

Santa Claus Stockings

Santa Claus stockings delight the little folks and the use of them is withal a very wholesome custom. They make nice, inexpensive gifts to send to our little friends, being sure to send them in time to reach the children by Christmas eve, that they may have them to hang up. The ones I have seen were of red and white outing flannel decorated with feather-stitching and tiny bells and had a piece of ribbon at each side at the top tied in a bow. The leg was red on one side and white on the other, the cap and bottom of the foot being white on the red side and red on the white side. They were in two sizes, the smaller being about twelve inches in length. A clever girl I know makes from twenty-five to forty dollars every year from the sale of these stockings.

What a city woman can do for a country friend is best told in the words of one who was the recipient of a kind thought last year: "When I moved from the large flourishing city to a small, unprogressive Western town, one of the greatest trials of my new environment was the lack of a market. As Christmas approached, and there seemed nothing available but the canned goods, on the shelves of the general store, I was reduced to tears; but these were soon changed to smiles upon opening a box which came several days before Christmas. There, embedded in Christmas

greens, were all the dainties afforded by a city market: lettuce, cauliflower, green peppers, eggplant, tomatoes, cucumbers, Neufchâtel cheese, Malaga grapes, and even after-dinner mints. Needless to say these treasures were judiciously managed, and the thoughtfulness of one city woman transformed what would have been many an uninteresting meal into a feast."

A surprise scrapbook for an invalid will add to her Christmas happiness. Take an ordinary "exercise" book and get as many small articles as there are pages in the book; such as a piece of embroidery with the materials for working it, a letter, some camera pictures, a handkerchief, a case of pins, a story from a magazine, and other small things. For a child select paper dolls or paper soldiers, puzzles, pictures, a game, etc. Fold each leaf over so as to conceal one of these gifts, seal it with one of the bright colored Christmas seals and mark the page to be opened on a certain day. In this way the Christmas pleasure may be made to last for many days.

A notebook in which to record the gifts sent to friends will prevent one from sending the same sort of gift to a friend twice in succession. A book seven inches square is a good size. Divide the pages lengthwise into four columns. In the first column write the name, and mark the remaining columns for years. Under the year write the gift sent that

person in, say, 1910; in the second column put down the gifts sent in 1911. Thus you will be able to see at a glance to whom gifts were sent and exactly what was sent. Back pages of the book may be used to put down any new ideas for the coming year.

From a City To a Country Girl

By I. Elizabeth Slavin

The most appropriate gift I saw last Christmas was given by a city girl to a country cousin. The box reached its destination Christmas Eve. When the ugly outer wrapping had been ripped off, a pasteboard box tied with bright red ribbon was disclosed, and under its lid a collar-case made of two pieces of pasteboard covered with blue silk and caught together at one edge was found. The girl opened it and laughed. "Just what I've been longing for—a turnover collar set in Hardanger. Oh! and a collar of English embroidery and two tuckers."

The country girl wished in her heart that she could make Hardanger collars; she wouldn't in the least have minded the work. And then her mother suggested that there was something in the box, and the good fairy who answers girls' "wishes in their hearts" around about Christmas answered this girl's; because in the next layer of the box she discovered the queerest kind of book. Its cover was blue cretonne, covering pasteboard, and in it were pasted pages cut from the

magazines filled with ideas for and designs of collars. But that was not all—the book also contained several pamphlets on Hardanger, English cut embroidery and cross-stitch work—any fancy-work book will give these—with designs for turnover cuffs and front pieces; and at the end of the book were two pages with ideas gleaned by the city cousin from the town shop counters and show-cases.

The country girl's eyes danced. Oh! if now she could only rake up some materials. Again she wished, and again the Christmas fairy must have granted her unspoken wish, for in the bottom of the box was a blue cretonne bag filled with many remnants, scraps, odds and ends of linen, lawn, ribbon and lace, and some pieces that the country girl guessed were not quite "odds and ends."

And last, in the very, very bottom, answering an even unthought-of wish, was a blue linen floss-holder with red, white and three blues in mercerized cottons, and skeins of blue and pink silk, and a book of embroidery needles.

The Country to the City Girl

By Mrs. J. W. King

A country girl who has more time and ingenuity than money sent the following list of gifts to relatives in the North:

To a city cousin who entertains lavishly she shipped a large box containing a dozen small cedar trees not over a foot high, all trimmed to the same size and shape; one dozen flowerpot covers made of screen wire covered with lichens and lined with heavy grey wrapping paper; a box of moss, the kind that looks like miniature trees; twelve small star-shaped baskets fashioned from screen wire and lichens, lined with scarlet crepe paper, having sprays of holly tied to the handles with red ribbons; a dozen cards cut from heavy water-color paper tinted with water-colors, representing five large holly leaves arranged to form a star, clusters of the scarlet berries painted in the centre, and appropriate quotations lettered in gold on the leaves; a big bunch of mistletoe, and every crack and crevice filled with sprays of holly and a large star made of screen wire filled with everlasting flowers that had been colored a rich red.

Then she sent the following suggestions: Use the little trees as favors, setting them in flower-pots, using the covers and moss, and decorate with inexpensive Christmas-tree ornaments. The baskets are for bonbons and a card for each place, also a small bouquet of mistletoe and holly tied with red ribbon. The star on a bed of holly is for a centre piece.

A Gift for a Lady

Linings for bureau drawers make a most acceptable gift for any woman. Take two pieces of cardboard, each half the length of an ordinary drawer, and of the width of the drawer, and cover them with pretty material—silk, muslin, or whatever you wish. Interline with sheet cotton, delicately scented, if desired. Then sew on loops of silk elastic of the same color as the material, to hold handkerchiefs, gloves, belts, ribbons, etc. Pieces of cardboard covered like the lining, and cut the proper size to cover folded handkerchiefs, gloves, etc., should be provided to slip under the elastics and over the articles. A covered cardboard roll for veils and a circle to inclose stiff linen collars are also supplied. A bureau drawer is easily kept neat, if fitted up in this way; and when traveling, several of the pads may be taken out and tied together for the suitcase or the trunk.

A Christmas Post Office

We called our scheme "The Christmas Post-Office." Its aim is sent out the following notices as invitations to each invited guest and the members of the family:

"Miss —

"December —

"A registered parcel awaits you at the Christmas Post-Office, No. 1000 Blank Street. It can only be delivered to you



How to Buy Gloves Right



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