Mousetraps to Vitamin Q

When our neighbor down the street emerges from the basement with a better mousetrap, his immediate desire is to exploit his device. Fortunately for him, his founders of nation provided a means for his exploitation in the framing of the Constitution of the United States.

Shortly after the ratification of the Constitution in 1789, the first patent was granted to Samuel Hopkins of America and the inventor which grants the improvement of the standard of living for the average person. The patent system as it now exists encourages the technical progress of our country by giving the inventor a monopoly for a limited period of time to practice his invention. To be sure, many inventors have exploited their devices to the advantage of the citizens of the United States. This benefit to the people of the United States is what has made the patent system such a success for our nation.

Brown, Maintenance Electric Shop; Norman Crain, Automatic Rolling; Wilfred Gilbert, Formation; Andrew Girgenti, Maintenance; Felix Lemieux, Bodor Room and Clifford Ray, Dry Tubular Assembly Department.


In addition to the above, 38 employees received their service award pins during the past week from their foreman for 10 years of service with the company. This group included:

Doris Austin, Production Engineering; Eugene Besenac, Watchman; Jeannette Bradley, Dry Rolling; Betty Busby, Metal Tubular Assembly; Gerald Cunnion, Shipping; Lorraine Demo, Automation; Ellen DePaul, Metal Tubular Finish; Frank D. Furtini, Molding; Arthur C. Gregory, Watchman; William Lillian G. Golf, Flat Midget Assembly; Alice Herrmann, Research & Engineering; Peter Horh, Printing; William Houghton, Brown Street General; Joseph Lason, Plant Engineering; Charles Lincoln, Text Equipment; Alice Malloy, Retail Sales; Sylvester Marvil, Retail Sales; Joseph Mathews, Factory Production; William Matthews, General Maintenance; Rose Mazotta, F.

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Vitamin Q . . .

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A group of approximately 35 regular and spare drivers who comprise the Sprague Electric truck fleet gathered recently in the Marshall Street cafeteria to hear Mr. C. F. Landers, Motor Transport Engineer for the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company, talk on safe driving. A contest has begun by the fleet drivers to promote safe driving on and off company hours. Teams of five men, headed by a captain, will compete for a period of three months at a time for the best safety record, and at the end of that time, recognition will be given to the winning team. At the end of the year, the driver that goes the longest period of time accident-free will receive the safe driving award pin and a safety plaque given by the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company. This safety program is being directed by Safety Director Arthur J. Mathews. In the above picture are, left to right, William Mathews, Arthur Rock, Jack Boivin, Mr. Mathews, Herbert Hafer, Ralph Burdick, Alfred Boyce, Anthony Saccor (front), Louis Cousin, Martin Lamphier, Charles Wilson and Noel Nelson of the American Mutual Liability Insurance Co.

Water No Problem

For Firemen Now

A drinking-water problem that has bothered the fire department since its members moved into the new station on State Street in the beginning of December came to an end because of a gift from the Sprague Electric Company. The gift was an electric water cooler and fountain. When the fire-fighters were bothered the fire department since its members moved into the new station on State Street in the beginning of December came to an end because of a gift from the Sprague Electric Company. The gift was an electric water cooler and fountain. When the fire-fighters discovered that the water was not present during severe conditions and for drinking purposes, the Sprague Company gave them a fountain which they are now enjoying.

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Where Our Products Go

McIntosh, one of the finest producers of audio equipment, chose Sprague Electric "Black Beauty" molded tubular capacitors for its Audio Compensator Model C8. This is a very fancy preamplifier with all sorts of adjustable frequency controls. Our "Black Beauty" capacitors were chosen because they embody long and trouble-free life, plus unvarying high capacity performance so important to the Hi-Fi enthusiast.

R. C. Sprague Jr., Named Acting Head of State CAP

Robert C. Sprague, Jr., Director of Employee and Community Relations, who has been Deputy Commander since October, has been named Acting Commander of the Massachusetts Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. His appointment came in official orders from National Headquarters of the CAP in Washington.

