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THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS—Verily, verily, I say unite you. The servion is not greater than his loyd; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent lim. If ye know these things, happy are ye If ye do them.—John #2:16, 47.

#### The state of the s THE IDEAL GIFT

What is the ideal gift of a husband to his wife? This is the question that is absorbing the masculine mind these Christmas-shopping days. In a pure spirit of service some qualifications for the ideal gift are offered: There should be in it the element of surprise. This eliminates all the articles the good wife has hinted at. It must represent imagination. One of the new dollar bills will not do. It must fit without being tried on and without guilty requests for measurements. It must be sufficiently expensive to reflect a husband's affection and not too expensive to break his bank account. It must be something a wife can use to the exclusion of her husband, or else she will suspect he got it for himself. It must be useful without being strictly prac-tical. It must be something she is not likely to get from somebody else. It must cost as much or more than the gifts other husbands in the neighborhood present their wives. It must be something that can be picked up in ten-minutes' shopping but reflect a week's shopping. Such an ideal gift exists, no doubt, but it would take an ideal husband to select it and an ideal wife to appreciate it, and the millennium isn't due before Christmas.

### IF THERE WERE NO CHRISTMAS

The spirit of Christmas is synonomous with Christian civilization. To ask what if there were no Christmas is to ask what if there were no Christian civilization. And herein should lie an approach to a by-no-means lofty or profound -yet, surely, a practical-conception of Christmas. We contemplate a power that has worked in the hearts of men to unify people, to harmonize nations, to concentrate diverse spiritual forces, and create a new civilization. It is so great a power, so good and so practical, that it allies in the Christmas manifestation, with few exceptions, the religious and philosophical thought of the world. As a lose and ugly soil, the doctrine of the rule of love springs worldphilosophical thought of the world. As a rose from dark bloom.

The story of the world without Christmas is written. In the Latin world the Christmas celebration absorbed and Brumalia, principally the Saturnalia, Later, in northern Europe, it absorbed and succeeded the mid-winter riots of abandon in which hardy northerners indulged after the winter solstice. The Saturnalia was the Feeder of the Saturnalia was the Saturnalia w winter solstice. The Saturnalia was the Feast of Topsyturveydom in which for four days slaves were as freemen and freemen as slaves. A god of unreason was enthroned and as unreason would, plunged the highest civilization of the era into debauch. An inheritance is the word saturnalia, signifying license rampant. The practical fact in the story is that men demanded and created seasons when they might burst humdrum bonds. They gave thentselves over to their feelings which then meant, to their senses. That, with no other such vent yet come into the world, was natural.

Philosophers, pyschologists and the clergy seem to agree W that, if also in differing degree creatures of mind, men and women are also creatures of feeling. It surely is of small & consequence that the actual date of the birth of Jesus is not y historically proven, and small, too, that the date now celebrated was fixed by the early Church in Rome between the dates of the Saturnalia and the Brumalia, with the deliberate purpose, apparently, of giving the chief Roman season of festivities a Christian character. The magnificent fact is that, if such were the plan, it succeeded. A transfiguration was accomplished whereby, instead of a recurring season of unreason with the appetites and passions running free, a recurring season for the release of the higher feelings was substituted.

Head or heart may rule men. Growth comes in the growth of both, with the intangible quality of love flowering in the heart. With the heart, rather than the head, are associated that entire gamut, from the degradations appetites and passions may foster, to the sublimations possible in unselfish love, self-sacrifice and Divine Worship. What Christmas does, in this practical sense, is to set a season in which to ask of the human heart, rather than its worst, its best: love of children; deeds which make for the maximum of happiness for others. From breasts innumerable, a tide of the higher feelings of the heart rises. The millions join to make peace on earth and good will among men. A practical fact enterges which is no less than a translation of human nature.



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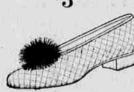


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