

Our Toy Department IS NOW OPEN

TOYLAND, JOYLAND, Happy Girl and Boy Land

Wheels within wheels—humming, buzzing, whizzing—everything moves—everybody here—everybody happy—in this big, sparkling “land of make believe”—the Xmas TOYLAND.
 —Gather up the children and come—see scores of jubilant little folks just hugging the many tables of dolls, toys, games and playthings.
 —Hear the “Ohs!” and “Ahs!” of the little folks as they see this great display.
 —See the regiments of loyal soldiers ready to fight all o’er again the battle of Gettysburg.
 —And oh! there must be a “double alarm” fire somewhere—fire trucks, hook and ladders, hose carts and lumbering shiny engines hurrying in every direction.
 —Games, too, plenty of them. Gay colored autos out for a joyride—galloping, rollicking horses. And the railroads! There’s a big tableful.
 —You don’t want to miss one thing. Come and bring everybody.

FOR THE BIG FOLKS

We also have some beautiful pictures—artistic mottoes and many elegant pieces of furniture that would adorn any home and suitable for Christmas giving.
 Do not overlook the store that saves you money in buying your Christmas presents.

GOING @ HARVEY
 Headquarters for Christmas Shoppers

GIRLS PROPOSE GET HUSBANDS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—“Of the 1071 applicants for marriage licenses so far this year,” said Clark Sparks of the marriage license bureau today, “more than 200 admitted that the girl spoke first.”
 Sparks’ comment was elicited by the realization that but 23 more boys remained of this leap year. The odd leap years always showed a healthy increase in the number of marriage licenses issued, but did not look up the divorce records for the corresponding period.

LET YOUR AIM BE



To Do Your Christmas Shopping Early.
 You will thus avoid the rush, get the pick of the goods and befriend the tired shopper.
Ready! Aim! Fire!
 Buy those Christmas things TODAY.

Cock-a-Doodle-doo! Wake Up!



Do That Christmas Shopping—and DO IT NOW!
 Have your job printing done at The Times office.
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“Smoke Up, Papa!” (A Christmas Poem.)



MA gave pa some Christmas cigars, And he smoked one by and by When it smelled like a feather We couldn’t tell whether He wanted to laugh or cry!

Send Your Heart With It. Don’t give presents because others expect you to. Give because you love to. If you cannot send your heart with the gift keep the gift.

The Yuletide Gift

A favorite poem made into a booklet makes a charming gift.

A flat leather penwiper for his desk makes an appropriate souvenir for the business man or woman.

A bodkin case with three bodkins is a useful Christmas gift for the needlewoman.

A homemade booklet of a dozen reliable chafing dish recipes will be prized by the housewife.

A blotter, the upper side made of a picture postcard of yourself, is a simple yet valued gift for an intimate friend.

CHRISTMAS.
 Christmas comes but once a year. Let’s enjoy it while it’s here. Eat your turkey without fear. Never pause to shed a tear. Should you feel a trifle queer After wings or running gear, Neck and bishop’s nose y-fero, Take a pill a’Aleck Thweatt, He who never dares to eat Waffles, cakes or sausage meat, Nothing sour, nothing sweet, Lives a week on shredded corn, Never smoked since he was born; Water’s all he ever drinks; Living low, he highly thinks. Christmas turkey, Christmas pie, Christmas pudding, Christmas sigh! Merry Christmas! Merry week! Happy New Year! Very meek!

PRETTY CHRISTMAS TABLE.

An Old Fashioned Party For the Children.

The arrangement of a table at a Yuletide party was quite unusual, inasmuch as it was an old fashioned square one, lengthened to accommodate twelve children. It was pushed back against the wall, and at the back was the largest sized Yule log candy box, resting on a bed of holly and mistletoe.

On top of the log was a doll dressed as a jester, called the “Lord of Misrule,” and attached to the front end of the log by red ribbons were six dolls dressed to represent the first six months of the year. Following after the log were six more figures dressed like the last six months. At each plate were a holly paper covered horn and a wee tree lit with red wax tapers.

The children were to blow out the candles, making a wish for each one. If they go out with the very first puff the wish will come true. A white and red Christmas ribbon goes to each plate, fastened by a spray of holly. Then each child looks at the dolls and says which one he or she thinks represents the month in which they were born.

If there should be two in the same month the one who is the oldest gets the doll for that month. As there is one for each guest, a satisfactory adjustment is easily made. The Yule log also contains small favors for each guest.

