

Greetings from a Christmas Card

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You have to believe in Christmas cards to enjoy them. If you believe in them you enjoy receiving and sending them. If they are a cold duty to you, you miss all the fun.

One can picture perfectly the sort of card you'd send. There would be one single bit of stereotyped holly at the top, neat engraving below and that is all. The person receiving your card will give it one glance, and say, "Oh, the Jenkinses," and toss it in a pile of others just like it and pass on to one more interesting, original, The Note of Warmth.

The point of which is—don't feel, please, don't feel it your solemn duty to send Christmas cards, because the card will always show it. The friend who receives it will feel as if a dash of cold water had struck him in the face and a clammy limp hand had been laid in his. That feeling is somewhat lacking in the proper Christmas spirit; oh, ever so slightly, you know.

If you must be dignified and formal, at least do not be rigid and cold. Your engraved message can have a bit of originality in expression and your formal etching or design can be a thing of beauty with warmth of tone and coloring.

A Variety of Good Cards. With all the perfectly delightful designs in cards arranged for you by the several publishers there is really no excuse for rigid and meaningless ones.

In your favorite bookshop you will find a goodly array from which to choose. The stationery department of a big store is usually well supplied. You can find an

excellent assortment from which to pick yours as early as September. And early choice in your cards as well as in your other shopping will save much disappointment and vexation.

In the shop there are scrap books with cards and envelopes pasted in, and prices below. The price usually includes the printing, or engraving, of your name in the space left specially for it.

Making Your Own. Artists always have the advantage over others in that they can design their own Christmas cards. Sometimes they cut the blocks necessary and print them as well. The charm of these has become so apparent that many of the commercial cards imitate the hand-cut block with the effect of original work.

Some of the methods of printing are most interesting. A silver deer springing blithely over a snow-laden landscape on a grey paper grained one card found in the shops. Reindeer seem especially popular this year. Last year the cards all seemed to show jolly stage coaches laden with merry makers. Santa and his swift sleigh is to have the limelight this year.

Gay Tones in Cards. Gay tints of papers are characteristic of this year's Christmas messages. Silver stars are scattered over some envelopes and card one especially vigorous in color wore brilliant stripes in green, red and silver on a black ground. A greeting was printed on the cover and inside a white insert was tied. One side had a picture of men singing Christmas carols, the other

message of good will. Christmas Card Fever. It is suggested for children's cards that they do not tackle too intricate a design. It is far easier to draw than to cut a design. The cutting of the lettering will cause the most trouble. A holly wreath with green spaces left for hand coloring is a good subject. Vaccinistia, pine boughs, and cones, and Christmas trees load themselves to the somewhat stiff treatment involved in cutting blocks. Correspondence cards are excellent for use in printing because the envelopes are made to match.

Once a person becomes interested in printing his own Christmas cards he is forever lost. For from then on he will not only send forth his own hand-cut efforts from year to year, but will take great delight in collecting the efforts of others, smitten with a peculiar sort of fever, that of hand-wrought Christmas cards.

KAPOK FROM THREES. SAMBAKANG, Java (AP)—Kapok, filling for mattresses and life-saving appliances, is exported from Java by thousands of tons yearly. It resembles cotton, but grows in long pods on trees. Natives deliver the pods when ripe to Chinese dealers, who employ women and children to remove the fluff from the husks by hand. The United States paid Java \$1,864,000 for 7,000 pounds of kapok last year and has increased its purchase this year.

HAND WORK ON JUTE. CALCUTTA (AP)—Labor is so cheap and so plentiful in the jute-producing sections of India that all work still is done by hand and little effort being made to introduce either modern machinery or methods. Weaving mills have abolished hand weaving, but hand spinning of jute twine still is a popular home industry. Australia is the biggest buyer of jute bags, which are used in the harvest fields, and the United States buys most of the jute cloth.

