



Novel Ways of Wrapping Gifts

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A world full of gladness,
Of love and good cheer,
Merry Christmas to you
And a Happy New Year.

HAT the holidays are with us once more, we are sure to hear the question: "How shall I wrap up my present this year?" Although there is nothing new, yet we may give a little touch here and there that will make them different and more interesting.

Why not make the wrapping as attractive as the gift? Holly, pine, bells, stars and Santas are the symbols of Christmas and should be used profusely with white, red, green and brown ribbons and paper.

The ideas suggested below may help some friend who is looking for something different:

Use white tissue paper and dark brown satin ribbon. A spray of pine comes (with a touch of white paint) may be tied with the ribbon.

Use red tissue paper and white satin ribbon. Have the ends finished with red tassels.

Use white tissue paper over red tissue. Tie with red satin ribbon, with a sprig of holly in the center.

Bore holes in tiny hemlock cones—splashed with a weak solution of alum—and run ribbon through the holes. They will sparkle like frost.

Use white paper and brown satin ribbon for wrapping, and tie one or two of the cones in with the ribbon.

Use light green tissue paper and silver cord which has been wound with smilax.

Use heavy white paper and wide red satin ribbon. Have an immense bow in the center.

Use red tissue paper and green ribbon. Fit needles may be tied in with the ribbon.

Use white paper and brown satin ribbon. Tie a pine cone—splashed with alum—in with the bow.

Use green tissue paper over white tissue paper and tie with gold cord. They gilded wishbones may be tied in with the ribbon.

Use heavy red paper and tie with white ribbon. Stand a small Santa Claus where the ribbons cross.

Use red paper and tie with gold cord, on the ends of which are tiny gold bells.

Use heavy paper and red satin ribbon. Use red paper and holly ribbon.

Use white tissue paper over light green and tie with silver cord, on the ends of which are tiny silver bells.

Use white paper, with satin ribbon, on the ends of which are tiny snowballs—made of white cotton covered with mica scales.

On large packages use white paper, red ribbon, and a polka-dot tie in with the bow. On the ends of the petals have tiny snowballs tied on with silk thread.

Use red paper and tie with red and green raffia which has been braided.

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Let Us Remember

By Emily Burks Adams

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OTHER, what is that poetry you're quoting?" said Agnes, as her mother came from the sewing room, where she and Jane were making dresses for the fatherless cousins who lived in the country.

"Oh!" said mother, "I was just saying to Jane—"

"It's not the pleasure we enjoy, in life, as it comes our way; But the joy we give to others."

Marked out best and happiest day. Agnes, who was of a more serious mind, replied: "Well, Jane knows that, doesn't she, mother?"

"Oh! Yes, of course, or at least she should. She just said she was powerfully tired, and sewing for relatives and she wished some one would sew for her once."

"Well, mother," continued Agnes, "it doesn't seem fair for us to do all the helping. Why doesn't Aunt Kate help?"

"She has acids of more and no one to think of herself. She could clothe them outright and never miss it."

"Yes, daughter, but what greater joy do we receive at Christmas than the letter of love and appreciation?"—all ways a note from each one, and just as soon as they get the box, too. Aunt Kate has never known need and she doesn't know how to share. Before we had plenty, how delighted we were to receive even second-hand clothes from Uncle and Aunt Defoe. Always something new, too. My! how we enjoyed opening the box."

"Yes, mother, dear, 'tis true we do soon forget," said Agnes, thoughtfully.

"Let's hurry, mother," said Jane, picking up her needle. "Never a word of complaint from me again. Let's make the prettiest boxes ever."

"Yes," chimed in mother, "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me."

"A real Christmas to them this time," and Jane was off to town for some little gifts, Christmas seals and holly.

The packages were sent full of useful gifts, Christmas seals and love and carried Christ's benediction.

Christmas

She—if I stood beneath the mistletoe, would you kiss me?

Ho—Yes, but I'd do it quicker behind the Christmas tree.

Poor Fellow

Bug—There isn't a thing on that tree for me!

JUNIOR AMERICAN RED CROSS ARMY 5,596,663

Children of 29,942 Schools Now Enrolled in Movement of Service to Humanity.

The American Junior Red Cross, which was organized as a children's auxiliary during war-times especially to help the young refugees in Europe, and to exemplify in peace-time the Red Cross ideal of service, has now a membership of 5,596,663 in the schools of the United States and the insular possessions.

This junior movement gives opportunity for the children to share in Red Cross effort parallel to that of the parent organization. Juniors are therefore identified in varying degrees with the Red Cross, disaster relief work, salvage and other suitable activities of value to the operations of the Red Cross.

It is a valiant host marching on under the "Service to Humanity" banner of happier childhood everywhere and particularly wherever the American flag flies. The enrollment embraces 29,942 schools and 147,488 school pupils, a gain over 1923 of 5,455 schools and 22,414 school pupils. The year's gain in membership was 769,402 children, or nearly 30,000 for each month of the school year.

The educational and social values of the Junior Red Cross movement are thus evidencing the firm and cordial endorsement of school authorities. The government has added the weight of recognition by extending the Junior Red Cross in the schools for American Indian children. The American Red Cross is also planning to develop the Junior program in 600 rural schools in isolated sections.

There is no statement of the exchange of correspondence between schools in the United States and schools in foreign lands. During the year the Junior Red Cross in part supported operations in twelve European countries. It is a potent influence for the cultivation of international good will and the example has been the means of stimulating the formation of Junior Red Cross societies in more than thirty countries.

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The Mothers' Strike

I dreamed last night the mothers of the world were on a strike;

They'd grown quite weary of the endless tasks they must perform;

So they laid their brooms and dustcloths down and decently walked out;

Regardless of the future, for they knew their men would atone.

They were tired of washing dishes, making beds and sweeping floors;

They were worn with cooking three meals every day;

They were weary of the crying and the fretting of the babies

And of mending and of darning without pay!

They had toiled and slaved from day-break till the darkness of the night,

With no time to rest that they could call their own;

There were little voices calling "mother!" all the whole day long.

Till the mothers of the world had weary grown.

One long day, all topsy turvy, the fathers moaned and wailed;

Frying eggs and spilling grease upon the floor;

While the children quarreled fiercely and were grumpy and unkempt,

And the fathers gloomed and groaned as never before.

But when bedtime came the chorus of the kiddies was so loud!