

## WOMEN'S HOME AND MAGAZINE PAGE

SANTA CLAUS VISITS  
BYRON INFIRMARYChristmas Dinner and Con-  
cert Are Merry Events.

The Byron Infirmary was the chief objective of Santa Claus in the region of London on Thursday, the jolly old saint arriving in the afternoon with his pack literally overflowing with Christmas cheer and gifts for the soldier-boys.

First, there was the annual Christmas dinner, given by the staff, topped off with goodies supplied by the London Red Cross Society, which was also responsible for the decoration of the tables. One hundred and ninety-two in all sat down to the banquet, necessitating service in relays.

A Christmas tree and entertainment followed in the recreation hall, members of the L. O. D. E. Military Hospital visiting committee, Mrs. J. B. McKinnon, convener, Miss Ella Davis, secretary, and Mrs. F. J. Greenaway, treasurer, presenting the gifts of the L. O. D. E. The Y. M. C. A. provided the program, a riot of fun.

Dining and recreation halls were as Christmas and inviting as seasonal decorations in the skillful hands of the ward aids could make them. From the ward aids' comforts department of the D. S. C. R. in Toronto, Mrs. van Kuyper had sent some days before quantities of Christmas bells, red and green streamers and other decoration material to be combined with the Byron evergreens, which formed an effective background for these.

The tables may have groaned with goodies, but a glance at them was sufficient to engender the spirit of festivity, gay as they were with mock-snow, sparkling with diamond dust, streamers of red ribbons, holly, red candles, Christmas crackers, heaps of rosy-cheeked apples and oranges, nuts, raisins and candies. A full-course dinner was served by members of the Red Cross, who were proud to don white aprons and wait on the tables.

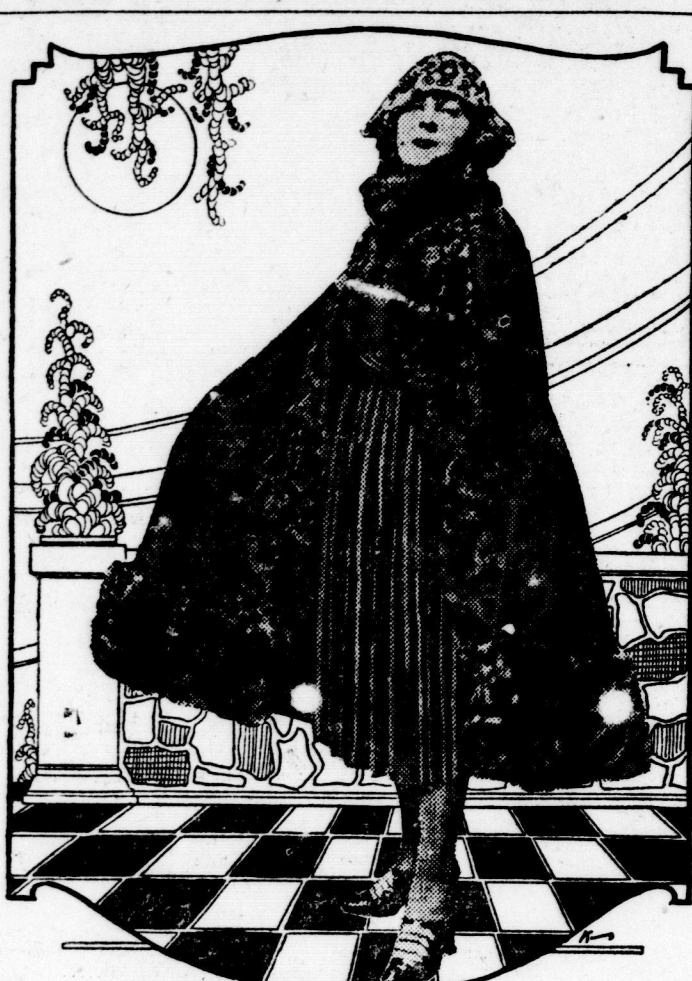
Those assisting were: Mrs. Ronald Harris, president, Mrs. J. S. Ashplant, convener of the visiting committee, Mesdames Wilkey, Rogers, George Fraser, J. Allen, Ginge, Misses Catherine Cronyn, Alice Leonard and Maud Hannah.