The new wing commander holds the rank of lieutenant colonel in the CAP. His appointment was announced in Washington by Maj. Gen. Lucas V. Bou, National Commander. Lt. Col. Sprague will succeed Col. John B. Slate of Wakefield.

As head of the Massachusetts Wing, which presently has its headquarters at Hanscom Field, Bedford, Lt. Col. Sprague will be responsible for the administration of all CAP activities in the state, with jurisdiction over 36 squadrons, and seven groups.

Squadron Changes

Several employes received suggestion awards for ideas turned in to the Suggestion Committee.

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Stanley Ziaja, Foreman of the Tantalum Department, will also take over the Tantalum Formation Department.

Coupled with this, a $25 award was voted.

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Three Northern Berkshire members of the CAP were advanced to top posts on the state staff as Lt. Col. Sprague made his first appointments as acting commander of the State Wing.

John H. Winant, assistant Director of Employee and Community Relations, who has been Wing executive officer since September with the rank of major, was named deputy wing commander, an appointment which makes him second in command of the state-wide CAP organization.

Col. Sprague’s wife, Mrs. Dorothy W. Sprague, who has been adjutant of the state wing for the past three months with the rank of captain, was named Wing executive officer to succeed Maj. Winant.

Mrs. Pamela C. Christopher, project coordinator in the Employee and Community Relations Department who has been adjutant of the Northern Berkshire Squadron since its reactivation and who holds the rank of first lieutenant, was named Wing adjutant, succeeding Mrs. Sprague.

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Alfred Law has been appointed General Foreman of the Beaver Street Magnetic Operations which includes the Magnetics, Shift Registers and Shift Registers Samples departments.

Zigmond Nash will become Foreman of the F. P. Final Assembly Department.
The New Members of the Sprague Electric

Lars Andersen
Sales Office—Marshall

Mildred Bathaway
Bathtub Assembly—Beaver

Arthur Blaisdell
Misc. Resistor Assem.—Brown

Marion Carson
Personnel—Marshall

Clayton Collins
R. & E.—Brown

Lillian Colo
A. C. Dry Assembly—Marshall

Helen Connors
Sales Office—Marshall

James Cooper
Machine Shop—Marshall

Mary Daniels
Retail Sales—Marshall

Elizabeth Fleury
Filters—Marshall

Amelia Dean
Paper Ignition—Beaver

Teresa Deso
Retail Sales—Marshall

Flora Duquette
F. P. Covers Assembly & Ovens—Marshall

Emile Filliault
Small Orders—Marshall

Yvonne Day
Paper Ignition—Beaver

Arcade Gibeau
Formation—Marshall

Ruth Graves
Accounting—Marshall

Alma Kent
Metal Clad Tubular Finish—Beaver

Daniel Kimball
Etch House—Marshall
Quarter Century Club

Leda King
Small Orders—Marshall

Florence Lecuyer
Dry Tubular Assembly—Marshall

Leo Lemoine
Magnetics—Beaver

George F. Petry
New Jersey Sales Office

Frederick Potter
Factory Manager—Marshall

Clarence Pratt
Maintenance—Marshall

Mary C. Roberts
F. P. Covers Assembly—Marshall

Theophile Rondeau
Machine Shop—Marshall

Antoinette Sacco
Small Orders—Marshall

Violet Scott
Metal Clad Tubular Finish—Marshall

Alice Senechal
Check Inspection—Marshall

Daniel Shea
R. & E.—Marshall

Howard Sherman
Production Engineering—Marshall

Anna Lucy Simonelli
Prokar Solder—Brown

Adele Solari
Misc. Paper Assembly—Beaver

Frances Solari
Magnetics—Beaver

Exilda Suprenant
Misc. Dry Rolling DG24 Assembly—Marshall

Mary Troia
Paper Rolling—Beaver

Roy Trottier
A. C. Dry Assembly—Marshall

Teresa Vitro
Anode Preparation—Marshall
DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

January 1965

Michael, 2, and Laurie Ann, 5 months, are the children of Albert and Marilyn Lizyn, who is employed in the Automation Department on Brown Street.

