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CHRISTMAS GIVING.

While the magazines for women and the women's pages of the newspapers are filled with suggestions for Christmas gifts and celebrations, there is another side of the question to be considered, and there is no time better to give it thought than when Christmas activities are beginning, and the Christmas spirit is abroad in the land.

Presumably, Christmas presents are given, not exchanged, but it is so common a thing to hear the remark, "Yes, we exchange presents," that few stop to think of its significance.

Gifts are not meant to be things of barrier. When rightly given they are tokens of friendship, or love, or of appreciation of some kindness received. If they are not backed by these sentiments, they have little value, no matter how much they may have cost in money.

To many a woman, her Christmas list is a cause of worry, and she stays awake at night trying to solve the problem of how she is going to meet her obligations. Why have a list that represents obligation instead of pleasure? The gift that is bestowed because of the feeling of "must," is something that should not exist.

Put the Christmas list down or abandon it entirely if it is a source of worry and anxiety. It requires strength of mind to do this, since we are too much concerned with our pride, and would rather go with the procession than to step aside and be a lone figure, but what good can come of a present that is given solely because you thought you had to?

It is good when a gift is received from an unexpected source, to accept it in the spirit which undoubtedly prompted its sending. You may be sure the unexpected gift comes from one who "wanted to," and that kindly thought is its message. The impulse to rush around for a gift to send in return, is an impulse it is better not to follow. Appreciation may be shown in some other way, and at some time in the future. To hand something back immediately is too much like the exchange system, and takes the bloom from the pleasure of the one who gave the unexpected present. Take the gift as it is meant and turn from the impulse to get even, for grace comes from receiving in the right spirit. We are taught to believe it is more blessed to give than to receive, but it sometimes happens we confer a blessing by unselfish receiving.

Eliminate the element of self in giving and have no motive other than to make someone else happy by your remembrance. Give, if possible, what is desired, and not what you think is desirable. Give gladly, freely, and without thought of "obligation" the gifts that come to you. If you are hampered by money limitations and cannot give as you wish, resist depression and give the best of yourself in love and cheer, than which there is nothing better.

AN ABSURD SUGGESTION.

The Rev. Dr. MacArthur of the Calvary Baptist church of New York City has taboed the Christmas tree, partly because it comes to us from the celebrations of Thor and Woden, but chiefly because cutting Christmas trees tends to denude our forests. In his Sunday sermon he asked: "How came we to adopt this custom, which is one of the many taken from the heathen? We are deforesting many portions of our state and country. We ought to save the trees to prevent floods and give the proper amount of shade. To do my share in the work I have forbidden the purchase of evergreen trees in this church for the coming holidays."

Again we have illustrated how differently the same thing may strike different people. Producing Christmas trees has become a business in the evergreen regions, and undoubtedly has done as much to interest the people in reforestation as all the homilies that have been preached from the United States department of agriculture.

Nothing is easier than to get evergreens of the Christmas variety. They are readily planted, grow rapidly and in boundless profusion. The people who are engaged in the business of supplying the market are the best tree planters we have. They are making a business of it. To take away their market would be to remove one of the strongest incentives to timber culture.

It is astonishing to what absurd notions men of real ability will give sanction. The suggestion that tree preservation means abandonment of the use of trees—that to maintain the evergreen we must abolish Christmas greenery—is nearly at the limit.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA GOOD EVENING.

Today, and always, may I grow in grace and loving kindness,—hating no one, but feeling, thinking, speaking with good will towards all the world.—Selected.

PHILOSOPHY.

What's the sense in moping when the sun shines bright; Daylight's all about you instead of darkest night; Just because the skies are blue You don't need to feel so, too.

Just cheer up and hum a tune or sing a little song— Say "The world looks good to me, nothing's really wrong"— Even on a cloudy day When the skies and mists are gray.

They can't stand such treatment— no blue devils can— Always fled before it since the world began.

Though fortune seems to you a'or late, Just brace up and laugh at Fate. —ANON.

Lives of great men all remind us That we will, if we are wise, Leave our modesty behind us And get out and advertise.

Tip, dear girl: Do your Christmas Shopping early. —THAYER GRIMES.

"It is strange," says the young woman, in discussing the Christmas decorations, "that you did not take advantage of your opportunity when you found me standing under the mistletoe last night."

"I beg your pardon," replies the diffident youth. "I am so near-sighted, you know."

"Near-sighted? Couldn't you see it was mistletoe?" "I thought it was, but I didn't know it was you under it."

The next census will cost about \$13,000,000, and the town that does not show a large increase in population will not think it worth half the price.

With eggs as expensive as roses it does not matter much how you express your opinion of the bad actor.

Her Needs. "Man wants but little here below"— Which surely is no sin, But woman wants that "little"— And the man thrown in!

