

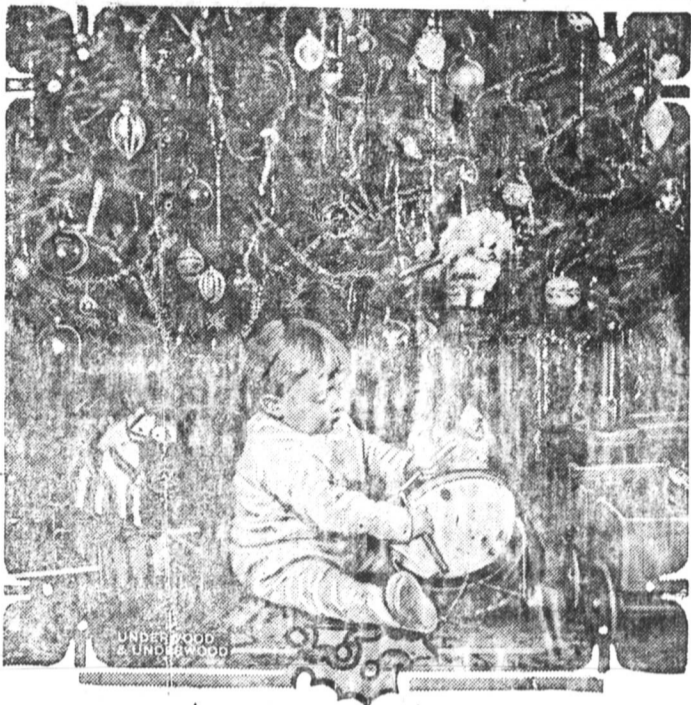
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The Christmas Tableau

By Christopher G. Hazard

JOHNSON'S boy could have whatever he wanted, but his father had forgotten something. When Mr. Wilson was a boy himself he had often lingered by the baker's window on his way to school and resolved that when he had become a man and had made his fortune he would buy out the baker and have all the pie he wanted; but now, with all his money and all his manhood he had lost his taste for pie and could pass the baker's shop without noticing the tempting display. Mr. Wilson had forgotten that.

It was plain that he had forgotten it, for he had taken John Junior down to the great store on Pearl street and had told him that he could have for his Christmas celebration anything or everything that he saw there, and when his son had looked things over rather carelessly without wanting anything, he had been surprised. The fact was, however, that Junior, like his father, had already had too much to desire anything further. Junior had never known what it is to be hungry without supply. He had never even had to cry for things. He had lived under an outpouring cornucopia from his first gold spoon all the way on, without the joy of making a cart out of two wheels, an axle and a board, or a henhouse with the remains of a variety of old cooking boxes. So that it was very difficult, indeed, to devise a new sensation for young Wilson or kindle a new desire.

With the posturing group of entertainers performing on the snow-covered lawn before the house, however, it was different. They struck attitudes, formed figures, chased each other about, and gave their whole program of tableau with an eye on the following collection and under the inspiration of the hope that it would be a large one. They'd never outgrown a wish to know the full satisfaction of one, their appetites were always keen.



Lingered by the Baker's Window.

er than all the fun that John Wilson and his son together could get out of life.

The entertainment did bring one new thing into the rich monotony of the Wilson household, however—that of giving a Christmas party to some who would appreciate it and of thus obtaining a new experience for themselves.

The tableau performers were the first to receive invitations, and they were authorized to each invite five of their friends, so that the company that gathered at the Wilson party was a large, as well as a motley one. The selection of the presents had given Junior a sudden and new interest and pleasure at the big store, for the choosing of gifts for others was a novelty to him, and anticipation of their happy surprises had filled his mind with gladness. It was with a real welcome and a hearty handshake that he greeted his guests.

At first the company was rather overwhelmed by the splendors of the Wilson house. Its rich furnishings and dazzling lights made such contrasts that the boys and girls felt out of place and conspicuous. But after the unwinding of the cobweb, the strands of which led each one to a hidden gift, and when the games had made them forgetful of themselves, the joy of it all got into their feet and made them dance, the delight of it all made them sing, and they gathered about the big Christmas tree that beamed and twinkled in a corner of the parlor with an eager expectancy that made Junior a very happy Santa Claus, as he distributed his favors. Then, when the table had been cleared of its dainty refreshments, the leader said that they wanted to give some



A Little Girl Responds.

indoor tableaux for their hosts before they went.

