

A DIPLOMATIC CHRISTMAS GIFT.

NOW, if I only knew what to send Cousin Clara I'd be all through with my shopping," declared Mrs. Grimshaw. "I know what I'd like to send her. What she needs most of all is a good sized check."

"Then why not make out one and send it along? That's a good idea," responded her husband.

"Why, John, you know it wouldn't do at all. It would hurt her feelings so she'd never get over it. She's such a proud girl."

"Ridiculous!" expostulated Mr. Grimshaw. "How could it hurt her feelings? We know she's struggling along to educate herself, and she knows we know it. That's no disgrace. She also knows that we have more money than we know what to do with. Just write out a check for \$500 and be done with it."

"I wish I dared," returned Mrs. Grimshaw. "But you don't know Clara as well as I do. It would be just like her to send the check right back. I wouldn't offend her for the world. She's really a fine girl, but she has just that little streak of false pride."

"How would it be to send her something handsome, say a sealskin sack or something like that?" suggested Grimshaw.

"It wouldn't do at all. A girl in her position must dress harmoniously. When she wears one thing that's expensive she must get other things to match or she looks dowdy."

"It's a foolish way to look at it, but maybe you're right," answered her husband. "It's a hard problem, but leave it to me. I'll try to figure out something."

On his way to the office Grimshaw taxed his wits with the question of Cousin Clara's present, and when he returned home he hunted up his wife



GRIMSHAW OPENED THE ENVELOPE NON-CHALANTLY AND READ.

and told her he had solved it, whereupon he ceremoniously fished from his pocket a large jewel case and opened it, revealing a beautiful diamond brooch.

Mrs. Grimshaw held up her hands in unmixed delight. "Perfectly stunning!" she exclaimed. "Oh, you dear thing! It's the most beautiful cluster I ever saw. But Christmas isn't here yet. Why didn't you wait?"

"My dear child," returned her husband fondly, "this brooch is not for you. If you want one like it you may have it, but this one is for Cousin Clara."

"John, how silly! It wouldn't do at all. We talked that all out this morning. It's absurd. What, in the name of goodness, would a girl in her position do with a thing of that sort?"

"It's just the thing," said he.

"Nonsense."

"Never mind. I have an idea. I've thought it all out very carefully, and I'm sure it's the only thing to do."

Three days after Christmas the Grimshaws were still sitting at the breakfast table when the morning mail arrived.

Mrs. Grimshaw shuffled the envelopes hurriedly. "Most all thank you letters," she explained. "Oh, here's one from Cousin Clara," she declared, picking out one of the envelopes and tossing it to her husband. "You open it. I'm afraid."

Grimshaw opened the envelope nonchalantly and read:

"Dear Cousin Mary and Uncle John—The diamond brooch is perfectly lovely. I am tickled almost to death. You couldn't have pleased me more, and I am very, very grateful. I am getting along fine with my work. Philadelphia is a good place for study; it's so quiet. I hope to

run over and see you all very soon. Thank you again. Your loving cousin,
"CLARA."

"There! What did I tell you?" demanded Grimshaw.

"That doesn't mean anything," protested Mrs. Grimshaw. "It's just an ordinary thank you letter like all the rest."

"Of course it means something. Every word of it is sincere."

"Then she's more foolish than I thought," continued Mrs. Grimshaw. "Here's another letter with a Philadelphia postmark. I don't know any one else there. I wonder who it could be."

She opened and read:

"Mrs. John Grimshaw, New York:
"Dear Madam—Although you don't know me, I deem it my duty to call your attention to a most unheard of piece of ingratitude. I happen to know that on Christmas you sent your cousin, Miss Clara Parker, a very handsome diamond brooch. I also happen to know that on the day after Christmas she took the brooch and pawned it for the sum of \$500. I have known Clara for a long time, and we have been good friends, but I never thought she would do such a dreadful thing as that."

"I do not care to be known in the matter, and therefore I will not sign my name. Yours truly,
"FAIR PLAY."

Mrs. Grimshaw frowned. "What did I tell you?" she demanded. "Of course she didn't want that brooch, but still I don't think she should have pawned it and especially for such a small sum. It must be worth twice that."

"Congratulations your diplomatic husband, my dear," returned Grimshaw blandly. "My plan worked out to a nicety. I knew there was a way to get money to a poor but proud girl without hurting her feelings."

"It's mighty expensive diplomacy."

"Not at all. All I have to do now is to find some way of getting hold of that pawn ticket, redeem the brooch, and the transaction is closed."—Ellis O. Jones in Judge.

SAVE A LITTLE CHRISTMAS CHEER.

Christmas time's a-comin', an' you better get in line. Look a bit more cheery as you give the countersign. Make your hand clasp warmer an' your smile a bit more bright. When you celebrate on Christmas don't you want to do it right? Jes' go in to make things lively un-til everybody's glad. Jes' go on an' scatter sunshine. Don't be gloomy-like and sad. Make everybody happy—jes' as happy as can be. But don't hang all your presents on the Christmas tree.

Save a little cheerfulness to scatter through the year. Save a few kind words to say, such as dry the tear. Save kind deeds to do when chance comes by an' by. You can use a little Christmas if you have it next July. Jes' show your friends you love 'em by the thoughtful gifts you give. Let the warmth of your sincerity touch all with whom you live. Till the grown folks chatter child-like in their pleasure and their glee. But don't hang all your presents on the Christmas tree.
—Lewis E. Thayer.

ACCORDING TO TEDDY.

I'm thist a little Teddy Bear
And cannot make a noise,
And so I never try to scare
The tiny girls and boys.
And that is why they love me so—
I'm thist so tame and kind, you know.



NOW, if I were a real bear,
With great big growls inside,
To hug me children wouldn't dare—
I guess they'd run and hide.
Though me they squeeze with all
their might,
I can't hug them too very tight.
TEDDY BEAR.

Shutting Him Off.
The Dad—My son, I want to tell you that the secret of my success, as it must be of any man's, is hard work. I—The Son—Sh, dad! I don't care to hear other people's secrets, and I am too much of a gentleman to take advantage of information gained in that way. Say no more.—Toledo Blade.

Tasty Poison.
Customer—The poison may be excellent, but the rats won't take it. You'll have to make it more tasty. Druggist—I've tried that already, but the apprentice boys eat it.—Flagstaff Blatter.

Remember The Tired Shopgirl



Thoughtfulness of others is the keynote of Christmas. "As ye do it unto the least of these," said the Founder of the day.

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At the close of business, December 5, 1911.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$422,312.68
Banking House	50,000.00
Cash and Exchanges	184,486.42
Total	\$656,799.10
Liabilities.	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	58,531.57
Deposits	548,267.53
Total	\$656,799.10

Condensed Statement

of the condition of
The First National Bank
OF COOS BAY
at the Close of Business, Dec. 5, 1911.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$229,329.87
Bonds, Warrants and Securities	73,161.50
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures	81,472.94
Cash and Sight Exchange	141,131.98
Total	\$550,096.29
Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits	10,797.39
Circulation, outstanding	25,000.00
Deposits	414,298.90
Total	\$550,096.29

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