Husband (entering house with bag of chestnuts)—I brought home some more chestnuts, dear. Wife (wearily, without glancing up)—I'm listening.

We never saw a woman light a lamp that she didn't say: "That chimney looks as though it had never been cleaned, but I know it has."

When two men are standing on the street and a pretty woman goes by, one of the men is pretty apt to say to the other: "What are you looking at?"

Results obtained in tests of the Maxim silent firearms before the United States army board are reported to have been encouraging, the explosion being only faintly audible. The muffling is obtained at some expense of velocity.

Coffee Percolators and chafing dishes at the RED CROSS. Xmas presents—Try the GUNNERY.

Helpful Hints and Ideas for Christmas observance

SOME XMAS RHYMES.

Verses That Can Be Sent With Christmas Gifts. CALENDARS. May all the days Throughout this year "Red letters" be To you, my dear.

May all the jeweled heads Upon Time's rosary Be gold without alloy— This is my prayer for thee.

HANDKERCHIEFS. Twelve bits of white, fluff to my lady's boudoir— As many as months in the year. Here's hoping that never a month nor mouchoir Will hold for that lady a tear.

A BOX OF CIGARS. Many a film of fairy fancy Goes up in smoke each year; But, being a woman, of course I can't see What dream chrysalids are here.

NECKLACE. A slender, golden, jeweled chain For miladi's neck so white and warm, Both throat and chain new beauties gain; They but enhance each other's charm.

A PHOTOGRAPH. My replica I send As substitute for me. Perhaps 'twill hang more gracefully Than I could on the tree.

PIPE. The key to the gateway of dreams, I'll be your boon companion At smokers if that beseeems Or soothe you, set you sailing Upon a sea of dreams, In silence bear neglect—on my life I'm almost better than a wife!

A POCKETBOOK OR PURSE. Shakespeare called me trash, And that, perhaps, is true, But when I'm filled with cash And you've been feeling blue Even a trashy friend you'll find Has mighty power to ease your mind

A RING. As the circle is endless, So it love typifies; When broken 'tis mendless, Whosoever is wise Its fair jewel will hold And cherish its gold. —Dellineator.

At present the most timely topic with a large number of people is Christmas gifts. If lavish expenditures of money is possible, all that is necessary is to go shopping and the shops will do the rest, but when the dollars and cents are few and far between, deft hands must supply the deficiency in making gifts which carry their message of good will and affection.

There are countless things which may be made at home, and these need not by any means be confined to the fancy work articles. Gifts may be confured in the kitchens and from various home resources which will prove acceptable, provided they are appropriately bestowed.

Pretty and attractive aprons are in high favor as there are many occasions when these may be used. Flowered organdie, dimity, swiss and the pretty Oriental wash silks are popular materials, though the practical gingham is by no means to be despised.

Hand embroidered articles are gifts that are always worth having, and there are many beautiful things which may be made by the woman who is deft with her needle. Aside from the various linen pieces for the table, there are those of a personal nature which are sure to be appreciated. For instance, an embroidered shirt waist front is a handsome present and with it should go the collar and cuffs to complete the set.

Embroidered bibs, yokes, pillow covers, caps and booties for the babies will please the mothers, though the babies not having acquired a taste for dress, may not be much impressed. A little remembrance for the new baby is a pair of dainty cap strings. These are prettiest made of Persian lawn with hemstitched ends and narrow hems at the sides. A little feather stitching or a bit of embroidery is a pleasing decoration.

With two large sheets of blotting paper of contrasting colors and an ordinary little calendar pad, a useful gift may be made. Out of the large blotters cut twelve small ones of uniform size, about ten by four inches. Paste a "month" from the calendar, on each small blotter, and with the

colors alternating. Keep the twelve together by tying ribbon around them with a pretty bow on top. Each month a fresh blotter may be slipped from under the ribbon and the month's calendar is at hand. Red and green blotters tied with red ribbon are a Christmas combination.

For the busy housewife with a family for which she makes sad mends, a new work bag may not come amiss. A sensible sort of one is a nice, generous gingham bag. Choose a pretty, bright plaid, which looks almost like silk, and then make it in the god old way, with a covered pasteboard circle for the bottom, with the sides felled on, and a silk ribbon which harmonizes run through the top. A number of pockets stitched on the inside keep the buttons and threads and needles where they can be readily found.

A hair receiver which may be laundered is a novelty. Take a seven-inch square of white pique or linen, embroider with buttonhole stitch a scallop around the four sides, in white or color. For further decoration an embroidered initial or monogram is pretty. Make four buttons on one edge, so that when buttoned it will be a cornucopia shape. Catch a loop of ribbon to the two top edges to hang it by, fold a square of paper inside to keep it in shape, and there you have a pretty hair receiver.

