

WOMEN'S HOME AND MAGAZINE PAGE

CANDY EASY TO MAKE



Most of the Christmas candies require so much beating that small folk find it impossible to include a box of candies in their gifts.

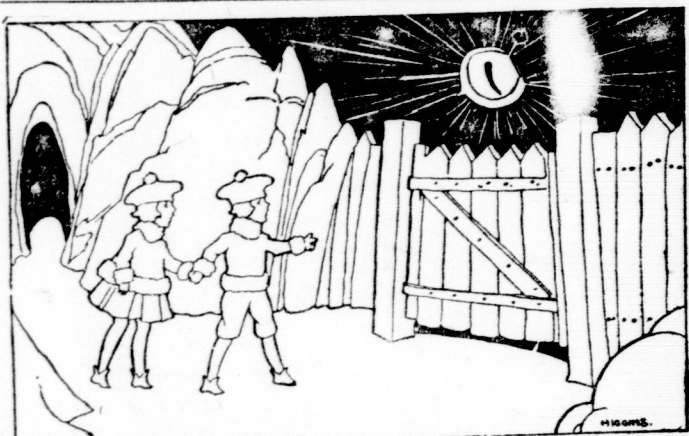
However, there are many candies that require no beating or delicate handling. The English toffee is easily made, and much liked by both grown-ups and little folks. Our own butter-scotch is always a favorite.

Toffee.
Two cups light brown sugar, 2 tablespoonfuls water, 2 tablespoonfuls vinegar, 3 tablespoonfuls butter.
Put sugar, water, vinegar and butter into a smooth saucepan. Let stand a few minutes until sugar is partially melted. Put over fire, and bring to boiling point. Do not stir. Let boil until the syrup threads. Pour very little into a cup of water. If the syrup forms strings that snap when they strike against the cup the toffee is done. Pour into a well-buttered tin and let stand till cool. Cut into squares and break into sections formed by the creases.

Butter-Scotch.
Six tablespoonfuls brown sugar, 4 tablespoonfuls molasses, 2 tablespoonfuls butter, 1 tablespoonful vinegar, 1 teaspoon soda.
Put sugar, molasses, vinegar and butter into a smooth saucepan. Let stand a few minutes until sugar is partially melted. Put over fire, and bring to boiling point. Do not stir. Let boil until the syrup threads. Pour very little into a cup of water. If the syrup forms strings that snap when they strike against the cup the toffee is done. Pour into a well-buttered tin and let stand till cool. Cut into squares and break into sections formed by the creases.

"INSIDE THE GATE"

[By Olive Roberts Barton.]



In front of them stood a high gate lighted by a great cat's eye which gleamed in the darkness.

At last the Twins reached the other end of the secret passage which led from Brownland to the Gnome village. In front of them stood a high gate lighted by a great cat's eye which gleamed in the darkness. There were no glow-worms of fire-flies in the passage and no crystals hanging from the ceiling like there were in Mr. Pim Pim's domain.

"Who are you and what do you want?" asked a voice.

The voice seemed to come from a cat's eye, but as the eye had no cat belonging to it seemingly, and not even another eye to match it, as most eyes have, it wasn't likely that it could own a voice. All the eye could do was to gleam and stare as though it dared the Twins to answer. But Nancy and Nick were always polite and they had been taught to answer when they were spoken to, no matter if it was only a voice that spoke to them and nothing or no one else at all. And, of course, they were not afraid. They never, never, never were that.

"We're the Twins," answered Nick for both of them, "and we've come after Kip. Do you know if he is within?" Being in Fairyland it sounded far more fairy like to say "within" than just plain ordinary everyday "inside."

