

# THE FINISHING TOUCH

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Christmas package wrapping has become an art. Any one with a gift of imagination and ingenuity can create fascinating parcels. Those of us without the gift of creation can copy the creators, keeping in mind that the wrappings, while really a stamp of our own personality, must still be of such a nature as to appeal to the recipient. Make your Christmas packages artistically attractive, and give them an air of individuality. The more attractive the package is, the more appreciated will be the gift.

Santa Claus is past master in the art of producing beautiful Christmas packages. Yet even he would fail without proper gift dressings. Some shops have conceived a very useful package which contains enough tissue, ribbon, stickers, cards, etc., to do up many packages. These assortments are varied, and save considerable time.

The days when plain colored tissue paper and narrow green or red ribbons were the accepted materials have passed. Crepe paper, plain or patterned, gold or silver paper, plain or with design, tin foil, cotton batting, wall paper, oil cloth, in bright colors, (enough to make a useful article may be used) chintz, gingham, silk, and other dress materials are now used.

Ribbons for tying the packages may be of silk, satin, chiffon, or metallic weave. The kind of ribbon used will depend upon the kind of material selected. The width will depend upon the size of the package. The bow may be tied in the center of the top of the package or placed off center. The ends of the ribbon may remain loose or may be pasted down to the wrapping with stickers or sealing wax dropped where the ribbon intersects itself will give a smart touch. The sealing wax may be pressed down with the thumb or a monogram. Those who do not like to use stick sealing wax can purchase liquid sealing wax. Gum stickers come in various plain colors or with a stamped design. They are especially good for the outside covering of a package which is to be sent by mail.

The finishing touches are secured by adding seals, which

may be obtained in any design, such as holly and candle, Santa Claus, poinsettia, bell, lantern, and many other. "Do Not Open Until Christmas" labels show soldier boys, Santa Clauses, etc. Cards in effective designs are attached to bits of gold cord, and tags have irregular shapes and seasonable designs.

These may be obtained in such a delightful variety that the difficulty will be in elimination rather than selection.

The decorative value of flowers, either real or artificial, must not be ignored. Flowers, especially poinsettia, at this season adds charm to the package. Trees, fir cones, frosted evergreen, sprigs of holly, and mistletoe combine beautifully with ribbon.

A gift of stockings may be tied with a pair of fancy garters. A gift to a high school boy or girl, or college boy or girl, may be tied with class colors. A nice old fashioned lady would like her package decorated in gray and lavender, and the majority of men still prefer the bright, cherry red decorations of past Christmases.

## Christmas Good Fellowship

Newspapers arriving in The Springfield News office this week are virtually all carrying news of the "Good Fellow" clubs in their respective towns, which as we all, no doubt know, is a community effort to see that all enjoy "A Merry Christmas." This activity extends to practically every city, town and village in the United States. It is part of America's great charity and it is most commendable.

Here in Springfield the Good Fellows are again at work as they have been for many seasons. It is a foregone conclusion that their efforts will result in a wider spreading of Christmas cheer—taking into needy homes remembrances of the day or necessities which will bring happiness to children's hearts—and grown-ups too. This newspaper is heart and soul behind all such movements. It freely and gladly opens its columns to the

farthering of all such activities. And this newspaper holds out its hand to all organizations which give and work freely to the need—the peace—the happiness and the joy of our citizens and their children who may at this time be unfortunate.

Humanity has always been kind—despite all cynical phrases to the contrary. Through all of the ages there has been that little spark of fellowship which has never failed in the time of need.

Christmas giving has always been

most generous in one form or another—not to those near and dear only—but the fortunate to the unfortunate.

Don't let us in Springfield pass all of the work of Christmas charities over to the "Good Fellows." A mere subscription to any organization does not by any means relieve us of our obligations to our fellowmen. Then too, the real joy of giving is in the personally reaching out that one who should be made happy—and, in bringing it to pass.

Such good work is not or cannot be restricted. Our school children, their parents, their grandparents—all should join in—and no matter how poorly situated any individual may be—most always they can find one who is more lonely, more needy or yearning for that little personal touch of fellowship which means hap-

piness. So let us all search out the needy, the lonely, the unhappy, and make it our duty to see that when Christmas morning dawns—each has some token of the day—a message of cheer and good wishes—a feeling that "somebody knows," "somebody cares"—and that as citizens of this community we all want to be happy together.

Such Christmas giving does not require one thousandth part of the words as used here to convey the thought. You know, a slight token—a cheerful card, tells a story that cannot be covered in any book.

Organized charity has done and is doing a wonderful work. By all means support all such Christmas activities—then—go do an individual job of it by yourself—known only of it yourself and, you will learn the true meaning of happiness yourself.



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- Mechanical Toys that are almost Human,
- China ware and Glass ware in Beautiful Patterns.

It would take a whole newspaper to tell about all the articles at our Santa Claus headquarters. Don't worry, come here, we have it.



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