

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM KING'S COUNTY

Paper Gnomes and Soap "Snow" Proclaim Christmas on Your Lawn

By Anne Larsen

You don't need a life-size Santa on your chimney or animated reindeer on your lawn to proclaim Christmas spirit to those who approach your home during the Yule season. Simple, inexpensive exterior decorations can speak just as eloquently of your gaiety and imagination.

If you are lucky enough to have an evergreen growing in your front yard, here's an idea for adornment contributed by artist Peter Hunt.

A collection of old mop and broom handles provides the basis for trimmings for an outdoor tree. Cut the sticks into even lengths, give them a base coat of white, then add a fancy touch with brilliant red barber-pole stripes. Clip these to the green branches with cup hooks, and the effect will be that of a legendary candy tree hung with peppermint sticks.

To turn a snowfall into a wind-fall, try this soap trick for saving both bother and budget during the Christmas season. All that's required is a tree, firmly entrenched in bucket or holder, and a big bucket of fluffy suds.

Dry lather is what you need; use little water and much soap or detergent. Then heap the boughs of the tree with your home-made snow. This "snow" which drifts and clings in a striking realistic manner, has the advantage of being inexpensive, non-inflammable, and there's no mess from shedding. Once dry, the suds harden into a lasting textured finish.

Such a tree, set upon a sheltered porch, or used to grace a vestibule, welcomes the visitor to your home with a glint of brilliant white and a hint of the good cheer that awaits him. It's suitable for indoor decoration, too. If you've no place outside your door for this sentinel of hospitality.

It's worth a bit of effort to make your door an inviting one at Christmas time. It sets the mood for whoever enters your home.

John Drill, talented young New York designer, suggests for those who wish a simple but effective arrangement a gleaming cone filled with greens from the coun-



Thick, fluffy soap suds make realistic snow drifts with which to adorn a tree that is set beside the door-way on a protected porch to welcome guests with simple Christmas charm. Lather hardens into textured finish which lasts the season without shedding.

try or with fuzzy colored Christmas boughs from the city shops.

You can make a cone yourself using a chicken wire frame. Cut the wire in a half-circle, then bend it into a cone, twisting the wires together to hold the frame in shape. The radius of the circle should be equal to the length you desire for the finished cone.

Cover this wire frame with heavy-weight metallic paper, if yours is a well-protected door, or with olefin, if there's a chance rain may reach it. This, too, should be shaped from a half-circle, the radius of which should be slightly larger than that you allowed for the chicken wire.

To add a touch of glitter to the finished cone, fasten round sequins into place with hot cement. Round Christmas balls, scattered among the greens you use to fill the cones, are a nice complement to the sequins.

For another sprightly door ornament, Drill suggests three little metallic-paper gnomes marching steadfastly across a pine or cedar bough. Bodies of the gnomes are fashioned from 3-inch half-circles, shaped into tiny cones. The arms are cut separately, and stapled or tacked into place with thread. The wires on which they carry their glittering stars are handsome when shiny brass is the metal used.

Fasten the end of the wires between their hands, glue together, slipping on a paper clip to hold in place until the cement is thoroughly dry. Then hang a star on the end of each elf's swaying hook.



Old broom and mop handles, cut into lengths and painted with bright red and white stripes, make a fairy tale peppermint-stick tree of live shrubbery in this imaginative home owner's front yard.



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Aboard The Ice Breaker "Minto", March 1909

Oh, those days aboard the Minto, marooned in floating ice, Was ever life more pleasant, where everything was nice, When'er I stop and pause and think of all the hours spent With that congenial company within her cabin pent.

It makes one stop and realize that nine short miles from shore, He's just as far away from land as though a thousand more.

Among that goodly company were many men of note, Who joined around the festive board and ate the table d'hote. And when I think of that great feast spread forth three times a day, I'd wish—but oh, what's the use—that we might always stay Aboard the Minto, gallant ship, away out in the Strait.

