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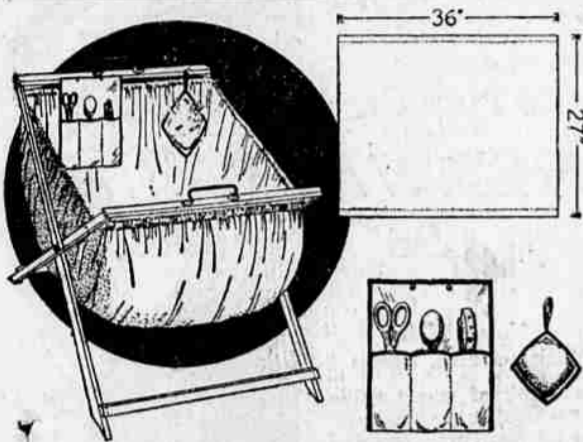
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## Modern Styles and Household Suggestions

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### Mending Basket for Mother

Something Brother and Sister Can Work on Together for Her Birthday.



A mending basket which one can easily pick up and take to any part of the house is a great comfort to the woman who likes to follow the sun about, or combine her sewing with other household tasks. Here is the ideal type of basket whose popularity never wanes. It costs virtually nothing to make, and because it involves a little of both carpentry and sewing, is a splendid present for a brother and sister to work together on for Mother's birthday.

The materials required are a large flour or feed bag and a small amount of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " lumber and a few screws. The flour bag can be had from any baker for a few cents. The stamping is first removed by soaking it in kerosene for a few hours. When it is washed out in warm water and soap, all traces of the ink should be removed. If not, bleach it in the sun for awhile. Then dye it in some soft, rich color—rose, green or blue are very pretty.

You now have a fine piece of colored material a yard square. Cut

### Christmas Tree Decorations

HERE are several Christmas tree decorations you can make yourself. They are of all sizes, shapes, and colors. They will make your tree as gay and festive as you can wish.

**Painted Paraffin Balls.**  
Heat a cake of paraffin until it is soft enough to mold into balls. Make them any size you wish. From a spoon of wire, not too fine, cut pieces from four to six inches long. These are to hang the balls from the tree. Before each ball hardens, insert one end of a piece of wire into it. When the wires are firmly held in the balls, paint each ball a bright color with oil paints.

**Snowflakes.**  
Cut a circle with a four-inch diameter out of white or gold paper. Fold the four-inch circle in half. Now fold this into thirds, so that when the paper is opened you will see six creases going out from the center. Keep the circle folded in sixths, and cut a V out of the top. This makes all six points of the star at once. With sharp scissors or a knife make a lace pattern by cutting out delicate designs, such as tiny circles, zigzags, triangles, and by punching holes.

Next open out the star, and brush over it lightly with a thin clear mullage. As quickly as possible shake mica crystals over it. You can buy a box of these at the ten-cent store, and one box is enough for many snowflakes. When the first side is dry, cover the other side in the same way.

**Snowballs.**  
Cut two circles the same size out of white cloth. Sew them together, leaving an opening into which you can stuff cotton batting, to make a ball. Sew up the opening. Then brush over the balls with transparent mullage, and roll in mica crystals. Hang them on the tree.

**Bombbonettes.**  
Cut an oblong of white tissue paper six inches long and five inches wide. Cut fringe an inch deep at each of the narrow ends. With water colors paint the fringe on one end red and on the other end green. Lay a bog piece of candy in the center of the paper and twist the ends around it. Pluff out the fringe. You can hang these to the tree by tying colored string around the twisted part.

**Candy Festoons.**  
String small, bright-colored candies on a heavy thread. Select candies that are not too hard for a needle to go through.

**Pop-Corn Festoons.**  
Pop grains of pop corn, and string them with a needle and thread to festoon on the tree.

**Paper Chains.**  
Cut colored paper into strips four and a half inches by one and a half inches. Red and green, or gold and silver are effective combinations. Paste one end of a strip to the other end, so as to make a loop. Pass the next strip through the loop and paste its ends together, so as to make another loop. Continue until the chain is as long as desired.

