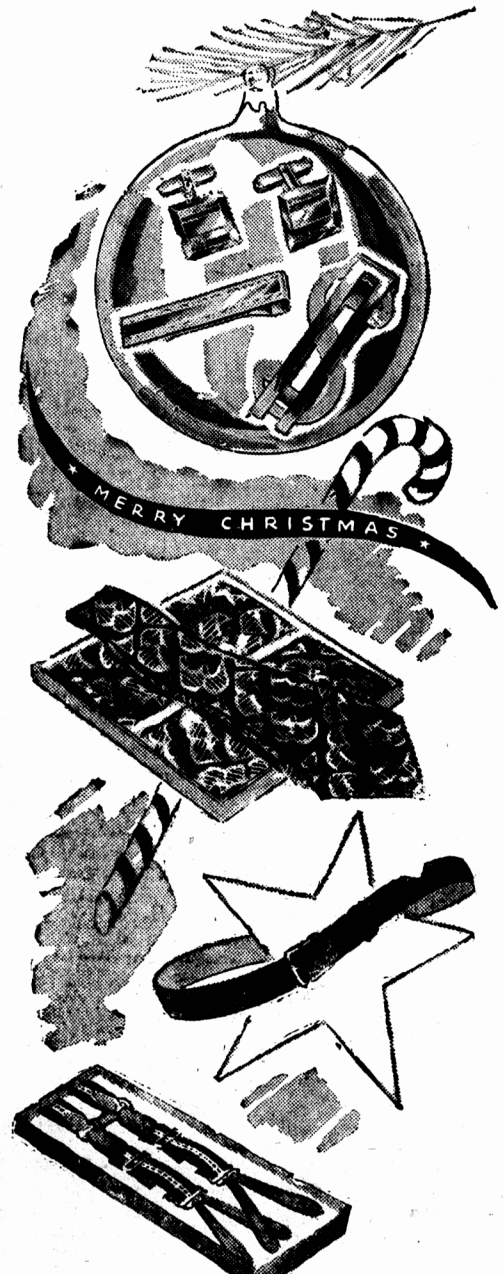


FOR HIM... Little Packages To Scatter Around the Tree



Small surprises... little extras to scatter among the big things in his pile under the Christmas tree! JEWELRY—a large assortment of sets... 75c up TIE-AND-HANDKERCHIEF SETS—a spot of color for any wardrobe... \$1.00 up BELTS—every man will welcome one more. In finest leathers... \$1.00 up SUSPENDERS—if he's never worn 'em, now's a good time to try!... 75c up

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Protector of the Faith

and so we'll have to do everything possible to keep little Randolph from learning the truth, Mrs. Hobson announced with prim vehemence to her husband. After all, what's Christmas without Santa Claus?



"Did you tell Santa what you wanted?" The next afternoon Helen proudly took her place among the fond parents who watched their children cautiously approach the bearded, red-robed figure seated on a white throne in Kerbing's toy department.

The Merry Christmas Emblem

Although the Prince Consort, husband of Queen Victoria, was responsible for making the Christmas tree popular in Britain, the real origin of the custom dates back many centuries.

Symbol From Heaven The legend has it that when he was preaching on Christmas morn-

Travelling southwards, the custom of setting up a Christmas tree was first adopted in Germany during the time of Martin Luther.

On The Altar The Swedish people keep the tree intact until January 13. On that date there is a final merry party and the children are invited in to take part in "The Christmas Tree Plundering."



Here is a feat which is apparently very simple, and yet actually most difficult to do. Take the two portions of an empty match-box and arrange them as shown below.



Stick This Parallelogram on a Postcard and cut into Three Pieces. Rearrange Them to Form a Cross.

THINK OF A NUMBER There are several "think of a number" problems, but 3 do not think you have heard of this one before.

HOW IT IS DONE As you hold the glass, with your can see as shown in Fig. 3 movement of the hand over the glass.

A Christmas Hymn WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS While shepherds watched their flocks by night, The angel of the Lord came down And glory shone around.

Custom Maintained In accordance with an old custom which some say began when the original St. Nicholas dropped a purse of gold down a fireplace and it accidentally landed in a stocking hung nearby, these youngsters hang their stockings with greatest care.

Games to Keep the Party Going

By Uncle Ernest

Many a party is ruined because the question of games is left to chance. The guests are often relied upon to suggest some pastimes, and should it happen that the expected suggestions are not forthcoming, everything goes flat, and there is a danger of the guests becoming bored.

PEA-SUCKING

This game provides great fun for those who look on as well as those who take part. A small basin of dried peas is placed in the centre of the table and the competitors are provided with a "straw" each and a glass into which the peas are to be dropped.

DO YOU REVERSE?

Simple when you know how



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Background to Christmas

(Continued from Page 3) Christmas Eve, sometime. Hope you won't think I'm being too boastfully matter of fact about it all. But there, I know you won't.

Chimp Christmas

The two performing chimpanzees of the Philadelphia zoo are guests each year at a Christmas party. Here one of them finds that the apples and carrots decorating the tree are very tasty. One of the chimps plays Santa Claus at the annual affair.

AN UNUSUAL COMPETITION

Competitions are always popular at parties. Here is a simple one which will be new to most people. Each guest is given a sheet of newspaper and a pencil and invited to make a sentence comprised entirely of three letter words.

DROPPING A PENNY THROUGH THE TABLE

If done neatly, this is a trick which can be repeated several times and still leave your audience mystified. It is essentially an after-meal trick.



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