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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Greetings

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This jolly snow-man is helping us say: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our patrons!

ROY'S GARAGE

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YEAR-LONG REMINDER

PUZZLING over a gift idea? A paperweight with your personal touch, to remind one of Christmas all year around is suggested.

Materials: a widemouthed jar with built-in rubber gasket, small Christmas figurine, waterproof glue, camphor flakes.

To assemble: Unscrew jar cover. Glue figurine to underside of cover.

When glue is dry (note package directions), place two or three tablespoons of camphor flakes in jar and fill with water. Screw cover on tightly.

Invert jar and shake. Settling camphor gives effect of snow falling about the figurine.

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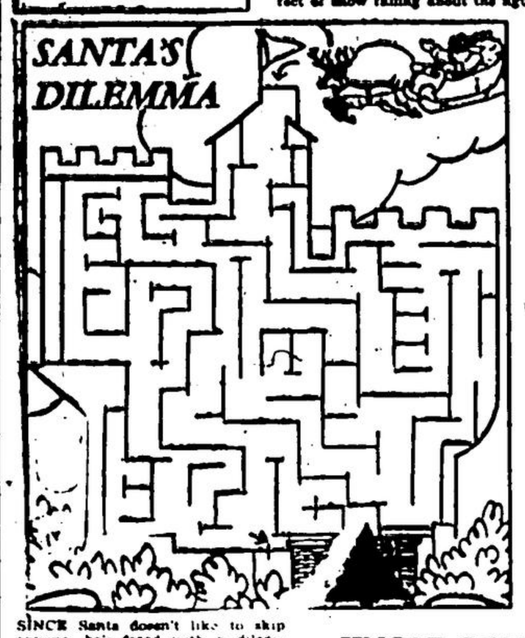
SANTA'S bag of tricks outdoes them all, of course. But this tinsel-tinged assortment of wits teasers, games, gift and decorating ideas, etc., handle St. Nick's approach with a head start on the fun. Trumpets! A fanfare please! Let the merrymaking begin.

SANTA'S DILEMMA



SINCE Santa doesn't like to skip anyone, he's faced with a dilemma here. If he should get lost climbing down this old castle's chimney, he's likely to miss out on the rest of his rounds. On the other hand, if there's a passage to the fireplace at bottom, he'd certainly like to stop in. Would you please check on his best course of action?

To the Letter

HOW quickly can you name something identified with Christmas for each of the letters in the word? Let's see.

C .....
H .....
R .....
I .....
S .....
T .....
M .....
A .....
S .....

PHANTOM TREE

A red crayon is needed for this test. Use it to color the Christmas tree above. When you have finished, place the red tree under a strong light, and look at it steadily for 60 seconds. Then turn your gaze to a dark wall.

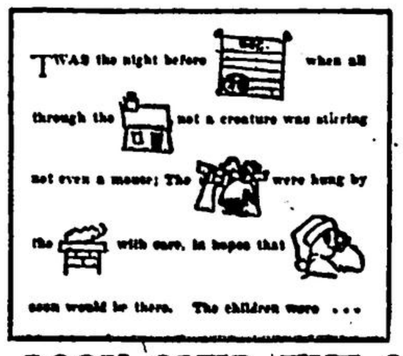
Christmas Drawing Test

HERE is a Christmas party diversion to keep the festivities at a merry clip.

Host or hostess provides each guest present with a copy of Clement Clarke Moore's "Night Before Christmas" and a pencil. Typewritten carbon copies on plain white paper are preferable. (Keep a generous amount of space between lines).

Object of the game is to replace as many words as possible in the poem with rough or stick-figure drawings. For example, below, we've taken part of the poem and picked out some of the more obvious possibilities.

Prizes are suggested for 1—most figures drawn; 2—best artistry; 3—most original drawings, etc. Of course, there should be a time limit.



JINGLE BELLS

LEARN to pick out the tune of that old seasonal favorite, Jingle Bells, on your piano or accordion by this method: Fold the paper so as to have the picture keyboard before you and sound the notes indicated below—

Jin gle bells! Jin gle bells!
E E E E E E
Jin gle all the way!
E G2 C D E
Oh! What fun it is to ride in
F F F F E E E E
a one-horse open sleigh,
E E D D E D G2
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E G2 G2 F D C

Shopping List

MUSING over gifts still to be purchased, a shopper doodled the figure above. Can you figure out all of the items under consideration?

Give yourself a maximum time limit of two minutes.

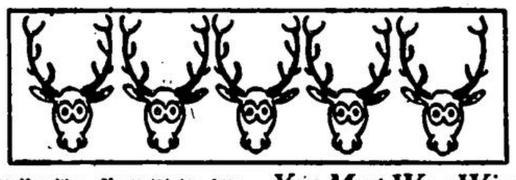
Answer: Lamp, glove, gun, pipe, pencil, pitcher, manger, suitcase, pocketbook.

Riddle Me This

IF you were asked the name of the town most frequently drawn in the holiday season, what should you answer?

Answer: Corn in Germania — a corkscrew surprise.

