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Christmas Decorations



By Margery Taylor (Interior Decoration Editor, McCall's Magazine. Written for the Mail Tribune).

At Christmas time "decoration" means something different than its all-year round meaning. But in Christmas decoration there are also new styles. The decorations should definitely follow the architectural spirit of the room.

erously hung, shredded tin foil icicles, and silver balls or balloons, with a silver star at the top. The lights are all white. Lamps of many colors are frowned upon. The tree, to be in style, should have lights of all one color—green, blue, yellow or red.

Open House Hollywood's Christmas; Only Day When Movie-Making Halts

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Christmas in Hollywood means "open house."

It is the only day in the year when the business of making movies comes to a dead halt.

Sundays and other holidays often see belated pictures being rushed to completion, but December 25 always brings a complete cessation of activities.

For that reason picture folks usually can be found at home on Christmas day and most of them let it be known they expect "drop-ins."

This open-house spirit may be a natural growth as a substitute for the Christmas atmosphere which is found in nearly every other locality besides southern California.

For there never is a "white Christmas" in Hollywood.

Among the stay-at-homes of stardom who will entertain friends on Christmas are Lupe Vele, Marion Davies, Colleen Moore, Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon.

The Buster Keatons and the Harold Lloyd, whose estates are huge play places, will entertain many during the day. Lloyd can heat his swimming pool and probably will urge his guests to take a plunge, even if it is a bit chilly.

Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks will spend the day at their home with a group of relatives and friends, including the Maurice Chevalier. After Christmas Fairbanks will go to Europe alone.

Conrad Nagel's Christmas party will be aboard his yacht, where he will entertain his family and a few friends. A tree will be erected on the deck.

This year, as in the past, Wallace Beery will be host to all the children in his neighborhood, about 50 of them, at dinner. Afterward the screen heavy will play Santa Claus for his guests.

William Powell, Ronald Colman and Richard Bartholme, Hollywood's "three musketeers," will go to some California resort where snow sports may be enjoyed.



Hollywood, where they don't have a "white Christmas," decorates with these modernistic trees on its main street.

Christmas Memories By Mary O. Carey

Back to my home, that dear old home, Where the joys of my childhood lay. My memory flies to my dear old home And the pleasures of Christmas day.

Thoughts of the dainties Mother made, The fire in the wide-open hearth; Fancies of the mythical Santa Claus, The story of the Christ-child's birth.

I see the tracks of the reindeer In the depths of the fleecy snow; They were made in sport, by father— The trait of old Santa to show.

Again I see the Christmas tree, placed In the corner in stately array; We children scrambling out to find The gifts that in its branches lay.

The festive board that Mother had laid— Its snow whiteness I'll never forget, Her hands the dainties had prepared; Such holy fragrance I smell them yet.

'Twas a labor of love and happiness, We shall prize when the years have flown, Only a Mother can love like that; Only her children, such love have known.

Only in dreams can I go back, Mother dear— Back to the joy of my childhood home; But while the life shall last, my memory Shall call me back from where I roam.

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Holiday Shoppers Favor Novelties In Gift Search

By Hazel Reavis NEW YORK (AP)—Novelty in Christmas gifts seems to be the aim of merchant and shopper alike this year.

More New Yorkers than usual, according to store managers, are expressing their greetings with baskets of fine foodstuffs.

Ornamental waste baskets, or make-up boxes filled with choice tidbits are a favorite remembrance. Some confirmed lovers of rare foods even send imported choicest as holiday reminders.

Sets of ash trays for all people and all rooms are a novelty on which the Christmas gift shop organizers have let loose their imagination.

Even bath-rooms are not forgotten by the ash-tray experts. It is possible to get a neat little ash tray which can be attached to the bath tub soap dish, a water pipe or window ledge.

Gifts of games no longer are limited to young people. Growth-up games are featured side by side with juvenile playthings in leading shops.

Some new recreations have appeared for the Christmas trade. One of them is puff billiards, a fast game played with air guns and a small wooden ball.

There are many indoor-archery games to select from. Archery poker is one of the new ones.

Backgammon boards are prominently displayed in all the game departments. For bridge players there are new designs in playing cards. Bridge ensembles are put up in many forms.

Even the containers for this year's Christmas gifts reflect merchandisers' search for things new and different.

For instance there are paper-mache bottles bearing labels of champagnes and vintage wines. Shopping advisers recommend them as boxes for the inevitable neckties, gloves and handkerchiefs.

