

TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Two little stockings hung side by side,
Close to the fireplace broad and wide,
"Two?" said Santa Claus, as down he came,
Loaded with toys and many a game,
"Ho! Ho!" said he, with a laugh of fun,
"I'll have no cheating, my pretty one!
I know who dwells in this house, my dear,
There's only one little girl lives here."
So he crept up close to the chimney-place,
And measured a sock with a sober face.
Just then a wee little note fell out,
And fluttered low, like a bird about,
"Ah! what's this?" said he in surprise.
As he pushed his specs up close to his eyes,
And read the address in a child's rough plan.
"Dear Santa Claus," so it began.
"The other stocking you see on the wall
I've hung for a girl named Clara Hall.
She's a poor little girl, but very good,
So I thought perhaps you kindly would
Fill up her stocking, too, tonight,
And help to make her Christmas bright.
If you've not enough for both stockings there,
Please put all in Clara's. I shall not care."
Santa Claus brushed a tear from his eye,
And "God bless you, darling," he said with a sigh.
Then softly he blew, through the chimney,
A note like a bird's as it soars on high,
When down came two of the funniest mortals
That ever were seen this side of earth's portals.
"Hurry up!" said Santa Claus, "and nicely prepare
All the little girl's wants where money is rare."
Then, oh! what a scene there was in that room,
Away went the elves, but down from the goom
Of the sooty chimney came tumbling low,
A child's wardrobe from head to toe.
How Santa Claus laughed as he gathered them in
And fastened one to the sock with a pin!
Right to the toe he hung a blue dress,
"She will think it came from the sky, I guess."
When all the warm clothing were fastened on,
And both little socks were filled and done,
Then Santa Claus tucked a toy here and there,
And hurried away to the frosty air,
Saying "God pity the poor and bless the dear child
Who pities them, too, on this night so wild!"
—Sarah Keables Hunt.

Say it With Flowers—In Harmony!



THE modern girl is finding new ways to make her clothes look different.

One idea is to wear evening slippers and flowers that harmonize. Above is a pretty girl in old-fashioned lace, wearing a pair of Thom McAn evening shoes of a beautiful pastel pink with gold heels. The old-fash-

ioned bouquet is made of pink sweetheart roses, gold-colored chrysanthemums and a few lilies of the valley.

The other girl is wearing brocade slippers of silver dusted with pink and blue. The smart flower shoulder straps are made of tiny pink rose buds and forget-me-nots, with gardenias for contrast.

Below a brocade shoe of silver and blue is shown with its harmonizing corsage of lilies of the valley and forget-me-nots trimmed with silver.

The idea is gaining such popularity that the Society of American Florists has a style expert to devise new and unusual combinations.

Bits About That Royal Holiday Bird

MENU

- Fruit Cup
- Olives Celery Curls
- Jellied Salmon
- Roast Turkey—Dressing
- Whipped Potatoes Banana Fritters
- Sweet Potatoes
- Perfection Salad
- Parker House Rolls—Butter
- Pumpkin Pie
- Coffee

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture)

When grandmothers lived chiefly in the country and raised their own turkeys it was a widespread tradition for all the branches of a family to gather at the old farm home to share the holiday feast, praise the cook, and exchange news.

Modern conditions make it more convenient at times for both the younger and the older generation to discontinue these very large old-fashioned gatherings. The various younger branches of the family often decided to celebrate individually, or to take their turn entertaining the old folks. One reason for the change is the fact that fine turkeys are now available in almost every market throughout the winter, as well as at the holiday season. So they are less of a novelty in themselves, and other conditions lead the modern young housewife to try her hand at cooking them rather than to look for an invitation to the old home.

The less experienced housekeeper, however, is apt to hesitate before the problem of selecting the royal bird. The United States Department of Agriculture suggests that when she goes to market she should look for tags attached to the legs of the turkeys displayed, indicating that the birds have been inspected and graded by the bureau of agricultural economics. The turkeys on the retail market generally fall under one of three groups: "Prime," "choice," and "medium."