Little Debra Ann Fortini is the 2-month-old daughter of Donald and Doris Fortini of the Tantalum Department and Claire of Small Orders, both on Marshall Street.

Betty Barcomb, Pulse Transformer, received her 5-month-old daughter of Donald of Tantalum Department and Claire of Small Orders, both on Marshall Street.

This bright youngster is the proud mother of two children Michelle Diane, 5 months old, and Gail, 6 years old. They are also the nieces of Valetta Kleiner of Pulse Transformer, days.

Maintenance Cost Control department. Shirley formerly worked in the Advertising department. We welcome Shirley Davis, who joined the ranks. Shirley is filing a notice Jane Delisle is now viewing the file. We wonder was there any girl who needed a substitute Ginger Mulcahy went to the Ice Capades in West Springfield recently. She even got one in Massachusetts too. Here's hoping everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sprague Electric Products Margaret is expecting a daughter and team in Sprague Electric. She makes quite the sales- assistant. She made the rounds of the office and delivered it with due respect to our families. It seems Corinne was having a terrible time with the dog trying to keep it in the house. (Yes— it is a little baby dog!) Her son, Steve, had other plans for it. Eileen Tropey is currently a new grandmother and Laura Luce is a new auntie.

Sales Office by Kay Banisi and Jane Delisle

The Sales Office really went to town with plans for a Christmas party at the Tannenbaum Teahouse in Williamstown. We wonder— was there any girl who didn't know what she was receiving for a gift? Welcome to Shirley Davis who joined the ranks. Shirley is filing a notice Jane Delisle is now viewing the file. We wonder was there any girl who needed a substitute Ginger Mulcahy went to the Ice Capades in West Springfield recently. She even got one in Massachusetts too. Here's hoping everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Veronica Sobon, holding first aid kit, Beaver Street, Lorraine Stefanak, third row, second from left; Marshall Street Office, and Eleanor Allenshore, Brown Street, last row, first from right, were among the class which recently completed the advanced Red Cross first aid course.

Scrapage Electric International, Ltd.

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Don who caught his yearly deer in Savoy. Myrna wasn’t quite so lucky but she enjoyed it. Toughing it out at Bu-Bus was equally happy when Al Richards bagged a 160 pound, five-point buck in Dover. Marilyn and Joe LaPonte have moved to their new apartment at 125 Calve Avenue in Willimansett. Beverly Dalbac has been talking turkey ever since she won an 18 pounder for Thanksgiving from Henry Hartage’s Service Station in Adams. From all reports, Rose Bus had a gay time at Al’s Material Control Department’s Christmas party at the Pine Brook Club on December 8. Helen Partridge is looking forward to the visit of her son Fred during the holidays. He is a sophomore at Springfield College. Hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas and will have a happy 1956!

Specifications Engineering by Betty Mahoney and Diane St. Pierre

First of all we would like to wish you every morning a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We extend our congratulations to Howard Scooner. Howard received his 25 year pin and a gold watch at the Service Award Dinner held on December 7 at the Williams Inn. But Velma has left us for a month. We all miss her but know she’s having a good time. But was married December 17 to Josephine Gornemier of Adams. On the first day of the hunting season Betty Jones has returned from Bristol. Betty and her deer hunting is very near with the interesting look of her brother’s wedding. Eileen Bua had a great time at Al’s Material Control Department and Tony Tassone who celebrated his birthday on December 7.