So he called first for Madame Melba, and she responded with all the aplomb of a prima donna. Then Signor Caruso assumed a kingly attitude and looked upon the assembly with as much as he could assume of dignity. He was followed by Sir Harry Lauder, who added to his posture a verse of "It's Nice to Get Up in the Morning." This seemed to suggest the idea of going to bed first, and there was whispering about returning home, but one of the guests said they must have a song from Santa Claus before they went. This rather alarmed Junior at first, but he rose to it with a line or two from "Old King Cole Was a Merry Old Soul," which satisfied the demand. Then they all joined hands in a ring and sang the Christmas carol, "Away in a Manger," and so ended the Wilson party.

As the happy shouts lingered on the Christmas wind the Wilson family



Our Greeting

In the Spirit of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY brings us the consciousness that whatever our personal animosities may be, whatever the strife between nations—merely neighborhood quarrels greatly magnified—there is this sublime occasion devoted to peace and good will. Its spirit is the lamp which lights to higher life; its influence largely supports civilization and prevents a lapse into barbarism.

Christmas spirit means Christian spirit. In testing its effect, one has only to reflect upon the positions of races, the most advanced being those of Christendom. China, the best entity among peoples, has an admirable occasion upon which the citizens strive to liquidate all their debts. It is a national pay-up day, and in spirit somewhat resembles our Christmas. In Japan they have an annual event somewhat like our New Year's celebration, during which the people go about expressing good will and promoting good cheer. But Christmas has a more elevating effect than either, in that it not only typifies peace and good will, but carries the essence of unselfishness and pure love, the most common expression being the bestowal of gifts. When the Christmas influence gains to the point that its spirit shall permeate the affairs of every day in the year, the millennium will have arrived.

We have this day, and if we may not its ideal its heaven will produce other days of the kind. In the making of a newspaper we have an opportunity to view the many forces operating upon the character of humanity. We see the good and bad, the sincere and insincere, the selfish and unselfish. We believe the heaven of good is more active than that of the opposed forces. If we have been able to assist the right, much has been due to your co-operation and we earnestly solicit a continuation of the same. Our Christmas greeting to you is one of optimism, good cheer and hearty good wishes.

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presented a tableau themselves. Mr. Wilson stood by the window, looking after the departing children. Junior seemed arrested in the act of giving away the joy of the Christmas tree, while his mother paused by the table that gleamed with silver, seeming to feel again a forgotten gladness. The party left such an imprint upon the Wilsons' hearts that they have never since tried to have a Christmas to themselves.

GIVE PHOTOGRAPHS

DON'T mind what your look-glass tells you! She is prouder in your favor and she'll cherish your photograph and tell you it doesn't really quite do you justice. So have it taken and give it to her for Christmas. The camera has stood many a shock and will do it all stand many more to come.

Ask Law to Protect American Names.

At the nineteenth annual meeting and reunion of the Rouse Society for Genealogical Research, held in this city, resolutions were passed asking that a national act be passed by congress making it unlawful for any person to assume the family surname of any one of colonial, revolutionary or historical fame. It was also voted that for the protection of such names and to avoid confusion, mistakes or fraud, the organization seek to prevent foreigners from taking any colonial or American names which have been made prominent.—Boston Globe.

The Christmas Fur Coat

By 1922, Western Newspaper Union

NO ONE could understand the will. The old lady was even eccentric in the way she left her money. Among the many personal possessions she had mentioned had been that of her beautiful Russian sable fur coat, worth well into the thousands of dollars. This she had left to the old woman who had brought eggs to them from the country. It was to be given to the egg woman on the first Christmas after the old lady's death, and every Christmas after that she was to be given the interest on a sum of money, the principal of which was to be given to her when she reached a certain age, or before if she became ill.

"It's all very sensible except why, in the world did granmie leave that wonderful fur coat to that egg woman?" her grandchildren remarked. "Why, she won't know what to do with it. She's perfectly happy with an old rubber and a good warm sweater."