The principal difference is in the amount of fleshing and the occurrence of defects due to dressing. Prime turkeys are full-fleshed, and medium are fairly well-fleshed. A turkey that bears one of these grades carries its own assurance of tenderness and palatability if properly cooked.

These graded turkeys are widely distributed. A single group of chain stores may absorb as many as 150 carloads of 2,000 turkeys each. Of course the housewife must go to market with some idea of the weight bird she will need. If only four people are to enjoy the dinner, an eight-pound turkey will be ample; in fact, it would serve six or eight if necessary. Perhaps a ten-pound bird would be a better choice for eight persons, and so on, correspondingly, with an increased number.

One must know, too, whether she wants to cook a young or an older turkey, the latter requiring longer, slower cooking. Age is distinguished, as with other poultry, by the flexibility of the tip of the breast bone, which bends easily in young birds.

As the government grades indicate, fleshing is the principal consideration in selecting a turkey. An exceptionally fine bird will have a broad full-fleshed breast, and the back, hips, and pin bones will be fully covered with fat. Young birds are softer meat than older ones, which have coarser flesh and require longer cooking. A good turkey should also be well bled, well dressed, and free from pin feathers. The crop should contain no feed. There should be no flesh bruises and very few skin abrasions. A dry-picked turkey is to be preferred.

Roasting The Turkey
Prepare the dressing the day before but do not stuff the bird until just ready to roast. Start in a hot oven; lower the flame in about half an hour, after the turkey has browned slightly. Cover and roast, basting every fifteen minutes, until about half an hour before the bird is finished. Remove the cover and allow the turkey to brown the remainder of the roasting period.

The giblets, which have been cooked previously, should be chopped and added to the gravy.

Special Sweet Potatoes
Boil six medium-sized sweet potatoes with the skins on until tender. Remove the skin, add one tablespoonful of butter, three tablespoonfuls of sweet milk, sugar to

suit the taste and mash well together. Add one cupful of raisins that have been soaked overnight. Put into a baking dish and place marshmallows around the top. Brown in the oven. This makes a delicious dish to serve with meat at dinner.

NEWS BRIEFS

HUMPHRIES SENTENCED

Paul L. Humphries, alias Robert Spencer, Guilford county man, pleaded guilty in federal court of impersonating a government officer, and Judge I. M. Meekins sentenced the defendant to the industrial reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio, for 18 months. It was recommended by the court that the defendant be transferred to Fort Eustis.

AVANT SENTENCED AGAIN

Hezzie Avant, 29, was found guilty at Laurinburg for the murder of Mrs. Smith E. Caulder and was sentenced to electrocution on January 27. In a previous trial he was sentenced to die last February 6 but was granted a new trial.

VICTIM OF ACCIDENTAL SHOT

A pistol, with which Ben Price, Jr., 10, was playing at Tarboro was accidentally discharged. The ball ranged from the left arm into the neck and caused death shortly afterwards.

PEANUT GROWERS ORGANIZE

As peanuts dropped to an all-time low of one cent per pound, growers in six North Carolina counties speeded up this week their plan of restricting sales by securing grower agreements not to sell until authorized by a central board in each county. Growers in four Virginia counties will be asked to join the movement.

\$542,500 FOR N. C. RIVERS

Allowance of \$542,500 for rivers and harbor improvement and maintenance in North Carolina for the year starting July 1, is recommended by the chief of the army engineers. A total of \$39,388,129 was asked for the nation, with \$24,441,029 for the maintenance and \$14,947,100 for improvements.

BONDED LIQUOR SEIZED

Nine men were captured aboard a liquor schooner flying a British flag at Beaufort in a raid by coast guardsmen. 680 cases of bonded liquor and two automobile trucks were seized in the raid.

