

**BAYBERRY BRINGS LUCK.**

So thoroughly is the bayberry candle becoming established as a good-luck symbol, burnt on Holy Night—Christmas Eve—that this season those who would use them in the observance of the great festival should make an effort to secure them early, lest there be only substitutes left from which to choose.

They will not want to miss getting the real thing. By the real thing one means the "dips" and molded candles made in the kitchens of the old towns of New England as one of the revived home industries of Colonial days, using the old molds found in their attics, and these candles find their way to the gift shops of all the cities of the land, or to the handicraft shops.

Of course, there are lots of green Christmas candles which are merely tinted paraffine or tallow; but the kind of candle that is supposed to bring good luck is the one made of the wax of the bayberry—often called "candle-berry" in the old records. And when you have once seen and burnt this kind you can never mistake the green paraffine or tallow candle for the lucky one, although all kinds of green candles are appropriately used at Christmas.

That the good luck Christmas candle should have come to us from the home of the austere Puritan is a little strange, to be sure; for there, in the early days, there was no observance of Christmas, and to associate luck with any object was scarcely less heinous than witchcraft.

So extensively were these candles dipped and molded by our forefathers that a tax was imposed on the wax made from the little white berries gathered from the bayberry bushes that grew in all the coast colonies, but never far inland.

Their superior quality kept them for "best," those of tallow being, of course, more numerous made.

To show that the aesthetic qualities of the bayberry candle were appreciated a very long time ago, Beverly, the old Virginia historian, says:

"If accident puts a candle out it yields a pleasant fragrance to all in the room, inasmuch that nice people put them out on purpose to have the incense of the expiring snuff."

Isn't that quaint and charming enough to endear the bayberry candle to us, even though it were not a luck bringer?

The good luck idea in regard to the candle comes from the fact that for ages the bayberry was supposed to protect its wearer from harm, and especially against lightning and thunder. When our early settlers were coming over here this was a long-established superstition in the old world.

We have changed it around from summer, with its thunder storms, to mean fortune at the sacred Advent season.

In presenting the sweet-smelling bayberry candle as a modest gift, daintily wrapped and fitted into its gay little box, be sure to include one of the tiny cards bearing the legend: A bayberry candle burnt to the socket brings luck to the house, Food to the larder, And gold to the pocket.

Or write these words on your own card; for a gift is doubly a gift if it bestows good fortune as well as cheering light.

There is one charming conceit in regard to the occult powers of these tapers that the romantic young people of our own day—if there be any such type of flapper—might well put to the test.

Tradition says that the plighted maiden and her absent swain both lighted a bayberry dip on a concert evening, and that if absence had not weakened their devotion the intangible sweetness of the burning wax was wafted from each to the other—even across the world.

**LIFTING SHRUBS IS EXPENSIVE.**

With the approach of the Christmas season many people are planning to go to the woods to gather evergreen trees, shrubs, vines, and other decorative material. Before collecting this material it is well to remember that a law passed at the last session of the Legislature makes it a misdemeanor to cut down, remove, or destroy trees or shrubs, or parts thereof, without the consent of the owner. Persons guilty of such offense will be fined not less than \$25 and costs for each tree or shrub removed or destroyed, and in default of the payment of said fine and costs shall be imprisoned in the county jail one day for each dollar of fine and costs unpaid. One-half of any fine collected under the provisions of this act shall be paid to the person or persons furnishing the information upon which the prosecution is instituted.

There is no "No Man's Land" in Pennsylvania. Every acre of land and every tree, shrub, and vine growing in Pennsylvania is owned by someone. There are no wild lands left in the State from which the public may remove whatever material of interest and value they chance to find thereon. For years the people have been trespassing on privately owned land, stealing trees, breaking shrubbery, destroying vines, and pulling up other decorative material. In many cases no attention whatever was paid to the rights of the owner. This new law is stopping the ruthless destruction of road side trees and shrubs and giving to the land owner a practical means of protecting his property rights. No one should attempt to take any tree, shrub, or vine or decorative material from any property without the consent of the owner. It is far cheaper to buy the trees and other decorative material than to pay a fine of \$25 for each tree or shrub removed. The following cases show clearly how the judges of our courts and other law officers are enforcing the provisions of this act.

