

Human Nature vs. the Christmas Spirit

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WE WERE full of the Christmas spirit. We were going to be more kindly, more charitable, more friendly with the whole world. The Christmas spirit had penetrated. We could feel its warm glow. And so—after a glorious Christmas in the old homestead—we were on our way back to the city where lately our work had taken us.

The travel was heavy, of course, and we found ourselves waiting at the end of a long line to get into the dining car. We waited for an hour by our watches. We were exhausted from having stood and from annoyance at the slowness of others and because we were very hungry.

Finally the line grew shorter. Soon our turns would come. But it seemed not. For those who had gone into the dining car at last to eat took time about it even though their absence made the waiting line a shorter one.

At last we were at the head of the line. It had been a long process to work up to this point and we smiled at one another.

"Only a moment now and we'll be eating," we fairly beamed the words.

But again it seemed not so. For those at the tables were eating and eating and eating. They would never finish, it appeared. When they approached the end of their meal and we almost bounded to the nearly-vacant table we discovered they were taking their time over their coffee.

"How selfish people are," we said to each other. "How much they lack the unselfish Christmas spirit. It means nothing to them! They know there is a great line waiting and they don't hurry in the least. Why, just think of the length of time we've waited and there are more to follow us. And yet those people can be as leisurely as though they were in their own homes. It's outrageous, simply outrageous, how utterly selfish people are. And you would think at this time of the year they'd be a little more thoughtful."

And to our exhaustion was added the sorrow we felt in the thoughtlessness of human nature.

And then—the head waiter summoned us to a table. Two persons had at last arisen and at last our turn had actually come!

We sat back and luxuriously perused the menu. Well, we were hungry. We'd have a good meal!

And we began to order.

"And I'm just going to take my time about it, too," I said. "Just because people stand there and glare at us, as though we almost had no right to be eating our meal, isn't going to make me hurry."

"I should say not," said my companion. "We'll take all the time in the world in spite of their ugly looks!"

It was some time later that we remembered the Christmas spirit we had been so full of before!

"Human nature vs. Christmas spirit," we said softly to each other.

THE FAILING FLASH

THERE was a pattering of feet through the hall and a small spot of light approached the big fireplace. A long and bulbous stocking was clasped to a beating heart and an eager little face was half revealed as it turned backward again in the faint glimmer. Then a sudden darkness overwhelmed the small pilgrim, and, as she lost her way and bumped into a chair, the stuffed Christmas stocking fell to the floor with a bang. The wall that followed brought father down stairs in a hurry and comfort to the lost traveler. "What is the matter, baby, what are you doing here?" said the rescuer. "The electricity fell out!" was the fearful answer. (© 1922, Western Newspaper Union.)

The Deaf Ear That Heard

MRS. BEGONE was not giving anything that Christmas. The announcement of her limited purposes had sent a chill through the house that froze the hopes of several young people. A shower of one-cent cards, registering good wishes that were rather cheap, had gone out. The bag of candy for the eager, but insincere, well-wishers that ring Christmas bells year by year had not been provided. The outlook was not promising.

Besides, Mrs. Begone was very deaf in one ear and could, upon occasion, be very deaf in two ears. It was difficult to make her hear anything that she didn't want to hear. There wasn't much chance for persuasive argument. She could be as deaf as an adder, when she had concluded not to be a multiplier.

Nevertheless, Susy did not despair; choosing a favorable after dinner time, she advanced to the attack with a well prepared Christmas appeal which was flavored with anticipations.

But as soon as the old lady heard the word "Christmas" she became wholly unable to hear more. Susy continued from behind her back, got down on her knees, peered up through her fingers, without effect. Finally, remarking in an aside, "Wouldn't she wear you out?" the child was about to give up, when she was encouraged by the beginning of a smile that seemed to promise to spread all over Mrs. Begone's countenance. This hint of success was reflected in a broader smile upon the child's face that in turn found registry upon the face of the other and certified that the battle was won.

It was a costly smile for Mrs. Begone; six very empty stockings asked for contributions the next evening, but I dare say that she was happier in filling them than she would have been if her deafness had not been cured. She was even happier than the children, and that is saying a good deal. She was so happy that she changed an old saying in her mind and, instead of "True happiness, if understood, consists alone in being good," she made it "True happiness, if understood, consists alone in doing good."

Making Things for Christmas



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The Dramatic club wishes to thank those who helped in making their play 'Professor Pepp' a success last Friday night, December 8. This will go to the annual fund, thus making the high school able to put out an annual this year. They wish to thank especially the merchants who allowed the posters to be put in their show windows, also the custodians of the city hall for the use of the chairs. The comedy was played to a packed house and was a tremendous success.

Two students, Elita Sheets, and Lillian Groat, have received the bronze medal from the Underwood Typewriting company. Elita Sheet's net word being 49 an dLillian Groat's being 44 per minute.

Basket ball practice has started in earnest and it is hoped to have as good a team this year as the previous ones. With what remains of

A Treat for Christmas

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