

**Standard for the Christmas Tree**

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Don't let the preparation of a standard for the Christmas tree go until the last minute.

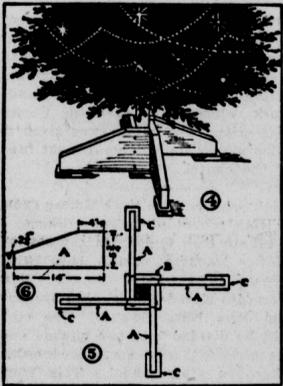
In the illustrations are shown three good schemes for standards.

The cross standard in Fig. 1 requires two pieces of 2 by 4, 18 or 20



inches long (A and B, Fig. 2). To cross these pieces with tops even as shown, it is necessary to halve them, that is, cut from the center of each a piece equal to the width of, and one-half the thickness of, the other piece, as shown in Fig. 3. Then they will fit into one another. Saw along the sides of the notches, then split out the wood between the saw cuts with a chisel. The hole for the tree should be at least 2 inches in diameter. If you haven't an expansion-bit that can be set to cut a hole of this diameter, bore a ring of small holes, and trim up to the 2-inch diameter with a chisel. To the under side of A and B, at the ends, nail the shoe-blocks C. It is not necessary to nail A to B, if you make them fit snugly.

One advantage the standard in Fig. 4 has over that in Fig. 1 is that it is



not necessary to bore a hole for the tree trunk. Also, it is more pleasing in appearance. The plan view (Fig. 5) shows how the four arms A are fastened so as to enclose a pocket for the tree trunk. You will notice that each piece is fastened with nails driven through its face into the end of the adjoining member. A pattern for arms A is shown in Fig. 6. Boards 1/2 inch or 3/4 inch thick should be used. The center shoe B (Fig. 5), and the shoes C, should be cut of the right size to make projections of about 1/2 inch.

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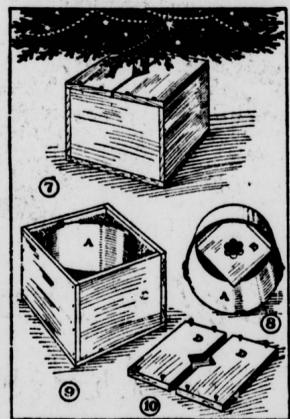
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and drop its needles as quickly as stood in water, and Fig. 7 shows a



scheme which I have found successful. For a water receptacle, get a wooden or iron scrub-pail (A, Fig. 8). Cut a square block to fit in the pail bottom (B), and through the center of this cut a round hole to receive the end of the tree trunk. Make a box of just the right size for the pail to fit in (C, Fig. 9). Perhaps you can find a box of the right size or one which will require but little alteration. Make a cover for the box out of two pieces of board of equal width, as shown at D (Fig. 10), and note the center of the inner edge of each, so that the pieces will fit around the tree trunk. Provide screws or hooks-and-eyes for fastening the cover boards to the box top. After setting the pail into the box, fill the square corners with sand to make the standard more solid.

There will be no need of painting the standards in Figs. 1 and 7, if you dress them with crepe paper.

**Christmas Circus**



Crepe paper offers any number of good opportunities for making Christmas gifts, especially for the children. Printed figures of wild, or of domestic animals, are cut out, to make menageries or familiar barnyard friends, that delight the youngsters. The pictures are pasted over stiff cardboard and then cut out, following the outline of the animal, but leaving a straight piece to provide a support.

**Pretty Breakfast Caps**



Every dear lady, young or old, has a right to expect that Santa Claus will bring her a pretty new breakfast cap. Three of this year's models, all easy to make, are shown in the picture and they employ ribbons, net laces and flowers, as usual.

**Lace and Satin Piece**



Wide satin ribbon and Val lace give a good account of themselves in the attractive neckpiece shown above. It is a vestee and collar combined, with a small "V"-shaped chemisette of lace, set in the vestee. The collar and chemisette are edged with narrow lace.

**Charm to Ribbon**



A morning jacket, a boudoir cap, a powder puff and little hand mirror, all owing their charm to lovely ribbons, are gift suggestions appearing above. The jacket and cap are made by setting together strips of narrow satin ribbon and Val lace.

**What Women Love**



There is a world of pretty neckwear that every woman will love to receive and almost any woman can make. A favorite piece consists of a collar with vestee to match, like that shown above.