President Judge Claude T. Reno of the courts of Lehigh county recently affirmed the judgment of Alderman Slough of Allentown in the case of Vincenzo Senape of 1951 Liberty street, Allentown, who was ordered to pay a fine of \$700 and the costs upon a summary conviction before the Alderman on charges of removing 28 pieces of shrubbery from the lawn of Dr. C. A. Herwig at Summit Lawn. At a hearing held in the grand jury room he was ordered to pay a total of \$815 or spend one day in jail for each dollar unpaid, which would total two years and three months.

David F. Niedermans, 10 Beckman avenue, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., was seen digging a Norway spruce tree along the Lackawanna Trail by Private Stewart of the state police. The tree was planted about three years ago. When taken before a justice of the peace at Stroudsburg he plead guilty and was fined \$25 and costs of \$5. He stated that this was the last tree he would lift in Pennsylvania without the consent of the owner.

**TERSE TRUTHS.**

He lives long that lives well.

"Nothing succeeds like success."

High aims form high characters.

Better be good rather than seem so.

Polliteness is the flower of humanity.—Joubert.

Reason should direct and appetite obey.—Cicero.

Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers.—Tennyson.

The great man never loses his child heart.—Mencius.

Use almost can change the stamp of nature.—Shakespeare.

Many children, many cares; no children, no felicity.—Bovee.

It is thinking that makes what we read ours.—Shakespeare.

The happiness of the wicked passes away like a torrent.—Racine.

Doing good is the only certainly good action of a man's life.—Sidney.

Never judge a man's greatness by the opinion his neighbor has of him.

If there is any pig in a man's nature it is sure to crop out when he travels.

Guard against that vanity which courts a compliment or is fed by it.—Chalmers.

If you would have a good wife, marry one who has been a good daughter.—Fuller.

A brave man is sometimes a desperado; but a bully is always a coward.—Halliburton.

**Lady Astor Depicted in Role of Autocrat**

Lady Astor is particularly good to the young men of the American embassy. She has decided ideas about closing hours for parties, however, that don't always concur with the fancy of her guests. At a dinner and reception she gave for the duchess of York she shooed the majority of the people home shortly after they had dined.

The gay younger crowd, however, could not be lightly disposed of, and Lady Astor wandered from ballroom to dining room and through the halls letting fall sundry hints that as far as she was concerned the festivities were over. She told the orchestra to go home.

Presently Lady Astor announced in no uncertain tones that if the young people had any homes to go to they were to hie themselves in that direction and not to waste time. "I am sleepy," said the American-born peeress, "and you should be if you're not." Silence, and darkness soon enveloped the Astor mansion.—Pennsylvania Hotel Register.

**Be Doubly Sure**

After an older sister had called loudly for him, Richard came strolling into the yard.

"Why didn't you come the first time I called?" she asked, severely.

"I didn't hear you the first time, but I did the second time," the culprit answered by way of excuse.

**Bright Man**

Hobbes—When it was time to go I found that I hadn't a single decent necktie.

His Wife—Well, what did you wear?

Hobbes—One of those loud socks you gave me for my birthday—nobody knew the difference.

**A Wise Girl**

Clarence—The engine's dead. Phyllis, and I can't get it to start!

Phyllis—Well, if you're kidding me I'm going to walk back to town, and if you're telling the truth, we'll both walk back.

**Motor Kept on Working**

When a flood in Oil City, Pa., recently abated it was found that a motor had been running steadily for 45 hours under 14 feet of water.