Round Midget Assembly 645 by Jenne Gareau

First of all, Anthony Vannoy of Savoy presented to their wedding anniversary. I must have been excited at the prospects of going on my vacation, so much so that I couldn’t spell straight. My apologies to Tony and Ida. But Tony was more excited than I as he went to Vermont hunting and was he lucky. Got a buck weighing 175 lbs. on his own property. He is wearing a yellow jacket and a Mass. Haven’t heard any news yet as to what his buck has been doing. It is beginning to look as though Christmas is very near with the interesting looking bundles that are brought in at noon time. Hope Santa’s got to everybody. Colin Shanahan has only one gift already and lucky she got what she was asking for. It was a jelly. Something you can model for us.

Mina, 6, Susan, 17 months and Betty, 8, are the daughters of Albert and Rose Labonte. Father works in the F.P. Dry department on Marshall Street and Mother is in the Pulse Transformers on Beaver Street.

Don wiha Richards. Happy birthday to Tony Tassone who celebrated his birthday on November 17.

Payroll, Tabulating and Factoring Accounting by Irene Ryan

Irene Ryan went to the Framingham shopping center to do her Christmas shopping. How lucky can you get! Agnes McDonough was out at this writing. We hope you’re back soon. Agnes Ed Leavittson is busy these days redecorating his house. Think you’ll be finished for the holidays Edit. Attention all bachelor girls! The Tabulating department is the place to work these days. Two lucky girls engaged in a two week interval! Helen Rosenburg is engaged to Clayton Kaiser of Springfield. New Hampshire and Frances Rondau is engaged to Rudolph Boui of Quality Control. Such lovely blondes too. Congratulations and best wishes to these happy couples.

From your repotter to each and every one of you, sincere wishes for a happy 1956! We sincerely hope everyone has a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Horrall are on their wedding day. Mrs. Horrall is the former Clarice Cagno, R.N. of Gardner, and Albert is the son of Albert E. Horrall of the Photo Lab and a former employee of the company.

Little Odilla Cristina Lepera is the five year old daughter of Frances Lepera of the Metal Clay Department on Beaver Street.

Merrily efficiencies sprang from the news of tours. It is going to be a girl or boy, Marie? Sidney McAn has just returned from a two weeks trip to Texas where she was an attendant at her brother’s wedding. Helen Nina spent her week at home Christmas shopping. Emma Mathews is going to spend her Christmas holidays in sunny California visiting her two daughters and their families. Have fun! Mary! Your two reporters had a “long-up-time” in New York City the weekend of December 3rd. Merry Christmas to all those in General Accounting.

F.P. Assembly by Grace McConnell

On Leavence’s daughter, Pat who is training at Fitchfeld General Hospital, is going the 2nd of January for a three month training period at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. We wish Julia Tash who has been out of work 4 weeks with the virus, Dorettie Runek’s daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burdick and son returned from Japan on Thanksgiving Day. They are back former

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lindquist of 41 Chester Circle, Los Altos, Calif., seem to be enjoying retired life in sunny California. Mrs. Lindquist, a former employee of the company, wishes her many friends here a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Seven year old Michael Mc-Connell was a fortunate youngster as he told Santa he wants this Christmas at the Jordan Marsh wearing it and wish you success in Grace McConnell of F. P. Assembly.

