

## DELICATE CARVING CAN BE DONE IN GLASS THESE DAYS

When you see a piece of glassware offered for sale as "cut glass," you mustn't take it for granted that it has been cut by hand.

A considerable amount of glass cutting is done by machinery.

The genuine hand-cut article is far more beautiful than that turned out by a machine, but at the same time it is far more expensive, says Pearson's, London.

The reason for this is obvious. Hand cutting is highly skilled work, and it is work that cannot be hurried.

So that while a cutter's output may be quite small, reckoned by the number of pieces, his skill enables him to command anything up to ten pounds a week in wages.

### Tools are Costly.

Further, the tools of the craft are costly. The cutting is all done with diamonds, and stones of all shapes and sizes are required. These stones must be of perfect quality, too.

An inferior diamond will not cut cleanly, and therefore the value of the finished article depends largely on the value of the stones employed in the cutting.

So big is the demand for diamonds of the right grade for cutting that there are certain diamond firms which specialize solely in their supply, and find it well worth their while.

### Crystal of Super-Glass.

The crystal on which the cutter works is this kind of crystal-glass, one of the main ingredients of which is lead. The metal serves to give the crystal the necessary degree of hardness.

The cutter must have a substantial surface to work on, while in turn the crystal must be strong enough to withstand the cuts without splitting.

With good quality articles the cutter works to a design prepared by an artist who specializes in this kind of work.

In many cases the design will be destroyed after the piece is completed so that the purchaser will have an absolutely exclusive article.

A big piece of work may keep a cutter busy for a whole month or more. He will not work at it all the time, though; the job is too exacting for continuous effort, and hour spells are as much as the average cutter can manage.

### 47,000 Separate Cuts.

In an elaborate piece—such as a big vase—the number of separate cuts may run into thousands. In one piece recently completed the enormous total of 47,000 separate cuts were made.

An article entailing all these cuts is not necessarily the highest form of the cutter's art (however). A plain piece in which the cuts may number only a few hundreds is a still greater test.

This is because the slightest slip, which might be covered up in a fanciful design, would show in this case and spoil the piece.

There is an immense boom in English hand-cut glass now. There are literally thousands of collectors in this country, while visitors from America and Australia, in particular, think nothing of taking back with them to their own country glassware to the value of 500 pounds or more.

Certain members of the Royal Family are among the keenest collectors, and they specialize chiefly in beautifully plain-cut pieces.

And the beauty of the hobby is that, properly cared for, pieces of cut-glass never lose their value.

## SPLENDID TYPES OF CATS SHOWN AT MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 17.—To pay a visit to the Montreal Cat Club and Humane Society's Championship Show which opened at the Queen's Hotel yesterday and is continuing today is to realize how much more dignified cat shows are than dog shows. Long whiskered cats, short whiskered cats, balls of fluff which uncurl themselves and take the shape of kittens, bad-tempered cats and good tempered cats, black, blue, grey, silver or tortoise shell cats, each and all seemed to realize the importance of the occasion and the attention they were receiving.

Mrs. Grtrude E. Taylor of Detroit Mich., made the journey specially to judge at the show, and she was busily engaged in examining the different classes.

### Silver Tabby

One of the finest exhibits was Polu, a silver tabby neuter, who has been a champion for five consecutive years. He is owned by Mrs. Germain Beaulieu.

Chang, a three and a half year old Siamese with wonderful markings, attracted a good deal of attention as did Nig-Nig in the next cage. Nig-Nig is a Manx with naval connections, having been born on H. M. S. Calcutta.

The hit of the afternoon was undoubtedly Tigri, a two year and half old blue male, who was the cause of mild panic for 20 minutes. Tigri escaped while being lifted out of his cage to make the judge's acquaintance and defied anyone to pick him up. He lay, crouching on the floor and made a savage grab at the plucky committee ladies who tried to restore him to his cage.

