

## The Christmas Surrender

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IT fell about on Christmas day  
That Madge was waltzing with a lover;  
In fright she strove to turn away;  
The mistletoe hung right above her.

HE took the hint and pressed his claim—  
The kiss so long unasked, untendered;  
And Madge—'twas surely not her blame—  
Struggled, protested, and—surrendered

### Who Brings the Toys?

Tariff, machines, figures—what have they to do with Toyland?

You grown people may smile a little wistfully to see another leaf of romance fall away from the tree of life forever. But the thousands of little boys and girls the world over know better. They know who makes the toys and who brings them. They know how old Santa Claus comes down with his heavy pack from the snowy spaces between the stars—down, straight down, through the chimney in a skirt of wind and a flurry of powdery flakes, and gets not one whit the sootier for it; and how he lands as good natured and jolly as ever on the smoldering hearth, with fairy gifts for his children.

And what cares little Jack or Jill anyhow whence they come as long as they get their toys?

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### Christmas Afternoon

THE afternoon of Christmas day may be rather a quiet one for the older folks. The gifts have been unwrapped and arranged and hovered over from time to time. The usually tidy room looks like a bazaar for the sale of fancy goods. Perhaps neighbors and other friends may come to exchange "Merry Christmases" and to say, "May I thank you here for your lovely gift?" And after the departure of the visitors certain names will be cheerfully erased from the list of prospective "thank you" letters.

Between the dark and the daylight, after the callers have gone and the children have returned from their play, comes the peaceful and happy Christmas evening. The great day is dying; Christmas is nearly over. It will be a whole year before we shall enjoy its merriment again or remember happy Christmas seasons of the past. We may lose many things—home, friends, health, money—but memory abides, and no one can take from us the happiness that has once been ours.

On Christmas night we remember the old days. We think of those who were once here to share our joys. "Christmas never can be the same again!" many people exclaim when they feel as if the joy of life has gone forever. If we all took that view Christmas itself might die. It depends upon deep spiritual insight.

Let us, if we can, forget for today our troubles and even our sorrows and try to rejoice. If we have children about us it is not hard to be merry, but if we have none of our own there are a great many who ought to be made glad and may be found with but little trouble.

A merry Christmas to you all! And I would add Tiny Tim's words, "God bless us, every one!"—Dolly Wayne in Philadelphia Public Ledger.

## Songs Raise on High

Sound over all waters, reach from all lands,  
The chorus of voices, the clasp of hands;

Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,  
Sing songs of the angel when Jesus was born!  
With glad jubilation

Bring hope to the nations!

The dark night is ending and dawn has begun;  
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,  
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one.

Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace;

East, west, north and south, let the quarrels all cease,

Sing the song of great joy that the angels began,

Sing of glory to God and of good will to man!

Hark, joining the chorus

The heavens bend o'er us!

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

## GRESHAM PEOPLE AND HAPPENINGS

Mrs. S. H. Sheller, living on the Powell Valley road three miles west of Gresham fell from her chair on Sunday evening last overcome with an attack of heart trouble. Prompt attention restored her to consciousness but she is very weak yet. She is being cared for by her husband and daughter Della.

A thirty-pound turkey was raffled off at Latourell's garage this morning. It was won by J. J. Halligan. There were thirty chances at 25 cents each.

Walter Nedvedrick and wife, of Portland, visited over Sunday and a few days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown.

John Conley received on Thursday by parcel post a package which contained a much appreciated Christmas present. There was no name on same to indicate who had so kindly remembered him but he wishes to thank the sender for the present of a fine fat duck.

Harold Baker returned to Centralia, Washington, Tuesday, after an extended visit with his sister, Mrs. R. B. Belt.

Jas. L. Rook of Oakland, California, is in this vicinity visiting with relatives and friends. Mr. Rook is a brother of Mrs. Chas. Powell of near Gresham, Mrs. Geo. Hale and P. H. Rook of Pleasant Home and Mrs. Pearl Hawes of Portland. The latter has been ill for some time but is improving.

Mrs. Ellen A. Pomeroy, Miss Esther Elford and Miss Elsie Metzger are taking the teachers' examination in Portland this week.

Rev. E. A. Leonard is preparing for publication a paper, recently read by him before the Baptist Pastors' conference in Portland. It will be published by the superintendent of Baptist state missions and placed in the hands of all Baptist pastors in Oregon.

The Wagnerian opera, Tristan and Isolde, will be the subject of the interesting illustrated lecture to be given this evening at the Methodist church by Dr. Clement Burbank Shaw of Chicago. The lecture given a week ago called out a good crowd and much favorable comment. It begins at 7:45. No admission will be charged but an offering will be taken.

Kenneth Roberts is visiting with his parents here during the holidays. He is stationed in Portland.

