

## Gathering Outside Holiday Decoration

At this time of year the woods are filled with potential Christmas decorations.

Graceful branches of trees and bushes bare of their leaves, pine cones and weeds of every description treated with an imaginative paint brush can become attractive Christmas tree ornaments, centre-pieces for party tables and finery for gift wrappings.

Three or four branches with lacy twigs will form an interesting table centre-piece. Coat the branches with aluminum paint and then see what artistic arrangements can be made with the silvery twigs. This centre-piece is suitable for any time of year but at this season, tiny Christmas trees, holly leaves or poinsettias can be cut from colored paper and attached to ends of the small twigs. Colored Christmas tree balls fastened to the twigs are gay and effective.

Large pine cones are made-to-order for Christmas tree decoration. A little white paint on the tips gives a wintry touch and brightens the green tree. For the front door, a cluster of these cones tied with a bright red bow offers a warm greeting to holiday guests.

Smaller ones are perfect for decorating parcels and are a pleasant change from the traditional ribbon bows. They can be painted white, gold, silver or any color to match the paper, and grouped in twos or threes, depending on the size of the parcel.

Before painting cones or branches make sure they are free of sticky sap and are perfectly dry. Then a glossy enamel or aluminum paint can be applied with a small brush.

A family outing in the woods, followed by a painting bee can provide decorations for many Christmases to come.

## Christmas

C is for the Christ child,  
Born this Holy Day,  
H is for the Happiness  
For which we all should pray,  
R is for Reverence  
We pay Jesus Christ each day,  
I is for the lowly inn  
And the manger where He lay,  
S is for the singing  
Of Christmas carols and hymns,  
T is for the torture He suffered  
To save us from our sins,  
M is for Misgivings  
We all have throughout the year,  
A is for Almighty One  
We can always find so near,  
S is for our Saviour  
Who gave His life for us,  
So let us try our best to put  
Christ back into Christmas.

—Edith Sharpe.

## Antique Plays

The Christmas Mummers are still in existence in England, with the same plays that have been presented for several hundred years.

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## New Christmas Cards Double As Tree Ornaments and Toys

Christmas cards, traditional ambassadors bearing "season's greetings", will enact several additional roles during the coming Yule season.

As a result of the ever increasing ingenuity of their designers in producing brilliant effects and intriguing, almost game-like folds many will serve as tree ornaments, as decorations for mantel and door and table, and even as toys for youngsters.

So universal has become the custom of exchanging Christmas greeting cards, they are now sent to friends and relatives who normally receive gifts, as well as those who do not.

And in some instances, especially for children, there are many new cards that actually incorporate the gift feeling in concrete fashion, as well as clever greetings.

### Simulated Gems

Brilliance of the 1958 assortment is greater than ever with simulated gems being used in some instances, while other cards are made to glisten with silver and gold treatments.

A series of eight mobiles, specifically designed to serve as tree decorations as well as greetings, have been presented.

Another that also may be put to good use is a two-foot high paper Santa Claus, weather proofed for permanence. It is at one and the

same time a greeting card and an outside door decoration.

Among cards for children is one that carries with it a supply of decorated notepaper and envelopes, which little girls will like. For boys, there is a card that can be transformed into a periscope. And among others is a money tree design with branches that may be filled with dimes. Still another is really a kit of magic tricks.

## Repaint Old Toys For Unfortunates

A second-hand toy, glistening with a fresh coat of enamel, can bring joy to a child whose Christmas might otherwise be a drab one. Every home with a child in it has discarded playthings. Repairing and painting them for hospitals or children's institutions can be the most rewarding of Christmas preparations.

A hard, high-gloss enamel gives excellent results on old wagons, rocking horses, nursery tables and chairs. Choose bright colors—reds, oranges and blues—the more brilliant the better. Sand the old finish to remove scratches and chips. If bare wood is showing, a priming coat should be applied to seal the surface. Should two coats of paint be needed, make sure the first coat is completely dry before adding the second. A light sanding between coats is recommended.

## LUNGS THE TARGET

The tuberculosis germ can attack any of the body tissues, but its most frequent target is the lungs. More than eight out of 10 of its victims have pulmonary tuberculosis.

## ALMOST ALWAYS FATAL

Ten years ago tuberculosis meningitis, TB which attacks the brain and spinal cord, was almost always fatal. The drugs have been particularly effective against this type of TB.



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