

Christmas Time Is Party Time

Christmas holidays are the time for parties and parties are much more fun if you plan them carefully beforehand, both for the hostess and the guests. Maybe you would like to have one yourself or perhaps you plan to organize a Christmas party at which your little sister will entertain her friends.

One thing that people of all ages enjoy are amusing favours and prizes. Of course, you can go out and spend a lot of money if you have it and buy expensive things in the shops, but they won't be half the fun that the ones you make yourself are. The home-made kind are fun both to make and to receive.

For instance if you are planning a party for school age children—bigger ones have been known to be entertained by them too—try oranges and lemons. Take one bright, clear-skinned orange and one lemon for each favour. Draw faces on the oranges, using a crayon or soft pencil. Make pirate hats of striped socks or striped wrapping paper. Use wooden skewers to fasten the orange heads to the lemon bases and cut just enough off the bottom ends of the lemons so they will stand flat, but won't leak juice. Set them on rounds of cardboard and attach a place card and maybe a small striped candy cane. Walnuts and almonds make good favours too. You think up some ways to use them.

And here is an easy party cake that even a 12-year-old can fix. Buy a plain baker's pound cake and split it in half lengthwise. Top the upper half with orange icing. You make it by using two table-spoons full of butter or margarine, three cups of icing sugar, one tablespoon of grated orange peel and enough orange juice to make it blend and spread. While the icing is soft, get animal crackers around the edges of the cake. When ready to serve, slice one pint of orange sherbet in two and spread on the lower half of the cake. Top it with the iced cake and decorate the platter on which you serve it with more animal crackers. You may put lighted candles in the centre if you wish.

The clothespin doll game is a good one for girls between the ages of ten and 15. Before the party, make up for each guest a package containing a wooden clothespin (the kind with a head and two legs), some scraps of silk, ribbon and pieces of pretty coloured crepe paper and a stick of chewing gum. Collect several pairs of scissors and pencils. When everybody has her package, tell the guests to start chewing the gum. Give them 20 minutes or half an hour to dress the clothespin doll with whatever materials the package contains and draw a face on it with a pencil. Give a first and second prize for the most original dolls and, if you like, a 'Booby' for the one that doesn't finish. The gum is to help stick the clothes to the doll.

Your invitation to the party can be cut out of red mat paper that measures 12 by 3 1/2 inches. It is folded in half to form a booklet and the cover is pasted with a few attractive Christmas seals. Inside paste scattered snowflakes cut out from lace paper doilies. Leave room to write your invitation and use white or green ink if you want it to be effective.

If your guests are to sit at the table and be served a repast, you can make delightful place mats out of dark green mat paper. Make a pattern of a large, full Christmas tree roughly 16 inches wide at the broadest part and 12 inches high. Trace outline on green mat stock and cut out. Paste on tree snowflakes cut out from the doilies and little red dot seals that give the appearance of Christmas tree balls.

Golden Gate Punch

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup lemon juice
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 cup grape juice
- 5 cup water
- ice cubes or ice

Four sugar into clean glass gallon jar. Add fruit juices and shake jar until sugar dissolves. Add water, cover tightly, and keep cold until ready to serve over ice cubes. Fix orange slices with tiny candles, to decorate. Serves 8.

Hot Fruit Punch

- 2 cups boiling water
- 4 tsp. tea
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups orange juice
- 1 cup lemon juice
- 1 cup grape juice
- 2 1/2 quarts boiling water, orange and lemon slices.

Sleep tea in boiling water for 5 mins. Strain. Add sugar to hot tea and let cool. Prepare fruit juices and keep in glass quart jar covered tightly, until ready to use. Then add boiling water, mix all in punch bowl and garnish with citrus slices.



The young hostess is as charming as a curtsy in her crisp Soap n' Water Everglaze cotton dress in fashion's new color, Sanka Brown, wears crisp Schiffli eyelet-embroidered collar and cuffs.

Planning a Christmas Party?

There are so many reasons for having a Christmas party. You can make it a Christmas Eve party when festivities begin late, when carols are in order and bacon and eggs are served just before the guests go home. Or perhaps you can plan a mid-day Christmas party or a party on Christmas night. It is up to you.

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JINGLE BELLS DANCE

Give each girl a bracelet of jingle bells. String five or six merry little silver jingle bells on a piece of narrow red ribbon just long enough to go around a girl's waist. Before the dance begins have each girl's partner tie the bracelet on her wrist. Appoint one person to serve as "Stop-the-Music-Master". His job is to keep turning off the radio or phonograph at irregular intervals without letting the dancing couples know exactly when. Each time the music stops, the couples are supposed to stop dancing instantly. The girl whose bracelet jingles the longest after music stops is eliminated along with her partner. The prize is awarded to the last couple left—the couple with the best jingle control.