And eat and sleep, and eat—great scott, at fifty cents a plate. There's Doctor Young and Doctor Leard, in spirit much the same But when on shore and off the ship they play a different game. One save the teeth, the other, souls, and each with good intent Tries to improve the human race according to his bent.

J. W. Jones was there with bells, and helped with might and main To make the tedious hours pass till shore was reached again. A foxy man from Charlottetown withal well liked by all, Roy Holman, claimed he didn't care if he got home by Fall.

But still withal behind the fun, a serious vein prevailed. Lest, if we were much longer out our "EATS" might be curtailed. If we run out of pie, fresh eggs and beef stew steak We'll have to live on canned corn-

ed beef until the trip is through. Conductor Stanley, cheerful soul, kept looking out to sea, Thought of his train and almost wept—stalled back in old Souree.

And Mr. Smith, the handsome one, the ladies took in tow, Who told him very many things he did not really know.

And E. H. R. and Major B. behaved themselves, for sure, One in a stateroom slept in peace, the other on the floor. And when at times the ship would make good headway through the seas, Friend Biffin in the bow would say, "It strikes me that's the cheese."

In a secluded quiet room, a certain favoured few, Enjoyed themselves most thoroughly at night till half past two, G. T. and B. and D. and S were looking to a new game.

I looked to us who didn't know as if they were insane, I'll see that one and raise you five, put up and don't look blue, My draw was good, I filled my

hand; show up, I'm calling you. Of course, we know the trip must end, and all good friends must part, But e'er we do, let's think a few and take it well to heart, When'er we go upon a trip of thirty miles or more, We'll never in the ice get stuck so long as we stay on shore.

In forwarding the above verses for publication in The Guardian's Christmas number, Mr. Flavell,



True Christmas joy comes from within the heart — may, yours be light and filled with happiness this Christmas — may the New Year be bright and full of accomplishment.

CHRIS & BELLE
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now of Toronto, writes: "Recently, when rummaging through some old letters and newspaper clippings which I had picked up from time to time, I found the enclosed account of a trip we started out to make from Pictou,

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It's CHRISTMAS The season for CHEER!

Here's hoping Santa's got a whole sleighfull of good things to bring you... and we've got a whole sleighfull of good wishes for Christmas and the whole year ahead.

JAMIESON'S
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TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
DUVAR'S
Radio Service
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TO YOU and Yours
May it be the kind of Christmas you like best — may it be one you will remember long with happy recollection. And may the New Year be good to you.

HOOLEY'S Men's Wear
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To all of you we have so pleasantly served...
MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR
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HOWARD WALKER
Water St. — Georgetown

Joyous Christmas
The trees are trimmed, the first snowflakes have fallen. Carollers are singing. Bells are ringing. It's time to wish you all... Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

T. M. LLEWELLYN
MONTAGUE

And a Happy NEW YEAR
Montague Furnishing Company



Here is hoping that the ruddy old gentleman in the red suit is good to you—that your stockings are check full—and that the New Year is as bright as diamonds.
V. R. PEPLER Jeweller
MONTAGUE

Christmas COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR...
That is when we try to tell our friends just how much we appreciate them, how much we depend on them throughout the year... and the best way we can do that is to wish them our most sincere "Merry Christmas!"

EASTERN COLD STORAGE
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SOURIS



Christmas gnomes, with stars atwinkle, hint to holiday visitors of gaiety within.



This glistening cone, sparkling with sequins, and filled with boughs studded with Christmas balls, is a simple but effective way of proclaiming season's greetings to those who knock at this door. Chicken wire forms base for olefin or metallic-paper covering.

Tell the truth about Santa

Among the myriad problems which beset parents at Christmas time are the many questions from the small-fry about Santa Claus. And the business of telling Junior or his little sister the truth about the jolly old gentleman in the red suit is really a major task.

However, the situation is bound to arise, and when it does, it does something to your heart strings—so you draw the little ones close and cast about for the best explanation.

Oddly enough, the true story is



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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