

WHY SHE BELIEVED IN HIM

Kills Two Birds With One Stone—Engagement Ring for Christmas Present.

BEFORE opening the slight Christmas token I have brought you, Miss Clara," said Mr. MacNerve, as he took from his inside pocket a small package and handed it to the young lady in question, "I think it best to acquaint you, in my imperfect way, with the state of my feelings. To come to the point in as brief and practical a manner as possible, sparing you all the unnecessary details, I may as well tell you at once that I love you. From the moment that I first met you I was fully aware that this was inevitable. The more I set my mind against it, the more I struggled to control myself—to be strong—the more hopelessly I became involved. You will naturally ask at once why I should struggle against a passion which is admitted by all to be the source of the greatest happiness known to humanity. But I could not regard the matter in a selfish light. It was done, Miss Clara, because I have doubted all along whether a man in my circumstances had it in his power to make a girl like yourself, who has been reared in such luxury, entirely happy in the new and changed conditions that matrimony leads to. Was it right in me, I said to myself, to jeopardize your happiness by asking you to share the lot of one, who, while his present salary is a fairly comfortable one, is not at the same time prepared to say positively that he will succeed? I have now put the case before you. I know you to be a sensible girl, and one whose intuitions I am sure will lead you aright. After this brief explanation I beg of you therefore to look at my gift, and, if your heart tells you to do so, accept it from the man who loves you above all others."

Hastily breaking the seal the young girl he addressed gazed for a brief interval at the beautiful object that lay in her hand. Then advancing swiftly to where he stood she threw her arms around the neck of the man who had so worthily won her, exclaiming with a glad cry:

"Dearest, how can I doubt you! Any man who is cute enough to kill two birds with one stone by giving a girl an engagement ring for her Christmas present cannot help but succeed!"

CHRISTMAS THINGS FOR BOYS

Youngsters Like Presents That Afford Amusement as Well as Being of Educational Nature.

IT IS to be wondered if the small boy's taste and temperament are really and truly considered when buying gifts that are meant to appeal to his inventive mind, or whether we simply purchase for him some toy or object of entertainment which we in our never-failing judgment think fit that he should have. It happens oftentimes that the boy who would give half his little kingdom for the Humpty-Dumpty circus that some other small youth received as his share from the Christmas pack receives a necktie, a pair of gloves and books, and vice versa. With the host of wonderful inventions for the entertainment and education of childhood, why not study the boy's bent and give him something with which to develop his bent?

One boy, in fact many, would prize a box of tools, and these very desirable outfits may be had in any size desired:

another lad of the spruced age of ten or twelve, would like a football and a suit to play in; the mechanical mind just revels over the mechanism of a wonderfully constructed railway, a miniature airplane, or just a simple engine that can be made to run gives hours of pleasure; then there is the popular pushmobile, the wonderful joy everlasting, while snow and ice lasts, sled and ice skates. If the young man is a collector of stamps, large packages of foreign postage may be had, and the nearest approach to attending a moving picture show is to give the boy a postcard projector with which he can have a picture show of his own and invite the other boys if he wants to.

To these few suggestions may be added games, boy scout stories, numerous articles of wearing apparel and possibly a watch, an Indian or some other masquerade outfit, a wigwam and so on through an indeterminate list, but give him something he wants.



CHEAP ENOUGH
She: New George, I want you to give me something cheap for Christmas.
He: I was going to offer myself.

Impossible to Resist Influence.
It is quite impossible to resist the sweet influence of the coming holidays and not to feel a thrill of sympathetic delight over that which serves to gladden all mankind. The very air seems to have caught the inspiration of the hour, and no one can fail to perceive, as he hurries through the streets, when Christmas is drawing near.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY ON EXECUTION

By virtue of an Execution out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion on the 3rd day of December, 1920, in favor of A. T. Winches, plaintiff and against Marie Skotheim, defendant, for the sum of \$100.00, U. S. gold coin, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, from the 24th day of January 1919 and further sum of \$17.50, costs, and accruing costs, I have levied upon and will sell at Public Auction, on Saturday, the 8th day of January, 1921, at 11 o'clock, A.M., at the Court House door in Salem, Marion county and State of Oregon, all the right, title and interest which the said Marie Skotheim, defendant had on or after the 24th day of January, 1919, date property was levied upon, in or to the following described premises, to-wit: All of lot number six (6) in Block number five (5) of the City of Donald, County of Marion, State of Oregon, as shown by the plat on file in the office of the County Recorder of Marion County, State of Oregon.

