

**MADE OF NUTSHELLS**

**LITTLE GIFTS THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED REAL NOVELTIES.**

**Not Nearly So Hard to Make as They Would Seem—Unique Chinese Figures for Calendars—An American Indian.**

Hidden away in a nut shell are endless possibilities for pleasing Christmas remembrances, and those endowed with the fairy gift of imagination may spend a pleasant hour in discovering what cunning little contrivances may be fashioned with the aid of a handful of nuts of different species.

One of the newest calendars for 1907 is decorated with a pair of Chinese figures. It is one of the "tear-off" variety, and the bulky little packet of days is fastened in the right-hand top corner of a narrow, upright card, measuring 12 inches by five inches, neatly covered with art paper of a dark shade. This represents a box-kite, and is ornamented with silver tissue and devices cut out of tinsel. A gold cord depends from it, to which clings a terrified boy, who is evidently being borne rapidly aloft, in spite of



A Chinese Calendar.

the strenuous efforts of his companion to recall him to earth by tugging at his long black silk queue. The heads of these small people are formed of half walnuts, with the features carefully painted. Their attire is cut out of satin and brocade, and gummed on. It is a good plan to paste white paper on to the back of the scraps of material made use of, sketch the shape of the tunic and trousers on this, and then cut them out with sharp scissors, allowing a little margin for the overlapping of the various parts. Tiny

hands can be cut out of yellow brown paper, and shoes look best made of black velvet. A strip of green paper represents ground on which the lower figure is standing. The words "Calendar for 1907" are painted in gold down one side.

A Red Indian is a new and effective design. Seated before his wigwam, smoking the "pipe of peace," he appears a very picturesque personage indeed, in his scarlet blanket, edged with white borders, painted with Indian devices, over which fall his heavy plaits of black hair, interwoven with strands of silk and chains of colored beads. The hand grasping the quill



An Indian Memorandum Tablet.

pipe, and also the moccasins peeping beneath his fringed leather leggings, are formed of monkey nuts. His inscrutable countenance is composed of a walnut shell, behind which is a head dress of feathers and melon seeds. A brown paper foundation must be cut out for a draped figure on. This description, to which the costume is secured by a few stitches, the feathers being gummed in place. The little model can then be mounted bodily on any background. He looks uncommonly well on a large card, covered with brown paper, to which is secured a memorandum tablet and pencil. If this is suspended by narrow strips of leather with beaded tassels, and a few touches added in water colors to suggest an appropriate background, the result will be certain to please.

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**Bag for Buttons.**

A pretty button bag is made of ribbon about four inches in width, and of any length preferred, connected by stitches as in embroidery. At the top of the bag make a deep frill, and run at the opening a casing of ribbon by which it can be easing.

**Hen's Egg-Laying Capacity.**

During the lifetime of a healthy hen she should lay from 300 to 500 eggs. Her best laying capacity is during her second year.

**COST OF "COLLEGE SPIRIT."**

Many Things Loyal Alumnus Must Do for His Alma Mater.

The cost of being a loyal college graduate is increasing every day. In addition to paying for "directories," "booklets," "catalogues," "student publications" and various forms of "iana," there are class dinners to be subscribed for, class dormitories to be built, class professorships to be endowed, prizes, scholarships, fellowships and literary foundations to be established. There is also a moral as well as a financial drain upon the resources of the alumnus. He has to remain faithful even though his college slays him. He must be ready to approve the policy and even the speeches of his college president. He must "root" at games and races, however languid his interest in them; must defend the ineffective stroke of the crew, errors on the diamond and on the gridiron, and at last must send his sons to be educated where he was educated himself, even if in his judgment some other college would be better. Unless he does all these things with enthusiasm he is thought to be a churlish fellow without "college spirit."

**Patti's Sunny Philosophy.**

If there is the tiniest speck of blue in the sky, and there nearly always is, I look for it, and that makes the whole heaven blue for me.

**A Lowell Anecdote.**

The birthday of James Russell Lowell, which, you know, comes February 22, the same as Washington's, reminds us of an anecdote the poet used to relate. Somewhere up in the White mountains there is a certain spot from which one may look at the face of a cliff and see the features of a giant man. It is well called "The Old Man of the Mountains." When Mr. Lowell went there for the first time, he stopped at a saw mill to ask a workman from what point the "Old Man" could be seen.

"Dunno," answered the workman, "never saw him."

Mr. Lowell expressed surprise that the man had never stepped out of his way to see such a sight which many people traveled a long way to see. Presently the workman asked: "Live in Boston?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Lowell. "Good deal to see in Boston?"

"Oh, yes," was the reply. "Well, I should like to stand on Bunker hill," said the workman. "You've stood there often, I reckon."

Mr. Lowell had to confess that he had not.

"Well, then, you see, mister," remarked the countryman, "that what folks can see almost any day they don't seem to care about seeing at all."—Milwaukee Star.

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