"Kip?" exclaimed the voice in surprise. "So you're after Kip! But sur-prise! What do I care whether you are after

Kip or not? Do you know how to play 'truth'?"
"Y-um M'm," nodded Nancy, almost but quite forgetting Pim Pim's warning about saying "yes."
"Well then, come inside and we shall have a game," went on the voice. Whereupon an ugly little gnome stepped out of the shadow and opened the gate. The cat's eye blinked solemnly.
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PRESENTS CITY'S OWN NOVELISTS

Municipal election night and all, a large audience greeted Mr. F. W. Hayden of the Canadian Literature Club, Toronto, when he gave a delightful lecture recital in St. Andrew's Hall Monday evening, under the auspices of the Marian Keith Club of the church.
Mr. Hayden read from the works of two talented London novelists, giving a delightful presentation of "Little Miss Melody," by Marian Keith (Mrs. D. C. MacGregor), and "The Forging of the Pikes," by Apison North (Miss May Wilson).
Prof. Dearnley of the Western University performed the duties of chairman. Mrs. Leta Layman-Durst sang "Dana," of which the words were by Marjorie Pickthall, Canadian poetess. Miss Ulah Kennedy also sang and Miss Marjory Allen contributed a violin solo.

The Tale of a Tail!



This is a funny looking bird, isn't it?—a goose with a turkey's tail! Even if you were a goose you wouldn't want that sort of a tail, would you?

But wouldn't you like to have the tale of Nancy and Dick's adventures among such strange beings?
Nancy and Dick, you know, are the little boy and girl in "The Adventures of the Twins," which has been appearing in the London Advertiser.

For second prize a big golden-haired doll or the best-running sled that can be procured; for third prize, a fine sled or a beautiful doll; for fourth prize, a baseball glove or a doll's tea set; fifth prize, a two-pound box of chocolates; sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth prizes, through the courtesy of the management, two seats at Loew's Theatre for Friday night, Dec. 23.
Write an adventure of not more than 200 words, using but one side of the paper, and mail it to the "Fairy Queen," care of the London Advertiser, before Dec. 12. Put your age, name and address at the top of your story.
Some little boy or girl is going to win—will it be you?

Personals

Mrs. W. F. Babb is holding a reception Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. de la Poer Beresford of Toronto are spending several days in the city.

Miss Sallie Muir is home on sick leave from Grace Hospital, Detroit, and will be in the city until after Christmas.

Miss Eva Vanderlinder left Monday for Chicago to attend the wedding of her cousin, Miss Marie Vanderlinder.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Bluetner have returned from their honeymoon, and are taking up their residence in London.

Mr. H. Gerring of Thamesford announces the engagement of his daughter Ethel Daisy to Mr. Wilfred G. Marshall of London, the marriage to take place at Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wardrop announce the engagement of their daughter Jean Alexander to Mr. William Elroy Smith of Plenty, Sask., the marriage to take place the latter part of December.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Dalgleish of Komoka announce the engagement of their only daughter Agnes to Edwin T. Caverhill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caverhill, also of Komoka, the marriage to take place in December.

His Lordship Bishop Fallon addressed the Hamilton Diocesan convention of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, held in Hamilton during the past week. Mrs. W. H. Lovering, who attended the London Diocesan convention early in November, is president.

Over five hundred attended a second annual rally of former residents of Bruce County, Western Ontario, held last week in Calgary, Alberta. John A. Mackay is president of the organization. A speaker of the occasion was Rev. Dr. Robert Johnston, minister of Grace Church, Calgary, a Bruce County "old boy," and for years the minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, London.

A most enjoyable evening was spent last Thursday at the home of Miss Florence Nye, 732 York street, when the girls of Mrs. Milson's class of the Dundas Central Sunday School met with Miss Nye on her voyage. Miss Nye, who is to be married in the near future, is leaving for England on a three months' trip. A pleasing event of the evening was the presentation to the bride-elect of a barpin by the class. Miss L. Davidson sang several solos, after which delightful refreshments were served.

A jolly event of Saturday afternoon was a shower-tea given by Miss H. G. Abbott, King street, at the Smallman & Ingram tea rooms, in honor of Miss Doris Rowntree, whose marriage to Dr. Colling or Lambeth takes place on Monday. Fifteen girl friends of the bride-elect were present, presenting her with many lovely gifts. The table was dainty and pretty, adorned in a pink and white color scheme. The bride's chair was marked by bows of pink tulle.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Zavitz, Alexandra Apartments, gave a delightful birthday party on Saturday afternoon in honor of their daughter Helen. Mrs. Zavitz welcomed the little guests, assisted by Mrs. Case of Hensall. In the early part of the afternoon games were played. Supper was followed by an impromptu program given by the little guests. Among those present were: Misses Lorna Ashplant, Betty Clerk, Hilda Desand, Barbara and Shirley Fraser, Ruth Martin, Lillian McCormick, Grace McKenzie, Meta Rhodes, Mary Ware, Beverly Westland, Ruth Wilson, Helen Wood and Norma and Mack Rosser.