English Plum Pudding.
 For those who want their plum puddings homemade the following recipe may prove useful:

Take one-half pound of finely shredded suet, one-half pound of washed and dried currants, three-fourths of a pound of stoned raisins, four tablespoonfuls of dried and sifted breadcrumbs, three tablespoonfuls of warm sifted flour, five ounces of loaf sugar, three eggs, three ounces of shredded citron, one-half nutmeg grated and a teaspoonful of brandy. Mix these well together, adding enough milk to make it of nice consistency, and boil for six or eight hours.

This pudding keeps admirably, and when it is not to be used for some time it should be boiled, say, for six hours and then hung from a hook in the storeroom until about to be used, when it should again be placed in the pan and boiled for an hour and a half or two hours longer.

It may be boiled in a mold, a basin or a cloth and must be kept in which-ever is chosen until ready to be served.

A Mean Holiday Spirit.
 Do not gauge your Christmas giving. There is nothing more despicable than to work off the back numbers or the shabby, useless gifts on the girl who “needs everything” and spend a small fortune on those who can spend on themselves.

Christmas Eve.
 The hour of time where the frost’s gray rime In fantastic glamour lies; A sheen of light on the gleaming white That mirrors the spangled skies; A great cold star in the heavens afar And a moon trail on the hills; The earth intilled with an awe fulfilled And the night with music thrilled.

The carolers sing as the church bells ring. While up in the organ loft The sage owl croon as the calm, sweet tune Comes swelling, but ever soft. The message flies through the changing skies By changing time and tongue. But ever the same as the tale that came The shepherd men among.

Where the mistletoe and the laurel bough And the holly and bay are twined, Where the hearth fire gleams as in ancient dreams. One eye is but in mind. As in modern dreams the hearth fire gleams. So, under the casement still, The carolers sing as the tower tongues swing. Man’s peace and God’s good will. —Stephen Chalmers.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN BETHLEHEM.

AT this season of the year probably no city of the ancient world presents a more picturesque or attractive aspect than Bethlehem, whose population is many times multiplied by the presence of a vast army of pilgrims from every part of the globe. Mecca, in the height of the great annual Moslem influx, or Hurdwar, in upper India, at the season of the sacred festival, may have much greater but they cannot be said to have more devout or more cosmopolitan crowds than those that flock to the city of David in the Christmas week. Shaped wonderfully like a crescent, yet the only thoroughly Christian town in all Syria, Bethlehem puts on its gayest garb as Christmas approaches. At all times a pretty and attractive place, it is then a thousand-fold more so. The thrifty townspeople, their handsome wives and dark eyed daughters, prepare for the festivities weeks in advance and are ready to welcome the first arrivals.

No words can adequately describe the grandeur of the Christmas services at the Church of the Nativity, which is the center of interest for the pilgrims. These services are kept up the entire week. On the way to church the visitors are beset by peddlers, who insist on pushing under their very noses little ornaments of olive wood and mother-of-pearl. The Church of the Nativity is one of the oldest structures in existence, and, although it has been repeatedly repaired, it still retains much of its original form and character. In the side aisles at different altars priests chant the service in tones that swell and die amid the tall columns that support the roof.

At the shrines groups of pilgrims kneel in reverent adoration, while still other groups are guided around the church by monks, who point out the rich relics and sacred places, the most venerated of all being the shrine of the manger, beneath the church, which, it is claimed, incloses the actual birthplace of the Saviour. During the Christmas festivities this manger shrine is resorted to by great multitudes, who crowd each other in their pious eagerness to kiss the marble slab on the floor with a silver star in the center.

So fervid and enthusiastic are these worshippers that the marble slab has been repeatedly kissed away in places, rendering a new slab necessary. The same experience has occurred with the stone covering of the crypt in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jeru-



MARKET PLACE IN BETHLEHEM ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

salem, which has had to be renewed several times in consequence of its outer surface being literally kissed away by pious devotees. The tradition is that Christ was once laid in this manger. A few feet distant is the chapel of the Magi, where the wise men of old, Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, came worshipping with rare gifts.

