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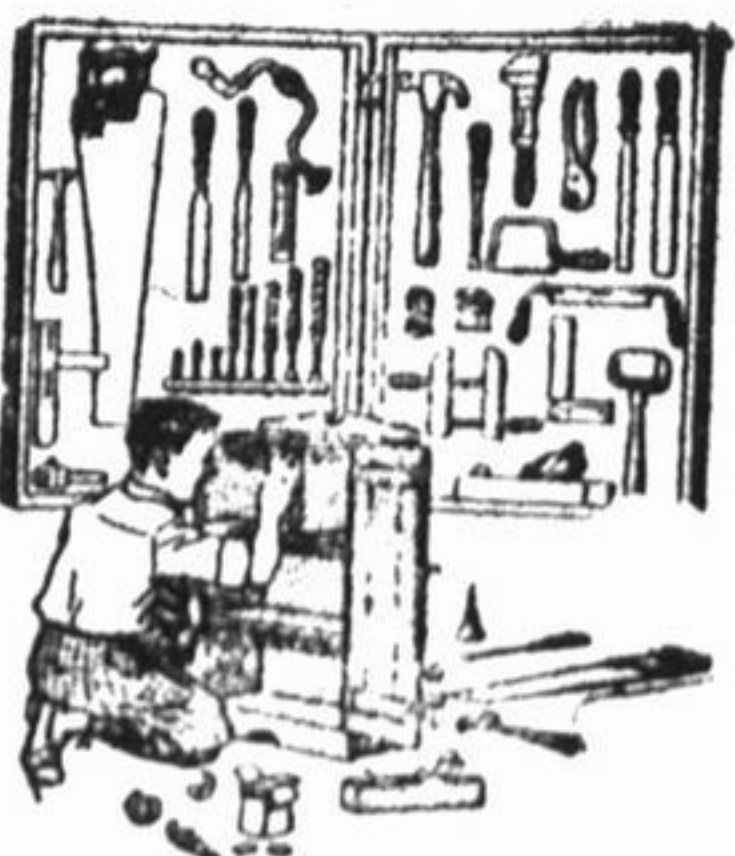
When the old pond freezes over and their pleasant shouts and laughter ring out through the clear cold air, you'd hate to think your child was missing it all because he had no skates.

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One of our Du Page County soldiers, a medical student, returns from France with active consumption. He left last February from St. Louis with Dr. Murphy, Base Hospital unit for France to take care of incapacitated English soldiers. He assisted Dr. Opt, a pathologist and tuberculosis specialist, in making post-mortem examination.

Incidentally, however, he examined his own specimen and to his astonishment found many of the germs of consumption. The diagnosis of his own case was later confirmed by Dr. Opt, who immediately gave him an honorable discharge and frankly told him to return to his County for proper Sanatorium treatment. The Du Page County Supervisors are interested in this case and are anxiously willing to assist him towards recuperation.

This young man says that the condition of consumptive soldiers in the trenches is far worse and more prevalent than what any of us here realize.

This is but the first of a long train of such cases that will come if this war continues.

The sale of Red Cross seals will help us give other returned, unfortunate soldiers the kind of treatment we are ever ready and glad to give this one.

Highly Valued Pen.

One of the most valuable pens in the world, and one that has been much coveted by curio hunters, is one owned in New York. It was made from a carved box in which George Washington, when a young man, kept the lenses of his surveying instruments, the wood of which formed the lid of the deck of the captain of the historic Mayflower.

What Have You Got For Me SANTA CLAUS?



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Bob Stillwell's Christmas

By ANNE CAREW

BOB STILLWELL sat down on his sled with his chin in his mittened hands and tried to plan what he could give folks for Christmas, for it was only three days away.

"I can't give a thing!" he muttered at last, for he did not have a penny of his own, and he knew that money was very scarce on the farm that year. The Stillwell children would be lucky if they all had mittens and warm shoes and stockings. Yet Bob knew that his sister Nan was dreaming of a doll house, little Peter wanted a puppy all his own, and he didn't dare think of his big sister Amy and big brother Elmer and his father and mother.

"Why not make 'em son thing?" was the thought that came to him.

Bob jumped up and went home whistling through the woods. Under the pine trees he stopped and brushed away the snow. When he got through his pockets were full of dried pine cones, large and small, and some pieces of birch bark.

The day before Christmas Bob unlocked the woodshed door and looked at the result of his labors.

There was a doll house for little Nan made out of an egg crate, with real



He saw the Grandest New Sled.

wall paper on the walls of the two rooms, bits of carpet on the floors and some cardboard furniture that Bob had made. He had even tacked little scraps of lace at the windows for curtains.

For Amy there was the lovely picture from the Sunday newspaper which she had adored. Bob had remembered and had made a frame for it out of strips of wood, and on the wood he had glued tiny pine cones, pieces of birch bark and dried moss, and as the picture was a woodland scene you can imagine how pretty it was. Bob had found a chair rung, which he scraped and polished with some oil and turpentine. He put some screweyes in the ends, and Amy gave him a piece of narrow red ribbon to make loops—and, behold, there was a necktie holder for Elmer! For his mother he whittled a reel for her clothes lines, and it was a wonderfully handy thing, and for his father he bought a pipe. It happened this way: He did some errands for the man who kept the tobacco store in the village, and when the man would have paid him some money Bob said he'd rather have a pipe. So now they were all provided for except little Peter. How was Bob going to get hold of a real live puppy?

"You go over to my brother's place at the foot of Long hill, and you tell him I sent you," said the tobacco man. "Maybe he will let you have a puppy and work it out for him on Saturdays. He has a paper route."

"I'll do it if he will!" cried Bob eagerly. Half an hour later he hurried into the woodshed with a wriggling little puppy under his coat. Of course he had to tell his mother about that. And how Bob did enjoy the secret, running to and fro with milk and scraps of meat for the puppy!

When Christmas morning dawned I think Bob Stillwell was the most surprised boy in Little River. He was so interested in watching the pleasure of his brothers and sister with the gifts he had made with his own hands that he stood smiling, forgetting to look at the tree for his own presents.

"Look, Bobby, look!" screamed little Peter.

Bob looked and turned pale with surprise. The grandest new sled, painted a bright red, runners and all. His father and Elmer had made it together. And there was a red woolen muffler that Amy had knitted for him and other things that Santa Claus brought him.

THE MOTHERS CLUB

Next Tuesday afternoon, December 18th, at 2:30 o'clock in the Kindergarten building the Mothers' Club will meet for the last time before Christmas. For this reason the meeting will be given over for the most part to Christmas-y things. There will be some Christmas music and reading, and a general discussion of the Christmas spirit and activities.

Remember to bring your gifts for the Jolly Tar Boys Christmas. A partial list of acceptable gifts is here

given. Wool socks, handkerchiefs, postage stamps, shaving soap, toilet soap, bath towels, razors, tooth paste, candy, home made cake, warm gloves, knitted garments.

Unframed Pictures.

To fasten unframed pictures on the wall so that the wind cannot tear them loose, take a narrow ribbon and brass tacks and, beginning at one corner, fasten the picture, then stretch the ribbon to the next corner of the picture, then another tack, and so on clear around the picture. Use ribbon to harmonize with the color in your picture and the effect will be pretty.

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