**Pretty Powder Bowls**



Pretty powder bowls and baskets are sure of a great vogue for Christmas gifts. The four pictured include a little basket covered with plaited silk, at the upper left, and just below it the puff attached to its cover and ribbon-covered handle. A similar basket, at the right, is surmounted by a little ribbon-dressed doll—a disguised powder puff. At the lower left a glass bowl supports a puff holding a doll's head and at the right a net-covered jar enthrones a Jap baby.

**COUNTY NEWS**

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weeks. The prizes were won by the following: First prize, ladies, Mrs. Archie Grant; consolation, ladies, Miss Mary Warner. First prize, gentlemen, W. D. Cook; consolation, gentlemen, R. G. Grant.

A plain but appetizing lunch was much enjoyed. Those who did not care for five hundred played other card games.

Farm Bureau meetings seem to be the order of the day this week.

Come out to the grange meeting this week and help make lively times for this winter.

If you have failed to attend the Farm Bureau meeting at McLane Grange hall Tuesday p. m. look up schedule and attend at least one meeting this week.

A side-car motorcycle with an Iowa license was left in front of Mrs. Galligan's place by two men Friday p. m. As it was still there Saturday, the sheriff's office was notified and George Kelly took charge of the machine which apparently had been stolen.

Mrs. Burchhalter who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Barfknecht returned to her home in Seattle.

**PLUMB STATION**

A wedding of much interest to their many friends was that of Mrs. Sheehan's daughter, Miss Jane Wise to Mr. Rodney Kendall at Central's last Saturday. The bride was beautifully gowned in white, while the groom wore the conventional garb. Only relatives and close friends witnessed the ceremony after which Mr. and Mrs. Kendall departed for Portland, Oregon on a short wedding trip. They expect to return this week for a few day's visit with the bride's family, later going to Tacoma where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall will be greatly missed by their wide circle of friends who wish them the best the future has in store for them.

**Dinner Party at Sears Home.**

A charming dinner party was given last week by Mrs. Delbert Sears and Mrs. Burney White at the home of Mrs. Sears at 1911 Main street. Covers were laid for Mrs. Fred Koeppey, Mrs. Locke Taylor and sons, Weslie and Earl, Mrs. Phaen Taylor, Ernest Sears, Mr. and Mrs. White and Mr. and Mrs. Sears.

**WATCH COMMUNITY SPEAKING DATE**

Speakers Give Information But Do Not Solicit Memberships at These Meetings.

A galaxy of eloquent speakers will spread over the county this week as the chief feature of the intensive drive for membership. At the speakers' meetings, however, there will be no personal solicitation for membership but merely an exposition of the aim and scope of the work of the Farm Bureau, according to E. B. Stookey, county agent. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings and the people in each community are urged to watch the speaking dates carefully and be on hand to make a good crowd for the farmers' evangelists.

**Week's Calendar.**

The speaking dates for the remainder of the week are as follows: Wednesday, December 8, Brighton Park Grange, 2:00 p. m.; South Union hall, 2:00 p. m.; Little Rock, Tegeland hall, 2:00 p. m.; Gull

Harbor school, 7:30 p. m.; Maytown school, 7:30 p. m.; Gata school, 7:30 p. m.

Thursday, December 9—Swedish hall (Rochester), 2:00 p. m.; Independence school, (S. W. Rochester), 7:30 p. m.; Rochester school, 7:30 p. m.; Case school, 7:30 p. m.

Friday, December 10.—Skookumchuck Grange, 2:00 p. m.; Rainier Grange, 2:00 p. m.; Spurgeon Grange, 2:00 p. m.; Tenno, 7:20 p. m.; Cattail school, 7:30 p. m. Spurgeon Creek school, 7:30 p. m.

Saturday, December 11.—Yelm school, 2:00 p. m.; Smith's Prairie Grange, 2:00 p. m.; Collins school, 7:30 p. m.; Lakamus school, 7:30 p. m.

**Attends Zeta Psi Installation.**

Jesse Kuhns, jr. spent Thursday and Friday of last week in Seattle where he was initiated into the Zeta Psi fraternity. Mr. Kuhns attended the University of Washington last year where he was affiliated with the Alpha Theta Epsilon fraternity which was a local fraternity petitioning for Zeta Psi.

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