

CHOOSING THE RIGHT CHRISTMAS GIFT

Do you remember back when you were a youngster how you made all your Christmas presents?

Remember all the time and care you put into their making? They were the most important Christmas presents in the world!

Now, probably, you are on the receiving end. Somebody is thinking about Christmas presents for you—things to be made. And they'll still be the most important Christmas presents in the world. It's the things we make ourselves that mean more as Christmas gifts. They mean more to those whose thoughts and efforts are in their making; and for that very reason they mean more to those who receive them.

New ideas for making your own Christmas presents are coming to life every year. And hand in hand with them are improvements in handy tool and materials to work with. We have as a result a wide range for choice, of attractive, practicable, easily made gifts. And after all it is such gifts—products of our own hearts and hands—that best carry our messages of love and Christmas greetings.

There are many splendid ideas for making artistic, useful gifts in a little booklet we saw recently. They are so good and the articles so easy to make that a number of them are worth detailed description.

There are any number of suggestions here for gifts that appeal to mothers. For instance, there's a clothes hamper—an unusually good-looking one, light and serviceable. Just a hammer and saw, some glue and brads, some 3/4 inch and 1/4 round moulding and one panel of Cornell Wood Board 32 inches by 8 feet. The booklet gives complete instructions for cutting the various pieces; and tells how to put them together.

A very pretty and practicable gift is a set of table pads for the dining room table. Several sizes may be made—for platters and service dishes, for plates, and small ones for tumblers. The pads can be decorated with handsome designs—the women's magazines have plenty of them on their fancy work pages—and colored with oil paints. The result is unusually effective. A larger pad the size of the table is also practicable, made in sections, either separate or hinged with strong adhesive tape. It is worth while noting that chemists have found wood pulp board better protection for tables than either asbestos or felt pads.

Attractive covers for radiators are very popular and appeal to any housewife. They serve a definite practical purpose in preventing the soiling of walls and

ceilings. Just measure the radiator, and cut Cornell panels accordingly; use quarter round moulding, glue and small

nails. These covers lend themselves readily to suitable decoration.

Good-looking screens are easy to make with Cornell Wood Board—any height, for doorways, fireplace, and so on. Use 1x2 lumber strips for framework, and Cornell panels cut to the size you want. Four ordinary hinges will do for a 3 panel screen; or double hinges allow for folding either way. Good stencil designs can be used; or wall paper with a coat of shellac produces excellent effects.

Does sister want a doll house? Of course; every sister does. Make one for her. Any boy that likes working with tools can do it. The booklet gives complete plans for a miniature house, patterned after a regular home—like the illustration. Its dimensions are 12 1/4 by 11 by 24 1/2 inches. Two Cornell panels



32 inches by 6 feet are enough; a little quarter round molding to reinforce corners and form a firm base, some glue, 3/4-inch brads, a fine tooth saw, knife and hammer are all the materials and tools needed. To go with the house, a garage for toy automobile is suggested; also a pergola; and a cement sidewalk, and drive can be painted on a large piece of Cornell representing the entire lawn; green paint for the grass. It makes a very handsome estate. You can imagine how pleased with it any child will be. There is not space here to show the plans of the house; but the Cornell Wood Products Company, Chicago, will furnish a large blue-print on request.

Copies of the booklet, "165 Uses for Cornell-Wood-Board" can be had from the local Cornell dealers. It describes many items for which there is not room here; for instance, bird houses, brush holders, cabinet work, doll furniture, games of all kinds, decorative novelties, waste baskets; any number of useful attractive things. It's so chuckfull of ideas that we feel sure our readers will be interested. It's a real fountain of ideas for making really nice Christmas gifts; gifts that will have that added value, "you made it yourself."

Those who know wall board, point out that Cornell-Wood-Board is better adapted to making these various things than any other product of its kind. It is pure wood fibre—nothing else. Because of that fact, it is easy to work with—saws easily and holds nails well; and it has all the permanence of wood. Articles made with it keep their shape and remain sturdy and good-looking. It is these all-wood characteristics which, we are told, have made Cornell Board a leader in construction work; for walls, ceilings, partitions and many other uses. It is sold here by.

Commodities have reached the peak of high prices, and the laboring class of Japan is receiving exorbitant pay. Carpenters in Tokio, according to Yamaoto, receive from four to five yen (\$2 to \$2.50) a day and refuse to work over five hours. They start to work at 9 o'clock, rarely getting to the job before 10, and at 4 o'clock they quit.

Profiteering on a huge scale is practiced by virtually every wholesale establishment in the islands, says Yamaoto, some houses realizing from 50 to 100 per cent. profit.

Japan must economize or face disaster, says Yamaoto.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY TO START VOCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY DIVISION

Syracuse, N. Y.—Syracuse University will offer the first collegiate course in vocational psychology. The course will be instituted at the opening of the approaching new semester, under the direction of Professor H. W. Hepner.

Professor Hepner, who has carried on research work in the field for many years, believes misdirected energy is one of the great problems of industry and business life, and is the cause of much industrial unrest and social discontent. A large number of persons do not choose occupations to suit their abilities and temperament. This, Professor Hepner asserts, leads to inevitable failure and throws the victims out of gear with modern industrial society. Vocational guidance is the remedy, he affirms.

Metz Buys Tapestries Hohenzollerns Owned

New York.—Four Gobelin tapestries, once owned by a sister of the former Kaiser, have been secured by Herman A. Herman A. Metz.

A rare table, gift to Emperor Frederick by the Empress of China, has also been added to the Metz collection. The tapestries measure seven by eight feet. They were once a gift from Emperor Frederick to Napoleon III. Metz bought them recently in Germany for a fraction of their real value.

Giant Recruit Will See Service in Hawaii

Syracuse, N. Y.—Pacifists who decry "giant armies" should take a slant at the newest recruit of "this man's army" in this city.

He's William Randolph Dare, of Rochester, 24 years old, 6 feet 1 inch in height, and weighing just 265 pounds. Dare, enlisted for the Medical Corps, is slated for service in the Hawaiian Islands.

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JAPS LOAFING AND SPENDING, ASSERTS HONOLULU PAPER

Honolulu.—Japan is in the throes of a wild orgy of spending and loafing, according to S. Yamamoto, president of the Motshige Shoten, one of the largest Japanese wholesale establishments in Honolulu, who has just returned from a business trip to the Orient.

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