

# Natural or Artificial Flowers or Fruit Give Desired Cheerful Color to Rooms

Nothing, especially in winter, when they are a real luxury, gives such a charming note of color to any room in the house as well chosen flowers or fruit, as the case may be. And in this day of charming artificial flowers and fruits, these, too, may be called on for the splash of color necessary to happiness on a dull winter's day.

Of course, there is no question in anybody's mind about the superiority of real over artificial flowers—for most occasions. Nothing can equal the beauty of a beautiful flower, a perfect fruit, either in form or in color.

But the modern decorator has turned to "artificial" fruits and flowers to help him in his task of making our houses more attractive than ever before. The modern maker of "artificial" flowers and fruits does not try to imitate nature exactly. He of course gets his inspiration from nature. But nobody would ever confuse the fruits and flowers of the decorator's world with those that grow in garden borders and on garden walls.

One thing the decorator does in coloring his fruits. He makes them either somber, or else very vivid. He is not content with many of the in-beaten shades that are so numberless in ripening fruit. His pears are vivid yellow and red, or else bright green. His grapes are purple or green. His apples are vivid in their red and green glassy skins. His plums and cherries, too, are vivid. Or else they are developed in the somber browns and dull mauves and grayish reds. And these shades are not found in real fruits. They are effect, none the less, in artificial ones.

These fruits are made in glass, sometimes frosted, and they are also made in pottery of various sorts and both kinds are lovely to look upon—almost feels that they would be delicious to eat, if one but dared risk trying one's teeth in their glassy depth.

Equally attractive are the glass flowers—crystal flowers, with fine

spun strands of colored glass for petals, or with blown balls and paper-thin shells of petals.

There is a new way of using a Japanese garden. One does not load it down with so many little knickknacks of architecture as one used to use. Instead, one chooses, perhaps, a single water gate, with a few fishes and ducks—real fishes, if you wish—and

perhaps a boat or a tiny pagoda. Then one places a little budha on the grassy or mossy slope of the garden—and the garden is finished. It is really most effective.

The real fishes used in these little Japanese gardens are of course tiny. Hardy big enough to be believable as real fishes. But larger fishes are used in the larger fish bowls, and

they are made as decorative as fruits and flowers. Indeed, glass flowers sometimes float on the top of the water. Bright colored marbles or glass balls or big beads are put in the water, too, to make the effect still more colorful. And in these gay surroundings the fishes swim happily. One of the new fish bowls has a little fountain in the center.



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Capt. 28.

## It's Time to Make and Buy Christmas Gifts to Avoid the Last-Minute Rush

Each year we shop earlier than we did the year before for our Christmas gifts. We are reminded that this is our duty by numerous articles in newspapers and magazines, and by more numerous placards in shops and subways and surface cars. By now it has almost become a habit with us to shop for Christmas gifts from midsummer on. Whenever we see something that would just suit a certain friend's needs, we buy it, label it, perhaps even wrap it up in tissue paper and red ribbons, and lay it away until a little while before Christmas, when the signs to "Mail Early" awake us to another duty, and then we get it, address it, paste it with Christmas and Red Cross seals, and send it forth.

There are really many advantages to the giver as well as to the seller of gifts in this shop-early campaign. For one thing, by buying from time to time, whenever we find just what we want, we find ourselves much better satisfied with our choice of gifts. For another thing, our Christmas bills are spread over a period of

several months, and everybody who has ever had all the Christmas gift bills to pay at one time knows what a relief to the pocketbook this is. And, for another thing, Christmas finds us without those frayed nerves that are the result of shopping for all our gifts the last week before Christmas.

Now although most of us shop early, many of us have lost our old habit, or at least an old habit among many women, of making Christmas gifts during the summer, and having them all ready at the end of the long and lazy summer days to put away until Christmas time. Perhaps our incessant and inevitable knitting of socks and sweaters and mufflers for the men in the service had something to do with this breaking of habit.

We didn't have time to make Christmas gifts for two or three years. Our conscience kept us at khaki and gray wool throughout the long afternoons, when fine linen and gay colored silks would have been more pleasant to our fingers.