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Shirley Silvia

Laurel Smith

Ed Goodman—"All The Things You
Ford Peters—"Flying Home"
Stuart Paul—"Why Don’t You Do
Joan Paradise—"My Blue Heaven"
Paul Garnish—"Oh My Papa"
Bill Klizby—"I Will Be Around"
Selma Salim—"One O’Clock Jump"
Don Mikkeljohn—"There Must Be
Ed Godek—"I Wonder Why"
Bob Smith—"If I Had My Way"
Wes Baker—"Roll Out The Barrel"
Newell Howard—"Here Comes Santa
Jack Newsom—"Don’t Fence Me In"
Linn Beverly—"Nature Boy"
Gerald Lebert—"This Is No Laughing
Tom Callum—"Hail, Hail, The
The Gang’s All Here"
Dorothy Creaser—Perhaps, Perhaps, Perhaps
Ernie Jones—"Don’t Get Around
Barbara Campedelli—"Honey Bun"
Clare West—"Love Is A Many
Bobbie Purpora—"Rock Around
Alice Gomera—"Luck Be a Lady
Kay Comos—"Dance With Me
Gloria Moree—"Five Foot Two
Charles Ryan—"On The Sunny Side
Mildred O’Neil and Fran Tomich—"Foolin’, Fightin’ And A-Fusin’
Dot Collier—"Lovely Lady"
Helen Clough—"Come To My House"
Jane Cezerniski—"Baby Face"
Bill Diodati—"Take Me Out To The
Richards—"I Want To Get Married"
Bill Campedelli—"You Say The
Jim O’Neil—"My Home"
Vincent Tassone—"They’ll Never Believe Me"
Gene LaBelle—"Softly"
Al Desrosiers, Al Marden, Dave Fillio, Ray Cezerniski and Lou Scasale,


northeastern university students.
"there’s a great day coming man"
Kit Carson, Alice Petro, John Marine, Paul Caufield, Frank Patterson and
Jerry Daubis, a chorus group singing "i’m a time study man"
You all enjoyed the "group singing"
we were both glad and sad that our
charlie chesler, ken gregor and priscilla brayman. priscilla is re-
then she home is like a boys’ dorm and that they really
missed you belle rita. bella rita is back after a vacation. she
telephone and a gift for her expected. the wel-
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the girls tell us they had a wonderful
drama, paintings, стенки was beautiful, as so in all, ever-
the decorating, candles, and roses were beautiful, so in all, ever-
all the decoration expanded to make a wonderful gathering.

building no. 7 offices
by selma salim and bettie buggs
the end of the year is drawing near—
and so is our inventory time. in checking
our group here is our musical rendition
by doris hartman & esther holloway
we are back again and the weather's still cold and there's still
the weather's still cold and there's still not enough snow for skiing. we would
of the season accounts for it.

formation and formation control
by larry clark
we of the formation control say so long to mr. now who is taking a dif-
terent position with the company. lots of luck, mr. now. we welcome
bea collins

johnny lisee, 1 year old, is the
son of ruth lisee, formerly of dry
tubulars and nephew of john harding, paper rolling, beaver st.
Advertise by Janice Fowler

A gala spaghetti bender's ball was held at the Filter Development Center for the benefit of Millie and Lona. But the good news was that a young man named Franc was just promoted. He now holds the rank of an engineering assistant, just having been transferred from the Quality Control section from eight star general. Franc is taking dancing lessons from Shirley Ferrari, who is teaching them how to get the right movement in the right place. When they are all done, we shall all be interested in seeing the final results. It must be nagging having to work under such an expert in the art of dancing as Shirley claims to be. All members of the Advertising Department have been asked to wear protective goggles whenever Mr. Chapeau—an extra telephone directory for Bill when he misplaces it—has been in the room. Please try to help us out as best as possible... We would like to welcome Kenneth Blake who formerly worked with us, to the networks department. Everyone welcome him home at last. 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Marty. William Cooper spent his Martin Lamphier is our new man who transferred from K.V.A. Welcome helper). Hope he likes his new job... .

Small Order Assembly

by Tiny Knights

Eddy Clark and Felix Roushins, the door handlers of our department better known as "Elmer Fudd" and "Marti- nis" were quite a duet. . .Get well wishes go out to Grandmother for the first time. . .Nor- man R. G. has a new grandson born November 13. The room sure is shining with all the old faces again. . .Sympathy is extended to Foster

