

CHRISTMAS GIFTS IN THE MAKING

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THE phrase, "A Merry Christmas" is one that automatically carries good cheer, but when it is followed by an interesting, alluring gift, its cheer is sustained more than a rapidly moving moment. Especially so when that gift is one possessing the elusive quality—personal touch!

And those are the kind of holiday gifts that are so easily made right in your own home, for little cost, and with great enjoyment, even when time is pressing.

Every woman rejoices in pretty clothes for her leisure moments, and while cozy knitted slippers are comfortable, they are rarely delicate enough for wear with the dainty negligees of today. This year, however, it is at least possible to combine the warmth and ease of a wool slipper with the delicacy and smartness of the loveliest lounging robe. A new wool, spun from the fur of white Angora rabbits is now on the market. It is dyed in the smartest shades, both pastel and the high colors so popular this winter. The yarn has a furry appearance that is very pleasing when the thermometer is low. The girl who enjoys knitting will be sure to make a hit at Christmas if she makes a pair of these delightful slippers for her chum.

A charming lamp-shade is made from manilla wrapping paper. Cut a piece of the paper to fit both top and sides of the frame, and glue in place. A strip of black paper finishes the top and bottom of the shade, and a black painted band outlines the print which is pasted on the front of the shade. The surface of the shade is painted with amber sealing wax dissolved in alcohol, imparting a lovely transparency.

A common market basket, with its handle enameled black, and covered inside and outside with a gay blue, black or orange striped waterproof material, holds a generous assortment of the housewife's much needed tools.

A waste-paper basket, purchased for twenty or twenty-five cents, may be made to charmingly fit your friend's decorative scheme. Simply cover it with wall paper, with an appropriate design, and in an appropriate color, and shellack it to make it dust-proof. Many other attractive boxes, for all sorts of practical uses, may be made in the same manner. The effects obtained are diverse and varied enough to please everyone, and all sorts of originality may be displayed.

A cretonne slip cover to protect clothes is a useful gift that can be made in a hurry. It should measure one yard and a half long, but if the cretonne is used in one piece it may be doubled, and only the side seams will need stitching. As these are selvaged, this makes the inside of the slip neat. The top should be turned down one inch to make a casing, through which tape is pulled, to draw it up around the garment hanger, when in use.

A pair of shoe trees can be made festive in a jiffy, if the wooden tips are gilded and the metal pieces then wound with half inch satin ribbon, and the knob finished with perky little bows.

Just one shoe tree can be quickly transformed into a powder puff, back patter style, which is so convenient and dainty for evening use. An inexpensive powder puff, which can be bought in a number of sizes and even heart-shaped if desired, is first opened at the side seam just wide enough to slip the pointed end of the shoe tree in. It is then securely sewed in place. The trimming comes next. A piece of flowered silk or ribbon the same size as the powder puff is sewed onto the back, with edges held down with tiny silk stitches. A row of Val lace, with the thread pulled to frill it, is then sewn all around the edge. Ribbon wound around the handle, in a color to match the silk on the back of the powder puff, completes this dainty gift. Silver or gold ribbon is very effective, and a bit of sachet powder between the powder puff and the silk back is still another charming touch.

So forget the shades of past struggles at Christmas time, and with a little time, care, and ingenuity, make instead holiday gifts that are merry little shades of your own personality for your friends.

Troutdale Association Specializes in Lettuce, Cauliflower and Celery

Although the returns on the cauliflower crop were very discouraging for the year 1927, planting will be only slightly lower next year than this, according to officials of the Co-operative Lettuce and Cauliflower association, with headquarters at Troutdale.

Some comparative figures may be of interest to the reader at this time to show the loss which the growers have sustained this year due to the unfavorable weather conditions, coupled with excessive moisture during the harvest, which was delayed for two weeks.

The price began at a very favorable figure, but by the time the peak of the harvest was reached the price had declined to such an extent that harvesting of the cauliflower crop was discontinued for a week. During this shut-down approximately one-half of the 1926 crop was lost.

The low price of cauliflower was due to the surplus on the eastern market, which was caused by the heavy shipments from New York and Michigan during the same period that the crop was being harvested in the west. Had the crop been gathered two weeks earlier in this district, the greater portion of it would have realized a favorable price.

In 1925 the Oregon crop was harvested during the same period as this year, but the market was practically bare, hence the highly favorable returns of that year. The plantings of 1925 amounted to 100 acres, and shipments of 65 cars were made, for which \$42,000 was received. This year 206 acres were planted to cauliflower and 75 cars were shipped, which brought estimated returns of but \$28,000.