Electric Appliances Make Popular Gifts

The idea of giving practical gifts which has gained much favor in recent years accounts for the present popularity of electric appliances with the American people.

"Give Something Electrical" has become a national slogan at Christmas time, for the modern electric appliance is always an appreciated gift—"as beautiful as it is useful."

There are many new and attractive items in electrical equipment for the home from which to choose including such worthwhile gifts as electric refrigerators, ranges, radios, washers, ironers and vacuum cleaners. Among the smaller appliances are automatic percolators and urn sets, automatic toasters and waffle irons, egg cookers, grills, portable heaters and many other gifts to be enjoyed by every member of the family.

The popularity of the electrical gift is due to its lasting value—bringing happiness and convenience, not for just a day but throughout the entire year.

SMALL TRAINS SMART ON EVENING GOWNS

PARIS (AP)—Paris is wearing a train or two these evenings. They are small trains, lying only six to 10 inches on the floor, but they give madame an opportunity to make a sweeping entrance into the ballroom.

One of the smartest women at the Ritz recently appeared in a pink and black flowered chiffon model, designed with soft drapes over the hips and having a train draped from one side.

MRS. HOOVER WEARS BLACK CREPE GOWN

WASHINGTON (AP)—Embroidered cuffs and collar of white mull are worn by Mrs. Hoover on a dull black dress of late crepe. The long and flaring skirt has a belted bodice. With it she wears a black coat with high collar of Persian lamb. The small hat has a band of silver.

CHIFFON FANS COME INTO FAVOR

PARIS (AP)—The sweeping ostrich fan is giving way to one of chiffon in many Parisian drawing rooms.

The chiffon fans, about 18 inches long, have the same tortoise shell sticks as the ostrich fans, but instead of feathers the body is built of circular pieces of ruffled chiffon.

Dusty pink is a favorite shade.

Velvet Hat Chic for Street



This transparent velvet hat, smart with almost any costume for the street, is worn well back on the head so the face is framed in softly waved hair. The effect is shown in this model by Thurn.

Cotton Joins the Animal Fair



SHOPPING for Christmas toys or making them at home is like visiting the "animal fair." The birds and the beasts are there. But they're all dressed up in gay new costumes this year.

One of the interesting new ideas that is being emphasized nowadays is the washable toy. Many mothers know from experience how difficult it is to keep Junior's playthings or Betty's doll family as

Jacket That Matches Jewelry New Mid-Winter Color Idea

By Diana Merwin PARIS (AP)—Short, velvet jackets the color of their jewels are a little mid-winter idea of ultra smart Parisiennes who are having a big white season.

If emeralds are the piece de resistance in the jewel box the little jackets worn with the white dresses are emerald green.

Some women carry the idea even further and conform their slippers to the color note. Almost everything but white slippers is seen with white evening dresses. The wraps are almost without exception made of velvet. It may be cotton velvet, easy to work into crisp original lines, or silk velvet draped in graceful folds.

The little wraps are meant to be worn under the evening coat. Aside from supplying the color note they cover up shoulders and backs in a season of exaggerated décollete.

For that reason they are short and seldom encumber the hips. Most of them stop at the waistline where they fasten with a jeweled buckle or soft loops which are not bulky under the outer wrap.

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Gleam of Gold Lends Brilliance To Social Season at White House

By Sue McNamara WASHINGTON (AP)—Gold is the dominant note in the brilliant social season just inaugurated at the White House.

The gleam of gold in uniforms of many countries and in the gowns of the women promise a season of unusual splendor.

The White House, during a big dinner or on a reception night, looks as if King Midas might have passed that way turning everything he touched to gold.

Gold dishes in the state dining room, gold candle sticks, and gold vases holding bouquets of great russet-gold chrysanthemums all have their places in the social festivities.

Women, clad in rustling white and gold brocade or lace over gold do their part in making the scene in the White House as sparkling and brilliant as anything from a fairy book tale.

Mrs. Hoover dispensed with roses—the usual formal dinner flower—at the cabinet dinner which inaugurated the White House festivities, and replaced them with the feathery gold pompons.

The flowers were everywhere resting in gold bowls. At the diplomatic reception, attended by 1,600 guests, Mrs. Herbert Hoover wore a gown of white and gold brocade made with a long court train. The rich gleam accentuated in her gown was caught up at a hundred angles from gold braid on uniforms and in dresses.

Mrs. Henry L. Stimson, wife of the secretary of state, also wore white and gold brocade. Mrs. Ray Lyman Wilbur, wife of the secretary of the interior, wore black lace over gold.