Vacation hunting deer in Vermont but could not get it. The latest big news is in. . . Linda Cozzaglio is a proud mother to our department. On December 2 Christmas party dinner as this went to their new home on Franklin Street. . .Valotta's orches- tera played for dancing and we made a special product. . .Lil Peck is a very happy girl who never forgets to bring a tax return hunting deer in Vermont but could not get it. The latest big news is in. . . Linda Cozzaglio is a proud mother to our department. On December 2 Christmas party dinner as this went to their new home on Franklin Street. . .Valotta's orchestra played for dancing and we made a special product. . .Lil Peck is a very happy girl who never forgets to bring a tax

Sananda Coolers

by Dorothy Bell Baker

This past Christmas party was one of the finest ever. All the Sanda workers had a wonderful time at Pete's Dunks at their annual Christmas party. . .Sandans from the Roolers honored Katie Patternen of the Industrial Olra, a former co-worker with a ribbon. They presented her with a sweater and a birthday cake. Katie is a grey hair local by the way. . .Sympathy is extended to Beatrice Santelli on the death of her grandmother.

Hi-Quality Line

by Mae O'Neil

Hi folks! Here I am again. Here's hoping everyone had a nice Thanksgiving dinner and a very Merry Christmas to all. . .We had a wonderful Christmas party dinner as this went to their new home on Franklin Street. Florence was a former co-worker in the Special Products Dept. Gladys Ners is spending her vacation at home at Alvena Giuff and is a new grandmother to our department. The child has been named Samuel Arthur and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adrien Giuff North Adams. The program and decorations were just wonderful. Valotta's orchestra played for dancing and we made a special product. . .Lil Peck is a very happy girl who never forgets to bring a tax return hunting deer in Vermont but could not get it. The latest big news is in. . . Linda Cozzaglio is a proud mother to our department. On December 2 Christmas party dinner as this went to their new home on Franklin Street. . .Valotta's orchestra played for dancing and we made a special product. . .Lil Peck is a very happy girl who never forgets to bring a tax return hunting deer in Vermont but could not get it. The latest big news is in. . . Linda Cozzaglio is a proud mother to our department. On December 2 Christmas party dinner as this went to their new home on Franklin Street. . .Valotta's orchestra played for dancing and we made a special product. . .Lil Peck is a very happy girl who never forgets to bring a tax return hunting deer in Vermont but could not get it. The latest big news is in. . . Linda Cozzaglio is a proud mother to our department. On December 2 Christmas party dinner as this went to their new home on Franklin Street. . .Valotta's orchestra played for dancing and we made a special product. . .Lil Peck is a very happy girl who never forgets to bring a tax
The air was brisk and cold as she rushed along. The wind tussled the snow in swirls that played around the ankles of the passing crowd and settled like a myriad of diamonds along the curbstone. People poured in and out of stores and buildings and the merry tinkle of a sidewalk Santa’s bell could be faintly heard above the babble of voices.

The Christmas season had begun and the shop windows were filled with gaily colored things; some that sparkled and shone; some with a dull lustre of modesty.

As she passed they seemed to say, “Buy me... oh, do buy me!” She ignored the implied plea and hurried around the corner to the dark street with its dingy little attic room where she lived.

She stamped the snow from her feet and slowly unwound the big faded wool muffler from around her throat. Her eyes were thoughtful as she glanced around the room.

“There is so much we need. If only I could give Cassie what she wanted—just this once!”

Her eyes reflected the despair of her thoughts as she made her way to the attic where her little sister lay sleeping.

Cassie had been ill with rheumatic fever since birth. When both parents had perished in a fire three years previous, Sally had taken upon her shoulders to care for her six-year-old sister. Sally was but 18 herself. She worked hard to earn the meager little income that kept them together.

Sometimes it seemed almost unbearable. The sight of her own empty, laughing and gay, dressed in fashionable clothes and escorted by handsome young men. It was very painful at times; but when she climbed the stairs where the darkness bore Cassie’s pale face smoky wraith at her, she didn’t mind so much.

“Things could be worse,” she would say half to herself and would hustle to make supper.

