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A Flat Purse

But No Flat Christmas

by Therese Warburton

CHRISTMAS time is toy time to the innumerable three-year-olds who have big sisters, aunts, cousins and friends at Iowa State. And, of course, this wonderful big sister or favorite cousin can think of the nicest things to put in the stocking on Christmas eve.

Larger boxes as orange crates and apple boxes will provide ideas for a variety of outdoor equipment—seat, chairs, wagon—by strengthening the sides. These may or may not be painted.

Rubber sponges of different colors will catch the eye of an art major and

jors would have thought of the codfish box?

Why not use tin cans in graduated sizes to make a nest of colorful cans? Household equipment people know the latest in can openers which leave the edge of the opened can safe for handling.

If you are a dietetics major you may some day win the friendship of a crippled child in a hospital who could be cheered immensely by picture blocks made from full-size butter cartons as well as cartons cut in two, to form cubes. Colored pictures, pasted on all six sides, will bring delight to the sick child. These blocks are light weight for handling by weak little arms.

In mentioning toys for hospital children, nothing is more fascinating to make than scrap books with vari-colored cambric leaves, and bright colored pictures from magazine covers pasted in, with perhaps a word or simple sentence relating to the picture under each one.

Bright colored spools stacked on a rod is another simple toy—yet very fascinating.

ONCE one begins to think about Christmas toys from the economy budget, minds ooze with new and clever ideas.

Yes, little Sue and little Buddy, it looks as if your stockings will be bulging this Christmas!



Sue and Buddy Will Like These

From Jacksonville

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"But I came back to a happy surprise, for I was told that my first assignment was a conference in Miami. True to advertisements, we stayed in a lovely hotel right on the beach, where we could walk from our rooms to the water for sea-bathing, and to make it all the more lovely, we had a full harvest moon.

"From the very first, I have had 'my foot in the road' and have spent a good deal of my time in traveling over the different parts of the state. One of my most interesting experiences has been accompanying the State Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Flavia Gleason, on visits to our various district headquarters.

"The State Home Demonstration Service is cooperating with the Florida Emergency Relief Administration in the Rural Rehabilitation Program, and it was in this connection that I have had some interesting jaunts to Tampa, Orlando, and West Florida. All of these places are quite different in scenery and setting.

"The climate, of course, is one of the chief topics of conversation in a tourist and play state. Even here in the northern part of the state, it is warm enough to go in the ocean in the mid-

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"Maybe this year," contemplates the three-year-old, "she won't have any money to buy me a red wagon or a big doll."

We shall see about that! Cousin Gertrude is taking a course in homemade play equipment and Sister Sue is an art major and loves to dabble in paint. What could be a better beginning for an idea to further the economy Christmas plan?

Speaking of the course in play equipment leads directly to the Child Development Department and Miss Lydia Swanson who has compiled a list of homemade toys with directions for making. Some are especially practical—and within the ability of any girl to make in her own room during spare minutes.

The spool doll with its bright colors would attract any child's attention. Spools of various sizes to make body, head, arms and legs (and painted with bright colored, hard finish enamels) are put together with elastic cord.

A WAGON made from a cheese box and painted a bright red may be just the thing for Buddy. Casters (for wheels) may be purchased at the dime store—two for five cents.

with a snip of the scissors she may design animals and dolls that are quite unique.

Textile and clothing majors will want to plan costumes for the wire stand-patter dolls with which even a grown-up enjoys playing. The heavy lead feet give this type of doll its name.

Food majors are extremely busy, but in the midst of talking shop they might happen upon the brilliant idea of a use for cracker or wafer cans with lids. Assorted sizes could form a nest of cans, painted in bright colors, and would be every bit as interesting as a nest of boxes.

THESE cans, suggests Edith M. Sunderlin of the Child Development Department, might be painted in vertical stripes of radiant hues and colored clothespins fastened over the edge to give a problem in matching colors. The colors of the spectrum used in order would be interesting and little Sally would unconsciously learn analogous and complementary colors.

Miss Sunderlin also suggests oatmeal boxes for cradles or pull toys and the codfish box, with the sliding lid, for keeping things. How many foods ma-