

Confidential to the Ladies

Don't overdo that "for him" gift

Stores are full of "gift-things for him" of which "he" lives in mortal dread. For to receive a gift involves an unwritten obligation to wear it, or carry it, or to otherwise use, display, or consume it, as the lawyers would say.

It is usually surprising, and often disappointing, to a woman to find out how few things the average matter-of-fact man really wants. But for some of those things he has a good deal of affection, and moreover, he can use a lot of them.

In casting about for an example, somehow pipes and pipe tobacco come first to our mind. If we were a woman

and we wanted to get right next to a man's heart, we would smuggle a good pipe and some good pipe tobacco to him around December 25th.

Or, if he already has a pipe that he thinks was divinely intended for him, the tobacco alone makes a full-size gift.

Other advantages of good pipe tobacco as a Christmas present include the following:

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Misplaced Pride.

A glove magnate said in a tariff discussion:

"Our opponents point with pride to their record. Well, they are like the young lady there.

"I don't believe, a young man said sadly to this young lady—I don't believe you'll ever marry me. I heard yesterday that you have already been engaged to eight fellows."

"Yes," said the young lady, "but remember, George, I never married a single one of them."

Fairly Shone.

"Is your little boy bright?" "Bright? Vy, he's so bright he's light-headed!"

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Dreaming of Good Old Santa



Happy With Her Christmas Gifts

By ELEANOR KING

Young Singer's Yuletide Songs Assured Her of Training for Opera

"HELLO, Esther, beat me home tonight."

"Yes, by ten minutes. My, but some folks are slow," she said

laughingly. "Where have you been, Mary?"

"It's a rather long story," replied Mary, as she removed her wraps, hanging them in the one and only little clothes closet the boarding house room afforded. This was already filled to the bursting point, needless to add.

"Do you remember my speaking of a Miss Young?"

Esther nodded in assent. "I met her when I was a stenographer at the settlement house, you know. She tells me she is still in that work. I think it so queer that I should meet her like this after our conversation last night. Now, Miss Esther, I am coming to the point. You recollect saying that you were so blue because it was almost Christmas and you had no home to go to, no money to give to make some one happy, and you couldn't go to see George because you hadn't the railroad fare! Well—and Mary paused for breath—"now, here is your chance to show how much you meant all this. Mrs. Young was telling me her troubles."

"Oh, Mary, how awful!" and Esther burst out laughing as she threw her arms about Mary and gave her a hug. "You old dear!"

"She said," proceeded Mary, as though nothing had happened, "she was giving a big entertainment for her settlement folks Christmas eve. She was having a hard time getting artists. It seems that there are so many of these things going on that there aren't artists enough to supply the demand. Now you know."

"Yes, she wants me to sing, I suppose, but I am horribly out of practice. I—"

"Oh, hush! I never knew it to fall. That is what they all start out with. I took the liberty to tell her you would be glad to do it, so—"

"I surely will do my best. I will begin to practice this very night. I will see Mrs. Young tomorrow about the songs she wants me to sing. Do you suppose George would come down to hear me sing, and then maybe stay over for Christmas?"

It was the night of the entertainment and the girls were putting the finishing touches to their dressing when Esther suddenly broke the silence.

"I think it is so queer that I didn't receive any answer from George. He might at least have told me he couldn't come."

Everything was excitement and noise in the large hall of the settlement house, where people of all nationalities were crowding in. The program began at the hour stated. Before long Esther heard her name announced and stepped onto the platform with her pianist.

Gazing at the audience, while she awaited the pianist, her wandering glance fell upon a familiar face. It could not be, but yet, in recognition, he smiled. It was George!

"The old dear," and then, in the

same breath, she murmured, "Oh, God, I thank thee for the power of breath, the desire to live with which you have invested me, and, dear Lord, for George!"

She threw back her head with an exalted air. George was going to hear her sing. She must do more than her best.

Never did she sing with such spirit and vigor. She seemed truly inspired. Her cup of joy was full. The burst of applause which met her ears showed the thorough appreciation of her audience for her efforts.

She couldn't get to George fast enough after the entertainment. Meeting, they both seemed perfectly oblivious of the crowds about them as he gathered her in his arms.

"Esther, you were simply divine. Your voice was wonderful. I never heard you sing like that before." Some one tapped him on the arm. It was Mary.