A Victoria exchange states that "Music lovers of Victoria have learned with much interest that Mrs. Walter C. Nichol, in her desire to foster music in the community, has inaugurated a series of monthly 'Soiree Musicales' to take place during the winter months at government house." This announcement is met in London, in view of the fact that the lady of government house, British Columbia, previous to her marriage, as Miss Quita Moore, was prominent in musical circles in London, her husband in London, under the auspices of the athletic directorate of Western University. It is expected that this dance will be the outstanding social event of the university year. The dance is being given under the patronage of Major A. T. Little and Mrs. Little, Lieut.-Col. Eric Reid and Mrs. Reid, Dr. P. S. McKibben and Mrs. McKibben, Dr. W. S. Fox and Mrs. Fox, Dr. H. W. Hill and Miss Hill, Major Gordon Ingram and Mrs. Ingram, Dr. J. W. Crane and Mrs. Crane, Mr. M. L. Blake, and the members of the athletic directorate. The dance is being limited to students and graduates of the university, that is one member of each couple must be a student, graduate or member of the faculty of the university.

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Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

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The girl who can regard as a good talker is always ready with a laugh, and the girl who laughs well is always popular. One may excuse a girl who giggles, if she giggles in a way that makes others merry and seems to imply that she is being entertained immensely, or that your stories are deliciously funny—though they may be very stupid—or that on the whole she is enjoying herself and you enormously.

I remember dancing with a man I had just met, who opened the conversation in this way, "I was impatient for this dance." (It was danced in pink). "Because I always seem to get on famously with a girl in pink, and I can always tell a lot about a girl by the colors she likes to wear." How much more diplomatic this man was than one I danced with later in the evening, whose opening remark was something of this nature, "I knew I had this dance with a girl in pink, but there are so many girls in pink here and they all look alike to me, and I was afraid I would ask the wrong girl." Little personal remarks that are not impertinent are sure to be appreciated by everyone, even of the sterner sex.

WANTS BOOK RETURNED.
Dear Miss Grey: I am writing to your Mail-Box to ask if Peggy O'Neill still has the music book that Weary Mother sent her over two months ago. When we sent it to her, we lived in Woodstock, but since then have moved to London. Mother would like to know if she would return it if she is through with it. Christmas is very near, but we expect to have a hard Christmas, but I wish the Mail-Boxites a very merry Christmas. Inclosed find a hospital note.

WEARY MOTHER'S DAUGHTER.
If Peggy O'Neill sees your letter, I am quite sure she will let you know about the book. Many thanks for remembering our hospital fund with a note. We cannot print business addresses in this column, so if you will send a stamped, self-addressed envelope, reaching your request, I will try and help you.

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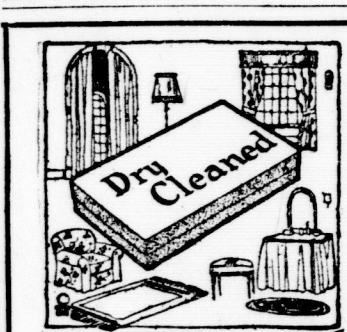


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The pockets are roomy things, practical, quite like the suit itself, which, made of black velveteen, was designed for wear and warmth.

Both skirt and jacket are loose, easy of outline and are ornamented with silk braid in circular applique. The collar of kimmer may be worn high or laid flat against the shoulders.

WITH THE BRIDES

KAYSER-MINHNICK.
A quiet wedding took place on Nov. 26, when Miss Florence Kayser of this city was married to Lucas Minhnick of Pontiac, Mich., at St. Mary's Church. Rev. Father Dignan of Chatham performed the ceremony. Miss Louise Dickmeyer attended the bride, while Robert Peckler was groomsmen. The