Terms of sale, cash, unless bid in by plaintiff.
Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 6th day of December, 1920.
W. I. NEEDHAM,
Sheriff of Marion County, Oregon.
By O. D. Bower, Deputy.
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NO KIDDIES—NO CHRISTMAS

Children Are Absolutely Necessary to Keep the Yuletide and Happy Season in Existence.

EDWARD S. MARTIN, who is never happier than when writing about children, had a characteristic article in the Metropolitan Magazine entitled "Christmas and Children." In the course of its lines Mr. Martin introduces a suggestion that is extremely unpleasant, but he clears it away delightfully. He says:

"Consider, if there were to be a lapse of new babies for even so short a time as ten years, Santa Claus would fade out of active existence and become a mere tradition to be read about in books. A failure of the infant crop for fifteen years would result in the decay of the habit of hanging up stockings, and only antiquarians would any longer take the trouble to have Christmas trees. Of course, in such an unthinkable contingency as that our world would be in such a desperate state of dejection that it would have no fun, though it would go through the motions of existence from habit. But the kind of Christmas keeping we are used to would be knocked on the head. That lasts simply and solely because there are children. The people who have the children maintain the current Christmas practices for their children's sake, the older children maintain them for their own sake, and the folks who have no children keep them up for old times' sake and because it is the custom of the country.

"What an intolerable suggestion that is, of there being no children to be had under fifteen years old; no babies to blink and coo at the Christmas tree candies; no five-year-olds to come downstairs in their nightgowns after their stockings; no seven-year-olds to wake up everyone in the house hours before breakfast; no ten-year-olds to sit at the Christmas board and be warned against over-indulgence in plum pudding. No consuming interest in dolls and no market for them; no laborious searching of the toy shops, and harassing indecision whether to get the same old toys or the new ones; no active concern about jack knives and sleds and roller skates. No having in—but it is much too awful to go on about. Let us be devoutly thankful that it is only an awful idea without basis; that there are lots and lots of children in commission, of all kinds and ages, and myriads more coming, whatever croaks there may be about race suicide."

Plum Pudding of Other Days.

A great deal has been said, written and sung about the plum pudding of old England, but centuries ago it had a formidable rival for epicurean favor known as plum-pottage or porridge. It consisted of beef or mutton made into a broth, thickened with brown bread, which was then thoroughly boiled after raisins, currants, prunes, cloves, mace and ginger had been added. This dish is now entirely obsolete, though "Poor Richard's Almanac" mentions it as late as 1750, and a Mrs. Frazer, who published a cook-book in Edinburgh in 1791, announcing herself on its title page as the only teacher of the great art of cookery in that city, gives a recipe for making it, while Brand, the popular antiquary, tells how he partook of it at a Christmas dinner in the mansion of an old English gentleman in 1801, but it has long since been wholly supplanted by plum pudding. The origin of the latter is veiled into obscurity. The earliest cook-book which makes any reference to it is the one by Mrs. Frazer already referred to as containing a recipe for plum pottage.

Christmas Eve in the Home

CHRISTMAS EVE in the home is always a jovial event, or should be. The father has closed his ledger with a "Thank God" that there is now and then a respite from toll, from the perplexities and cares of everyday life, an oasis in the desert of the year, and yields himself for the time to the pleasure of creating new joys for the loved ones at the home fireside. The mother's heart overflows with love and thankfulness as she watches the innocent and enthusiastic glee of her little ones over their Christmas gifts. And as for the children themselves, what eternity of time could compensate them for the loss of one Christmas?

Well Led.

Mary and Robert, of tender age, had ponies as their Christmas presents and were being taught to ride. Daily they were put on the ponies' backs at the entrance to Central park in New York, and were taken for the prescribed round. Being only four and six years respectively, they welcomed the kind attentions of grooms, especially the immense help of leading the pony. But it was best that they should go it alone.

Near by the plaza entrance, of course, is the bronze equestrian statue of General Sherman, with victory going before his horse. Mary, after being for a long time without a groom to lead, one day looked wistfully at the statue.

"Father," she said, "wasn't it awfully kind of that man's wife to lead his horse for him?"

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