### Back in Cage

Eventually after a few young girls had stopped screaming, the spectators were ordered to stand back whereupon two of the committee began a game of hide and seek with Tigri. They commenced by smothering him with a coat. On top of the coat they placed a cage, and then pulled the coat away inch by inch. It was then that Tigri woke up to the fact that they were one too many for him and he was allowed to kick his heels in the cage on the floor for the rest of the afternoon while the judges went on with their judging.

There are altogether 147 exhibits in the show and they include some beautiful examples of the perfect tortoise shell. The visitors however, seemed to find their way to the blue eyed white champions and the shaded silver classes, here they lingered a long time.

## BOB HAS TO SELECT ILLNESS THAT IS SUITABLE

(New York Sun)

Bob was ill again and had to stay home from school. That made three days in succession and his mother was worried. He had a headache the first day, and although it had passed away during the afternoon it had returned in the morning, and with it a very peculiar cough. Both cough and headache seemed better in the afternoon. The third morning Bob continued to complain of a cold and headache and stayed in bed until 11 o'clock. Then he suddenly felt well enough to get up and play with his electric train.

His mother hovered around him solicitously, fearing that he might overexert himself, but visiting Aunt Beth was plainly skeptical. It was funny, thought she, that his illnesses disappeared after it was too late to go to school and returned in the morning, especially as a series of tests were being given during the week.

She said nothing, however, until she went in to kiss Bob good-night that evening. Then as he put his arms around her, she said, "Well, Bob, what's it going to be tomorrow?"

Bob smiled cheerfully. "I haven't quite decided yet, Aunt Beth," he said, "but I think it'll be stomach ache."

Even an aviator can be down—and not out.

## NOT THE EATING OF HAGGIS THAT MAKES A SCOTCHMAN

(New Glasgow Chronicle.)

The following is as nice a statement about the Scots as we have read. We are not a member of any St. Andrew's Society, but we are of Scottish ancestry through and through, and so pass on the admirable statement of Rev. Stuart Parker to those who may not have read it:

Independence, thrift and reverence, three outstanding traits found in the heritage of the Scottish people, were discussed and strongly upheld in the course of the annual sermon delivered to members of the St. Andrew's Society of Toronto in Rosedale United Church last evening. The preacher, Rev. Stuart Parker, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, briefly outlined circumstances which had resulted in such characteristics being found in Scots, and stressed the necessity of "keeping hold" on them if they were going to be Scottish in anything but name.

"Remember," he cautioned, "it is not the annual eating of haggis that makes a Scotsman. Let us try, in fair weather and in foul, in adversity and in prosperity, to maintain our traditional Scottish independence. Let us keep a heart that never bows to any man for mean reasons. The Scot, wherever he goes, has a contribution to make, not only to the robustness of human character but also to the fine courtesy of life."

Referring to the question of Scottish thrift, Mr. Parker said: "I know how the rest of the world misunderstands and pokes fun at this noble feature of our national character, telling tales of what they call Scottish meanness. But we ourselves would be content to be the butt of all these stories and more, if we could be assured that our people were still keeping hold of that virtue of thrift which I fear they are not doing in this country or Scotland either."

"It is more than a pity. It has been the carelessness to live within one's means, that self-denial that refused to enjoy anything before it was paid for, that truly Christian spirit that makes use even of the fragments from the feast of plenty. It is these that lie at the roots of Scottish success and prosperity in every walk of life and in every land."

Introducing the question of Scottish reverence, Mr. Parker said: "Get hold upon that, brethren of the St. Andrew's Society! Keep hold upon that among all the temptations of our present days and present ways. Why? Because it is the piety of Scotland, in the last resort, which has given fullness and refinement of Scottish character and any decent Scotsman who is not attached to the Church is living upon the capital of piety that his fathers left to him. In the day that Scotsmen turn their backs upon Christian religion, the Scot whom the world has long respected will have ceased to exist."

### ROD AND GUN.

The national sporting magazine, Rod and Gun and Canadian Silver Fox News, commences another year with its January, 1929, issue, containing a splendid collection of outdoor, hunting and fishing yarns. Notable in a very interesting table of contents is an article from the pen of the well known naturalist, Jack Miner, strongly condemning the wolf as a destroyer of deer.