JUNIORS STUDY BACH, BEETHOVEN

The younger members of the piano class of Miss Irene Foster held a very instructive and enjoyable afternoon at the Institute of Musical Art on Saturday last, when a study of the lives of Bach and Beethoven was taken up. Miss Foster gave an interesting little talk on each of the composers, after which papers were given by the pupils, prizes for the best papers going to Miss Marjorie Box and Miss Ella Lane. A program was presented by the pupils, assisted by Miss May Atrill, who gave some of Bach's more difficult selections. At the close of the afternoon dainty refreshments were served. The pupils who contributed to the program were Misses Marjorie Box, Ruth Ferguson, Lillian Howard, Olga Hunt, Mildred Lampert, Ella Lane, Leonora Little, Elizabeth McGill, Leona Shoebottom, Eva Talbot, Lorna Watt and Master Kenneth Box, Clifton Hunt, Albert Jolly, Wm. Knowles, Jack Menell, Allan Miller, Raymond Randall. Miss Foster entertained her senior class on Monday evening, the following pupils taking part: Misses Hazel Boyd, Beatrice Brett, Marjorie Brown, Beatrice Corbin, Pearl Coleman, Gladys Fenton, Dorothy Fuller, Marjorie Gibson, Irene Margaret Rose, Judd, Marjorie Pearson, Margaret Rose, Nellie Mills, Dorothea Silverthorne, Irene Selvey, Olive Stone, Annie Talbot, Louise Wyatt, Doris Foster, Dorothy Floyd, Georgina Temple, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Cavanaugh and Mr. Howard.

Western Ontario Women's Activities

Address News For This Column to The Editor of Woman's Page.

MAPLETON ENJOYS PLAY.

Residents of Mapleton and vicinity were afforded a great treat last week in the presentation of an amusing play, "The Young Village Doctor," under the auspices of C. W. B. M., in aid of the work of the Missionary Society of the Church of Christ, Mapleton. About \$70 was realized.

The principal characters in the play, given exceptionally clever interpretation, were taken by Mrs. John Johnson, Miss Fitchett, as the charming heroine, Nell Ferguson, the young village doctor, Mrs. H. M. Brown, Miss Mildred McCauley, Archie Thompson, Fred Brown, Charlie Cline, Mrs. Fred Brown, Mrs. Harvey Martindale, Mrs. Gordon Legg, Henry Legg, Miss Mabel Bray, Douglas Legg, Herbert Brown, Chief interest centered in the love affair between the young village doctor and the nurse, Miss Crane, culminating in the wedding party. Between acts a musical program was given by Miss Myrtle B. Charlton, Mrs. Stanley Simpson, Mr. Clarke and a sextet of colored belles. Mr. Franks acted as chairman.

bride was a becoming navy blue suit with hat to match. After the ceremony the guests proceeded to the home of the bride's brother, where a very sumptuous wedding breakfast was served. Many gifts were presented by the couple. The happy couple left at 11:35 for Pontiac, Mich., their future home, amid showers of confetti and good wishes.

WOMEN'S CLUBS

SPEAKS AT MANDAMIN.

Miss Gardiner, a missionary home on furlough from India, gave a very interesting address at the meeting of the Mandamin W. M. S. held in the Mandamin Hall Thursday evening. She gave an account of her work, along educational and evangelistic lines, emphasizing the great need of more workers in the field. The annual meeting of the W. M. S. will be held at the manse on Dec. 5, at which articles for the little folk at the Redemptive Home, Toronto, will be made.

BELMONT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Belmont Women's Institute held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. W. A. Hunt, at which plans were made for charity work, which the institute intends to carry out. After the business part of the meeting a very instructive reading was given by Mrs. Roy Meek, the subject of which was "The Other Wise Man." Excellent reports of the convention held in London were given by Mrs. Proculier and Mrs. Wilkens.

CANARY CLUB HOLDS BAZAAR.

The Canary Club of the Sunday school of the Askin Street Church recently held a most successful bazaar in the Sunday school of the church, from which they realized the splendid sum of \$125. This money is to go towards the building of a gymnasium and extension of the Sunday school, which is to be commenced immediately. After the bazaar the club held a delightful surprise party in honor of the two leaders, Miss McCormick and Miss Hodgson, each being presented with a lovely bouquet of mums. The presentation was made by Miss Dorothy

Pritchett. At the close of the evening a dainty supper was served.

