

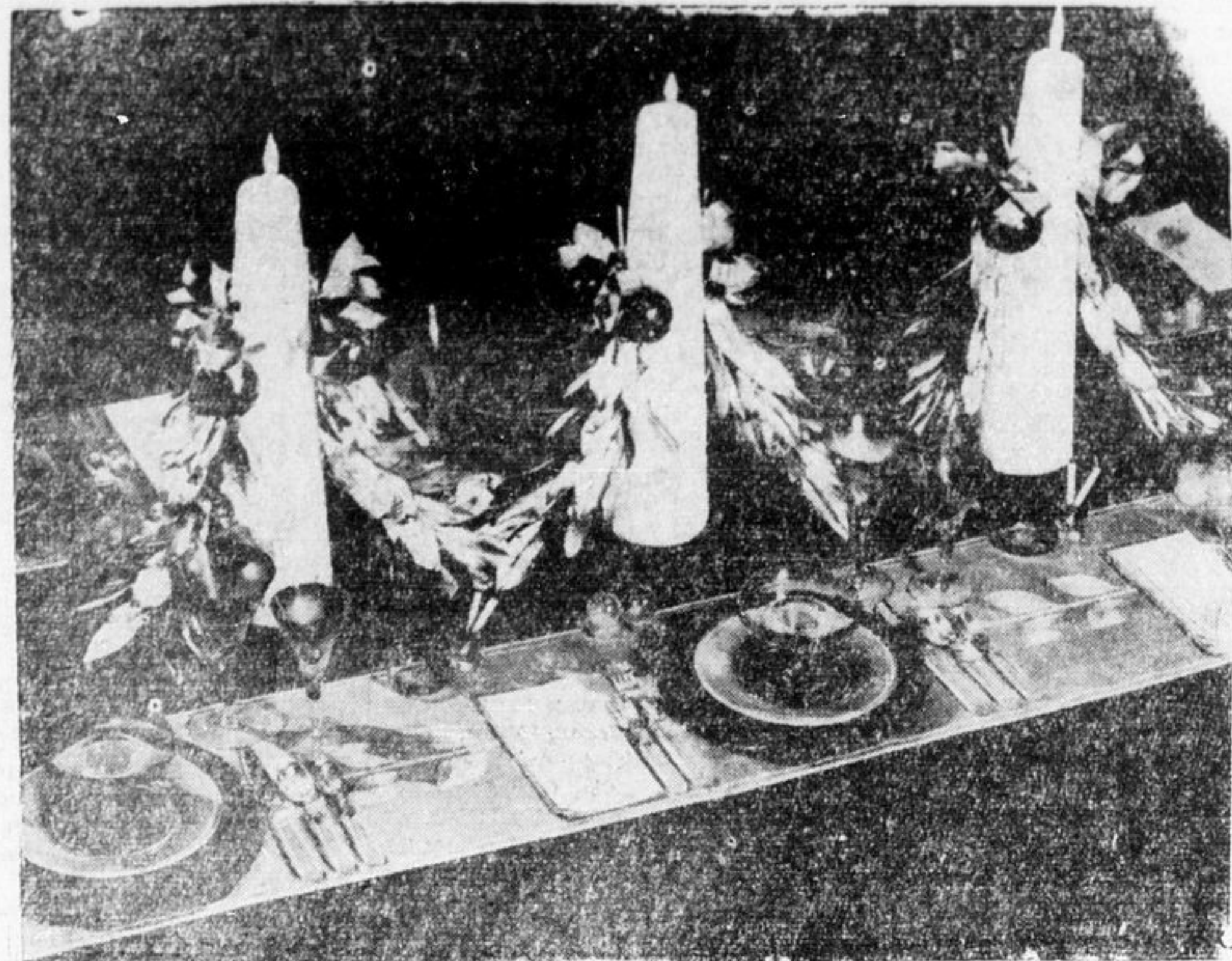


# PLEASANT HOMES

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## GIFTS OF GLASS FOR A WAR CHRISTMAS

Glass is as Scarce as Many Other Materials — It Glams Through the War Gloom — It Isn't Too Expensive But It's Very Useful



Shades of amethyst from pale to dark in tinted glass set this Christmas table designed by Carole Stupell with distinction. The tall candles are gar-

Glass has gone to the wars like every other basic American material, and its fine performance in new roles on both the fighting and production fronts promises many revolutionary ventures on the home scene when peace comes.

**Double Duty**  
Not only is our glass industry busy with war work, but it is also doing double duty in the home furnishing field. For it does not use priority materials and so has been called upon to replace many war-scarce materials. But even glass may not be able to meet all the civilian demands that will be made upon it, not for the lack of the raw materials used to make it but because of a shortage of labor and plant equipment. So nobody makes promises on the future supplies, even of glass.