Never was such a Christmas present received, and never was there such joy, for fairy tales had come true in a great and mighty swoop, and she, who had fancied never throughout her entire life to wear anything on her back that was luxurious, now glided in her coat. And every week she went about

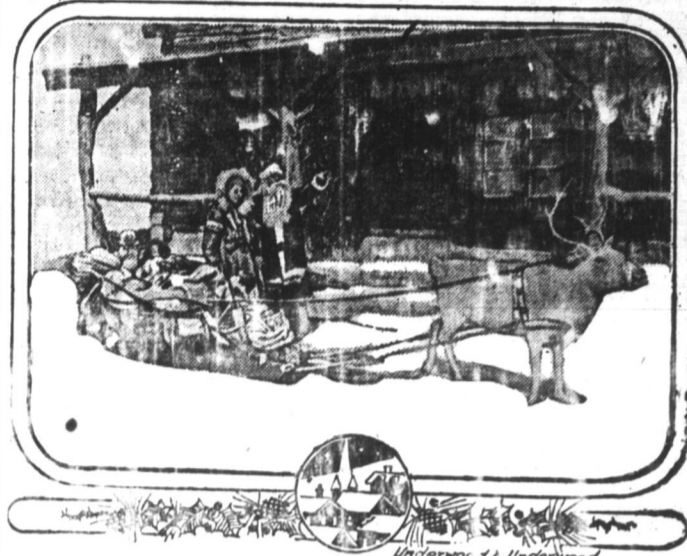
selling eggs, so happy in wearing the superb coat. For old granmie had understood more than any of them knew!

LESS BLINDNESS IN COUNTRY

Figures Reveal a Gratifying Decrease of Terrible Affliction Throughout the United States.

Imagine, if you can, a city of 100,000 inhabitants, where every individual is totally blind, where deaf, blind, feeble-minded, idiot, along with the rich man, poor man, beggarman and thief, are all in the same boat. That is just such a city. There are more than 120,000 totally blind people in the United States, and many times that number in other countries. The terrible cost of blindness is here a present and a large portion of the result of eye disease. It is encouraging to note, however, that blindness in America has decreased more than 20 per cent since glasses have become more common. Every other country has a far greater percentage of blindness, and they show a yearly increase. Three of every ten Americans wear glasses. Statistics prove that seven of each ten have enough eyestrain to warrant the wearing of correcting lenses. When we realize the relation of good vision to health and happiness, it is hard to understand why so many people neglect their eyes until they are permanently injured. In the first draft of American soldiers in 1917 had sight caused nearly three times as many rejections as any other physical defect. At the time of the draft 2,510,706 men were examined and 21.68 per cent were rejected because of grossly defective vision.—Illustrated World.

Santa's Special Delivery



A JOLLY SCRAP-BOOK

By MARTHA B. THOMAS

JOLLY scrap-books for children who are unfortunate in being ill in hospitals at Christmas time—or in any other place, for that matter—may be made of bright-colored advertisements pasted on cloth. Dark-green cambric makes an excellent background. If it is cut in rectangles of 18 inches by 18 and folded once through the center of the longest side, you have then four large pages for your book. Three of these rectangles make a respectable showing and give enough space for many pictures.

The brighter advertisements the better, and if you can think of a funny name to paste underneath each one, the children will squeal with delight. Sometimes variation may be gained by cutting the pictures in outline, if the figures are large enough. Covers of magazines often afford good material. A pretty cover for your book may be arranged by cutting small squares into triangles, using the gummed paper

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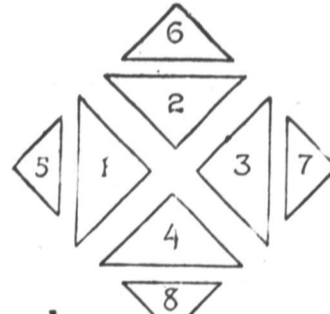
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To Decorate Christmas Scrap-Book.

Christmas ribbon of different colors, furnished in all stores in the holiday season, cut as broad a ribbon as possible, cut it to make a square, then cut the square diagonally, i. e., from corner to corner. You will then have four triangles of equal size. Cut another square of smaller size in the same way, and get four additional triangles. Paste the pieces on then be arranged as fancy dictates to make a decoration in the center of your cover. One such simple arrangement is shown. Of course these triangles need to be moistened and stuck on the cover according to the plan of your design.

New Control for Autos.

Dispensing with the present emergency brake and gear-shift levers in any motor car, the clutch, brakes and gear shifts are controlled by means of pneumatic pressure of from 40 to 65 pounds, obtained from the motor, in a device of recent invention. The apparatus, according to Popular Mechanics Magazine, is mounted on the transmission case in place of its cover, and is operated by means of a small pivoted lever. With the new control it is impossible to strip gears, or to engage the clutch when the brakes are set.