**Cranberry or Laurel Seed.**  
Cranberries, when strung, make colorful chains, and so do the laurel seeds.

**Christmas Bells.**  
Cut out red paper bells of different sizes, and either hang them separately on the tree, or at intervals on a string.

**Jack-o'-Lanterns.**  
Buy a few of the largest, roundest red peppers you can find. Cut a hole in the top and hollow out the pepper. Then cut eyes, nose and mouth in one side for a tiny jack-o'-lantern.

**Japanese Lanterns.**  
Cut a five and a half inch square of plain-colored or figured paper. Fold it in half to make an oblong. Cut lines parallel to the narrow ends, through the folded side to within a half inch of the other side. Make a series of these slits about a fourth of an inch apart. Open, and paste one side overlapping the other. The crease around the middle makes the lantern bulge out in a Japanese effect. Paste a narrow strip of paper from one side of the top to the other for a handle to hang it on the Christmas tree.

**A Restful Nap on Canvas.**  
When the modern youngster tucks off his bed-time radio story and tucks himself into bed, he may not find the soft mattress to which his elders are accustomed, a new kind of bed in use by one of the foremost nursery schools has neither springs nor mattress. A rectangle of stout canvas is laced with strong cords to give frame, just loosely enough to give slightly but not to sag. Legs of the bed are low and sturdy.

One of the advantages of this type of cot, according to the school officials, is its neatness. The canvas is unlaced and laundered every week. They find it much simpler to handle than the usual mattress and mattress pad. And as to comfort, the morning naps taken upon these cots testify that downy pillows and feather beds are never missed.

### Children's Pleasure Column



(A Department Conducted by Mary Ann)

Dear boys and girls: All the letters and stories that you send to me are so interesting! I'm always so happy to hear from you, because you have so many fine things to tell me about. Just keep it up. Now that school has started, write some stories on things that happen at school, also about your pets. Be sure to have your stories about one hundred words and write plainly and on just one side of the paper.

An interesting contest will be started soon so watch this column closely.

Send your stories in as soon as possible, the first of each week and address, care Mary Ann, Mail Tribune.

**A Game**  
By Harvey M. Haebler

The players stand in a row. The first player says, "Santa is coming and he's bringing me a gift," and then gives the name of a gift beginning with the letter "A"—apple, for instance. The next player gives the name of the gift beginning with a letter "B", such as ball. Thus the game continues until the alphabet is exhausted. If a player fails to give the name of a gift starting with his particular letter, he drops out of the game. The one who remains standing the longest wins the game.

This game can also be played in another way. The leader names a certain letter, and everyone in naming his gift uses that letter to begin his word, until another letter is named. As in the foregoing game, those failing to do this, drop out; and the one who remains standing the longest is the winner of the game.

### A Birthday Gift

Christmas morning was a happy time in the Robinson house. Such excited chatter and laughter as was heard as Stephen and Ruth untied each package and emptied their bulging stockings.

"Oh, dear!" sighed Ruth, happily. "I've received so many things I can hardly count them."

"So have I," said Stephen. "Now we've nothing to do all day but enjoy ourselves."

But later on that morning he said to Daddy, "Wouldn't it be nice if we could give presents to Jesus, just as wise men did, instead of giving things to each other? Of course, I like to get presents, and I like to give them to my friends, too; but since Christmas is Jesus' birthday, it seems to me that we ought to give something to him. We can't do it, though," he added.

"But we can," Daddy said; and when he saw Stephen's surprised expression, he added, "I'll tell you of something that Jesus once said after he was a grown man. One day, when he was talking to his disciples, he told them of the blessings that would be given to all people who fed him when he was hungry, or gave him water

### To My Mother

By Gladys Griggs

I wish I could write you a poem  
Like the woods at night  
When snowflakes drift through dark trees and  
The ghostly flight  
Of wild geese trail their shadows through  
The soft starlight.

I wish I could write like a song  
That was never sung:  
Too piercingly sweet to grace  
A mortal tongue,  
Or like a healing touch, or like  
A challenge flung.

I wish I could write you a poem  
Like a thrilling cry:  
Like a sword unsheathed, or like  
A sunset sky,  
Or softly, with the cadences of  
A wistful sigh.

I wish I could write you a poem  
Like a Christmas tree,  
With glittering words hung there  
Blessings that would be given to  
For all to see,  
Glittering, shimmering words hung there  
To you from me.