Major H. P. Snellgrove presided during the dismantling of the gorgeous Christmas tree, Col. (Rev.) W. Beattie and Rev. G. Q. Warner, giving short addresses. Other special guests included: Lieut.-Col. W. G. Coles, Dr. N. B. Alexander, Major E. N. Cheslam and Dr. G. J. Clegg, representing the military and medical departments of the D. S. C. R. and Col. D. G. Shannon.

Gifts from the soldiers' comforts department, which has never wavered in well-doing for the soldiers since the beginning of the world war, were presented by Col. Shannon and Dr. Clegg, these including socks, candles, fruit cake, nuts, cuff-links, cigarettes, a pipe and tobacco pouch for each man.

Mr. E. V. Hession presented a foun-

## How To Keep Shoulder Line Slim



BY MARIAN HALE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The general tendency is to keep the shoulders slim of outline regardless of how full the sleeves and skirts may flare beneath.

This Claire wrap, designed to cover frilly frocks or add its warmth to a tailored suit, adheres with an air of distinction to the slim shoulder line.

Stain pen to each on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, and Rev. G. Q. Warner and Col. Beattie, a Christmas stocking and knife to each from the Red Cross. The gift of the L. O. D. E. was a clothes brush for each patient, presented by Mrs. F. J. Greenaway.

Mr. James Gray was especially happy in the role of chairman for the Y. M. C. A. concert, the Brunswick Trio providing a program which evoked enthusiastic approval. The Byron Sanatorium Orchestra played during the evening.

Other News of Interest to Women on Page Five.

Toys, Dolls, etc., on sale for about one-half price at Keene Bros., 125-127 King street, London.—Adv.

## PIM PIM'S SURPRISE

(By Olive Roberts Barton.)



Instantly they were at Pim Pim's side.

After that things went pretty well. Nancy and Nick bade Whizzy Tornado farewell, and thanked him for his great kindness.

"Kip isn't the chief, I think," said Nick gravely. "I think you have, too. I've heard that it's an ill wind that blows nobody good, and that's what you are doing now. Good-by, Mr. Whizzy!"

"Good-by, my dears," answered Whizzy. "I'm going to take my winter nap by my big fire now. The only trouble is that when I sleep all winter I'm so full of spirits in the spring that I'm like a skittish horse that's been stable for months. I just have to act up and carry on, and then I'm always ashamed of myself afterward. But I'll try to do better next year."

"Please, Green Shoes, take us back to Mr. Pim Pim in Brownland," wished Nick, when he had shaken Whizzy's big hand.

Instantly they were at Pim Pim's side and that gentleman, who was surprised at their sudden and unexpected appearance, that his big hat fell off and he turned two somersaults.

"My, oh, my," he cried out in delight. "Isn't this wonderful. And you've got the key to the Enchanted Cupboard, too!"

"Well, well, well! They always say

that the dark hour is just before the dawn, and I guess it must be true, for I was feeling as blue as the last tin on Monday before you came, Christmas only a week away, and not a thing done.

"But we can hurry, and I'm sure that everything will come out all right. Nick, take your key and unlock that cupboard, and get out the two magic shovels that are leaning against the wall. We'll start to dig the shovels for tree toys at once."

They set to work with a will. The two magic shovels that the Twins found in the Enchanted Cupboard were wonderful things. They were like the spoon that the witch gave the poor maiden to dip out the sea, and at every shovelful a whole barrow-load of golden glitter came out of its hiding place in the earth and jumped into a great sack that Pim Pim had ready.

Soon the sack was filled and Pim Pim called a thousand of his Brownies to tie it up and carry it away to his storehouse until it was needed.

When they had dug up enough golden glitter for all the stars and bushes on the Christmas trees the Twins started on the silver shovels. It, jumped from the earth at the very touch of the enchanted shovels and into another great sack.

Soon the mine of silver shovels was about empty, so the children went on to another, where the ruby-red was to be found, while the Brownies busily tied up the sack of silver-shovels and bore it off.

And so it went on until Pim Pim's storehouse was completely full of all the glittery colors that Santa Claus and the toy-maker could possibly need for the tree-toppers.

"And now," said Pim Pim, "I'll call the Fairy Queen to send us some messengers, and we'll get this stuff to Santa Claus at once. Time is so very, very short."