Among the other features are a fine western moose hunting story by Roy F. Hubel, a sound article on wolf trapping authority, in addition to many other splendid stories and articles on canoe trips, shooting and fishing. The Silver Fox News section contains among other things, a full report of the silver fox show at the Royal Winter Fair.

Rod and Gun and Canadian Silver Fox News is published monthly by W. J. Taylor, Limited, Woodstock, Ont.

### FALLING ARCHES

Under the hanging mistletoe  
The homely coed stands,  
And stands, and stands, and stands  
and stands,  
And stands, and stands, and stands.

Physician—Your trouble, madam, seems to be due to an excess of adipose tissue.

Mrs. Plumpton—My goodness. I wonder if that is what makes me so awfully fat?

# The Christmas Spirit is Here

When entering Black's Store all seem to be jubilant with the Christmas Spirit. Such an array of delightful and useful gifts meeting the gaze in every direction and the happy smiles of the obliging and patient sales ladies seem to create a desire for all to enter into the spirit of gift selecting in a real Christmas Spirit. As in the past, the wise ladies know this is the shop in which to find just the correct gifts to make their friends happy all the year through — at a very small cost.

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CHILDREN'S SILK BLOOMERS, NIGHTIES, PYJAMAS, COMBINATIONS, SLIPS, Etc. for ages 2 to 14 years, at moderate prices.

All reliable and well made garments.

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A Nice New DRESS or COAT. Dresses for morning, afternoon or evening in all the latest designs. Coats for young or old. All Coats and Dresses selling at Special Prices for Christmas Shoppers.

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Wool Pullovers, Teddy Suits, Wool Sweaters, Bonnets, Mitts, Fancy Booties, Sleepers, Silk Jackets, Silk Quilts, etc. Hundreds of useful gifts for Children and Infants.

## HOSIERY IS THE DAINTY GIFT

FULL FASHIONED SILK HOSE, guaranteed perfect .....\$1.50 to \$2 pair.

BI-TEX SILK HOSE—the hose with a wool lining .....\$2 pair

PLAIN SILK HOSE .....\$1 to \$2 pair

UNDER HOSE .....75c pair

SILK and WOOL and ALL WOOL HOSE, 69c to \$1.50 pair.

CHILDREN'S HOSIERY in silk and wool and all wool, sizes 4 to 10 in the better makes.

## KIMONAS and BATHROBES are Welcome Gifts

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SILK KIMONAS .....\$5 up.

BATHROBES in beaon cloth, velvet, corduroy, etc., for ladies and children. Prices, \$2 to \$10.

## GLOVES are True Gifts

DENT'S KID GLOVES .....\$2.50 pair

LINED SUEDE and KID GLOVES .....\$3 to \$5

CHAMOSUEDE GLOVES, lined and unlined. Pair .....48c to \$1.75

WOOL GLOVES .....75c to \$1.95 pair

GIRLS' GLOVES and MITTS .....48c pair

## GIFTS TO PLEASE THE SPORTING and SCHOOL GIRL

Nice Butterfly Skirts, Warm Sweaters, Skating Suits, Golf Hose, etc. make her happy.

# If Looking for Small Dainty Gifts

You will find our Fancy Counter very useful. On it you will find many novelties such as Beaded Bags, Leather Bags, Laundry Bags, Shoe Bags, Hanky Bags, Coin Purses, Necklaces, Powder Puffs, Card Table Covers, Rubber Aprons, and hundreds of useful novelties costing from 15c to \$5.00 each.

# When in Doubt Give Handkerchiefs or Corsage Flowers

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We have mentioned a few of the many things you will need for Christmas but remember we carry full lines of reliable Staple Garments for ladies and children such as WARM UNDERWEAR, FLANNELETTE WEAR, CORSELETTES, ETC., which make sensible gifts for young and old.

## DO YOUR SHOPPING IN THE MORNING IF POSSIBLE. IF DESIRED, ALL GIFTS PUT IN FANCY BOXES.

If you don't see what you want ask the salesladies — perhaps they can guide you. Come every day as we are constantly receiving something new and novel to suit the Christmas shoppers.

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