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## ABOUT CHRISTMAS SEALS

*I look at the Christmas seal and say:  
"This friend who remembereth me,  
Hath also the thought of the sick today,  
Wherever they chance to be.  
And he giveth not only to cheer his own,  
But to all who hath need is his mercy shown."*

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Christmas seals went on sale for a penny each on Thanksgiving day. The sale will continue until Christmas. The money received in this way will finance the work of the 2,084 affiliated tuberculosis associations throughout the United States.

Christmas seals are the ammunition in the war against tuberculosis. The enemy is on the run, but is not vanquished. Tuberculosis is the leading cause of death in the first decade of maturity.

Mail your letters with Christmas seals pasted on the back. Decorate your packages with them. The double-barred cross on the seal is double-barreled. One barrel shoots a message of cheer for the friend who gets the package or letter. The other shoots definite aid towards somebody who is in danger of tuberculosis.

The Christmas seal this year strikes a festive note, depicting the Yule log of song and story, as it was dragged toward the manor house in medieval times. In those days nobody knew the cause of the white plague, but we know today, and what is better, how to prevent it. Christmas seals raise money to pay the cost of prevention.

Buy Christmas Seals.



## DOINGS AT PRACTICE HOUSE

Evelyn Charles is a new addition to our household, having moved in Thursday evening.

The boys of the orchestra envy us a real home in which to live—we hope to have the boys with us again shortly for a social evening for their benefit.

Mary Iyall was called to her home at Nisqually, Washington, for a stay of about two weeks. We all miss her cheerful presence—Mary has been appointed house reporter for the AMERICAN.

The fireplace in the dining room has been a great boon these chilly mornings. Besides providing warmth it dispels the early morning gloom—we haven't de-

cidied yet who takes the honors as the champion fire-maker.

The girls and Miss Strauch were hostesses to a group of employees Friday evening. Dancing and cards were the amusements provided and punch and cakes were served. The boys' orchestra kindly furnished the music and many comments were made on excellence of the music. Thank you boys!

We are proud of the record the girls have made so far in keeping the house in spick and span condition and in their efforts to serve attractive, well-balanced meals at low cost. Each week the cook and hostess have lessons in marketing and food selection.

## SAVE VANISHING TOTEMS

Threatened with destruction by time and neglect, the last of North America's picturesque totem poles are being saved by government experts of the United States and Canada. Instead of being carted away to museums and parks in distant cities, they are being restored and preserved in their original settings in Indian villages of Alaska and the west coast of Canada. Carved in grotesque shapes depicting fantastic animals and birds, these emblems were originally erected by Indian tribes as symbols of their clans, serving the purpose of aboriginal coat-of-arms. Each pole was shaped from a single tree, and some towered as high as sixty feet. When the natives moved from their primitive homes to more modern dwellings, the poles were left behind. The Indians seldom troubled to fix a pole that fell down; its re-erection would have entailed as complicated a ceremonial ritual as its initial installation. When it became apparent that the few remaining examples of this ancient art would soon vanish, the government of two countries decided to try and save them. Each remaining pole is now being taken down and examined for signs of weakness or decay, and then restored to original form.—*Popular Science*.

On Nov. 28 the boys and girls of the student council met in Winona hall for the purpose of discussing plans for the sale of Christmas seals. When you meet a member of the student council with his or her envelope full of seals dig deep and buy as many as you can. You will be supporting an exceedingly worthy cause. In the words of Ma Green, "How else can ye help th' poor ailin' ones so much for so little?"