Farley Likely Choice



Political prophets are agreed on only one man as a possible member of President-elect Roosevelt's cabinet... and that is James A. Farley for Postmaster General. Mr. Farley, shown above on vacation, is Chairman of the Democratic National Committee and also managed Gov. Roosevelt's campaign.

Conservation And Christmas

The Outlook.

Denver, Colorado, has solved the Christmas tree problem in a way that at once delights the children and pleases the conservationists. The forty thousand trees used in the community this month are the overflow of the Pike National Forest and timber lands under private ownership. The trees used for Christmas are those cut for the sake of thinning the growth and improving the condition of the trees left standing.

The roadside through the Pike National Forest displays signs inviting purchasers for trees. One of these signs, for example, reads:

CHRISTMAS TREE AREA

Trees are sold and cut on this area to thin the stand and secure increased growth in remaining trees. Cutting or removal of trees is permitted only under the direct supervision of the Forest Service. A Forest officer will be on the area during the Christmas season.

Under a city ordinance, all the trees sold in Denver must bear tags certifying that they were cut as beneficial thinnings. Trees offered without such tags subject the vendors to legal penalty.

That no injury results is proven by the fact that thinning requires the cutting of many more trees than those used for Christmas decoration.

Another method of using trees for Christmas without depleting our forests is that of setting up a living Christmas tree. For those who have grounds in which they can plant trees the use of the living tree for Christmas serves a double purpose. It not only insures a tree that will remain fresh during the period of celebration, but it supplies a tree of intrinsic beauty and sentimental associations for the home grounds. There is at least one organization which makes a special business of providing such trees, delivering them in specially constructed cartons with their roots kept fresh.

The Christmas tree is a legitimate product of our forests, but it should be and can be provided without deforestation.

Fashions Of 1900's Returning

Hollywood.—"She's as modern as tomorrow," a Hollywood stylist said the other day, commenting on a lovely lady of the cinema.

"Tomorrow," replied Earl Luick, "she will be as 'modern' as her mother was 30 years ago."

Luick, creator of women's wear for Fox Pictures, based his conclu-

sion on his experiences in designing gowns of the Edwardian period worn by Diana Wynyard and other who appear in "Cavalcade."

"Already, in current fashions we have seen evidences of this return to the style ideas of three decades ago," Luick continued. "In fact, for some of the 'Cavalcade' gowns I have been able to draw on the smart salons of New York and Hollywood for capes, fabrics, and trims to be used in the idealized costumes of the 1900-06 period of the story."

"I say 'idealized' since theatrical artifice, while demanding the reproduction of old styles in correct period, also necessitates the softening and subduing of these harsh lines and exaggerated, ugly features which make you shudder should you glance at Goundy's old fashion plates."

"There is not, nor will there be, any revival of the 'wasp' waist; no over-weighting of the shoulders; no ridiculously small and befeathered hats perched miraculously atop ponderous pompadours. How the smart and active woman of 1933 would rebel at such absurdities!"

"Yet the battering shoulder cape the elegance of fur, the bewitching muff, the moulded waistlines, all are with us today and will continue, I believe, to be the motivating force in determining the future dictates of Dame Fashion."

Miss Wynyard, who plays a typical English mother of the upper class, wears a suit of Dutch blue Lyons velvet trimmed with ermine and chinchilla and a rippling little cape sole tipped in ermine tails.

A hat of the same supple velvet with a bandeau of ermine and chinchilla tipped in ermine tails completes the costume.

A daytime dress is of rich wine-colored cloth with velvet appliques in the same shade. Leg o' mutton sleeves and pointed bodice trimmed with gold embroidered ecru lace are other Edwardian details.

WIDOWER GETS 184 ANSWERS TO AD

Goldsboro.—The widower, "J. S. C.," who advertised in the Duplin Journal at Warsaw for a wife is almost as bad off now as he was in the beginning.

His advertisement appeared in two issues of the paper, announcing he is lonely and that he wants a wife who does not drink or smoke.