**Fading Memory**

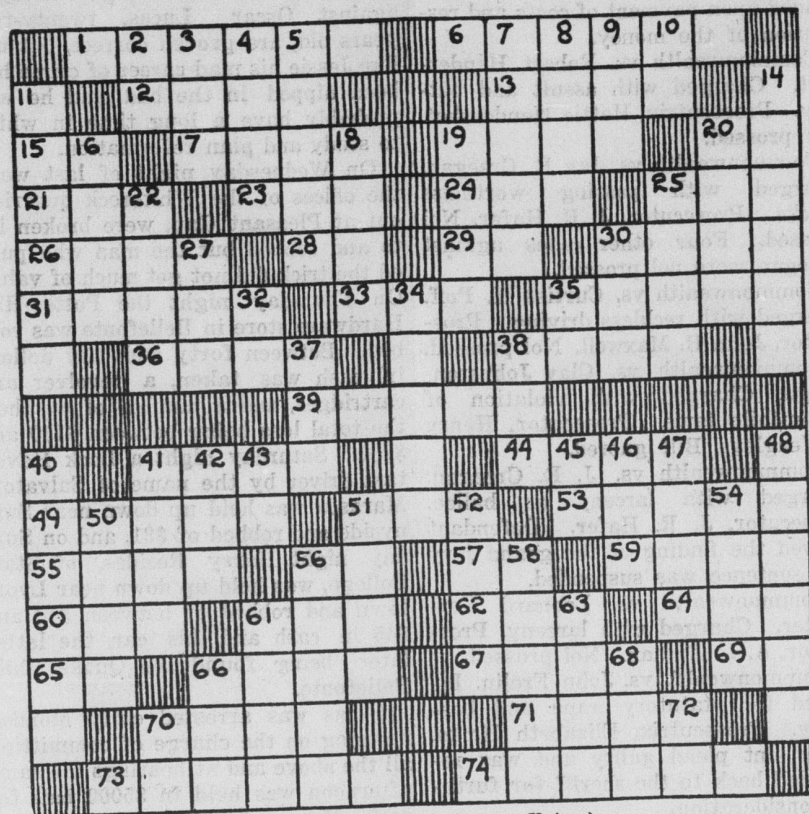
"That radio sounds funny tonight."

"Oh, John, now I know why. I put your dress shirt in the loud speaker to remind you of the laundry."

**HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE**

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white squares up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

**CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 3.**



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**Horizontal.**

- 1—A battle
- 2—Close
- 3—Contents of any figure
- 4—First person singular present of "be"
- 5—A forest product
- 6—Mob violence
- 7—A slight bow
- 8—A vase
- 9—A goddess of the rainbow
- 10—An article
- 11—Doctor of medicine (abbr.)
- 12—A small broom
- 13—The higher male voice
- 14—A poisonous reptile
- 15—A large web-footed bird
- 16—A pitcher
- 17—To come or go into
- 18—To persuade
- 19—To gain knowledge
- 20—A tavern
- 21—A measure of land
- 22—Man's name (abbr.)
- 23—To send forth
- 24—A personal pronoun
- 25—To grow old
- 26—Present indicative plural of "be"
- 27—A beverage
- 28—Very
- 29—To be furious
- 30—Awful
- 31—A large rope
- 32—Slender
- 33—A place of public contest
- 34—A Scottish land holder
- 35—A metal
- 36—Excitation
- 37—Empty pleasure
- 38—A metal
- 39—Name of alk material
- 40—To roll and tumble
- 41—To eat
- 42—Bakery product (pl.)
- 43—To plant
- 44—Prefix meaning again
- 45—Name of alk material
- 46—To proceed
- 47—A color
- 48—Free from moisture
- 49—Stylish and up-to-date
- 50—Scarce
- 51—Before
- 52—First person singular present of "be"
- 53—Misery
- 54—A kind of bean
- 55—To be present
- 56—A sound
- 57—Close
- 58—A paragraph
- 59—A pit for packing grain
- 60—Rare stone
- 61—An act or play
- 62—Exclamation of sorrow
- 63—To lay smooth
- 64—To stitch
- 65—Papa
- 66—The last
- 67—Perform

**Vertical.**

- 1—Upon
- 2—Did meet
- 3—A place of public contest
- 4—A Scottish land holder
- 5—A metal
- 6—Excitation
- 7—Empty pleasure
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Solution will appear in next issue.

**FARM NOTES.**

—Is the farm machinery put away for the winter. The wide spaces have their place in the scheme of life but they never were intended as tool sheds.

—Cows are able to produce big milk yields because they are born that way. A good purebred bull used now will provide big milk producers in your herd a little later.