### New Recipes For Christmas

By Helen Rich Baldwin

HERE is another Christmas nearly at hand, and I know how excited you are feeling, especially if there are children in the home. I suppose you have been wondering what you can do this year to make the festivities different from every other Christmas. Of course, you will have turkey, chicken, or duck, and all the fixings that go with it; but have you decided about the little extras which mean so much to all members of the family, and most of all to the younger ones?

I have many ideas for these little extras, but first I want to suggest that you let some of the older Juniors help in preparing them. If you do, how much it will teach them about the true meaning of Christmas. After you have gone over the simple and delightful extras on this page, you will easily see the many little things that the older children can prepare.

**Snowball-Meat Salad**  
Place one slice of pineapple on a bed of shredded lettuce. Roll cream cheese (which has been mixed with mayonnaise) into balls of three sizes. Place them, one on top of each other, the largest being placed in the middle of the pineapple slice. Use currants or bits of maraschino cherries for eyes, nose, mouth, and buttons to complete the snow man. Scatter shredded coconut over pineapple base. You will find that one of these snow men at each child's plate at Christmas time will create more interest than ordinary Christmas favors do.

**Christmas Jelly**  
Make two recipes of gelatine and color one red and one green. Pour into shallow pans to stiffen. Just before serving, score jelly into squares and mix the red and green cubes together and serve in sherbet glasses with whipped cream. This is not only an attractive dessert to the eye, but it is healthful, too.

**Cream-of-Corn Soup**  
After the cream-of-corn soup has been strained and served, float six or eight kernels of popcorn on the surface of each serving.

**Merry-Christmas Soup**  
Place one-half teaspoon of green vegetable coloring in one cup of water. Pick letters from alphabet noodles, enough to spell "Merry Christmas" for each serving. Put letters in colored water and allow to cook over simmer until well done. When ready to serve the soup, float the green letters on top of the tomato soup so that they spell "Merry Christmas."

**Holly and Christmas Tree Cookies**  
Take any good recipe for a sugar cookie and cut the cookies in the old-fashioned way, with a hole in the center. (A doughnut cutter will do.) Place cookies on a baking sheet and bake until a golden brown. Cool. Brush entire top of each cookie with green frosting (using vegetable coloring). Then paint a bow and tiny holly berries on the top of each cookie.

The Christmas tree cookies may be made by first cutting out a pasteboard pattern of a Christmas tree and then cutting the cookie dough into the shape of the tree. Cover surface with green frosting and paint red candles on tree with the red frosting.—Child Life.

**Marshmallow's Desserts**  
Marshmallow desserts are always dainty and are particularly suitable to top off a luncheon.

To make marshmallow-pineapple dessert: In the top part of a double boiler put the folks of four eggs, juice of two lemons, a pinch of salt and one-half teaspoon of dry mustard. Let cook until thick, stirring constantly, then add one cup of pineapple, quartered or halved, and one-half cup of coarsely chopped pecans or walnuts. Mix together lightly, then fold in one pint of stiffly-whipped cream.

Put into the freezing tray of your refrigerator, or into glasses, and chill well. Top each serving with a candied cherry.

**Stuffed Celery**  
There are various fillings for stuffed celery, but the most popular seems to be the most popular. To prepare it, mash one-fourth pound of Roquefort cheese with a silver fork and blend with it three or four tablespoons of cream, one teaspoon of Worcestershire sauce and a dash of paprika. It should form a rather thick paste. Have ready a crisp celery stalks cut in four or five inch lengths and spread the cheese mixture in the cavities.

