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TABLE FOODS

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Discriminating Buyers

In these days of pure food regulation by the Federal authorities, consumers have learned that adulterated foods cause sickness and distress.

The mere matter of PRICE, was the big appeal of inferior food products, but people have learned that cheap foods are "dear" at any price.

Foods that have as their best recommendation the matter of PRICE, are mighty good things to keep away from.



Money Takes Wing

During the holiday season. Money seems to fly all right—

The main thing then, is to place your money where you can feel confident—

It is performing the greatest service for you—

Of course—we recommend METZGER BROS.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

WE'RE HEADQUARTERS for all the good things you will need to make your Christmas Dinner, in order to make it a complete suc-

This is Good Cheer time and all that will add to the enjoyment of the occasion should be provided.

And don't forget to make your preparations early.

CONSULT US

Pure Foods, Better Health

A difference of a few cents per dozen or per package or can is as nothing—

In comparing articles intended for human food—

Many of the ills and troubles that follow in the wake of inferior foods can be easily avoided—

By the selection of a brand that stands for and means "the one best"—that's MONOPOLE.



These Three Work for You

In selecting a store at which to trade, it is your desire to secure—

Quality SERVICE Value

You want these three things in largest proportions—

Our aim is to this end.

Raisins Figs Currants Nuts Citron Orange Peel Lemon Peel
Maple Syrup Mince Meat Cranberries Apple Butter Pickles
Olives Olive Oil Shrimps Lobsters Oysters Etc. Etc.



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Store of Quality and Service Gresham, Ore.



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The Message of Christmas

By CARDINAL GIBBONS.

TODAY the whole Christian world prostrates itself in adoration around the crib of Bethlehem and rehearses in accents of love a history which precedes all time and will endure throughout eternity. If asked to explain the rapturous influence which controls us we have no other words than the evangel of joy which the angel gave unto earth. "For this day is born unto you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

The blessings resulting from our Christian civilization are poured out so regularly and abundantly on the intellectual, moral and social world, like the sunlight and the air of heaven and the fruits of the earth, that they have ceased to excite any surprise, except to those who visit lands where the religion of Christ is little known.

Before the advent of Christ the whole world, with the exception of the secluded Roman province of Palestine, was buried in idolatry. Men worshipped the sun and moon and stars of heaven. They worshipped everything ex-

cept God only, to whom alone divine homage is due. Christ, the Light of the World, proclaimed unto all men in its fullness the truth which had hitherto been hidden in Judea. He taught mankind to know the one true God, a God existing from eternity unto eternity, a God who created all things by his power, who governs all things by his wisdom and whose superintending providence watches over the affairs of nations as well as of men, "without whom not even a sparrow falls to the ground."

The message of Christmas day is intended for all men, for all times, for all conditions of existence. Only by stern adhesion to the principles therein contained can individuals and nations hope to share in that peace which has been promised to men of good will. To violate them is to reverse the order established by God, and disorder is the synonym for sin and strife.

The Greatest Gift.

Christmas stands for one thing—our Father's wondrous love to us, his erring and unworthy children, in sending his only begotten Son into this world to die for our sins and to rise again to be our Deliverer each day from sin and selfishness.

Jesus Christ himself is the great Christmas gift. The only true way to keep Christmas is by first of all accepting for ourselves this wondrous gift of our Heavenly Father and then to show our appreciation of this won-

drous gift by giving ourselves and all that we have for others.

It is a true instinct that leads us to give to others Christmas presents, but too often in following out this instinct we give these Christmas gifts to the wrong persons. We give to those who already have too much and forget those who have not enough.

God gave his great gift to the needy, to those who had nothing to return for his gift. Let us follow him. Let us find the needy and give to them out of our abundance. Every one who is in comfortable circumstances should find some family that is really in need, some family where there will be little Christmas brightness unless others come to their help and give to this family a real Christmas, including a good Christmas dinner and some appropriate gift to every member of the family down to the youngest child.

Don't do it through some society. What is most needed is living and sympathetic personal contact between rich and poor. Do this and you will have as merry a Christmas as you ever knew. REV. R. A. TUCKER.

Christmas and the Children.

Once a year at least we are all children together. Imagine, if you can, a world from which childhood should be absent. If in any star among those sweeping planets over our heads there is one wholly inhabited by grown-up folk that must be a quiet and grave place, a place to shun, a place of lone-

some dignity, robbed of motive and of charm.

Our homes exist for the children. They afford us our best reason for the incessant toil, which is less a curse to the race than a blessing. Their insistent claims on our care cannot be put aside. Their joyful irresponsibility is in contrast to our continual sense of obligation. Like the birds and the flowers, they bring song and bloom into our lives, and their dependence on us is as simple, their faith as sincere, as ours ought to be on the great All Father.

When Christmas comes their little cups are full to the brim. Such small things please them, too—the doll, the train of cars, the toy elephant, the picture book. When we do not spoil them by defrauding them of their share in the giving as well as in the receiving, how much pleasure they take in choosing their presents; what wonderful ideas they have of the possibilities of a dollar; how they select the biggest and most beautiful things without a thought of the cost! Money is nothing to a child. He has not yet entered upon that sordid phase of being when expense obtrudes itself like a gentle evil in the garden of roses. A child's heart is as large as heaven. A child's love is as wide as a child's life. At Christmas we all dwell for a little while under the beautiful scepter of the Child in the Midst.—Margaret E. Sangster.

It is not a mere figure of speech that Christ, the anniversary of whose birth we celebrate, is to our moral and spiritual what the sun is to our planetary system. The dependence in both cases is alike. If the body has appetites the soul has ambition, and both must be satisfied or human equilibrium is lost. We must possess the two, linked together in some mysterious way, or we shall fly to social and moral chaos. Good government, good morals and every orderly, well directed progression rests on that concession.

To be infidel to it is to destroy the ideal, to shrivel the heart of the race, to make might right, to enthroned selfishness and greed and to displace and do violence to the public conscience.

The Man of Nazareth and what he represents are the embodiment of the law of moral gravitation which holds the world in its orbit. He furnished us with the spiritual ideal, created new motives, made quiet, humble endurance a cardinal virtue and placed on the brow of bereavement the radiant coronet of hope.

Others have sought the same end, the same crowning achievement. Confucius, Zoroaster, Mohammed and Buddha were of the royal family of souls, but at most they were mere princes in the presence of the King. They gave much; he gave all.