VICTORY FOR MACHINE. WASHINGTON (AP)—Machines have scored another victory over man. Department of commerce reports indicate that in September one American-made washing machine was exported to China, home of the hand laundry. Some three sanitary expert paid \$29 for it.

FEDERAL RESERVE IS AID TO CREDIT

Gold Exports Need Not Curb Credit Structure in America

NEW YORK (AP)—Gold exports need not disturb this country's credit structure for the cushion of Federal Reserve credit may protect it from the direct impact of exports, just as it has absorbed the shock of gold imports, according to Dr. W. Randall Burgess, assistant federal reserve agent at New York. He explains the situation in his book, "The Reserve Banks Are the Money Market," soon to come from the press.

The first gold export to England since that country returned to the gold standard left New York last week, while during November net loss of gold through exports exceeded \$30,000,000. The possibility of such exports was considered, Dr. Burgess says, and the Federal Reserve system shaped its policies to avoid excessive credit expansion when gold imports threatened gold inflation.

"When gold was imported," Dr. Burgess writes, "one of two things happened, a loan or investment at the Federal Reserve Bank was paid off or bank deposits were expanded several times the gold imports. When gold is exported exactly the reverse takes place. A bank must either borrow from the Federal Reserve to get the gold, or the reserve banks increase their investments, or bank deposits or currency must be contracted."

"Fortunately, bankers and business men have used the incoming gold mainly to pay debts rather than to contract fresh ones, and the state is clean. The machinery of the Federal Reserve System has provided a way for storing the gold ready for the use of other nations when they have reached sufficient stability to require it. When gold exports begin the reserve mechanism will again be useful, for member banks may assume the burden by increasing their holdings of securities."

Dr. Burgess predicts that many countries will need more gold when their trade has returned to normal, for while more paper

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money is used now than before the war, credit and currency requirements are increased, larger bank reserves are needed and foreign balances probably will not be a permanently satisfactory substitute.

"The future is difficult to foresee," he adds, "but this is clear—this country should be so prepared for a considerable gold export movement that it would not seriously disturb credit conditions."

GOLD BY PLANE

SAIGON, French East Africa (AP)—Negotiations are under way for the transportation of gold from the Kilo-Motor mines of the Belgian Congo over the Khartoum-Kinshasa air mail service route. Employees of the mines would be carried as passengers.

PAPER FROM BULLRUSHES. BUENOS AIRES (AP)—Aid being sought from the Argentine government to develop paper making from bullrushes. It is reported that experiments made with rushes from the banks of the Plate, Parana, Uruguay, Pilcomayo and Bermejo rivers show that the plant contains much cellulose and it is believed this may be extracted at low cost.

SUGAR LANDS CHANGE. HONOLULU (AP)—Sugar production per acre in Hawaii has increased in the past 25 years from 6.1 to 7.5 tons for irrigated land and from 3.35 to 5 tons for non-irrigated land. The average yield now is better than 6.4 tons per acre. The number of laborers employed has declined 3,000 in ten years, due to increased use of machinery.

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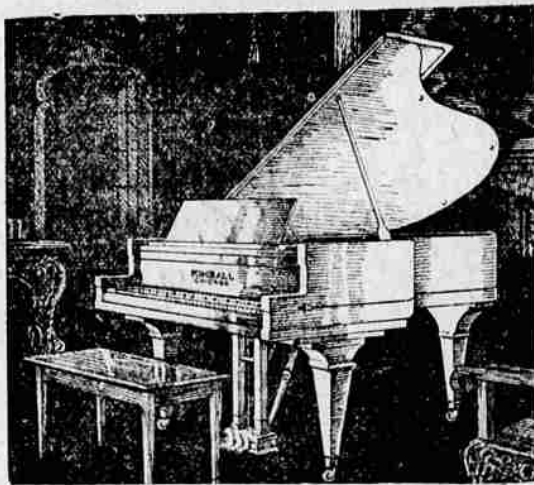
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