"But, George," said Esther, wriggling out of his grasp, realizing that they were creating quite a scene, "Why didn't you tell me you were coming?"

"Didn't you get my telegram with all the good news in it? Well, listen, then," George said, excitedly. "I brought my boss along. He has heard so much about your voice—Mr. Williamson, meet Miss Esther Hislop and her friend, Miss Mary Rorer, Mr. Williamson. He is very interested in your voice—in fact, he has a proposition to put before you."

Esther slipped her arm about Mary and put her other arm through George's. She needed support.

"My idea was this," began Mr. Williamson, "for me to send you to New York for training for a year or so; being near my place of business, you could report often as to your progress."

"And I will be near George, too," thought Esther. But, aloud, she said, "I will have to take Mary. She is my inspiration always. I couldn't do without her."

"Then," proceeded Mr. Williamson, "I want to send you abroad and finish you off as an opera singer."

"All out!" shouted the janitor, rather peevishly.

"Come up to the house," Esther put in. "This is so wonderful, I want to talk it over some more. George, isn't it wonderful? We will be in New York together. Oh, what a glorious Christmas!"

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PLY YOUR CHRISTMAS HAND

Christmas imposes no time limit upon charity, mercy, gentleness and unselfishness. You can ply your Christmas hand every day in the year.

THE KINDLY STAR

THE little boy was afraid of the dark, but, as he looked out through the low window, upon the panes of which Mr. Frost was making his pictures, he saw a bright star that was winking at him with a most friendly and assuring light. It shone through his tears and seemed to say that it would watch over his sleep. So he shut his eyes, and, stilling his sobs, the better to hear the carol singers across the street, was safely away to slumber and a dream. The dream lady looked like his mother, all dressed in a robe that glistened and sparkled like snow, and she was bringing him the hope of his heart, the sled that was to take him so delightfully down the hill. And when he woke so early on Christmas morning he found that his dream had come true!—Christopher G. Hazard.

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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 23

UNIVERSAL REIGN OF CHRIST

LESSON TEXT—Isa. 9:6, 7; 11:1-12. GOLDEN TEXT—"Ask me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."—Isa. 2:3.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Christ, the Prince of Peace.

JUNIOR TOPIC—God's Promise of Peace on Earth.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Christ's Kingdom, the Hope of the World.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—What Christ's Reign Means to the World.

The time is coming when Jesus Christ shall reign as King over the whole world.

1. The King (Isa. 9:6). 1. He is a Son of Man. "A child was born." The eternal Son became incorporated with the race in order to be its Savior and Lord. The King shall be of David's line, royal stock.

2. He is the Son of God. "A son is given." As the eternal Son of God He was not born, but given. This Son given is the mighty God, the everlasting Father. Being such, He will take the government upon His shoulders, assume all authority. He is wonderful. The world will marvel at Him. His kingdom will be different from all kingdoms because it will not be of this world. He is the all-wise Counselor; therefore will make no mistakes in His conduct of the affairs of the kingdom. His kingdom will be a kingdom of peace. No hatred or fear will be known in His kingdom.

3. The King's Qualification (Isa. 11:2). The Holy Spirit shall rest upon Him in His sevenfold completeness. (1) "The spirit of the Lord"—that is a divine person proceeding from the Father and Son. (2) "The spirit of wisdom"—giving insight into all things, human and divine. (3) "Spirit of understanding"—that is the ability to see that which is of the highest and best. (4) "Spirit of counsel"—that is the ability to make plans. (5) "Spirit of might"—that is the ability to execute His plans. (6) "Spirit of knowledge"—that is the ability to perceive the will of God in all things. (7) "The fear of the Lord"—that is reverential and obedient fear.

4. The Character of the King (Isa. 11:3-5). Because of His divine anointing He shall be quick to understand goodness (v. 3). Because of this discernment the right will have recognition and the pretender to right shall be recognized and exposed. (2) He shall not judge after external appearances (v. 3). (3) Shall not decide upon hearsay (v. 3). Each case shall be decided upon the basis of absolute and perfect knowledge. (4) He shall defend and avenge the poor and meek of all the earth (v. 4). The meek shall inherit the earth when the Messiah reigns (Matt. 5:5). (5) Shall smite the earth (v. 4). Those whom He smites are the ungodly inhabitants who are then in federation against Christ. The head of this federation is the Anti-Christ (II Thess. 2:3). (6) He shall have a zeal for justice and truth (v. 5).