**A Brave Gleam**  
Gifts of glass are fitting for still another reason right now... they have a brave gleam that will help cut the gloom of these days. So we commend to you such gifts as:

**GLASS BUFFET PLATES** with grooves for cups or glasses, thus making it possible for a guest to hold everything in one hand. These are in amusing shapes of leaves, fruits and such like and they are usually priced at \$1. for a set of four.

**A GLASS FIREPLACE GRATE** is the novelty of the year. Of heat-proof glass in waffle mesh design the color of black cast iron.

**TRAYS WITH GLASS DISHES** to fit on them, usually the dishes in fruit shapes — an idea for informal supper service.

**GLASS SALAD BOWLS** in shell shape with separate compartments for dressing and with a glass spoon into the bargain.

**GLASS COFFEE MAKER** for small

amounts of coffee, the better to stretch our rations!

**SQUARE GLASS PLATES** in different sizes have great style for modern tables.

**OVEN-PROOF GLASS CASSEROLES** in interesting holders for table service.

**COVERED GLASS VEGETABLE SERVERS**, copied after some of the best loved Sheffield designs.

**COLLECTOR'S GLASS** in modern designs by leading artists — urns and vases and decorative pieces for ornaments.

**MIRROR COFFEE TABLES** bring life and brilliance to the decorations of sedate rooms.

**MIRROR DRESSING TABLES AND SMALL CHESTS** are glamorous for bedrooms.

**GAY EASEL BACK MIRRORS** are charming for dressing tables and are available in novel shapes and frames.

When you go shopping for gifts of glass, you might as well be armed with a few facts — that the process of glass making was first developed in Egypt four thousand years ago or more and this scintillating substance has been in pretty constant use ever since. Glass is made mostly of sand, potash or soda, calcium and lead. There is no such thing as real rock crystal on the market in commercial glass for real rock crystal is mined out of the earth, whereas glass is made by man.

**ROCK CRYSTAL**  
However the term rock crystal is often used to describe a flawless quality of glass with the same chemical composition as rock crystal. And the term CRYSTAL is popularly used to describe clear colorless glass.

The coarsest quality of glass is known as **FLINT GLASS**, by adding more lead and other substances the higher quality **LEAD GLASS** is made; you can judge this by the musical ring it makes when you tap it.

**CUT GLASS** denotes an expensive process of cutting the design in to glass by hand with a copper or stone wheel instead of moulding it or etching it out with acid.

When molten glass is poured into a mould and pressed into the different parts of the mould with a plunger, this is known as **PRESSED GLASS** which

includes old sandwich glass as well as modern reproductions of it; this is an inexpensive process.

**HAND-BLOWN GLASS** is a term applied to glass blown through a pipe by an expert craftsman then shaped with pincers, tongs, calipers, shears and other tools — Venetian glass is made this way; this is a very delicate process.

**MOULD BLOWN GLASS** is a combination of the two processes — the molten glass is blown into a mould; optic glass is made this way.

**CASED GLASS** is made by either hand blowing or by mould blowing; two layers of glass — clear crystal and a tint — are superimposed on each other to contribute a two toned effect to the pattern.

Once **ENGRAVED GLASS** was made by working with a diamond-pointed tool but now an acid engraving process is more common. A moulded glass that has little knobs or "hobnails" symmetrically over the surface is known as **HOBNAILED GLASS**. For **PAINTED GLASS** the process consists of painting on a design after the glass is finished and hard, and then the piece is fired again to give the color permanency.

**FROSTED GLASS** is made by treating the surface with acid.  
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### Holly

The following charming little verse is from the Christmas number of "Tidale Talent," the school newspaper of South Porcupine public school:—

Ho! 'tis Christmas,  
And the holly's bright  
Hanging in the window,  
It fills us with delight.  
It fills us with delight,  
Dainty little berries  
Shining round and round,  
You are very welcome,  
When snow is on the ground.  
—Pauline MacDonald, Grade VII.

## What the Red Cross Does for Prisoners in German Camps

Regular Parcels Save Health and Morale.

Below will be found the concluding instalment of an article by Mrs. Katharine Strachan, neice of Mr. J. Stovel, of the Dome. Mrs. Strachan was among these interned in a German prison camp in the earlier part of the war and has since been able to return to Canada. Her account of her experiences is most interesting and valuable, showing as it does the great part the Red Cross is playing in maintaining the health and morale of prisoners in enemy lands. This account has been published in The Red Cross Despatch, and The Advance has been republishing each instalment as it appears in The Despatch. Below will be found the concluding instalment.