Christmas day will be observed at the Zion Evangelical church by a sermon in the German language by the pastor, Rev. A. Wehrle at the usual hour for preaching. Exercises will be given by the Sunday school, under the direction of Miss Kate Bratzel, on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Ida Clark, of Portland, has returned to her home, after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson and other relatives.

Bert Baker and family have moved from Frank Heiney's cottage on Third street to that of Roy Wood's on Hood avenue.

Ben Hillman and family have moved to the cottage belonging to the Independent Land company on Hood avenue. Some additions are being made to the house.

Miss Grace Hessel was given a complete surprise last night in the form of a kitchen shower, by a number of her near neighbors. The affair was held at the home of Mrs. Will Hessel and was on the invitation of Mrs. Hessel and Miss Maud Michel. This was in anticipation of the marriage of Miss Hessel to Clark Radford on Christmas day.

An increasing percentage of goods vended at retail come in cartons or containers. Articles of food are thus prepared as a measure of cleanliness. Articles of wear are boxed or wrapped at the factory as a matter of neatness and facility of handling. At the stores these goods could be delivered directly to the consumers by hand or by delivery without wrapping, with no deterioration or risk. Every ounce of paper used in covering them represents an absolute waste.

### Danger Signal.

If the fire bell should ring would you put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an you run and stop it or go and help attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

## "THRIFT DAY" ENCOURAGED

The whole United States will observe the second annual Thrift Day, February 3, 1917. Every section of the country profited by establishing and observing the first Thrift Day last February.

Direct, continuous benefit to all results from community recognition and practice of the principles of "Thrift Day."

It is a growing, constructive idea that will take an added force and strength with each annual observance.

Definite concentration by the collective mind of one hundred million people on the reduction of waste one day in each year, will build up a mighty force for the establishment of universal, permanent thrift.

Definite concentration by the collective mind of the people of a community on the reduction of waste, one day in each week of the year, will build up a mightier force for the community.

That is what the Christmas Cash Club will do for this community.

The definite concentration of the minds of several hundred people in one community, all with the same purpose in view, that of avoiding waste, will establish practices that will be a lasting benefit to all in the community.

Thrift is not, as many think, stinginess or avariciousness, but a conservation of resources. An investment for profit is not thrift. That is speculation.

The conserving of what one has and its use without waste is one of the habits acquired by the members of the Christmas Cash Club which is already well organized at the First State Bank. Ask them for full particulars.

### "He."

Discussion as to the possible ineligibility of Congressman-elect Miss Jeannette Rankin, of Montana, because of the requirement of residence in "that state in which 'he' shall be elected," is only a post-campaign pleasantry. Long and merry ago, the awkward and unnecessary "he or she" phrase was discarded in favor of the inclusive "he." Virginia's penal statutes, for example, prescribe that if "any person" do almost any sort of thing, "he" shall be punished in such and such a manner. And no woman ever escaped punishment because of that "he." So, a sentence to congress of a woman by any state in which "he" was elected is perfectly valid.

### Backing Away From the River.

Owing to the caving banks the town of Barfield, or at least a large part of it, is to be moved. Barfield is located on the Mississippi river. Fifty-one houses will be moved farther inland during the next few weeks.

Cuba has the largest orange grove in the world, covering 2,000 acres.

## BIG DANCE

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## Season's Greetings

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### New Road to Depot.

Under completed and proposed county highways the city council of Fairview was under apprehension that the only way to reach the depot in that city would be by aeroplane. Upon calling attention to their fears the county commissioners instructed Road Master John Yeon to investigate, which he accordingly did. The apprehension of the council has vanished and a new street will be opened to reach the depot.

### Cough Medicine for Children.

Mrs. Hugh Cook, Scottsville, N. Y., says: "About five years ago when we were living in Garbutt, N. Y., I doctored two of my children suffering from colds with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it just as represented in every way. It promptly checked their coughing and cured their colds quicker than anything I ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

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## Christmas Comes but Once a Year

and in coming does it bring to you the holiday spirit of good cheer with happy smiles and merry laughter?—

Or does it rather cause care and worry?

Does it mean happy plans to make the children joyful?—Or does it mean a heart-ache that the pleasures of the season must be denied them? Would not a check for, say, \$12.75 next Xmas free you of many heart-aches and regrets? Our—

## Christmas Cash Club For 1917

is so simple and easy a method of saving your Christmas Money for 1917 that when you receive your check next season you will feel that you are "finding money." It is for young and old alike, no matter what their income.

Save a few pennies weekly (or larger sums if you like) and reap a harvest of dollars and joy for your next Christmas.

Bring in your first pennies now, or just come in and talk it over. We will explain fully. Ask for our Special Circular regarding this plan.



The Sign of Savers

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