The main crop which is handled by the Co-operative Lettuce & Cauliflower association is cauliflower. The main purpose of the corporation at the time it was organized was to specialize in the marketing of both lettuce and cauliflower. The growing of lettuce was tried for two years, but, due to unfavorable climatic conditions, has been abandoned. Although these two crops have been marketed through the channel of this association, any farm product may be added as the organization becomes more stable and the board of directors deems such further marketing advisable.

The Co-operative Lettuce & Cauliflower association was incorporated in May, 1925, under the laws of the state of Oregon. It is a non-profit organization, without capital stock. George H. Chamberlain of Corbett is the president and A. C. Seidl, Troutdale, is the secretary and treasurer. The board of di-

rectors is composed of George H. Chamberlain, W. E. Hurt, F. J. Fehrenbacher, T. F. Soule and W. A. Duncklee.

Two other companies for the promotion of cauliflower growing have been organized during the past year. The Pioneer company was organized January 1, 1926, and last May the Columbia Cauliflower Co-operative association was organized. The Columbia embraces the growing district west of the Sandy river. W. J. Jackson, president; R. A. Stewart, secretary; with Ernest Peterson comprise the board of directors of the Pioneer association. The officials of the Columbia are E. A. Stafford, president; and H. E. Boyd, secretary. E. A. Stafford, C. A. Ruegg, E. H. Hockman, A. A. McMillan and J. C. Strehin comprise the board of directors. These two organizations shipped 39 carloads of cauliflower during the past season.

The growing of celery is also an important diversion of the locality contiguous to Troutdale. A peculiar adaptability of climatic and soil conditions makes this a richly productive celery area. Between 75 and 100 cars of celery were shipped from Troutdale during the past season by the Troutdale Celery Co-operative association, 65 of them being consigned to far eastern points,—Florida, Maryland, New York, Texas and Illinois. Around a dozen cars went to Portland in carload lots, aside from smaller quantities at intervals.

About \$11,000 represents the gain in receipts this year over last, when around \$24,000 was received from celery shipments, while this year about \$35,000 was realized. There are 160 crates to a car and between \$2.75 and \$3.50 is received for a crate.

The officers of the Troutdale Celery Co-operative association are Russell Wilson, president; James Simoni, vice president; and W. C. Spence, secretary and treasurer. The board of directors is composed of Russell Wilson, James Simoni, John S. Burns, Thomas Low and August Lisi.

Avoid Obesity.

Science says, "Keep 20 pounds under what you think is your normal weight and avoid hyperparathyroidism." Dr. Pfleger discovered that new kind of obesity, says many have it, that do not know it. A man weighing 200 pounds that ought to weigh 180 pounds could lengthen his life if he would get rid of 20 pounds. Fat men and others not too fat, try this: Once every month, or better, twice, eat nothing but fruit for 24 hours.

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Vegetables That Look Out for Themselves.

Varieties of vegetables that are resistant to certain diseases, and also adapted to market demands are being developed in certain instances, thus doing away with the necessity for many of the usual methods of control. While it is not possible to reach this goal promptly, if at all, for all vegetables, nevertheless considerable progress has already been made in this direction. A few outstanding achievements along this line are indicative of what may be expected in future years.

Asparagus growers in the United States have for many years suffered serious losses from the presence of rust on their asparagus. Breeding work inaugurated in 1916 by the U. S. department of agriculture in cooperation with the Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment station and the Massachusetts Asparagus Growers association resulted in the production of the Washington strains of asparagus known as the Washington, the Martha Washington, and the Mary Washington, all of which are highly resistant to rust, and at the same time of superior market quality. These strains have been distributed and are now being planted largely by the asparagus growers, especially in the eastern United States.

Other outstanding examples include the development of a variety of bean known as Well's Red Kidney which resulted from work by Cornell University and a New York grower and which is highly resistant to the anthracnose disease. The Robust variety of pea bean, which is immune to mosaic was developed at the Michigan Agricultural college. Varieties of cabbage resistant to cabbage yellows, a widespread and destructive disease of that crop, have been developed by the U. S. department of agriculture and the Wisconsin Experiment station. Varieties of tomatoes of superior commercial quality and highly resistant to the wilt disease, which is serious in the central and southern states, have been bred by the U. S. department of agriculture, this work being supplemented by the state experiment stations of the south.

A Soft Answer.

"My dear, I wish you could make bread that my mother use to make," remarked the groom. The bride smiled and answered in a voice that did not tremble: "Well, dear, I wish you could make the dough that father used to make."

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