DISCUSS SUPERANNUATION.
A discussion on the superannuation fund was brought up by Mrs. Headley at the meeting of the ministers' wives, held at the Dundas Center Church, Monday morning. A constitution of the Ladies' Aid of Ottawa, dealing with the uniform furnishing of parsonages, was read by the president, Mrs. W. Milson, and proved very interesting. Mrs. Hiles was appointed program convener, the duties of which she will have to fulfill for the coming three months. The next meeting will be held the first Monday in February.

REGISTRAR SPEAKS.

Miss Robertson, registrar at Victoria Hospital, will be the speaker at the regular meeting Tuesday evening of the Victoria Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association, taking up business of special interest to the nurses.

COMMITTEE WEEK AT "Y."

Three committees of the Young Women's Christian Association are meeting this week, the residence committee on Wednesday, under the co-sponsorship of Mrs. Archibald Graham; the Travelers' Aid, Thursday, convened by Mrs. Thos. Rowe, and also on Thursday, the "Lendmore" house committee, of which Mrs. S. L. Taylor is convener.

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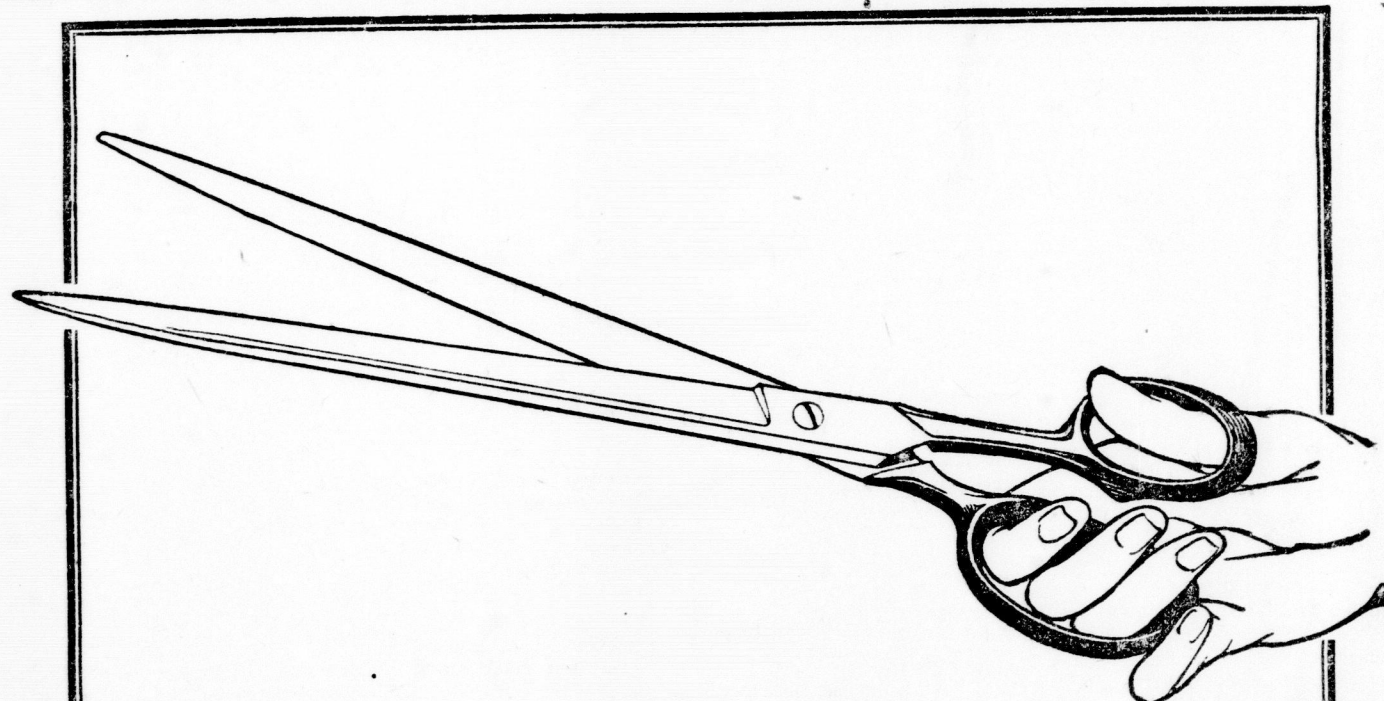
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