LOOK OVER THE SCRUB TEAM



A REINDEER dealer just in from Lower Bongaraga has been trying to interest Santa in five reindeer for use as spares. The dealer holds that all except one of the animals he has for sale are exactly alike. He maintains, however, that unless you take a good look or two, the difference is likely to go unnoticed.

Do you agree? That is, can you determine which reindeer is different within a minute of study?

Answer: Deer at far right has missing horn point.

OUT OF TOUCH

CHALLENGE two persons to perform this stunt. Object is for participants to stand with both feet on a sheet of Christmas wrapping paper for half a minute without touching each other.

When attempts fail, host or hostess points out "gimmick" above—standing in doorway.

You Must Wax Wise

IF one Xmas candle can be made from melting eight candle stubs, how many candles can be made, and used, from 64 stubs?

Answer: Nine. "And seven..."

PLAN TO FOIL SANTA

THERE'S no such thing as too many Santa Clauses for decorative purposes — especially Santas as jolly looking as the ones shown below. The figures can be cut like paper dolls from aluminum foil or wrapping paper for use as tree ornaments, gift embellishments, mantel and centerpiece decorations, etc.

Use of a pattern similar to the one at right is suggested. Instructions are given in bold-face type below it. Naturally, you'll want to add bits of construction paper and cotton to dress them up.

To make a four-figure chain of Santas, use a piece of foil or other material 7½ inches long. Fold accordion-like—across, then back, across, and back a second time. Trace pattern on top and cut out, cutting through all four thicknesses. Practice cutting chain figures from wrap paper first.

Seasoned Thinking

EACH set of words below spells out the word Christmas. How quickly can you complete the words according to the definitions?

1. CHR-----: Baptize
   --IST--: Skin bump
   ---MAS: Animals
2. CHR--------: A time-piece
   ---IST--: Convent
   ---MAS: Plays
3. CHR-------: A history
   --IST--: Thorny
   ----MAS: Sleep wear
4. CHR----------: A flower
   --IST--: Shrill sound
   --MAS: Mothers
5. CHR-----: A metal
   --IST--: Tornado
   ---MAS: Doctrines

Answers: 1. Christian, christen, chasten. 2. Chronometer, chimney, chrome. 3. Chromosome, chimney, chromium. 4. Chrysanthemum, chimney, chrome. 5. Chromium, chrisom, chromosome.

Easy to Assemble Plaque

YOU may be surprised by the ease with which you can turn an ordinary asbestos mat into an attractive Christmas wall plaque. See illustration at left.

Simply cover the face of the mat with a circular piece of shiny metallic gift-wrap and paste additional "scenery" thereon.

A small angel figurine or paper cut-out is suggested for the foreground. Cotton puff clouds and gummed silver stars complete the scene.

Those who are creative may wish to think up other themes.

Old magazines and Christmas cards are good places to explore such possibilities.

Sweet Thoughts

A CANDY dish contains twenty-five vanilla creams, ten maple creams, and ten raspberry creams. What is the least number of pieces one must take out of the bowl to be sure of having (a) two with the same flavor? (b) two with different flavors?

Answer: (a) The first three could all be different. Any four must contain two with the same flavor. (b) The first three could be same as one with different flavor.

Challenging Yule Party Stunts

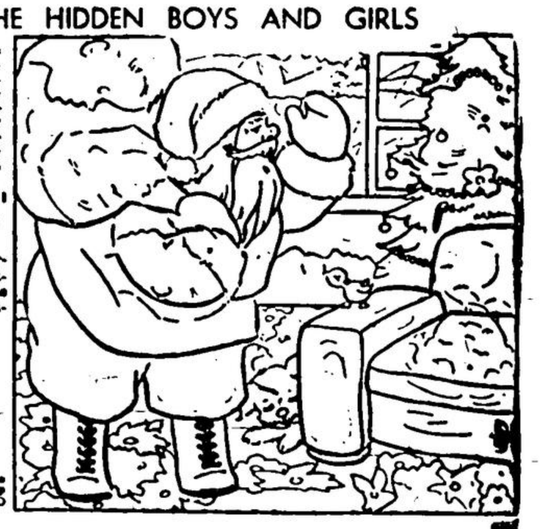
UNLESS you are an exceptional person, you cannot:

1. Stand for five minutes without moving, while blindfolded.
2. Stand with both your heels together against a wall and pick up something from the floor.
3. Light a candle while balancing your weight on one knee.
4. Turn around rapidly five times and then walk a straight line.

Try these feats and test them on your friends. It's a good routine for breaking the ice at a party.

THE HIDDEN BOYS AND GIRLS

Faces of ten children are hidden in the drawing at right. How long will it take you to find them? Trace over the outlines lightly with a pencil to check your count.



Deer Me!

CAN you rearrange the letters of the names of Santa's reindeer?

XVNEI
MEOOT
PICUD
ERDNDO
RPNAREO
HADRES
TZINELS
RNDCAS

Answers: Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donder, or Blitzen, Dancer, Prancer, Dasher.