But scarcely had he spoken when the Magical Mushroom appeared, also Nimble Toes and Silver Wing, the Fairy Queen's messengers. "We'll all help," said the Mushroom, picking up one of the sacks in his arms.

Away through the air flew the strange procession making straight for the North, carrying to Mr. Santa a precious burden.

The toy-maker had just finished the last doll and drum. "Now for the tree-toppers," sang out Santa. "Why, bless my soul, here comes Pim Pim and the Twins now."

To Be Continued.

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## Personals

Mrs. H. A. Kingsmill and Mr. Sidney Kingsmill are spending a few days in Detroit.

Mrs. J. C. Levegood of Sioux Falls, S. Dakota, is a guest with her sister, Mrs. T. H. Yull, 634 Princess avenue.

Dr. M. A. Platt of New York is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Platt, Wellington street.

Miss Ivy Everetts, Woodstock, N. B., will be the guest of Miss Velma Perry, 605 King street, for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. E. J. Levert of Detroit, Mich., is home for the holidays, visiting her parents, Mrs. E. T. Dibb, 440 King street.

Miss Topley-Thomas goes to Ottawa this week to spend Christmas with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Topley, 212 Somerset street.

Mrs. S. V. Cooke and Capt. Cooke, Wolsley Barracks, will have as their guests for Christmas, Mrs. Cooke's mother, Mrs. C. Spooner of New York.

Mrs. T. A. Wilkinson and Mrs. W. R. Smilie and children of Toronto are guests with Mr. and Mrs. O. Ellwood, John street, for the Christmas holidays.

Rev. A. T. Wilkinson of Toronto, returned missionary from Japan, and wife spent the week-end with Mrs. William Jones, 382 Waterloo street, city.

Mr. Richard Butler of Ridley College is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Butler, St. James street, bringing as his guest Mr. Archie MacDonald.

Dr. W. F. Hunt and Mrs. Hunt of Port Arthur, accompanied by their young son and daughter, will spend Christmas with Mrs. C. B. Hunt, London South.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gray of this city announce the engagement of their only daughter Hazel to Mr. Kingsley N. Ireland, the wedding to take place early in January.

While in town for the Galbraith-Patton wedding, Capt. and Mrs. A. H. Galbraith and Mr. J. G. Patton will be the guests of their daughter, Mrs. J. G. Gammage, Maitland street.

The many friends of Dr. D. F. MacNeill, who has been seriously ill in Victoria Hospital, will be pleased to hear that he has recovered sufficiently to return to his home.

Mr. George Gillespie of R. M. C. Kingston, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Gillespie, Albert street. Mr. Gillespie has as his guest Mr. James Creighton.

Dr. F. R. Eccles and Mrs. Eccles, Princess avenue, will have as their guests for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cotterell, and Miss McGregor of Toronto, and Mrs. P. G. Sanderson of St. Marys.

Mrs. Mary E. Grace of Picton street left Tuesday night for New York to spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives. She will also visit in Brooklyn and Summit, N. J., before her return.

Mrs. Sherwood Fox is giving a children's party on Thursday afternoon in honor of little Katharine Fox. A charming feature of the party will be Mother Goose plays, given by Mrs. Russell.

Mrs. Fox is entertaining for Miss Emma Fox at a party to be given on New Year's eve.

Major Frank Spry and Mrs. Spry are entertaining at a house party during the Christmas season. The guests will include Mrs. Daniel Spry and Miss Spry, Capt. and Mrs. Cameron and their son, Bob, all of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Robinson and Miss Marjorie Hewson of Hamilton.

Miss Marjorie MacNeill is among the home-coming Londoners for Christmas. Miss MacNeill has visited in Scotland throughout the last July, and had intended spending the entire winter in spring in England and Scotland, but has returned owing to the illness of her father, Dr. D. G. MacNeill, St. Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryden Campbell gave a jolly children's party on Wednesday evening at their home in Richmond street in honor of their daughters, Marjorie and Jean. Mrs. Campbell, who wore a gown of blue canton crepe, heavily embroidered in russet beads, was assisted in entertaining the young guests by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Pearl.

Miss Marjorie Campbell looked sweet in a frock of apricot taffeta, with silver lace and knot of silver ribbon, and Miss Jean Campbell wore a dainty dress of pink tulle, trimmed with ribbons and flowers.