At every Christmas party there should be gifts. Naturally a teenage purse doesn't allow for luxury items. A good idea is a Christmas Santa pack (Mom's laundry bag will serve the purpose), chock full of little inexpensive items. The boys can bring presents for the girls and the girls can bring gifts for the boys. Make it a grab bag for Yule fun.

Serve hot mix if you like and being sure to puncture the lid of each little pie with a fork. They may be baked in the morning or the day before and heated in the oven again just before you wish to serve them.

Try These Ten Teasers!

1. If you turn a horse so that its head points exactly southwest, in what direction does its tail point?
2. Why is a very surprised man rather like a leopard's tail?
3. Why is a room filled with married people just like a room that is quite empty?
4. What is the best way to make a coat last?
5. Which suffers the greater loss—a king robbed of his country, or a country robbed of its king.
6. Why are goats the most useful of all animals to vegetarians?
7. Which is the more valuable—a five-pound note, or five pounds in silver?
8. What is the difference between a bottle of medicine and a hearthrug?
9. What is it that will always go up a drain-pipe down or down a drain-pipe up, but will never go up a drain-pipe up or down a drain-pipe up?
10. Why is human life the hardest of all riddles?

ANSWERS

1. To the ground.
2. One is rooted to the spot, and the other is spotted to the root.
3. Because there is not a single person in it.
4. Make the trousers and waistcoat first.
5. The country—because it loses a sovereign, while the king loses only a crown.
6. Because by beheading you get oats.
7. A five-pound note, because when you put it into your pocket you double it.
8. One is shaken up and taken; the other is taken up and shaken.
9. An umbrella.
10. Because, no matter how clever we may be, we all have to give it up.

Little Children Wake and Listen

Little children wake and listen. Songs are breaking o'er the earth. While the stars in Heaven glisten, Hear the news of Jesus' birth.

Long ago to lonely meadows, Angels brought the message down, Still each year through midnight shadow: It is heard in every town.

... this ... they are telling? Singing in the quiet street, While their voices high are swelling.

What sweet words do they repeat? Words to bring us greater gladness, Though our hearts from care are free.

Words to cheer away our sadness, Cheerless though our hearts may be.

... list has left his throne of glory, And a lowly cradle found, Well might angels tell the story, Well might we their words record.

... wake and listen, Angels are ringing through the earth, While the stars in Heaven glisten, Hail with joy, your Saviour's birth.

IN BELGIUM

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animal sacrifices made at the same time of the year, in the pre-Christian era. This seems to be substantiated by the fact that, only 70 years ago, in certain localities, the school-teacher used to give the students a roster or a list in which they were to behold Saint Thomas' is the day when the schoolchildren play tricks on their teachers, the chief trick being to entice him to the door of the classroom and lock him up in a little room until he will succumb to the caprices of his young tormentors. In Brabant and Limburg, the servants resort to the same strategy with their masters. These innocent pranks are called *buitensteken* and *buitensteken*.

The day of the Holy Innocents, the 28th, which brings further evidence of childhood's mischievousness, is a very ancient holiday, included in the annals of the church at Carthage at the end of the Vth century. It was established in memory of the young children massacred by Herod to stop the rumors announcing the coming of the Messiah. The legend is of particular significance to Belgians, for, according to imagination, has it that the bodies of two innocents were buried at the Convent of Saint Gerard in the province of Namur. In Antwerp, Brabant, and certain parts of Limburg, the children used to dress up as "grown-ups", taking advantage of the authority conferred by the cast-off garments of their parents to run around the house making a great racket.

In Flanders, in the past, a delightful pageant called the "Bethlehem" was presented. A young man dressed as an angel, and burdened with two huge wings, would recite the Ave Maria to a girl. She would answer: "Fiat", and then he would kiss her lips. A child concealed in a big pasteboard rooster, cried out, imitating the

FACT FANCY

SEPIA
A BROWN PIGMENT USED IN PAINTING IS PREPARED FROM THE JUICE OF THE CUTTLE-FISH

DO YOU KNOW
THE FLESH OF THE COCO-NUT—THE NUTS ARE SPLIT AND THE COPIA REMOVED—WHEN IT SHRINKS IT IS DRIED AND OIL EXTRACTED BY PRESSURE

CAKES FOR THE PARTY!
THE CLUES GIVEN BELOW SUGGEST THE NAMES OF FIVE CAKES—WHAT ARE THEY?
POUNDS CAKE
JOINED CAKE
REGAL CAKE

LETTER LORE

HOW MANY LETTERS CAN YOU FIND IN THIS SQUARE?

U	R
L	O

FILL IT IN
PUT TWO LETTERS IN FRONT AND THE SAME TWO IN THE SAME ORDER BEHIND AND MAKE A COMMON WORD IN EACH CASE

BUILDER OF A CANAL SPEED LESS
IS AN ANAGRAM OF HIS NAME

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Party Games

REMOTE CONTROL — AND A MATCH

This is a pleasant little stunt that needs only a few matches—safety ones, preferably, to preclude accidents.