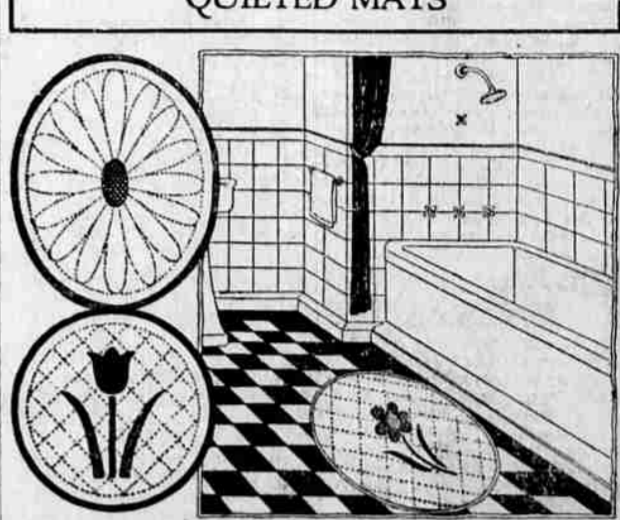
**In Julia**  
Hildred Bowers

The stars that looked on Joseph,  
The moon that Mary knew  
Look down on this Judean town  
The way they used to do.

And this old tree remembers  
The Lad who used to play  
Upon these very shadows  
Where I stood to-day.

Soiled sponges may be readily cleaned by soaking in a solution of hot water and washing soda followed by a soap and water washing.

### MODERN BATHROOM HAS QUILTED MATS



Since color came into its own, the bathroom has become the most attractive room in the house in thousands of homes. A useful accessory that can be made at little or no expense is the quilted bath mat, shown here, which is very much in vogue and at the same time extremely practical. Every bathroom should have a supply of at least three of them.

It is made from two flour bags, a piece of flannel or woolen goods for interlining and some bits of colored gingham which every scrap basket ought to be able to produce. The mats may be found or oval. If round, they are about 24 inches

### How to Prepare the Popular Shellfish

THE man who first ate an oyster, "somebody has remarked," "must have been a hero indeed," but today we eat them raw or cooked with little thought except for the "R" in the month. We have been told that no other article of food is grown and marketed under such rigid governmental inspection as the oyster.

Horseradish and lemon are the time-honored accompaniments of raw oysters, but nothing is more delicious than an oyster stew. In cooking, never boil oysters or submit them to a very high temperature.

**Oyster Stew**  
Wash one pint of oysters, removing every particle of shell. Strain the broth and add it with the oysters to three cups of milk in the top of a double-boiler. Add one-half an onion, if onion flavor is liked. Cook until the edges of the oysters curl. Remove the onion. Add one teaspoonful of salt, one-eighth teaspoonful of paprika, and two tablespoonfuls of butter. Serve with one cracker in each soup dish. The stew may be thickened slightly with one tablespoonful of flour combined with one tablespoonful of melted butter.

**Oysters in Ramekins**  
Wash the oysters carefully and strain the juice. Prepare pieces of buttered toast just fit to fit the bottom of the ramekin. Place toast in the ramekin and moisten with the oyster liquor. Place four oysters on top of the toast, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and add one teaspoonful of butter. Bake at 350 degrees F. until the edges curl. Serve with a piece of lemon.

**Deviled Oysters**  
Mince one pint of oysters and put into a saucepan with one tablespoonful of butter, one-half cupful of cracker crumbs, and season with salt and pepper. Simmer three minutes, stirring gently. Pour into a greased baking-dish and sprinkle with buttered crumbs. Bake until the top is a rich gold or brown in a hot oven of 350 degrees F. Serves four.

**Oyster Loaf**  
Chop two cupfuls of oysters very fine. Add one-half teaspoonful of salt and one-eighth teaspoonful of pepper, one-half of a green pepper, and one tablespoonful of onion minced together. Add two eggs well beaten, one and one-half cupfuls of bread crumbs, and one-half cupful of oyster liquor. Pour into a well-greased loaf pan and set in a pan of hot water. Bake for about thirty minutes at 325 degrees F. Serves six.

Sow mustard greens late this fall. It will come up and function in a hurry next spring.

**Living Christmas Trees**  
If the price of a live Christmas tree seems high, why not make the tree, serve as a gift to some member of the family. It is surely just as appropriate to give a gift for beautifying the home without as it is to give something for beautifying the home within. The tree is a gift that will not wear out, nor deteriorate with age and will actually grow in value.

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This chic ensemble is of black tulle. The long coat is trimmed with a shawl collar of black caracul. The flared skirt has a bodice top. The coat is lined with the same material as the blouse—eggshell lacy crepe. The blouse is shirred in the front into a band which is trimmed with tiny buttons covered in the same material. The bow at the neck coordinates the final feminine touch.