THIS IS A BIG SURPRISE

A ball, doll and tin horn are on the list for the Jones twins, but Santa's also packing a surprise. To find out what it is draw a continuous line from dot 1 to dot 2, etc., to dot 22. Where two numbers are beside one dot, use the dot for both.

Some Present!

A LADY gave me a Christmas gift
she had not,
And I received her gift which I
took not.
She gave it willingly yet she would
not;
And I received it, albeit I could
not.
If she give it me, I force not.
And if she take it again, I grieve
not.
Consider what this is and tell not,
For I am fast sworn, I may not.

Answer: Kiss, as you probably guessed.

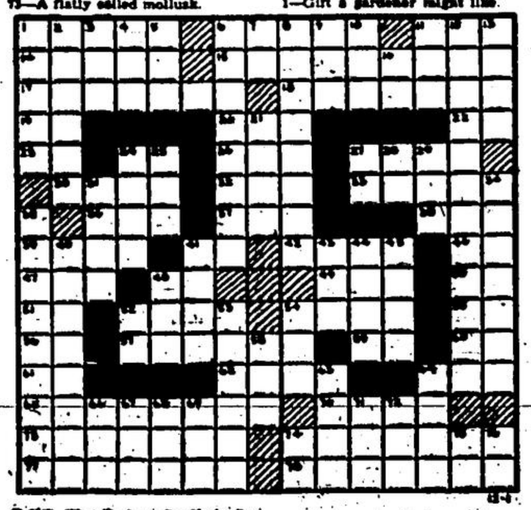
HOLIDAY QUIZ-CROSSWORD

HORIZONTAL

1—In folklore, what fat, jolly old man makes children happy in December?
11—Serpent.
14—Wondered.
15—Sincerely.
17—What St. Nick does on Christmas.
18—Number.
19—Prefix meaning two.
20—The local seat from which a bishop exercises jurisdiction.
22—Prefix, down.
23—Printer's measure.
24—Greek goddess of earth.
26—What woodland spirit was supposed to be the inventor of the reed-pipe?
27—Christmas is the season of glorious ——.
30—Cloth measure (plural).
33—In non-Euclidean geometry, a combining form.
34—Christmas ——.
35—Musical key.
36—Roman bronze.
37—Ancient.
38—A modifier of words in the comparative degree.
39—Possess.
41—Hebrew god.
42—Girl's name.
44—Symbol of aluminum.
47—Christmas is when bad boys —— their mistakes.
48—Lava.
49—Bring forth young.
50—Pronoun.
51—Neither-pronoun.
53—Mistakes.
54—Money.
55—In Oriental countries a title of respect for a woman.
56—Symbol for samarium.
57—One may do this for a gift.
60—Old pronoun.
65—Suffix used to form plurals.
67—Trade mark (abbr.)
68—Class of vertebrate birds.
69—Native metal.
72—Cogitate.
76—"He was dressed all in fur from his —— to his foot."
73—A flatly coiled mollusk.
74—Discourses based on a text from the Bible.
77—Hemispherical helmets of the 15th century.
78—Stained.

VERTICAL

1—Gift a gardener might like.
2—French textile fabric.
3—Short fibers on the surface of flannel.
4—Gift that draws jokesters' comments.
5—Curious scraps of literature.
6—A covered pit for drainage.
7—Note of the musical scale.
8—A compound of arsenic.
9—Combining form, one.
10—Gender.
11—In Spenser's "Faerie Queen," a hag.
12—Stonebreaking tool.
13—English prima donna.
16—Street (abbr.)
21—Member of the British nobility.
24—Joy.
25—Worm.
27—Namely (abbr.)
28—Exclamation.
29—Yield as clear profit.
31—Bathe oneself.
34—Disengage.
35—The Big Day.
40—Any living ameba.
41—Merit.
43—What Welsh journalist wrote under the pen name of "Idris"?
44—Mother of Jesus.
45—Poker stake.
46—Greek goddess of retribution.
52—Exclamation.
53—Boys and girls like these.
54—Before.
58—Night before Xmas.
63—Noah's oldest son.
64—Arena.
66—Split pulse.
67—Sick.
68—Digit.
69—Enamel.
71—"—— he drove out of sight."
73—Wine vessel.
74—Liner (abbr.).
75—Symbol for sodium.
76—Middle Western State (abbr.)



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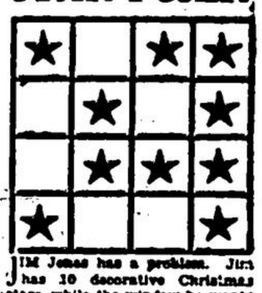
STAR POSER



JIM Jones has a problem. Jim has 10 decorative Christmas stars, while the window he wants to decorate has 16 panes. He can't put a star in each window, but he can put an even number in each vertical, horizontal and diagonal row. How, then, will it look when finished?

A diagram and ten stars are furnished above.

Answer: [illegible]

Double-Duty Words

BY replacing the stars with the names of two things seen or felt at Christmas, five four-letter words will appear vertically.

A A A V O
S L E I S

Answer: The words are chaos, [illegible]