Lay one match down on a table and then lay a second match at right angles across the first—one quarter of its length being on the left, and three-quarters on the right.

The problem for your audience is to make the upper match move up and down, without touching it and from a point three inches or so distant.

This seems a ridiculous ambition until one proceeds to show that the request can be complied with—in a fashion that is ingenious but simple.

Lay a third match parallel with the first, with its upper end overlapping the shorter end of the second. Then continue to lay three or four more matches in a sort of criss-cross pattern.

About six should suffice to span the stipulated 3-inch gap, and then, by pressing firmly on the last match, you should be able to make the second one raise its head. Releasing the pressure causes its head to sink, dispiritedly once more.

THE MUSEUM THAT WARMS YOUR GUESTS

The period during which guests are assembling for a party is often a little uncomfortable, because there is an atmosphere of suspense and unfulfillment. Also it may happen that some are strangers, or shy, or cold, or for a variety of reasons not "in the mood." Such feelings militate against warmth and friendliness, and it is desirable to preclude or dispel them. For this reason some simple but interesting occupation during a waiting period is a great help to mental ease and happy informality. A good example of many such occupations is a private museum that is easily prepared and provocative of amusement.

Round the walls of the room where guests gather are disposed objects or sketches—quite rough drawings will do. There may be any number of these, according to preference or the length of time to be filled up. Each exhibit should be numbered.

Every guest, on entering the museum, is given a card or a sheet of paper on which is printed or written a corresponding (but unnumbered) list of titles or descriptions. It is his business to study the exhibits and to enter the number of each one opposite the most appropriate description on his paper. Later, a correct list of corresponding exhibits and descriptions can be put up or read out, so that he can measure his success.

Suitable objects and descriptions are easy to think out. Here are a dozen examples which may be useful.

- The Castaway—an old kettle.
- A Black Lookout—a pair of darkened spectacles.
- A Well-Matched Couple—a pair of shoes.
- Maid of Greece—a candle.
- A stirring Subject—a teaspoon.
- The Cheat—a penny covered with aluminium paint.
- Memories of Long Ago—three or four small lumps of coal.
- The Cup-Bearer—a saucer.
- A Slippery Customer—a piece of wet soap.
- Off Dover Cliffs—a piece of chalk.
- The Charge of the Light Brigade—a bill from the local gas company.
- Song of a little bird: *puer natus est nobis* (a child is born to us), a great ox then interposed a notorious ubi (where), while four kids bleated Bethlehem. Finally, a donkey sounded a himamus (for emus) and the procession set off, followed by all the animals, while a jester brought up the rear, shaking his bells. It was like a lovely picture made in Epinal, of which the colors have slowly become blurred. Today this page is blank; many of the other pageants spoken of here will doubtless meet the same fate.
- (From Belgian Folklore by Charles Leirens.)

Christmas Queries

BY REGINALD DIGBY

WHY is Christmas Day celebrated on December 25th? No one seems to know. During the centuries the Birth of Christ has been celebrated on various dates, but it was Julius I. Pope from A. D. 337 to A. D. 362, who fixed December 25th, for "Christ's Mass" day.

WHY is boxing day so named? It has nothing to do with sport. In Roman times, offerings for the poor were placed in boxes and taken into the Church to be blessed. They were opened on the day after Christmas and their contents distributed to the needy—thus, Boxing Day.

WHY do we enjoy a holiday on Boxing Day? It was not always so, for until 1871, the Christmas "break" from work comprised one day only. (That is proved by Charles Dickens's immortal "A Christmas Carol.") It was Sir John Lubbock

who presented a bill in Parliament making Boxing Day a Bank Holiday. The Bill was passed—thanks, Sir John!

WHY is Santa Claus always connected with gifts? The original Santa was supposed to be Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of Bari. Legend says that he visited poor girls on December 6th, and left them monetary gifts. These girls hung their stockings overnight in readiness for the saint's coming. Hence the time-honoured custom of the Christmas stocking, now the kiddie's greatest joy.

WHY does Santa Claus wear his familiar red costume? The oldest prints depicting Saint Nicholas, the original gift-bringer, show an old man with white hair and snowy beard, and clad in a long, hooded robe, trimmed with fur. The modern Father Christmas always conforms to this idea of the benevolent "Carol." It was Sir John Lubbock

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IN THE
Christmas Spirit

Each Christmas we realize anew, that our most rewarding possession is our many enriching friendships. And so to all our members we wish a merry merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

The Prince Edward Island Federation Of Agriculture

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Cinderella: Bring Her to Life



Paste the picture on to fairly thick cardboard and cut four slits as shown by the dotted lines. Now paste the strips on to thin card. Push the strips through the slits from the back and out the back again. Make the picture move by gently pulling the strings up and down.