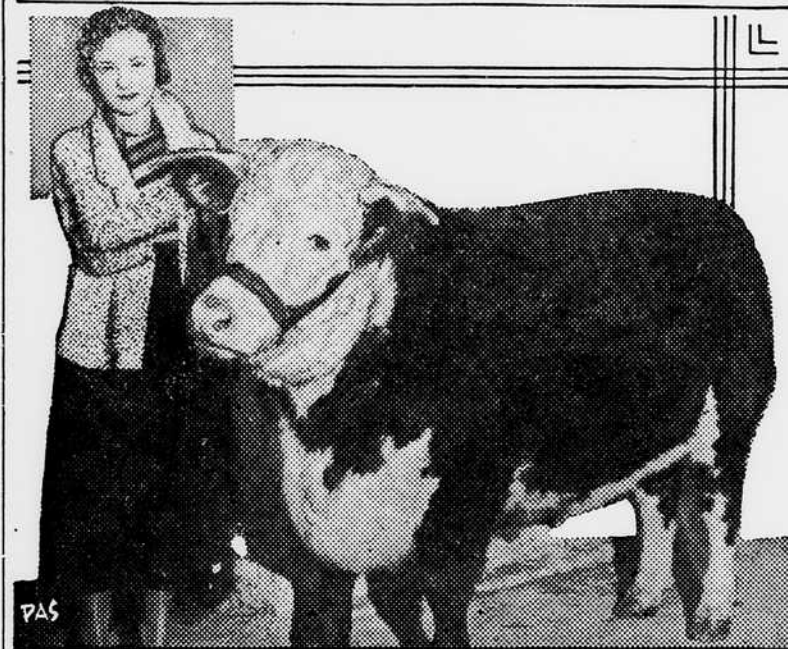
Already he has received 184 answers from trained nurses, bookkeepers, stenographers and others who say they, too, are lonely.

Now, "J. S. C." has so many applicants he can't decide which one to choose.

Say, "I Saw It in THE WATCHMAN."

Why We Hang Up The Christmas Stockings

Grand Champion Steer of 1932



"Texas Special", 1200 pound Prince Domino Herford, won the grand championship for steers at the International Show at Chicago. He is owned by Largent and Sons of Merkel, Tex., Miss Estelle Rothermel of Chicago posed the champion for this photo.

Not Enough Kick In 2.75 Per Cent Beer

New York.—Izzy Einstein, who won renown as "prohibition agent No. 1," thinks the return of four per cent beer "would make most of America forget all about hard liquor."

"From my experience," he said with a smile, "2.75 beer doesn't taste like much, and I can't guarantee it would end bootlegging or rum-running."

The experience he mentioned includes eight years as a prohibition agent, during which he figures he drank—strictly in the line of duty about 3467 pints of beer.

"Of course," he conceded, with a reminiscent grin, "there are a lot of people right here in New York who think they're real drinkers—real experts at telling what's what—who don't know the difference between ginger pop and liquid dynamite."

"I raided a downtown speakeasy once and the owner, with tears in his eyes, said, 'Izzy, take my whiskey, but don't touch that beer.'"

"He'd been in business for years, he told me, and people came from all over the city to get this wonderful beer."

"There were 1000 barrels of it.

He sold it for 50 cents a bottle. It cost him about 28 cents a bottle, he figured.

"I had a government chemist go down and test it. It was less than one-half of 1 per cent.

"And that man was crying with gratitude when he thanked me for proving how he'd been cheated all those years."

Einstein, who made 500 arrests and baffled associates and liquor dealers alike with the number and ingenuity of his disguises, estimated there are 100,000 speakeasies in New York city, employing a total of 500,000 persons.

"Anyone who thinks raising the alcoholic content to 2.75 or even 4 per cent will bring back wine is crazy," he says. "Two-seventy-five wine tastes like William Jennings Bryan's grape juice. Real wine has to have 15 or 20 per cent alcohol."

He is now with the same insurance firm of which Calvin Coolidge is a director.

"What's good enough for Coolidge is good enough for me," he says.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE!