OF SPECIAL INTEREST WOMEN®

What to Do With Your **Useless Christmas Gifts**

Today Christmas is past, and the long-talked-of "after Christmas" has come, in which we had pledged ourselves all those busy weeks to take up neglected threads, and half-scamped duties, with "Oh! I'll do that after Christmas." But, amid all the pleasant litter of Christmas gifts, cheer and decorations it is rather hard to plan out such pressie, worksday problem. and half-scamped duties, with "Oh! I'll do that after Christmas." But, amid all the pleasant litter of Christmas gifts, cheer and decorations it is rather hard to plan out such prosaic, workaday problems, so shall we turn to the one that lies nearer at heart.

How many gifts did you get that are of no use? "Never look a gift horse in the mouth," is an eld saying, and one has often felt a pitying contempt for the pessimist who declares that this season is a great time for collecting a whole lot of useless stuff; but, nevertheless, it is true that many people, possessed of a host of friends and acquaintances, often receive a number of presents which, altho they might be pleasing to others, are practically of no use to them, either by reason of duplication, or from a utilitarian point of view, such as the dainty slipper-case, worked by dear Aunt Jane for her nephew to take to the trenches' or the carefullyworked slippers for poor Uncle James, who is so troubled with gout that he is never able to wear such things.

It is proposed, however, to treat this question in a fairly sensible manner, and to suggest some practical way of solving what has really become a problem to many people. First of all, divide the gifts for which you can find no use into two groups—those which are really of no practical value, but pretty, and those which would give pleasure to some less fastidious person than you are.

Now, would it not be a good idea to have two shelves in your cupboard, and to place the latter

When he sees a grown dog turn into a tiny pup, and his daughter and 65-year-old friend apparently transformed into month-old children, the audience can picture the condition of his mind and exultation of his success turned into one of terror when the truth finally dawns on the old man of what the consequence might be. Of course, miracles of this kind do not happen, but the supposition is enough to furnish the material for the most amusing comedy in years. "Some Rahy" is from the years of Zallah Certure

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This Week at the Theatres

In this way you will receive the double joy, for whatever the gift may be, remembering the thought which has prompted the sender, it is always a token of regard to the recipient. You will have the pleasure of receiving and of passing on again.

Now the other things, the merely pretty ones, perhaps you can make over again, or fix up in some way by an addition or subtraction, that they may be acceptable for a bazaar; Just think now the whole year stretches before you with counties sales of work and bazaars beckoning for a concribution.

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The humorous person would say, "Oh! never mind; just, wrap 'em up and inflict them on some other person next year," which, by the way, is really what one lady said in all seriousness she had done, with such disastrous results in one case, where a present was returned to the original sender, that she decided to taboo this method in future.

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In this way gifts that were duplicated ought to be happily redistributed, but should you find any of your friends turn up with the gifts you had sent, or any unpleasant complications ensue, do not blame the writer of this article.

After all people are getting more sane and thoughtful in their giving each year, and the useful present is much more emphasized today than a short time back, so let us hope that in a few years more the question will no longer present a problem.

Solman to give a special matinee of both plays on Thursday of next week in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund. The entire company have agreed to give their services, and Mr. Solman is generously lending the theatre for this occasion. It was suggested that shoes be purchased and sent to the Belgian refugees, and, moreover, that

AT SHEA'S THIS WEEK.

"THE GAY NEW YORKERS."

shoes be manufactured in Canada.

the Belgian refugees, and, more



LADIES!

A look through our stock of Gents' Wear will make Christmas shopping a pleasure. Our Neckwear, from 50c up, in individual boxes, will please the most fastidious taste.

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Ed Jerome, Dolly Morrissey and Alma Fleming. The show carries a large chorus, and they display some handsome wardrobes. Daily matinees will be given, to which women are invited.

Brown, Scottish soprano; Nellie Mc-Glie, Scottish violinist; James E. Fiddes, popular tenor, and Florence Mackay, accompanist. The seat plan

AT LOEW'S THEATRE.

One of the best bills of the season, in which laugh features will be the long suit, has been arranged for the holidary week at Loew's Yonge Street Thearer In keeping with the holiday spirit, every act on the bill will be the headliner. The clever, up-to-date farce set of music, cuttled "Getting Her Rights," with stip cuttled One of the best bills of the season,

DE ANGELIS IN "SOME BABY."

A splendid company of fun-makers will be seen at the Grand Opera House this been translated by Prof. Curtis Hidsweek in the new three-act farce, "Some Baby," that will be presented by the estate of Henry B. Harris. Jefferson De Grand opera House this been translated by Prof. Curtis Hidsweek in the new three-act farce, "Some Baby," that will be presented by the estate of Henry B. Harris. Jefferson De Grand opera House this been translated by Prof. Curtis Hidsweek in the new three-act farce, "Some Baby," that will be presented by the estate of Henry B. Harris. Jefferson De Grand opera House this been translated by Prof. Curtis Hidsweek in the new three-act farce, "Some Baby," that will be presented by the estate of Henry B. Harris. Jefferson De Grand opera House this been translated by Prof. Curtis Hidsweek in the new three-act farce, "Some Baby," that will be presented by the estate of Henry B. Harris. Jefferson De Grand opera House this been translated by Prof. Curtis Hidsweek in the new three-act farce, "Some Baby," that will be presented by the estate of Henry B. Harris. Jefferson De Grand opera House this been translated by Prof. Curtis Hidsweek in the new three-act farce, "Some Baby," that will be presented by the estate of Henry B. Harris of the hiddels week will be Frank Morrell, the California tenor, in a repertoir of the holday week will be Frank Morrell, the California tenor, in a repertoir of the holday week will be Frank Morrell, the California tenor, in a repertoir of the holday week will be Frank Morrell, the California tenor, in a repertoir of the holday week will be Frank Morrell, the California tenor, in a repertoir of the holday week will be Frank Morrell, the California tenor, in a repertoir of the holday week will be Frank Morrell, the California tenor, in a repertoir of the holday week will be Frank Morrell, the California tenor, in a repertoir of the holday week will be Frank Morrell, the California tenor, in a repertoir of the holday week will be Frank Morrell, her first appearance on the film at the Hippodrome in "The Final Judgment," an intensely interesting photo play. Miss Barrymore is supported by the eminent English actor, H. Cooper-Cliffe. Sidney and Townley, in a bright singing and dancing melange, are said to be very good, while William De Hollis, in "The Admiral's Reception," a novel juggling offering, has many clever feats. Billy Hall and a capable cast will be featured in a comedy sketch, while Bud Wiser tells many good stories in his up-to-the-mirute monolog. Lew and Mollie Hunting of the famous musical Huntings, and feature films, complete the bill.

No sweeter love story was ever put upon the screen than "The Gentle-

NEW YEAR'S CONCERT.

Baby" is from the pens of Zellah Covington and Jules Simonson, and was revised and staged by Percival Knight.

"ANDROCLES AND THE LION."

Lithah McCarthy, Granville Barker and Percy Burton will present George Bernard Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion, preceded by Anatole France's "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife," at the Alexandra Theatre, commencing this Monday evening, for one week only, with matinees on Wednesday and Saturday. "Androcles and the Lion" is the latest and most amusing effort of Bernard Shaw, and "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife" is one of the two plays written by Anatole France. They are both comedies. "Androcles and the Lion" is the latest and most amusing effort of Bernard Shaw, and "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife" is one of the two plays written by Anatole France. They are both comedies. "Androcles and the Lion" is described by the author as a fable play, a designation suggestive of the free and irresponsible humor in which the agile wit of the author finds its happiest filusion. The scenes are laid in the days of ancient Rome, when Christian martyrs contributed so largely to the spectacles

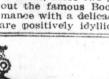
AT SHEA'S THIS WEEK.

Harry Girard and a capable company, including the talented actress, Agnes Cain-Brown, will headline the bill for the holiday week at Shea's in the thumb-nail musical comedy, "The Lack of a Totem," an Alaskan inclient, that combines catchy songs and graceful dances. Stewart Jackson's own musical oddity, "Before the Theatre." It is a clever musical melance and the Lion" is the latest and musical comedy, "The Lack of a Totem," an Alaskan inclient, that combines catchy songs and graceful dances. Stewart Jackson's own musical comedy, "The Lack of a Totem," an Alaskan inclient, that combines catchy songs and graceful dances. Stewart Jackson's own musical comedy, "The Lack of a Totem," an Alaskan inclient, that combines catchy songs and graceful dances. Stewart Jackson's own musical comedy, "The Lack of a Totem," alaskan inclient, that combines catchy songs and graceful dances. Stewart Jacks A rousing Scottish programme will e presented at Mr. Campbell's anare: Jessie Alexander, Mary Bruce- are positively idyllic

Grile, Scottish violinist; James E. Grile, Scottish violinist; James E. Fiddes, popular tenor, and Florence Mackay, accompanist. The seat plan opens at Bell's, 146 Yonge street, on Monday morning.

COMING TO THE STAR.

upon the screen than "The Gentle-man From Indiana," the new Pallas picture picture (Paramount), with Dustin Farnum in the stellar role. With A rousing Scottish programme will be presented at Mr. Campbell's annual New Year's concert in Foresters' Hall. 22 College street, on Saturday evening, Jan. 1. The artists engaged are: Jessie Alexander Many Paris In the Stellar Fole. With dainty Winifred Kingston, the popular London favorite, playing opposite Mr. Farnum, these two young people carry out the famous Booth Tarkington romance with a delicacy and charm that



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CLING TO OLD CUSTOM

Joy of Young People is in Striking Contrast to Modern Spirit.

