

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

Great Skill Shown by the Coburg Glassblowers.

From Coburg, Germany, a little railway only twenty-five miles long leads into the heart of the Thuringian forest ranges, terminating at Lauscha, where Christmas ornaments are made. Nearly every house and hut is the home of a glassblower, and the smallest child that can use its hands understandingly has some part in the work.

The blowers make all their work from glass tubes of varied diameter and thickness, which are cut to convenient lengths by scratching them with a file and breaking them at the cleavage. A burner consisting of two, four or more flames issuing from tiny gas jets converges its fires upon a metal plate, which usually supports a piece of dry wood or charcoal whose slow but fierce combustion under the blue flame of the blowpipes rapidly melts the hardest glass. Driving the blowers which supplies air to his blowpipes with his feet, the operator turns out with deft swiftness balls, stars, pendants and larger ornaments of almost every conceivable shape and size.

His good wife is perhaps injecting a spray of gilding or silvering solution into a great basketful of the tiny balls, used to festoon windows and Christmas trees, or, perhaps, with greater skill is coloring with deft fingers the interior of a larger ornament.

The eldest boy may himself be a

skilled operator and perhaps exceeds his father in creating miniature reindeer, with great spreading antlers, spirited horses, coursing hounds, fragile airships and balloons and, most wonderful of all, roses, carnations, tulips and other flowers, each of whose parts is made of colored glass of the proper color and fused in place with a delicacy of touch that far exceeds ordinary painting.

So light and fragile are these goods that they are packed in cotton and cartons divided into compartments and to a very great extent are shipped away from Lauscha by parcels express. So generally is this done between the middle of November and Christmas week that the postoffice force and a number of mail cars are furnished to meet the demand for parcels transportation.—National Magazine.

An Easy to Make Jacket.

A combing jacket is something any woman would appreciate, especially if it is as pretty as some of those the shops are showing. The dainty things in the big stores are all but absolutely shapeless, two perfectly straight breadths being used to form a sort of jaunty kimono sack, with pointed back and front. The two lengths have the ends cut bias, this shaping making the front and rear points, and the sleeves are made by catching the breadth edge to edge under the armp. White flannel combing jackets are pretty with blue or pink satin ribbon bindings.

ACCUSE PAYMASTER

Assistant on Prairie Charged With Embezzlement.

FACES COURT MARTIAL DEC. 16

Offense of Which Harry H. Palmer is Charged Said to Have Been Committed Before and During Prairie's Trip to Panama Last September.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—Charged with embezzlement, fraud, falsehood and submitting false returns to the bureau of supplies of the navy department, Assistant Paymaster Harry H. Palmer of the transport *Prairie* will face a court martial here on Monday, Dec. 16.

The hearing had been set for yesterday, but was postponed to permit Palmer time to engage counsel and prepare his case as well as to give the members of the court time to assemble from their various stations along the Atlantic coast.

Since the return to the navy of the *Prairie* Saturday from Santo Domingo Palmer has been detained on the battleship *Maine* under arrest. The offenses with which he is charged are said to have been committed before and during the trip of the transport to Panama last September.

Since that time he has been under close surveillance. Assistant Paymaster Frederick C. Powerhead of the cruiser *Chester* has been detailed to relieve Paymaster Palmer on the *Prairie*.

The court which will try the accused man is composed of Paymaster McGill R. Goldsborough, Paymaster Robert H. Orr, Past Assistant Paymaster John F. O'Hara, Commander C. P. Morgan, Commander E. R. Pollock, Commander C. F. Preston and Lieutenant Commander Gilbert Chase. Paymaster William C. Flite is the judge advocate.

ANOTHER RAILROAD VICTIM.

Farmer Third One to Meet His Death Within Forty-eight Hours.

York, Pa., Dec. 10.—Jesse Gladfelter, a farmer, is the third victim in this county of a Northern Central railroad locomotive within the last forty-eight hours.

Mr. Gladfelter, who was forty-three years old, while driving home from attending a butchering, was struck by a northbound engine on the Northern Central at the Centerville crossing and instantly killed. The engine hit the tail end of the buggy, and Mr. Gladfelter was hurled seventy-five feet into a meadow. There were no lacerations or bruises on his body when picked up. The buggy was wrecked, but the horse escaped injury.

Three men have been killed and a number injured at the Centerville crossing in recent years.

FORMER POLICE LEAVE JAIL.

Four Bluecoats, Convicted of Theft, Served Four Years and Ten Months.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—John Kelly, Albert Sithens, John Straub and J. Luckenbill, all former members of the city's police force and attached to the Fourth and Race streets station, were released from the Eastern penitentiary after serving four years and ten months each of a seven years' sentence imposed for burglary. The men were model prisoners, thus earning two years and two months' reduction of sentence.

Members of their families met the men and hurried them to their homes. All refused to make any statements as to their plans. Seventeen men were involved in thefts from wholesale houses along Delaware avenue, for complicity in which the four bluecoats were convicted.

SIX HAZERS ARE SUSPENDED.

Dickinson College Faculty Acts In Attack on Freshman Smith.

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 10.—The faculty of Dickinson college, which for two weeks has been investigating the hazing attack on C. H. Smith, a popular freshman from Williamsport, Pa., whose face was marked with a supposedly indelible acid, has laid the blame on six sophomores who have been suspended for an indefinite period.

The young men are: Robert Davies of Lansdale, Pa.; Walcott Gooding, Wyoming, Del.; Harold Fasick, Carlisle, Pa.; T. M. B. Hicks, Jr., Williamsport, Pa.; Gilbert Malcolm of New York city, and Lorraine McAnney of Carlisle, Pa.

14 HURT IN GRADE CRASH.

Pennsylvania Railroad Train Hits Trolley Car at Williamsport.

Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 10.—Fourteen persons, passengers on a trolley car, were injured when they were run down by a Pennsylvania railroad passenger train, while the trolley was stalled on the railroad tracks at the Fourth street crossing, in this city. None of the injured are seriously hurt.

The train which left Philadelphia was not running rapidly, but the locomotive carried the trolley car some distance up the tracks. The occupants of the train were slightly shaken up.

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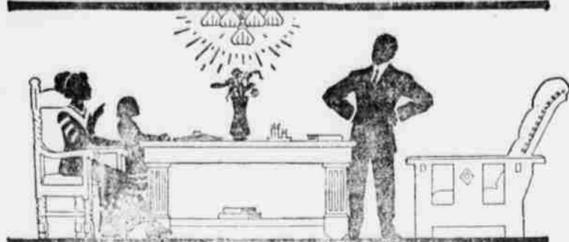
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And looked the landscape o'er.
"What let's inflates my bas de bleu?"
She asked, with dignity.
"Tis Ibsen in the original.
Oh, joy beyond degree!"

II.
Miss May Cadwallader Rittenhouse
Of Philadelphia town
Awoke as much as they ever do there
And watched the snow come down.
"Well, I'm glad that Christmas has come
again."
You might have heard her say,
"For my family's one year older now
Than it was last Christmas day."

III.
It was Christmas in giddy Gotham,
And Miss Irene de Jones
Awoke at noon and yawned and yawned
And stretched her languid bones.
"Well, I'm sorry that it's Christmas.
Papa at home will stay,
For 'change is closed, and he won't make
A single cent all day."

IV.
Oh, windily dawned the Christmas
In the city by the lake!
And Miss Arabel Wabash Breazy
Was instantly awake.
"Ah, what's that in my stocking?
Well, in two jiffs I'll know!"
And she drew forth a grand piano
From away down in the toe.

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