A subdued, rich light is diffused throughout the grotto by the softly glowing lamps over the star, and the swinging censers lend an agreeable odor to an otherwise close and musty atmosphere. All worldly thoughts are banished as the kneeling pilgrims listen spellbound to the melodious chant of the sacred office or the full, sturdy, noble singing of the grand looking, bearded priests. The low roof, the “living rock,” the censers, the music, the lights, all seem to dissolve, and in their stead there appear to the moist eyes of the adoring pilgrims the manger cradle with the babe, the Virgin mother and Joseph, the mean surroundings, the oxen and their litter of straw and the gentle, wondering sheep.

The Christmas festivities, however, are not confined to the Church of the Nativity. The week is a general festival in the town and a season of financial harvest for its citizens. Like all orientals, they are thrifty to avariciousness, and the sight of the splendid gifts that are brought year after year to the church and especially the Grotto chapel, by strangers from afar widely excite their cupidty. Among those thousands that are living temporarily in tents, or, it may be, quartered in the more comfortable convent, there are many rich who can be easily persuaded into generosity when under the supernatural influence that seems to pervade everything at Bethlehem.—Philadelphia Record.

PRACTICAL PRESENTS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Old Fashioned Cross Stitch Used For Making Charming Gifts.

The recent revival of cross stitch for needlework goes merrily on, and not the least attractive and useful means of employing this old fashioned stitch is in the manufacture of guest



GUEST TOWEL IN CROSS STITCH.

towels for Christmas presents. The illustration shows a very dainty model with quaint basket design carried out in dull blues, tans and pink. A fancy work bag in creamy linen with little flowers of cross stitch across the lower end of it for a border and the owner’s initials in cross stitch above would be an appreciative gift for the housewife.

Not a White Elephant Gift.

One of the most useful presents for a busy woman is a simple mending bag. A more elaborate present may become a “white elephant” where an everyday necessity of this kind will prove its worth repeatedly. A useful gift for a busy mistress of a household is that of a cretonne pocket, suspended from a folding wooden frame, after the manner of a camp stool. The frame can always be procured easily and only requires sufficient cretonne of a dainty pattern to form the nucleus of an eminently serviceable sewing kit. When not in use it can be folded up and placed in a corner, while it has a distinct advantage over the ordinary sewing bag, in that when the frame is extended the whole of the contents are visible at once.

The cretonne should be gauged on to the frame, with a heading of about an inch extending above the rods, while inner pockets for the sewing addenda can be added to suit individual taste. The round or square wooden boxes in which crystallized fruits are bought can be transformed into things of beauty, with the help of a yard or so of cretonne. Very fine cretonne should be used, and this should be pasted on the box.

An Extremely Useful Offering.

The housewife who is careful of her handsome mahogany dining table will be charmed to receive on Christmas morning a set of linen table mats. The number is only limited by the



LINEN TABLE MATS.

donor’s generosity, but as a rule the set consists of a large mat for the meat platter and four of the protectors for use under vegetable dishes.

To make these mats two pieces of heavy white linen are required for each pad, which is buttonholed together except at one end, where an opening is left in which to slip asbestos mats cut a trifle smaller than the outer linen covering. The difference in size of the linen and the asbestos mats is employed to form a border, which in turn is outlined with a row of machine stitching.

These mats may be of colored linen, but white is a safer choice unless one knows the color scheme most affected by the person to whom the present is to be given.

Doctors Use This for Eczema

Dr. Evans, Ex-Commissioner of Health, writes: “There is almost no relation between skin diseases and the blood.” The skin must be cured through the skin. The germs must be washed out, and so have long ago been found worthless. The most advanced physicians of this country are now agreed on this, and are prescribing a wash of wintergreen, thymol and other ingredients for eczema and all other skin diseases. This compound is known as D.D.D. Prescription for Eczema.
 Dr. Holmes, the well known skin specialist writes: “I am convinced that the D.D.D. Prescription is as much a specific for eczema as quinine for malaria. We have been prescribing the D.D.D. remedy for years.”
 We ourselves vouch for the D.D.D.

Prescription for eczema and absolutely guarantee that it will take away the itch the instant you apply it.
 If you are suffering from any form of skin trouble we would like to have you come to our store, for we have had the agency of this remedy for so many years that we can tell you all about D.D.D. Prescription and how it cures eczema. In fact, we are so sure of what D.D.D. will do for you that we will be glad to let you have a \$1 bottle on our guarantee that it will cost you nothing unless you find that it does the work. For that matter a trial bottle for 25c ought to be enough to absolutely prove the merits of the remedy.
 Drop into our store anyway and we will tell you all about this great remedy.