honored it by his patronage and adorned it in various Roman ways. With the fall of the empire and the arrival together of the barbarians and Christianity, bathing and, above all, bathing in warm water, fell into disuse all over Europe as an enfeebling and immoral practice. It was only when Charlemagne, whose name was one to conjure with, dipped his imperial person in the hot springs of Aix-la-Chapelle that bathing, after seven centuries of disuse, became again permissible, if not almost desirable. From that time on, with varying fortunes, Baden-Baden was a health and pleasure resort.—Harrison Rhodes in Harper's Magazine.

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The Candle Wick.

When the old-fashioned dips were in common use great annoyance was caused by the burnt wick standing upright as the fat disappeared, making a smoky flame, which necessitated a constant use of the snuffers. This trouble is avoided in the modern candle by the simple expedient of plaiting one side of the wick a little stiffer than the other. When it is left free, owing to the wax having burnt away, it naturally bends over to one side. Now at the extreme edge of the flame the gaseous products of the candle are mixed with excess of oxygen from the air which attacks the solid substances in the wick and speedily changes them into oxides. This always keeps the wick the right length.

Dickens at the Bar.

The English courts once had a real Dickens trial scene. It was in 1888, in the course of a case before Baron Huddleston, that Mr. Dickens, counsel for the defendant, astonished the court by announcing that he proposed to call Mr. Pickwick as a witness. And the gentleman called was a descendant of the Moses Pickwick whose name on the coach filled Sam Weller with a desire to "whop" some one for taking liberties with the name of his master.

Long Hours.

"How's the new man? Industrious?"
"Why, yes. He's a sixteen hour a day man."
"It can't be possible!"
"Oh, yes, it is. He works eight hours a day, and I put in eight hours more trying to keep him on the job."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Exactng Standards.

"I am afraid Bliggins hasn't a powerful sense of humor."
"Oh, yes, he has. The only trouble is that when Bliggins makes a joke he isn't satisfied to get a laugh. He thinks it's a failure if it doesn't hurt somebody's feelings."—Washington Star.

The Cult of Fashion.

Young lady at the theater to her friend, "What do you think of this play, my dear?"
"Why, it's absurd. Three months are supposed to pass between the first and second acts, and the heroine's still got the same bag on."

STREETS OF CHRISTIANIA.

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Christiania is probably the most tastefully laid out capital of any state in Europe, Paris itself not excepted. It owes its foundation entirely to King Christian IV. of Denmark, from whom it takes its name, who in or about the year 1623 decided to erect for himself a new capital on the opposite side of the river to Oslo.

The whole of the main streets of the city run at right angles and are extremely wide. Indeed, it would hardly be an exaggeration to call them squares rather than streets. For the most part the architecture is rather heavy in design, but the clear air that comes from the firds tends to give the whole place a tone of lightness that it would otherwise lack.

The river Aker contains a wonderful series of waterfalls in the upper courses some little distance from the city, where practically the whole of the necessary power for the ever growing manufacturing quarter of the Norwegian capital is generated. This quarter is rather rigorously restricted to the suburb of Sagene, on the north side of the city, since town planning is something more than a mere name in Norway.

The royal palace, which was built by Christian IV. is a handsome building of rather unattractive architecture.—Manchester Guardian.

Real Enjoyment.

Member (showing visitor through)—Yes, my dear, every woman ought to join a club. It's so refreshing to blackball some one you don't like.—Life.

One Comfort.

It is always comforting to reflect that no man ever looked as bad as a flashlight photograph of himself.—Detroit Free Press.

The Gate of Tears.

The Gate of Tears, a strait between the Red sea and the Arabian gulf, has been the scene of many shipwrecks.

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