5. The Nature of His Kingdom (Isa. 11:6-10). This is a picture of the glorious Golden Age of which poets have sung and for which the wise men of all ages have longed and looked. There will then be peace, not only between men, but between animals.

1. The Wolf Shall Dwell With the Lamb (v. 6). The word "dwell" suggests intimacy as if the lamb should receive the wolf into its home. The only place and circumstance at present in which the wolf and the lamb dwell together is when the lamb is inside of the wolf.

2. The Leopard Shall Lie Down With the Kid (v. 6).

3. The Calf, the Young Lion and the Fatling Shall Be Together (v. 6). They are so gentle and peaceful that a little child can lead them.

4. The Cow and the Bear Shall Feed Together (v. 7).

5. The Lion Shall Eat Straw (v. 7)—no longer preying upon other animals.

6. The Sucking Child Shall Play Upon the Hole of the Asp (v. 8).

7. All Nations Shall Gather Unto Him (v. 10). The earth shall then be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

III. The Glorious Issue of the Kingdom (Isa. 11:10-12).

The glorious reign of Christ shall attract the Gentile nations. This is the real purpose of the kingdom, to attract the nations of the earth to Jesus Christ that they might be saved. The nations of the earth shall be brought to the place where they will recognize Christ because of the glory and perfection of His kingdom.

Our Gethsemane.

It is a great thing, when our Gethsemane hours come, when the cup of bitterness is presented to our lips, and when we pray that it may pass away, to feel that it is not fate, that it is not necessity, but divine love for good ends, working upon us.—E. H. Chaplin.

But One Book.

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"That so? Why?"

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Value of Experience.

Mother—Are you really sure that you love him?

Daughter—Don't be so naive, mother. When a girl has had the experience of three engagements, as I have, she should know the symptoms.—Boston Transcript.

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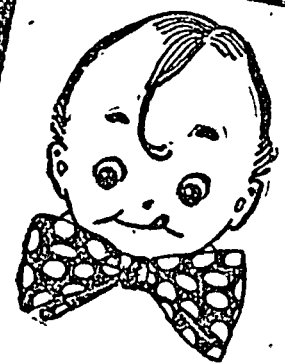
Every youngster has an equal chance to set the woods afire except the one who has money to burn.—Duluth Herald.

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Midsummer Ice in Norway.

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Learning by Degrees.

Foreman—Yes, I'll give ye a job sweepin' an' keepin' the place clean. "But I'm a college graduate." "Well, then, maybe ye better start on something simpler."—Life.

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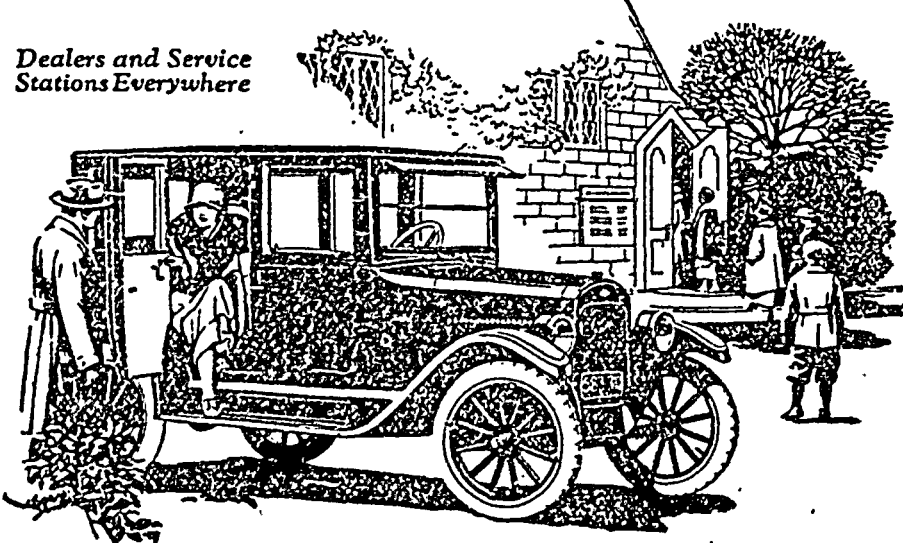
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