(By Mrs. Katharine Strachan)  
On each floor there was a small kitchen with a tiny electric cooker on which any one could supplement the camp rations with extra cooking. Needless to say it was hardly idle a minute of the day, and finally a schedule had to be drawn up for each room's morning and afternoon cup of tea. Without much persuasion one fell easily into the habit of delicious little snacks at almost any hour of the day, a handful of raisins perhaps or a nice fat Canadian biscuit topped with cheese. After lunch we mixed up, each to her own taste, a "Liebenau Special," a frothy concoction of powdered milk, cocoa, sugar and water which rivalled in goodness the milk shakes of any soda fountain artist. Not good for the liver, "my dears!" warned one of the older members of our party, but we considered the immediate satisfactory result well worth the risk. Any anniversary or birthday served as an excuse for a party and then the clever cooks exercised their ingenuity, producing the most wonderful cakes and cookies with at least one or more important ingredient missing. Others would take over the preparation of the meats and vegetables and perhaps devise a custard or jelly dessert. The artists produced place cards and arranged the flowers collected on the afternoon walk. Sometimes we could buy beer at the canteen and then toasts would follow the feast, the favourite which had originated on the prison train being: "King George of England and King George of Greece!" Such a party took place on the eve of our departure from the camp in the flag-bedecked dining room on our floor. It was an occasion of joy for the Canadians who had been released, but it meant leaving all our good friends in the camp and especially the eleven "Zamzams" with whom we had shared so many adventures, joys and sorrows during months of companionship.

A Red Cross shipment of clothes had just arrived and those who lacked coats and dresses were properly equipped before setting out for Berlin. We had heard so much about Germany's meagre food rations that we took as many Red Cross supplies with us as it was possible to carry. After a few weeks in Berlin, we were informed, much to our consternation, that exit permits could not be granted to us. Since Canada does not intern German women we had been released from the camp, but only to live in Germany until an exchange could be arranged. We stayed in a small hotel and because we had little money cooked most of our meals on a small electric plate. It was impossible to buy pots and pans; and we used for cooking utensils the new famous "Klim tins" from our Canadian parcels. We also discovered that the large feather eiderdowns which one finds on every bed in Germany provided an excellent means of keeping the next course hot!

We were now in the category of ex-internees and not eligible to receive Red Cross parcels, but the Medical Director of the American Embassy considered our case an unusual one and ar-

ranged with an official of the British Red Cross in Geneva that we would receive parcels from time to time. For some months they arrived only occasionally and upon investigation it was learned that they had been wrongly addressed and had been received by the Egyptian crew of the "Zamsam" interned in one of the men's camps! We now went to a Custom House to collect our parcels. The German official always examined the contents very carefully, weighing in turn each type of article, but nothing was ever taken away or made dutiable. On one occasion I received a notice that a personal parcel sent through the Red Cross had arrived for me from England. It had been sent to Liebenau and forwarded to Berlin. Inside were articles which the Germans have not seen for years, white soap, and toothpaste, a hairbrush, a fine woolen sweater and knitting wool, not to mention four large slabs of chocolate. The Customs man gazed at them wondrously not quite believing his eyes then he called some of his fellow workers to inspect the parcel too. Together they lifted each article, fingered it and smelt the soap and the good, real rubber in the hot-water bottle and pair of overshoes. As he was very polite, I offered the man a piece of chocolate but he refused saying that he would have all those things when Germany had won the war. He didn't sound too sure and I felt convinced that the safe arrival of the parcel from what he had been told many times was a destitute England was a very effective piece of propaganda.

After months of negotiation, our release from Germany was finally arranged and we left Berlin in the middle of June, feeling the past sixteen months had been very much like a strange and incredible dream. On arrival home I was told my healthy appearance did credit to the enemy, but I hastened to make the correction that it was due not to anything Germany could offer but to the very timely and welcome assistance of the Red Cross. I know all the members of the party, including those still in Liebenau, would join me in heartfelt thanks to all the members of the Red Cross and to the many others throughout Canada who followed our adventures with so much interest and concern. A special message goes to the hard working packers who are speeding thousands of parcels on their way to our prisoners of war each week.

### We Can Take It

Just a few lines to wish you the very best of luck, the same as you wished my daughter. She was lucky to get the Coat with your address and "Best of Luck" on it. How I got the coat is that I went to the British Legion, being an ex-soldier from the last war.

