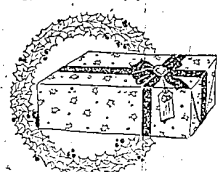


Ways of Wrapping Christmas Gifts

Colored Paper, Ribbon, Cord and Seals Will Add to Attractiveness.

By MARTHA BANNING THOMAS

PART of the enjoyment of Christmas gifts comes from the jolly way in which packages are wrapped. Of course, brown paper and strong cord (if they are to go by parcel post) are not particularly beautiful, yet there is a certain pleasant look about them if they are properly used. Poorly and shabbily wrapped packages are a blot on the tidy character of the sender! Besides causing endless trouble to the postman and mail officials.



Black Ribbon, Red Tissue Paper; Red Seal Center of Bow.

may render a gift doubly delightful. White tissue paper is always in excellent taste; with this can be used various kinds of Japanese paper ribbon. This ribbon is strong, dainty and lends itself to graceful knots and bows. Don't combine too many colors on one package. There is an art in this as well as other things. Red tissue paper looks well tied with gold cord; a black Christmas seal at the center of the bow gives a charming effect. It is not always well to tie your bow precisely on the top and middle of a package. Try one end for a change, and even one side. Black ribbon used with red tissue paper is very effective, and pique in a sprig of holly at the bow.

Gray paper tied with red ribbon is lovely. Green paper is a trifle ordinary used with red ribbon; try green ribbon of a contrasting shade with a red seal for a touch of color. If you are very ambitious, you can use various shades of sealing wax and dust "snow" over it before it is dry.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT

By MARIAM CLARK FOTTER
(a French Correspondent)

N CHRISTMAS NIGHT I wonder, in a little waking dream, how like a pleasant fairy tale the Christmas stockings seem. And are they really hanging on a happy little row?

"Oh, this is stockings' holiday, and this our night of nights! And we alone may stay awake and watch the magic sights. How many days we trudged about on restless little feet! But now we guard the Christmas toy and hold the Christmas sweet."

Christmas Cookies

Cream together two cupfuls brown sugar and one-half cupful butter. Add one-half well-beaten egg, eight tablespoons sweet milk, one saltspoonful salt, one-half teaspoonful soda dissolved in one-eighth cupful boiling water, one teaspoonful cinnamon, two and one-half cupfuls rolled oats, two cupfuls flour. Mix all together and let stand for an hour, then drop a teaspoonful at a time on greased tins. Press a fat raisin on the top of each and bake in a moderate oven. This amount makes about four dozen cookies.

Artificial Textiles

In Turin is offered for sale for the first time the new artificial wool and cotton made by a process analogous to that which produces artificial silk in abundant quantities. The invention is the work of Italian experiments and Italian firms are ready to commercialize it as soon as its practicality has been proved. Apparently the first results are not wholly satisfactory, but researches are continuing in the Rossi textile works and other factories. Should they prove successful, the result might be a profound alteration in the currents of world trade. Most of the raw materials of the new invention can be obtained in Italy, which may thus become largely independent of American and Egyptian cotton producers and of the English shepherd.

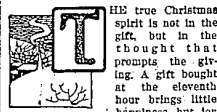
Verse From the Bible

That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it is man: neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he.—Ecclesiastes 6:10.

Christmas Spirit May Be Continued

Presents Useful Throughout Year Always Gladly Received.

By GERTRUDE WALTON



THE true Christmas spirit is not in the gift, but in the thought that prompts the giving. A gift bought at the eleventh hour brings little happiness, but joy to the giver will be a "love remembrance" thought out, planned and made, if possible, with sacrifice of time, labor and money. Because of that sacrifice, is proven that love wraps the gift.

A little gift may mean a jar of fruit—cherries—and make up a rhapsody. "A cherry to make you merry," make candy or cakes, with original messages and decorations, and no costly gift could bring greater joy to the child when she presents it to a auntie or mother. Or when she fills a paper of needles with nice long threads for grandmother with a note that she will be "grandmother's needle eyes" after this, because of dear grandmother's failing eyesight, brings comfort to the dear soul and unbounded happiness to the giver, because she spent leisure hours at, and hurried home from school, to the task.

There may be a continued Christmas spirit as a continued story, when Christmas clues are followed by listening and watching all year the wishes and wants of friends or relatives. If a favorite color is expressed, that is a clue. If sister dislikes to dust, or brother to put his shoes away, a sanitary dust cloth and a shoe-holder may help to overcome the dislike. A package for every month in the year brings surprises each month and Christmas spirit through the year. Each month's package may contain something in keeping with the season. True, there is sacrifice in planning such gifts, but "The Greatest Gift" to the world was through supreme sacrifice.

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Not Snowballs

Three cupfuls pastry flour, one cupful confectioners' sugar, one-half cupful butter, one-half cupful milk, the whites of six eggs; three teaspoonfuls baking powder.

Cream the butter and add the sugar. Beat for five minutes. Sift the flour and baking powder and add to the former, alternating with milk. Fold in lastly the stiffly-beaten whites and

steam for thirty minutes. Serve with orange marmalade and whipped cream or with your dessert.

Walnut Caramels

One pound brown sugar, one-half cupful corn syrup, one tablespoonful butter, four tablespoonfuls chocolate one-half pound walnuts. Boil all together until thick when tried in water; then add walnuts. Stir well and pour in buttered dishes; cut in squares when nearly cold.

Mention of Christmas

The first mention of Christmas in literature occurs in the second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first verse. That is a simple mention of the birth of Christ. During the first centuries of the Christian era, there was no written record of observance of Christmas.—George Newell Moran.

Do You Fear Lightning?

In the last five years 19 persons in Massachusetts were killed by lightning; or 1 out of every 1,013, 570 during the year. Dr. Arthur Gilbert, that state's commissioner of agriculture, points out the danger from speeding autos is several thousand times greater, but the doctor's survey shows that you are 10½ times as safe from lightning in a city as you would be in the country, because steel and frame buildings, trolley wires and so forth draw much electrical energy out of the atmosphere while a storm is brewing. However, he adds that a farmhouse properly rodged is as safe as a city dwelling during a thunderstorm.—Capper's Weekly.

Women Rule Town

The English village of Lawford is ruled entirely by women. This pretty little Essex hamlet has a woman in every available official post.

The men are so used to the women's rule that they think it strange that anyone should question their authority.

The rector, who with the undertaker and the digger of graves are the only men to hold important positions, says of the hamlet: "Most of the men of the village work two or three miles away at big factories. There is nothing in the village good enough for them, and there are only women left to fill the village posts."

Oh See What Santa Brought



Wise Child

The attitude of so many foreigners across the sea toward Americans demonstrates the truth of the proverb about fair-weather friends, and reminds one of little Billy. Billy's uncle paid him a visit. When he was leaving, Billy was playing out in front of his home with a group of boys, so his uncle gave him a dime, saying: "You have lots of playmates, Billy; are they all your friends?" "I was just playing with them," he replied, putting the dime in his pocket, "but they'll all want to be my friends now."—Los Angeles Times.

His Balance Low

Mother—Girls, we mustn't worry your father about police away this year. His bank balance is extremely low, I know. I looked in his check book yesterday and saw he had only one check left.—Progressive Grocer.

Household Hint

When water refuses to flow freely from your sink, attach a small piece of rubber hose to the cold water faucet, put the other end of the hose down the sink stopper, turn the water on full force, flush the pipes.

A Man's Price

A man is not a poor investment till he has ceased to take stock in himself.

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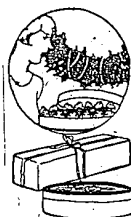
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