### An Inexpensive Christmas Gift

One of the least expensive and most acceptable Christmas gifts is a hat rack.

This is the way to make one that costs almost nothing at all. Get "good sized pieces of light weight cardboard. The kind that come in shirts from the laundry or the lids of suit boxes. Cut these into pieces about six inches long and twelve inches wide. Roll them into cone shapes and sew the edges with heavy thread—the long stitches on the inside. Trim the bottoms until they are straight.

Now you are ready to decorate the hat rack.

Take hot glue (heat the glue that comes in bottles or make your own glue by boiling glue shavings bought in a paint store until they are dissolved) and go over the surface of each cardboard cone. Now take brightly colored pieces of chintz and cover the cones. Turn up the edges about an inch on the inside, cut them straight, and then glue them.

**Christmas Pines**  
Bernice Dwell Peabody

O Little Pine Tree in the wood,  
Perhaps, if you are very good,  
When Christmas comes, they'll let you wear  
A Christmas present in your hair!

**BLACK IS CHIC**

Courtesy, Stehl, Paris

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### Handy Things For Housewife To Know About

The visits in a room are almost as important as the immediate environment.

If your pudding has a tendency to stick to the mold, place a hot wet cloth around it for a few minutes and the pudding will slip out with very little trouble.

An egg and milk mixture, such as custard, must be cooked very slowly.

To roast beef, after you have seared the outside, in a very hot oven, reduce the heat to what might be termed hot, and continue roasting, allowing twelve to fifteen minutes to the pound for rare roast beef; or fifteen to twenty minutes to the pound for medium well done.

Veal or pork may be used in any chicken salad with good results.



APPARENTLY it will again be a velvet winter, and we are not complaining as velvet spells elegance and simplicity. Of course, many of the new fall evening wraps are of luxurious furs, but in the wrap illustrated Moynoux has used transparent velvet in black. It features a variation of the scarf collar and bow. A long graceful swallow-tail on the center back which all but trails the ground, gives the wondrous effect of the present mode. The simplicity of the front is broken only by the scarf over the left shoulder, and a jeweled pin fastening. Unfortunately, you are not able to see the design of the gown in the sketch, but the material is the new chiffon tulle which will be so popular this fall.

### Oilcloth Serves Many Purposes

A piece of oilcloth behind the kitchen stove and around the sink and tubs is a great help to the woman who likes a tidy kitchen. Grease and steam from the cooking and the splash of water from the faucets make these two places need almost constant attention. While the painted walls respond to soap and water, they may fade under the constant application.

The oilcloth has the advantage of washing down easily with a soapy cloth. It comes in charming patterns, too, all the way from neat blocks of color to the most vivid futuristic angles. It dresses up the room—and what woman doesn't work better in a kitchen that is gay and cheerful? The easy washability of the oilcloth makes it serviceable for window sills, cupboard shelves, and tub covers. The most matter-of-fact kitchen can be dressed up and made enjoyable by a few yards.

In many modern homes the entire kitchen is covered with washable wall paper of the oilcloth variety. It is inexpensive and it saves labor when the annual wall-washing period comes around, for a soapy cloth rubbed over it and a wiping with a clean cloth are all that is necessary. You can save your "elbow grease" for some other expedient that is far more enjoyable than wall washing.

**Place Plates**  
Strict regard for the niceties of table setting is an unflinching test of the clever hostess and requires continued observance of the correct laying of all the sterling appointments. An item of particular importance is the place plate, used today in many smart homes.

The etiquette of this plate of sterling need cause no worry in the heart of the inexperienced housewife. She must remember only this: at no time should the guest be left without a plate in front of him. The service plate remains upon the table until the fish is served and forms a foundation for both the cocktail and the soup. Like all pieces it is removed from the left by the maid. In many homes the place plate is returned and used for the dinner course for which it is equally appropriate.

**New Table Decorations**  
Unique Christmas table decorations are brass candle holders in the form of stars, and the little wooden figures made by Russian and German peasants and imported to this country. The latter, which are painted in bright colors, have a naive humor, show medieval figures of brightly attired saints, like a stained glass window, and they hold a taper in each hand and thus serve as candlesticks.—American Home.

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