I was bombed out with our six children and they stuck it well fifteen hours every night. My little boys used to say "Ezat them Dad"; they are here again — screaming bombs, landmines and thousands of fire-bombs. The whole place was ablaze in less than ten seconds for three months off the reel and was like a living Hell. I did not think I was going to see any of my six children alive — Thank God they are all safe.

I would like to tell you how lucky we are. First, while the raid was on ten hours my wife said to me "Alf, go up and make a pot of tea and bread." I said "All right." When coming down with the tea a screaming bomb just burst over my head, dropping twenty-five feet away. I dropped the tea inside the shelter and said to my wife "that one is not for us." Well these children are bricks; they do not take any notice now, all they say is "Jerry is here Dad and so is the Spitfire Boys." They are good and God bless 'em; they are Angels of Heaven and so are the Canadian Boys of the British Empire.

Ottawa Journal: Somebody had the not very bright idea of naming that new road into the North the "Alcan" Highway, for Alaska and Canada, and various newspapers have protested. But there is little danger that the public will accept so ugly a hybrid word. Whatever officialdom says this will be called the Alaska Highway.

## Another List of Donations to the Christmas Seal Fund

Despite All Other Calls There is Great Response to the Fund to Fight Tuberculosis.

December 10 — Dr. G. C. Armitage, Frank Bozzer, Mrs. Howard Barry, Wyman Brewer, Miss Isobel Campbell Canadian Pneumatic Tool Co., Raoul Chretien, H. D. Coffey, S. P., H. Coleman, Mrs. A. H. Cooke, Mrs. Walter Cowan, H. J. Curtis, Henry Dachez, H. W. Darling, Jessie Thomson, James Dillon, James P. Douglas, S. P., Gordon Drummond, C. D. Doherty, E. Duxfield, Mrs. R. Elston, Miss F. E. Evans, Miss Florence Farr, Philip Fay, P. F. Gauthier, P. Geddes, C. P. Girdwood, S.P., C. B. Hutchinson, E. F. Griffen, S. B. Hansuld, Dr. B. H. Harper, S. P., H. Hawkins, George Howlett, Wilfred S. Johns, Mrs. Ed. Keeley, S. P., Orville Kenzie, R. K. Kilborn, Mr. & Mrs. J. Knox, Hu Lauzon, Dr. Graham Lane, Hector Lemieux, J. W. S. Lomas, Clifford Manzie, A. D. Masterion, S. P., Martha's Nu Fashion Beauty Parlor John M. Mitchell, Hoyle, J. R. McConnell, McDowell Motors, Wm. A. Neary, Mrs. G. Noseworthy, Z. J. Ostroszki, Lucien Pare, Alex Peters, Tony Porco, Walter J. Power, S. P., R. H. Quesnel, P. Ratondo, Porcupine, Mrs. Rigby, W. G. Robb, J. W. Rudd, School Section No. 2 Tisdale, B. E. Service, Fred Sexton, Mrs. W. Shields, J. W. Spooner, J. H. Stovel, Superior Fuels, Drs. W. O. and C. E. Taylor, D. Thomas, Top Notch Service, H. Treener, Al Wetmore, W. Wilson, W. E. Woodland, S. A. Wookey, Workers' Co-operative, Arch Wright, M. Zahajevich.

December 11 Lugger Boisvert, J. C. Burwell, E. J. Brackstone, Dr. P. Davis Brunet, DeLuxe Cab, L. Campbell, M. E. Carrol, S. P., Olivio Ciarracca, M. W. Cochrane, B. Frumkin, S. P., Thomas Galbraeth, S. P., George W. Hamilton, S. P., Geo. D. Hamilton, S. P., Chas. A. Hill, Hoyle Garage, Chas. Kanerva, Ernest Kembal, Bert Keats, S. P., Albert C. King, Riverview Hotel, C. A. Matheson, W. P. Moyle, S. P., W. P. Murdoch, C. H. Mitchell, Mrs. E. Montigny, Harry J. McEachran, Wm. MacElwhee, Wm. McCain, G. S. McDonald, L. Nilsson, McLellan's Grocery, Henry Patrick, W. Purdy, E. J. Provost, A. Salhani, W. H. Severy, L. J. Skene, A. C. Stevenson, Harry Shaw, Irwin Wilson, C. C. Wood.

## New Greeting Cards



To stimulate the sale of War Savings Stamps and Certificates during the holiday season, The National War Finance Committee is offering, free, war-time greeting cards which may be used to send them as Christmas gifts. One of them is reproduced here. Citizens may secure their cards along with stamps and certificates from any bank or post office in Canada.

Toronto Telegram: A chemist says that we will never return to natural rubber. Let's hope we will bounce up against a good substitute.

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