The one who is a skilled candy or cake maker need not be at a loss when it comes to Christmas remembrances. Small fruit cakes and plumb puddings are "sweet" gifts, and home made candies are much in favor.

RECIPES FOR GOOD THINGS FOR XMAS

Pop-Corn Balls—Make some old fashioned molasses candy and just before taking from the fire stir in enough pop-corn to thicken it. After "irring the mixture for a minute set the kettle back at the side of the stove, take the mixture from it by the large spoonful and lay each on greased paper or a greased tin.

Sea Foam Fudge (Chocolate) — Put over the fire in a clean saucepan one cupful of light brown sugar, a half-cupful of water and a third of a cupful of grated chocolate and boil without stirring it until it spins a thread from the point of a spoon. Have beaten stiff the white of an egg; pour the boiling mixture upon it and stir until it begins to stiffen. Drop from a spoon on waxed paper in little bonbons, or pour into a greased pan before it begins to stiffen and mark into squares with a buttered knife.

Sea Foam Fudge (Nut)—Put into a saucepan three cupfuls of light brown sugar, a cupful of cold water and a tablespoonful of vinegar. Bring this to the boil gradually and do not stir after it is once heated. Boil steadily, and when a little of it dropped into cold water forms a hard ball take it from the fire. Beat stiff the whites of two eggs and when the syrup has stopped bubbling pour it on these and beat well. When it begins to stiffen, flavor with one teaspoonful of vanilla and add a cupful of chopped nut kernels—hickory, pecan or English walnuts. Drop on paper or turn into a greased pan and mark off in squares or triangles.

"Divinity" Fudge—Boil together two cupfuls of granulated sugar, one of maple syrup, one cupful of water and a teaspoonful of vinegar until a little of it hardens when dropped into cold water and then add a teaspoonful of vanilla and take from the fire. While this mixture has been cooking, a cupful of granulated sugar should have been put over the fire in another saucepan, with a half cupful of cold water, and boiled until the mixture spins a thread from the tip of the spoon. This should at this stage be beaten up with the swiftly-whipped whites of two eggs, and this stirred into the first preparation, which should by now have cooled slightly. Beat the two hard until they begin to stiffen, when turn to two cupfuls of chopped nut kernels. Drop on paper or pour into pans and cut into shapes desired.—The December Dellineator.

Nut chocolate Carmels—Put three and one-half tablespoonfuls of butter in a saucepan, and when melted add two cupfuls of molasses, one cupful of brown sugar, and one-half cupful of milk. Stir until the sugar is dissolved, bring to the boiling point, add four and one-half squares of unsweetened chocolate, and stir constantly until the chocolate is melted. Let boil, until, when tried in cold water, a firm ball may be

formed in the fingers. Remove from the range, add one and one-half teaspoonfuls of vanilla and one-half pound of almonds, blanched and chopped. Turn into a buttered pan, cool, and cut in small squares.

Maple Syrup Fudge—Boil three cups of maple syrup and one cup of sweet cream, or half a cup of butter until, when tested in cold water, a soft ball may be formed. Beat with a silver fork or perforated wooden spoon until the mixture begins to thicken, then turn into a buttered pan. A cup of nuts may be added.

Sand Cake—Cream a heaping cup of butter, add two and a half cups of sugar, one whole egg, and the yolks of two more, beaten together, four cups of flour, and a teaspoonful of cinnamon. Roll out very thin and brush over with lightly beaten egg white, and sprinkle with mixed cinnamon and sugar. Cut out in fancy shapes if possible, and bake till light brown. These cakes may be covered with chopped almonds instead of cinnamon.

Butter Scotch—Three pounds sugar, one quarter pound butter, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, one tablespoonful extract of lemon. Add sufficient cold water to dissolve the sugar; mix all the ingredients together and boil until brittle. When done, butter a large, shallow pan and pour in. When partly cold mark off into squares.

BRYAN IS ARRESTED.

Charged With Breaking Game Law But Is Released. GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 22. —Boats in from Moody's game preserve lake report the arrest of Colonel Moody, owner of the place, his guest, William J. Bryan, and two others hunters, for having killed 159 ducks between them. The law allows only twenty-five ducks a day to any one hunter. A constable surprised his hunters at the private lake and counting the ducks killed, ar-

rested the four sportsmen. Three of them pleaded guilty and testified that Mr. Bryan was innocent, and that he did not kill more than fifteen ducks. The penalty is \$25 for each offense. Prior to the arrest of Mr. Bryan he was credited with killing more than any of the others.

Mr. Bryan has been enjoying an outing in Texas for several days, having stopped here on his way home from Mexico. It was announced that he had accepted an invitation to become the guest of John W. Gates, for a few days' hunting.

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