### Candles and Yule Log

HRISTMAS gifts were common in Medieval times. Accounts tell of the chandlers' guild sending out gratis to everyone a special Bort of big, flat candles which were burned with the Yule log to light the houses for the coming of a superhatural Christmas visitor. The bakers also sent out "Yule cakes," or "Yule babies," which were little images of Christ. This custom, in fact, seems to be even older, it being recorded on the old Roman calendars that on the Vigil of the Nativity little images of the Christ Child were made in great numbers and presented to the fathers in the Vatican.

Gradually the sentiment of "Peace on earth, good will to men" and the celebration of the spirit by general fifts seems to have spread through the other guilds, and finally to have become general.

In England today there is a survival of the ancient custom practiced by landowners of setting big sacks of grain or other products outside the gate that whoever came might help himself. It is said that an extra Christmas eve feed is also still given to the cattle.

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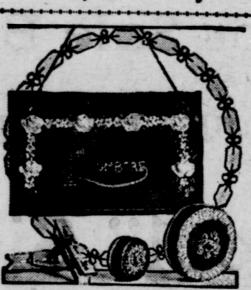
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### Hand-Made Toys



Here are two of many animals that are due to arrive on Christmas morning. A black kitty that will stand any amount of hard usage is very easy to make, requiring only a pair of silk stocking tops that have survived the worn-out feet. Cut off the worn feet and trim out the ankles in a curved line to form the ears. Sew a seam along this line, turn right side out and stuff with cotton to form the body. Wind the remainder of the tops with small cord to form the tail and tie a gay bow of ribbon at the end. Two white bone buttons make the eyes and heavy silk floss the mouth and whiskers and Miss Kitty is dressed up with a bow at the neck. The elephant is made of gray duvetyn, plush or canton flannel and cut by a paper pattern. His eyes are shoe buttons, his tusks white cloth.

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colored sealing wax can make the book for telephone numbers pictured here. It is merely a piece of black oilcloth folded over leaves of white paper. Small holes punched through at each end allow a black silk cord to bind the book and provide for hanging it up at the same time.

A powder box and a rouge box shown below it are covered with black lacquer and decorated with colored sealing wax that simulates ribbon and flowers.

Story of the Christmas Stocking

EARS and years ago stockings were not hung on Christmas eve as we hang them now. No one ever heard of such a thing as hanging up a stocking for Christmas gifts. And if children had thought of such a thing they would have said, "What a foolish idea! A stocking wouldn't hold half the things we want." So the children throughout the world placed crocks,

fill them to the brim. Each year the children left larger vessels to be filled, children left larger vessels to be filled. Up in the great white north Santa's reindeer no longer pranced and pawed, impatient to be off on Christmas eve, as they once had done. They hung their heads and a tired look came into their big brown eyes, for they remembered how heavy the loads had

big brass basins, and copper kettles

on the hearth on Christmas eve and

left notes in them telling Santa to

grown and how many more trips they were forced to make year by year. St. Nicholas no longer rested now through the summer months, as he once had done, but labored every day throughout the year, and often he built toys late into the night, for a great many gifts had to be made to fill the baskets that the greedy children left. The twinkle left his merry eyes, and he no longer sang about his work, for he was sad and thought of the time that would come when he could no longer build enough presents to go

Late one December day St. Nicholas stepped from his workshop into the deep snow. Facing the south, he stretched out his tired arms and called: "Hear, oh hear, children of the you are becoming selfish and that your reedy demands are too great a task, even for St. Nicholas, king of the Christmas spirit? Can't you see, my children, that you are killing the spirit

of Christmas?" His chin sank upon his chest and

tears glistened in his kindly eyes .- A soft white snowflake fluttered down and nestled against his cheek, and a tiny voice whispered into his ear: "Santa, I will help you."

"Who are you?" asked St. Nicholas "I am a snow fairy," answered the tiny voice, "As my sisters and I have danced about the air we have often swirled about your sleigh on Christmas eve, and have seen the great loads you have always carried and how tired you have looked."

"What, O what, shall I do?" asked

"Just go about your work as usual," answered the fairy. "I and all my sisters will help you."

"Oh, thank you-thank you," cried St. Nicholas. And the fairy floated out among the other snowflakes.

As the children went about the snowflakes whirled around them, and it seemed as if they heard the chanting of tiny voices, and as the snowflakes nestled against their ears they seemed to sing: "Just a stockinghang a stocking up on Christmas eve."

"Just a stocking-just a stocking," rang through the hearts of the children on Christmas eve. And in place of leaving the great vessels as they once had done they just hung up their

Some children were too selfish to hear the song of the snowflakes and left the great baskets as they always had done. But when they saw the great joy the unselfish children had in their gifts and how contented and happy they were these selfish ones were ashamed, and they, too, began to hang up only their stockings when Christmas eve came round.

When St. Nicholas found stockings in place of the great baskets and barrels the twinkle came again into his laughing eyes, his cheeks grew red, and he sang as he drove through the merry sea of snowflakes.

With just stockings to fill St. Nicholas had time to rest, and he grew strong and well, and the spirit of Christmas lived. So this is why nowadays we hang up our stockings on Christmas eve. All this we are told by a writer, who learned it from a Christmas fairy.



Ostrich - New-fangled breakfast food, eh? Well I swore off from that stuff the first of last year!

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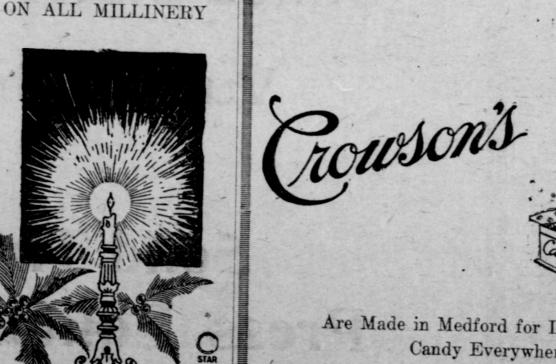
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I'm waiting for dear Santa Claus To bring a lot of thinge:

Tope; knives, a dog with shaggy paws; And flying boats with wings :-Then I can give some toys to Ned Who left our school last year; He works because his father's dead -To help his mother dear.

I'm watching for dear Santa Claus: I'd like to get a look, When from his pack he slyly draws New skates; a sled or book; But mother says he'll dash away If I should dere to peep; And so I'll just kneel down and pray, And then go off to sleep. -By Louis M. Grice, in Illinois State Registr

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