The house was lovely with flowers, yellow mums and red roses being used throughout, while in the centre of the living-room hung the Yuletide emblem, the mistletoe.

The early part of the evening was spent in games, prizes going to Miss Nina Taylor and Miss Eleanor Glen. Miss Lorna Rumball told a delightful Christmas story, which was greatly appreciated.

A buffet supper was served and the latter part of the evening was passed away to inspiring music supplied by an orchestra.

Among the guests present were Misses Mary Campbell, Margaret Cook, Marjorie Frances, Helen Benson, Jean Montgomery, Norene Dettlor, Norene Tamblyn, Jean Buchner, Nina Taylor, Emma Fox, Florence Harley, Barbara Campbell, Velma McLandress, Norma Ferguson, Margaret McConnell, Ruth White and Marjorie White, and Messrs. Spittal, Green, Norman, Thompson, Reason, Taylor, McAlpine, Bowman, Ausburn, Coles, Gray, Martin, Roome, McLandress, Ferguson, Bennie, McConvey, Harley, J. and H. McCallum, B. and W. Beamer.

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Want Mystery Play To Be Annual Event

On many sides on Thursday, the suggestion was made that North Holton's mystery play, "The Star of Bethlehem," be made an annual Christmas event in London, such was the enthusiasm aroused by the first presentation by the Drama League Wednesday evening in the Ryerson School, under the direction of Miss Topley-Thomas. It is pointed out that the play is founded on the story of the nativity, treated by Miss Holland with the reverence befitting the subject, as well as exquisite artistic skill. Just as Handel's oratorio "The Messiah" has been welcomed for a number of seasons, it is believed that the public would appreciate the Christmas play.

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ODD PURSE.

Mildred has all kinds of contraptions for her wrist. The newest and quite the most dainty is something that resembles a bit of garden patch on top, but cleverly concealed underneath is an opening for powder puff and coin purse.

MURINE Night and Morning Eye Clean, Healthy, Smart Cure for Itchy, Red, Smarting Eyes. Your Eyes Irritated, Inflamed or Itchy? Soothe, Refreshes. Safe for Infant or Adult. At All Druggists and Opticians. Write for Free Eye Book. Make for Isaac G. Chapin.

Cuticura Soap Clears the Skin and Keeps it Clear

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## A Guide For Last-Minute Shoppers

This list of Christmas suggestions, with the location of the departments, will eliminate hurried discomfort for the gift seekers, and enable them to make a quick selection of exactly the Christmas offerings they are looking for. Many lines specially priced, in gift boxes, if desired.

## Ready-to-Wear

Third Floor.

CAMISOLES, a new lot just arrived for Saturday's selling.

CAMISOLES of wash satin. Specially priced.

Regular \$2.75 and \$3.00, \$1.98

Regular \$3.00 and \$3.50, \$2.19

for

CAMISOLES of wash satin, plain hemstitched, flesh and white. Regular \$2.50. Saturday,

to clear at \$1.59

UNDERSKIRTS of Jap silk, with full shirred flounce; colors, cherry red, navy, salmon and paddy.

Bargain price \$4.75

JERSEY SILK UNDERSKIRTS, assorted colors, with deep flounce of contrasting colors.

Special \$7.75

BLOUSES of Jap silk, tailored styles, convertible collar, some with tuck front, all sizes. Special

to clear at \$2.95 to \$7

KIMONOS of Jap silk, three-quarter length sleeves, ribbon trimmed; colors, navy and light rose.

Extra value at \$10.50

BABIES' ALL-WOOL WHITE SHAWLS, large size, with fringe. Special

at \$3.75 and \$4.95

BABIES' ALL-WOOL SCARFS, plain knit or brushed

wool, fringed \$1.00 to \$1.25

## Hand Bags

MAIN FLOOR.

LEATHER SHOPPING BAGS, black, brown, navy, grey. Special price \$2.98

BLACK LEATHER HAND BAGS. Prices \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$3.50

SWAGGER HAND BAGS of colored leather, beautifully lined. Priced from

\$4.50 to \$9.00

## Boudoir Caps and Handkerchiefs

MAIN FLOOR.