After the dishes were washed and put away, she sat in the old wicker chair by the window to look at the snowy street below. She leaned over far enough she could see the corner where people rushed back and forth; all going somewhere; doing something. An occasional figure would wander down her dark little street and soon would disappear from sight.

“Oh! Sally!”

The little voice brought her back to reality and she made her way to Cassie.

“Please talk to me, Sally!”

Cassie’s little face seemed pitifully small under the halo of unruly blonde hair surrounding it.

“Oh, Honey.” Sally replied feeling a bit angry with herself for bringing up thoughtless.

“Tell me about the people, and their store windows, and the Santas on the sidewalks.”

“Of course.”

Sally went to the window again to look out at the street and up at the sky. The snow had stopped for a while and the sky was as clear as could be. Each star seemed to twinkle brighter than the other. She glanced down at the steps again and saw the people, well dressed, warm, and merry. Suddenly she felt terribly angry.

“It just isn’t fair!” she cried. “Why couldn’t we have just a little of what they have? It just isn’t fair!”

In that moment, as if to emphasize her point, she waved the glass Santa from the table and shook it. The tears began to course down her cheeks and she slumped wearily in the battered old chair. Her trembling hands reached down to her little statue and it fell, smashing to pieces on the floor.

“Don’t do it!”

She knelt on the floor and looked at the little pieces of red and white.

“Oh, Cassie will feel terrible about it.”

The tears fell anew and the glass Santa was blotted from her vision. It was some time before she could pull herself together. She could imagine how Cassie would feel if she should wake up and find it gone.

“Scraping up the pieces, she ran to get her coat. “I must get another one before tomorrow or Cassie will be heart-broken!”

She opened the door and went outside on the icy steps. The snow had started again and was falling heavily, flakes. She hurried down the steps and made her way to the corner where the lights still glimmered.

“Will what have I done!”

Upon reaching the street she suddenly realized how late it was. It was nearly 10 o’clock! The stores were all closed.

“What will I do?”

She sat down on some steps and tears fell unrestrained as she realized her plight. Poor, dear Cassie! She would be so dis-appointed. Wearily she stood up and started home. The shadow of her figure cast by the street lamp mirrored her own.

As she climbed the rickety old stairs and went inside. She took off her coat abandoned the little Santa and started towards the stairs.

“Sally!”

“I’ll put it on the table for you”, Sally said, her heart swelling within her with the joy she had managed to bring. Cassie gave it to her, a bit reluctantly and soon was fast asleep.

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Above, members of the F.P. Assembly line on Marshall Street gathered at the Eagles' Hall for their annual Christmas party as did the Pulse Transformers group below from Beacon Street at Fats Dink's in Clarkesburg. A wonderful time was reported by both groups.

Across the floor... 

We love the deepness and elegance of black velvet and the slimmness of the little line in the new velvet fashions for this winter. But ye do, too. Velvet and velveteen, shimmering in black or evening, come not only in other subdued shades but also in jewel tones. And the sheath dress following the new silhouette of fashion is making a dramatic entrance this season. If you like designing your own clothes, McCalls and Simplicity patterns, available at all Singer Sewing Centers, allow for the newest silhouette in a thousand and one ways. One of the pleasures in sewing your own is being able to find a decorative fabric color, too, and use it to make your "dream dress" come true, so that you will enjoy wearing it time and time again.

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Simple-to-sew jumper with handy big pockets. Simplicity Printed Pattern 1270, sized for Juniors and Misses, 11 to 18, 25c.

Bonds, you know, earn 3% interest compounded every 6 months, whether held to maturity. And they can go on earning for you as long as 19 years and 6 months. That means a return of about 80% more than you originally paid. This Christmas is a good time for not only thinking about joining the Payroll Savings Plan but of actually signing up. Like the Christmas tree that continues to flourish, the savings plan put in Series E Bonds will grow bigger and bigger. Then your Bonds will help make your dreams come true for your family and yourself.