

# WRAP GIFTS WELL TO MAIL

Many Christmas Presents Lost Through Carelessness of the Senders.

Too much care cannot be exerted in seeing that the Christmas packages which are sent through the mails are securely fastened, the address plainly written and a return placed at one corner of the package to avoid its being sent to the dead letter office should no one claim it.

Thousands of Christmas packages are lost every year because of the carelessness of the sender. The loss is an unnecessary one and not at all desired by employees of Uncle Sam, for it makes them do over many times what should be expected only once for the amount of money spent in postage fees.

Every year there are a number of articles, each telling a story of its own and in some cases a pathetic one, left uncalled for at the post offices.

The boxes in which they had been placed were shattered by travel through the mails, and only enough of the wrapping remained to tell that they were destined to friends here.

A member of the United States Postal Service has issued the following instructions:

"It is a common practice for people, during the Christmas season, to purchase presents that are hurriedly tied up by the clerks, scarcely secure enough to be carried home. In this condition they are presented at the postoffice for mailing, probably to go hundreds of miles—piled up with tons of other mail—and thrown on or off fast going trains, they are apt to reach their destination in anything but a presentable condition.

"When purchases are intended for mailing, the persons wrapping them should be informed that the articles are to go in the mails without other sealing. A still better way is to take home, wrap, and address them properly, always making sure that your return address is plainly written on the package. Valuable packages should always be registered, as such are never lost except by wreck or fire. The registry fee is 8 cents with ordinary postage added.

With a package of the fourth class prepaid at the proper rate, the sender may inclose any mailable matter of the third class, a single card bearing the name of the sender, and any such inscription as "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," "Best Wishes," and so forth.

"Santa Claus" Letters. Postmaster-General Meyer has not decided whether he will issue an order similar to the one he issued on December 13 last, which provides that letters unmistakably to "Santa Claus" may be delivered to any regularly organized charitable society. The Postmaster-General has received numerous communications both for and against the resumption of the order and is now giving consideration to them.

## THIS FISH IS COMBINATION OF MANY OF FINNY TRIBES

Remarkable Creature Caught in Mississippi Resembles Fish, Whale, Shark, Bullfrog and Eel.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—The Raband Pharmacy, 1730 South Eleventh street, has a combination fish, whale, shark, bullfrog and eel that is puzzling fishermen. The fish was found in a 10-pound catfish caught at the foot of Souldard street by W. Tokorn. It was alive when taken from the larger fish, but died almost immediately. It has no eyes, but has eight objects resembling ears on each side of its body, extending about half the 12 inches of its length. Its mouth is probably the most peculiar thing about it, for it is located on the side of the head and runs lengthwise. Its teeth are prongs, like those of a shark and curve backward toward its throat.

## BAR GOSSIP ON PHONES.

Vancouver Company to Fine Those Caught.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 17.—For the offense of "rubbering" on its lines, the Minnehaha Cooperative Telephone company, operating lines into this city, will impose a fine of \$5.00 on any one caught. The company rules are printed in red ink. Singing, whistling or playing musical instruments over the line is prohibited. A severe penalty is attached to interrupting any one who is using the line.

Better send this paper to a friend

# POSTOFFICE IS GETTING BUSY

Christmas Rush of Sending Packages From Coos Bay Has Started.

The familiar sign announcing that "the mail has not arrived" was exhibited all forenoon in the Marshfield post office today, but this did not prevent the employees of the office being busy. The Christmas rush has started and in fact has been on for the past three days.

It is likely that the business of sending away Christmas gifts starts on Coos Bay about as soon as any place because of the slowness of the mails in getting in and out, and already the people are getting mailed the gifts they wish to send to friends far distant.

The Christmas mail means a lot of work for the postoffice officials. There is weighing of packages to be done and stamps to sell and a large number of packages of all sizes and kinds to handle. According to present indications the Christmas rush will be as great as usual.

The irregularity of the incoming mails the past few days does not make matters any easier for the post office people.

## APPLE CAUSES FALL.

Costs Private Thompson Three Months at Hard Labor With Loss of Pay.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Three months' imprisonment and the loss of pay during that period is the price which James R. Thompson, private in Company C, Tenth Infantry, will pay for eating an apple. The findings of the court-martial, which tried the case, were approved yesterday at army headquarters.

Private Thompson's offense was committed near Dublin, Ind., while his company was on practice march to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Members of the company had been cautioned against foraging enroute, but, like Adam, Thompson fell to the blandishments of a red ripe apple in a farmer's orchard.

"Throw that fruit down," Lieutenant Caldwell commanded. Thompson grinned, took another big bite and replied: "I'm not taking orders from you."

That settled it. First came the guard house, then the court-martial and now the three months' imprisonment at hard labor.

## WIDOW GETS INJUNCTION AGAINST UNWELCOME WOOER

Toledo Woman Gave Persistent Suit or Check For \$100, Not to Kill Himself, Then Stopped Payment

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 17.—Judge Brough granted a temporary injunction asked by Mrs. Elsie Smith, which enjoins William C. Ragan, who lavishes upon her his unwelcome affections. Mrs. Smith asks that the court forever enjoin Ragan from courting her.

In her petition the widow says that for two years Ragan has forced his attentions upon her and refused to accept her dismissal. Although she told him he was distasteful to her, she says, by sheer persistence, he induced her to accompany him to theaters.

The climax came she alleges, when he called upon her and when ordered to leave threatened to kill himself. She gave him \$100 to promise not to do himself bodily harm, and then stopped payment on the check.

## PROFITS OF "MERRY WIDOW."

Composer's Royalties \$350,000 — London Paid \$750,000 for Seats.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Franz Lenar, the composer of "The Merry Widow," is stated to have received royalties in the sum of \$350,000.

It is safe to say that in the history of the comic opera stage there has never been a greater money-making piece. One of the directors of the Under Wien theater, where "The Merry Widow" was produced on January 3, 1906, acknowledged recently that he had made more than \$200,000 profit.

George Edwards, who brought it out in London on June 8, 1907, has sold more than £150,000 worth of seats at Daly's theatre alone, without counting receipts from provincial touring companies.

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