But now all our excuse for not making Christmas gifts is gone.

There is no reason on earth why we shouldn't prick our fingers and tire our eyes and enjoy ourselves to our heart's content over needlework and knitting and other forms of handiwork calculated to produce charming and acceptable gifts.

The shops are full of all sorts of suggestions for lovely gifts to make. So if you haven't this summer made all the things you want, go on a shopping trip now, with the tastes of various friends in mind, and buy the wherewithal for many gifts. You can look about and find out what other people are making, and then you can buy the materials and get to work. There are lovely new sweaters to be made—some of them with embroidery on them. There are all sorts of sofa cushions. There are knitted odds and ends of various sorts. There are dozens of lovely sorts of handiwork that any clever woman can duplicate with a little time, patience and skill.

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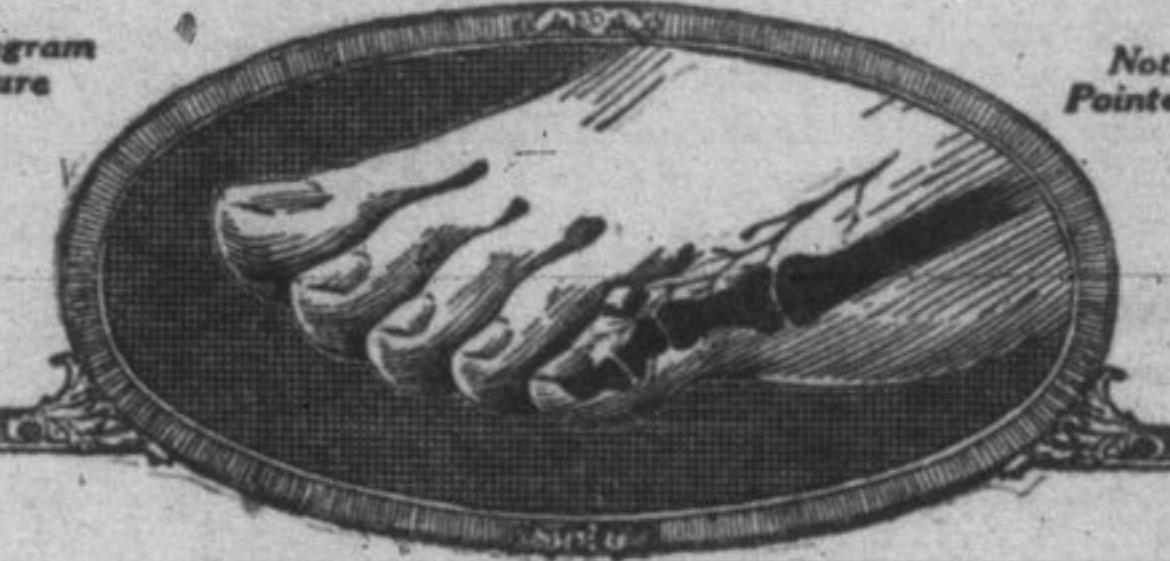
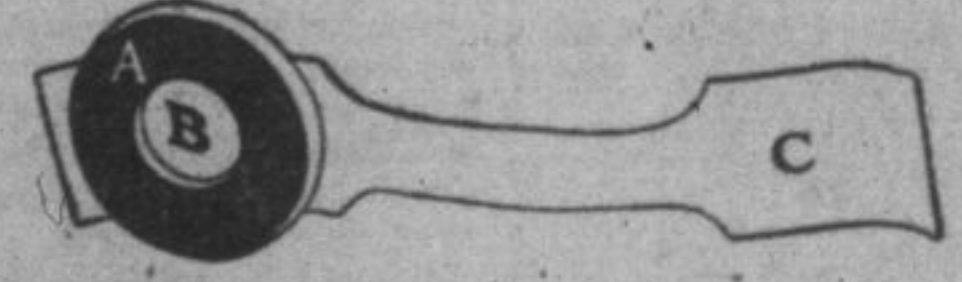
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It is declared at the German War Office that no Berthas are to be surrendered, but only gas, the style of which is left entirely to Germany.