It is a somewhat regrettable reflection to note that the celebration of Christmas by the child is being steadily divested of all the romantic qualities which once crothed it. Education brings respiration and as year remove year more and more gold dust is being tost from the wings of the Carisimas angel

cessary to listen for the sound of sleighborn the wings of the Carisimas angelinom the wings of the Carisimas angelination from the wings of the Carisimas angelination for good St. Micholas upon the earth are drawing to the sere and yellow lear, the many mantes of his constitution, reverently and lovingly ignored by past generations of young people, grow increasingly obvious to the engintened eye of the modern youngster.

No more coes the jingle of bells in the portice, the loud whoop from the sies gath and the entrance of the burly old coage, with his sack, fling us into that wild ecstacy which our parents have known the primiliary elimination, looks quizzically and perhaps a little scornfully at the outky padded figure with brilliant mask and perspiring features, capering like a goat upon the platform. And her young brother, quite as wise but with a keeper natural appetite for staring display, willingly relinquishes all his beliefs in such a manifestly absurd personage to rely upon a more tangible source of gifts

matic and stirring effects obtained were commented upon most favorably last year, so that with enlarged forces and many additional rehearsals a very fine performance may be confidently expected. Thursday evening next, the 30th, is the date.

THEDA BARA AT STRAND.

For the whole of this week, "A Fool There Was," the film adaptation of Kipling's world-famous poem, "The Vampire," will be presented at the Strand Theatre. The production is a William Fox one, and Theda Bara plays the part of the vampire woman, of sinster beauty and evil heart, who gets a weak-willed married man into her toils, and strips him bare to his feeligh hide. The portrayal of this college in the strand the attential to the strand the strand and the face in the face is a blanket. Outside were the strand the string the narrow, high-ceilinged half about a quarter of an hour late, the warm, steady atmosphere smote in the face like a blanket. Outside were the strand the string the narrow, high-ceilinged half about a quarter of an hour late, the warm, steady atmosphere smote in the face like a blanket. Outside were the concerned about nowadays is the possible effect of the growing commercialization that possible effect of the growing commercializated viewpoint of the world towards even the lighter things of life. It is the spont attential the possible effect of the growing commercializated viewpoint of the world towards even the lighter things of life. It is the spont attention of a ready even would be a religious and patriotic significance, the god a rousing revival meeting. The ward was out in force to greet him. Hundreds of life is the side of with a day of the lighter things of life. It is the spont attentive the lighter things of life. It is the spont attentive the lighter things of life. It is the spont attentive the lighter things of life. It is the spont attentive the lighter things of life. It is the spont attentive the lighter things of life. It is the spont and eviewpoint of the world atour the lighter things of life. It is the spont att

Entering the narrow, high-ceilinged hall about a quarter of an hour late, the warm, steady atmosphere smote in the face like a blanket. Outside were the cold and the stars; inside were several hundred restless little bodies wriggling over seats and chairs, climbing up patient skirts, and vibrating with energy and excitement.

Christmas Knows No Creed.

To sit in the crowd for ten minutes brought a sense of nervous tension—unmistakable and yet pleasing enough. One unknowing, could yet have been sure that something was about to befall. It was manifest in the eagerness of the soapy, scrubbed faces and the shining eyes. It was manifest also in the complacent response to the urgings of discipline.

There they ranged row upon row of bobbing heads. Two little girls with china blue eyes and bright blonde hair entertained a wee darky boy between them. The latter made an interesting study in black and white. The tallest corkscrew curl upon his head supported a flaring butterfly bow of white satin. His constantly expanding countenance displayed the whitest teeth that ever sank in warermelon. There were little English girls and little Hebrews, and pocket editions of all the races which people Toronto's foreign settlement. An they were all with one consent in their places. For Santa Claus and Christmas are international and interdenominational and know ho creed.

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The preliminary program was of the usual character, a sort of whetting of the appetite for the real piece de resistance. A little midget of five with flaring skirts and a confidence that will be strangely lacking in ten years, ran up the platform and pattered something about "being seen and not heard." A fat well-conditioned bumptious lad of 10, roared out a comic recitation culled from a penny paper. The promiscuous audience then indulged in a vociferous ballad to the patron saint of the evening. he evening.

Next number was a dance of the fairies under colored lights from the lantern, and accompanied by a tinkle on the plano. A great call was made on the imagination here, but there was no lack of this essential element. And many a fond parental heart was moved at the sight of the young hopefuls exhibiting so much platform talent.