BOUDOIR CAPS, silk with lace or net. Prices 50c and 75c

LADIES' FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS, with colored or white embroidered corners, lace edge or lace corners. Special

price \$1.00 to \$1.50

## CLUNY LACE PIECES.

DOILIES. Price, each .25c to \$1.25

CENTERS. Price, each .85c to \$5.95

OVAL PIECES. Each \$2.25 to \$3.95

LUNCH CLOTHS. Each \$8.50 to \$25.00

TRAY CLOTHS. Each \$2.95 to \$3.95

SCARFS for buffet, dresser, etc. Prices, each \$4.50 to \$8.95

## MADEIRA LINENS.

DOILIES. Price, each .19c to \$1.00

CENTERS. Price, each .65c to \$4.95

OVAL PIECES. Price, each 50c to \$2.95

LUNCH CLOTHS. Each \$5.95 to \$18.50

TRAY CLOTHS. Each \$2.25 to \$4.50

SCARFS for buffet, dresser, etc. Price, each \$2.95 to \$12.50

## INDIA CROCHET PIECES.

DOILIES. Price, each .20c to \$1.25

CENTERS. Price, each \$1.00 to \$5.00

OVAL PIECES. Each \$1.25 to \$3.50

YOKES. Special price, each \$2.95

## SILK STRIPE SHIRTINGS.

Many pretty patterns. Special price, a yard .85c

## Silk and Dress Goods

Second Floor.

## BLACK SILKS.

Offered at much below regular prices. A waist, skirt or dress length of these silks makes a lovely gift.

BLACK PAILLETTE SILK, fine quality, rich lustre, 36 inches wide. Saturday, special,

at a yard \$1.35

BLACK SATIN DUCHESSE, extra weight, richly finished, 36 inches wide; regular \$3.50; Saturday,

special price, a yard \$2.49

FRENCH CASHMERES, all-wool, bright finish, that make pretty dresses for children; colors, pink, sky, navy, copen, cardinal, brown and reds; 42 inches wide.

Price, a yard \$1.75

NAVY DRESS SERGE, of fine Botany wool, wide width. Special

price, a yard \$1.95

ALL-WOOL TRICOTINE, extra heavy, 54 inches wide, for skirt, dress or suit; \$4.50 value;

Special price, a yard \$2.00

## Christmas Millinery

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35 Trimmed Hats

Regular \$8.00 to \$18.00. \$4.49

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Millinery Dept., Fourth Floor.

## Gloves, Hosiery, Etc.

Main Floor.

PERRIN'S FRENCH KID GLOVES, grey, tan, brown and black, with self or contrasting points

Price, a pair \$3.00

CHILDREN'S WASH CAPE GLOVES (Perrin's make), all sizes.

Price, a pair \$1.75

SILK HOSE, ribbed or plain top; colors, brown, navy and black. Special, a pair

\$2.00

CHILDREN'S RIBBED SILK HOSE, black or white, all sizes. Price, a pair,

\$1.00 and \$1.50

ENVELOPE COMBINATIONS of crepe de chine, trimmed with lace and hemstitching, orchid, pink, maize and white. Special,

per garment \$3.95

WASH SATIN GOWNS, hand embroidery and lace trimmed, orchid, pink, and white.

Special at \$6.95

LA DIVA CORSETS, of pink satin, lightly boned, four hose supporters; sizes 19 to 26.

Price, a pair \$8.00

BANDEAUS of Jersey silk and wash satin, pink only, closing in

the back. Price, each \$2.50

In pretty gift boxes.

Collars and Ribbons

MAIN FLOOR.

LADIES' COLLARS of net or net and lace, Tuxedo or shaped. Price, \$1.00

SILK RIBBON, 4 1/2 and 5 inch width, in wanted colors. Price, a yard, 50c

FANCY RIBBON, light and dark colors. A yard .75c and \$1.00

TABLECLOTHS AND NAPKINS.

TABLECLOTH, 1 1/2 yards square. Special price from \$1.69 to \$2.95

TABLECLOTHS, 13 1/4 yards. Price, from \$2.19 to \$3.69

TABLECLOTHS, 2 yards \$2.50 to \$7.95

TABLECLOTHS, 2 1/2 yards. Price \$2.75 to \$9.50

TABLECLOTHS, 3 yards \$6.95 to \$8.95

TABLE NAPKINS, special. Prices, per dozen \$2.50 to \$9.50