—Apply mulch when ground is frozen on top, lightly at first, then more heavily as needed. Do pruning and other tree surgery on bright days during December and tie up any vines that need attention.

—Geraniums should not be watered with cold water during the winter months. Use soft water if possible which has stood in a warm room until the chill is off. Water the plants in the morning during the winter time.

—Cut crooked, short bushy crowned, diseased, slow-growing, poor timber trees, and some trees where too thick, but save straight, tall, well-crowned, sound, fast-growing, good timber trees. Save enough trees to the acre.

—Drinking cups in the dairy barn are a good investment. Cows in milk need an abundance of water and opportunity to drink after each feed. Provide now for greater cow comfort and more dairy dollars during the coming winter.

—The winter months provide a good time for a careful study of the dairy herd. Weigh the milk from each cow at regular intervals. Probably you are keeping some cows that do not pay their way. Weighing the milk exposes them. Weed them out.

—Bookkeeping helps grow hogs profitably it has been found by Pennsylvania farmers. Records tell the story of costs, gains, profits or losses. If some other part of the farm operations is supporting the hog-raising end, or vice versa, then you want to know about it.

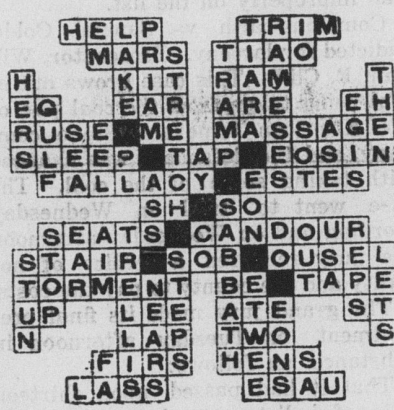
—Feeding sugar syrup to bees may be done by using a friction-top pail. Make 30 nail holes in the lid, put syrup in the pail and turn upside down on the frames or over the opening of the inner cover. The bees will draw the syrup through the nail holes and store it slowly in the combs.

—At this time of year a great many poultry flocks are affected with the annual trouble of fall colds. Pullets catch cold more easily than mature birds, and every effort should be made to clear this disease up promptly, or it may cause serious losses, not only in actual death, but in delayed egg yield.

—Poultrymen who are not satisfied with a reasonable increase in production by the use of lights and who push their hens much over fifty per cent. production for any length of time are borrowing trouble, as the birds are almost certain to molt in the spring, thereby causing a loss instead of a profit from the use of lights.

—Pupils learn how to select eggs and also get stimulated interest by having local egg shows in the school. The pupils see their egg judged and get first-hand criticisms. Schools making a collective exhibit at the State Farm Products Show in Janu-

**Solution of Cross-word puzzle No. 3.**



**The Financial Problem is Very Real at Christmas**

Custom and desire join in making its proper celebration expensive.

But the strain is much relieved by gradual saving through the year.

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OF

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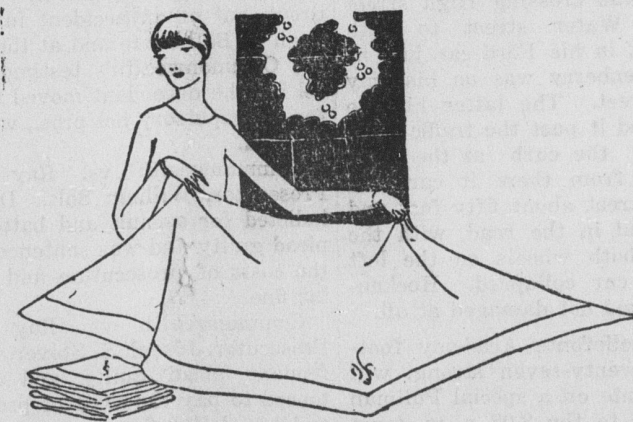
Owing to the unseasonable weather we are going to have a Clearance Sale of all

**Ladies' Children's and Misses' Coats**

45 Ladies' Coats, all sizes from 16 to 47, at cost. This will be a saving of from \$5 to \$10 on every Ladies' Coat and \$3 to \$4 on Childrens' Coats.

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In Centre county 3598 dogs were licensed in 1905 while up to October 1st of this year the number was 3494.