The program was long and unwieldy after the manner of all Christmas programs. As it dragged its weary length

MAE MARSH

as the Little Sister in The Birth of a Nation" at Massey Hall all this week.

LITTLE THINGS COUNT

Even in a match you should consider the "little things" -the wood, the composition, the strikeability,

are made of strong, dry pine stems, with a secret perfected composition that guarantees "every match a lighter." Sixty-five years of knowing how—that's the

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long, the voice of the chairman grew insistent, and frequent pauses were necessary to listen for the sound of sleighbells. Then came the last chorus and a great hush preliminary to a sustained screech of delight. Nothing was to be heard but the sizzling of the gaslights and the restrained shuffle of feet on floor and chairrung.

the sensations of those who, expecting nothing, find their hands filled. Enough sugar candy was dispensed that night to sweeten the memory for a year. One mother swore that her boy's face would be sticky for a week.

When every cheek was filled and every hand held something, the fat saint bade good-bye. Again came the suggestion of sleighbells in the porch, a great banging at the door and the affair was over. Saint Nick, sneaking down the back stairs, flung his empty sack into the coal bin, tore off his mask, wiped his perspiring face, and lit a cigaret. "Over for another year," he breathed.

No, the spirit of oldtime Christmas festivity will not die as long as there are children who must needs feed largely on happy fancies, and elders who strive to make their dreams come true. The problem that editors and thinkers are concerned about nowadays is the possible effect of the growing commercialized viewpoint of the world towards even the lighter things of life. It is the spontaneity and unselfishness exhibited on occasions like that of Thursday night that make such fears groundiess.

TO BE GIVEN TO PARIS

Paul Painlene Heads Committee to Prepare Monument of Martyred Nurse.

PARIS, Dec. 26 .- A committee of which Paul Painleve, minister of public nstruction, is the chairman, has been rganized for the object of presenting he city of Paris with a monument in the form of a bas-relief in memory of Miss Edith Cavell.

Kings in the earliest days were merely the "fathers of families," and the word is derived from the same source as "kin.





JEFF DE ANGELIS

TO ENLIST FOR FRONT

Mayor Church Says Six Thousand More Men Are Needed From Toronto Alone.

Appeals to the young men of this city to come ferward and join the cents in coin or stamps, by E. G. West & Company, 80 George St., Toronto. seven battalions to be formed in Toseven battanons to be formed in foreign to be waren, were made by waren, were made by speakers at the recruiting meeting meeting ast night in the Star Thearts. Made Church said that over book men but needed to complete the six un.s, and that arrangements are being made to erect buildings to quarter these par-tallons at the Exhibition. The mayor was strong in the opinion that the war would be over by next summer and averred that the men who joined now would not have to go thru any great amount of fighting.

Maj. Ardaga, of the 124th Battalion, also was of the opinion that the war would be over by next summer. He said that the people thought a lot of the man in knaki, but the man was deserved many thoughts, was the man who had been convalescent home and enlisted again.

Lieut.-Col. Vaux Chadwick, O.C. of the 124th Battalion, stated that the type of men they wanted for theil battalion were the young men aroun 21 and 23, who were just starting out in life. The O. C. stated that a publicity campaign for recruits would be

Ald. Cameron stated that as long he was a member of the city counci he would always try to make condi-tions better for the returned soldier The speaker stated that the appeal for recruits came now from the moth ers and wives of the men who have fallen for their country. A splendid program was given. The band of the \$2nd Battalion played during the even-

FIRE BADLY DAMAGES STORES AT NORTH BAY

Premises of Dole and Son Severely Suffer From Flames on Christmas Day.

NORTH BAY, Dec. 26 .- Fire which broke out in the premises of Dole and Son, ve and ten cent store, here on Christmas morning caused severe damage to the building and contents before the firemen, after two hours' hard work, were able to subdue the flames, preventing the contents from being a total loss.

Jake Goldenburg's burlesque classic, "The Gay New Yorkers" company, is announced as the next attraction at the Gayety Theatre, for an engagement of one week, beginning with the matinee Monday afternoon. The cast includes Fox and Stewart and Danny Murphy, the well-known comedians. They have been provided with a most humorous theatrical vehicle, entitled "Madame, Who Are You?" a comedy in two acts. A book full of witty lines and intensely funny situations worked into the play, is said to create no end of laughter. The plot has to do with the entanglement of these three comedians in their new business. Fox and Stewart and Murphy are all three equal to calling forth a good laugh. "The Gay New Yorkers" is a show that may be relied upon to furnish the sort of entertainment that the patrons of the Gayety Theatre like, and will be enjoyed by all classes of theatregoers. Assisting Fox and Stewart and Danny Murphy are Polly and Her Pals

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