New Beach Togs Are Swanky



New outfits for Florida beach wear show new touches of smartness. The one-piece tank suit of yellow with a brown detachable skirt (left) is both a walking and swimming suit. In a sailor outfit (right) a one-piece bathing suit is covered by "gob" pants in navy blue jersey.

Any Fork Will Do

By Emily Post (Copyright 1930, Collier's Weekly) It is doubtful whether any other subject has so many false approaches and so many upsidown or paradoxical rulings as that of etiquette. Many essential details of vital importance are repeatedly overshadowed by "spot-light questions" such as which fork to choose; questions of no more consequence than whether in writing the figure 8, one should begin it like a 6 or an 8.

In other words, "manners that charm" are not attributed to those who pick up a fork with crisp crossings at the top, in order to eat fish—or is it salad? Personally I don't like crisp-crossings on any sort of fork, nor do I like crab-legged prongs. I find no more beauty in a freak-shaped piece of flat silver than in any other deformity.

Moreover, at best-appointed tables, no one could have great difficulty in deciding which fork to use because, except that the one for meat is rather larger and the one for oysters very small, they are all exactly alike. And that is the secret of that!

If you do happen, anywhere, to eat fish with the one intended for the entrée or the salad, then you merely eat the entrée or the salad with the fork you have left. Nothing could be simpler.

And you, in the thousands of letters that have been written me, no other question has been so often repeated as this one detail about forks.

The point I want to emphasize is the rather curious one that those who ask me about the most unimportant trifles of table manners are most often the very same people who unknowingly break rules of genuine importance.

I couldn't begin to count the letters that have asked me: "How can I tell which is the proper fork to use?" or "How many inches should I sit from the edge of the table?" or "Is it permissible to pick up my fork with my left hand, or is it more correct to cross over my plate and take up the fork in my right hand?" or "When taking my place at the table should I approach my chair from the right or the left side?"

"How much of a napkin should be unfolded?" and then they will sign their letters: "Yours truly, Mrs. Henry Smith;" or still worse, "Yours truly, Mrs. Mabel Smith."

In other words, with their attention fixed on clearing away an imaginary cobweb, they blantly and unknowingly bring the whole ceiling crashing down! Few greater offenses to good taste can be committed than signing a letter to a lady or to a gentleman, "Mrs." or "Miss" or "Mr.," without parenthesis. Because since no lady ever signs a letter "Mrs.," except to her servants, she might as well sign herself: "Mrs. Mabel Smith, who is of higher social position than you are." Which would be as untrue as it would be rude because no one of really high position could any more sign a letter like that than she could write "wen!"

It must be granted that in business, "Mrs. Mabel Smith" is often difficult to avoid but from Best Society's point of view, "Mrs." followed by a woman's christian name is in worst possible taste.

Table manners on the other hand resolve themselves into a few important don'ts: Don't chew with your mouth open, or talk with your mouth full.

Don't do anything that is offensively smelly or messy. Don't attract attention by unpleasantness of either sight or sound.

These are the requirements of decency.

There are 47 department stores in Chicago.

For Christmas Cheer



WHEN toes are tingling, bells are ringing and cheeks are rosy red, you have a host of jolly visions before you go to bed. A nice big juicy Christmas cake appears before your eyes, and snow and ice and ringing sleigh bells, and candy, fruits and pies, and mistletoe and fun and holly together with the best of luck and happy times and laughter before you go to rest.

As far as fruit cake fills your wishes, it's easy to obtain, for you can get it made already (to save you stress and strain) in boxes bright with pretty pictures all laquered on the tin, or if you want to make a pudding, put these ingredients in:

Noel Pudding To one cup dry bread crumbs add one and one-half cups flour sifted with two and one-fourth teaspoons baking powder, one-fourth teaspoon salt, one-half teaspoon nutmeg and one-half teaspoon cinnamon. Mix two-thirds cup brown sugar, two-thirds cup chopped suet, one-half cup chop-

ped walnuts and one-fourth cup chopped dates, and add to the first mixture. Add two well-beaten eggs and one cup sour milk mixed with one-half teaspoon soda. Add the contents of a 1-pound can of figs, well drained and cut fine, one cup stiff-beaten heavy cream and beat together.

This is a large pudding and will serve from sixteen to twenty people, as it is rich and the serving must not be too large, or your dreams Christmas night will not be as pleasant as your visions on Christmas Eve.

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