

Christmas Gift Suggestions!

As the selecting of suitable Christmas Gifts is always a perplexing problem, we take this opportunity of making a few helpful suggestions, which will no doubt relieve you of some of the worry of the Gift Season.

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Side Talks by Ruth Cameron

JUST ENOUGH MONEY.

It is not a good thing to have more money than the people you travel around with. It is not a happy thing to have less.

I remember a girl at college who had much more money than the rest of us. The result was that she could never quite understand her fellow students because she lived on a different financial plane. She was apt to think that all feelings were meanesses, and this feeling bred an unfortunate selfishness and feeling of superiority.

I met this girl years later. She had married in the meantime and passed through a period of financial stress to broaden her vision and her sympathies. I can tell you how much finer and better it had made her.

An Unfortunate Girl.

On the other hand, I would hate to have a daughter of mine go to college or travel around with people who had much more financial background than she herself. Sometimes experience breeds bitterness, and contempt, class feeling, and pre-judgment for what money can buy which has no foundation in true standards of values. More often it breeds discontent, the habit of wanting more money than one has right to, and the passionate desire for luxuries at any cost.

I know one girl who was foolishly led by a foolishly ambitious mother to a private school where the whole idea of spending was geared up to a point she could not possibly follow. She learned a scale of values at that school to which she has been trying to live up to ever since. She cannot conceive of buying a suit, or shoes, or a car, at a cost which would really fit with her income. She thinks of all these things in terms of her friends' comes. To live in this way she could do almost anything. For one thing, I know she would borrow and borrow back. And she would

respect is at a pretty low ebb.

Then Forget It.

Money is a dreadful thing to have either too much or too little of, and a splendid thing to have just enough of.

My ideal is to have enough money to live on a scale commensurate with that of most of one's friends, and then to think as little about money as possible.

A Medicine for Discontent. Of course, there will always be things one would like if one had a little more money. But that is inevitable, and if one does not have to see all one's friends possessing them, one can get along without being really troubled by the things one has to do without.

If you think you haven't enough money for the necessities, the things you must have, here is a specific—go to the nearest public library and get Thoreau's "Walden" (if you do not own it) and read about how he spent \$3.74 for food for eight months and was happy. I doubt if you will want to do likewise, but it may perhaps clear the air a little.

Mss. of the Bible.

There is no authentic information of our Saviour Christ's over writing anything excepting once in the sand. One tradition asserts that he wrote a letter to an African monarch, but there is no proof of it. None of the New Testament books claim to have been written by Him. The oldest existing Manuscripts of the New Testament date from the third century A.D. There are four of these which are known as uncial as Capital letter MSS. and are written on parchment in narrow columns, generally four to the parchment width. One is, or was, at Petrograd, one in Oxford University, one in Paris, and one in Rome. There are many later cursives (or small letter) manuscripts. But much of the New Testament and more of the Old Testament may be gathered from early Christian writings dating from the Apostolic ages. Our English Bibles, Old and Revised Versions, are translated from the original languages. The Old Testament was most scrupulously preserved by the Jews down to the Christian era, and is translated directly from the original Hebrew

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Pretty Faces Do Not Count!

In spite of the success with which the campaign against the binding of women's feet, has been waged in China, there are still parts where men will not marry girls who have natural feet. Missionaries try, so far as possible, to arrange marriages between Christian girls and Christian men. One of our Christian girls, writes a correspondent, was getting quite an old woman, having reached the age of twenty-eight. Several health-care had asked for her, but she refused them all. One of our preachers approached a country tenant farmer and tried to persuade him to ask the twenty-eight-year-old lady. The man was about the same age as the lady in question, and had not yet succeeded in getting engaged. But, to our surprise, he would have nothing to do with the plan, and gave as his reason

son, "Who would marry a girl with a skirt like that?" The girl had her skirt embroidered in a different way to the girls and the women in the village where the particular strain lived, and he felt that he dared not make such an innovation on the fashion of his own village. A beautiful pair of brown eyes, long fine black hair, and a good Christian character counted as nothing against a strange style of skirt embroidery!

Origin of Tools.

The world did without scissors until 400 B.C., when an Italian genius invented the contrivance. Not until two or three centuries later, however, were they fitted to the fingers for convenient grasp. The chisel was a perfected tool twenty-five years ago, though made of bronze, and therefore somewhat less efficient for cutting. The carpenter's saw was at first a blade roughly hacked along the edge. By 4500 B.C., it had acquired regular teeth. About nine hundred years B.C., an Italian hit upon the idea of giving a "rake" to the teeth, so that the saw might cut in one direction. The ancient Egyptian iron sickle had a detachable strip of steel teeth. Drills with teeth of corundum and gem stones, for cutting quartz and other rocks, were used in Egypt six thousand years ago. The cores taken out by these drills were so perfect and clean cut that any modern engineer provided with diamond drills,

might be proud to turn out such good work. Saws with similar fixed teeth over eight feet long, were used in Egypt six centuries ago for sawing blocks of granite. Knowledge of this method of making saws and drills was lost for thousands of years. The Romans had not tools of the kind, and they were not re-invented until fifty years ago. The shears used by the ancient Egyptians had one leg detachable for sharpening.

TENTING TO-NIGHT.

Oh, I cannot pay the rent that the profiteers demand, so I'm living in a tent on some waste and vacant land. In the winter time the snow will be packed around me deep, and the bitter blasts will blow through my whiskers while I sleep. And the tent is old and brown, and it sags against its poles, and the rain comes slopping down through a roof that's full of holes. To extremities I'm brought in this golden age, by George! 'Twas for this my fathers fought through the snow at Valley Forge. And at Gettysburg my dad gave a leg and collarbone, little thinking that his dad would be tenting here alone; tenting in a canvas shack, far from cheerful mart and street, water running down his back, and his sideboards full of sleet. And my uncle, when he went to oppose the hosts of Spain, had no vision of this tent where I'm sitting in the rain. And the rain comes in a flood, with a flourish and a rush, and my ears are full of mud, and my shoes are full of slush. Driven by the profiteers from the cottages and flats, here I sit and wag my ears, and my dome is full of bats. Here I sit and eat my prunes—there are thousands fixed like me—in this and of precious boons, in this country of the free!

Express Passengers. S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 8.30 a.m. yesterday and landed the following passengers who joined the incoming express:—J. Morgan, D. J. Curtin, Sister Mary John, M. Butler, B. Squarey, M. Bragg, M. Parsons, Miss E. Parsons, H. F. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, R. and Mrs. Hickey, E. Baggis, J. Downey, T. Power, J. Lynam.

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The Wisdom of Silence.

(A talk to children.)

Many, many years ago there lived a king called Solomon, and he was king over Israel. He said many wise things, and I am going to tell you about one of his wise sayings. You will find it in the Bible, in the book of Ecclesiastes, chapter III., verse 7: "A time to keep silence, and a time to speak."

When I was a boy at school, I was once told by my teacher to "stop talking." I was very anxious to speak. I thought I had something to say which the world should hear, so I became a kind of a speaker. But even now, when I sometimes express my view, I am still told to "stop talking." For there are people who want to be the only "say men," who wish to have the say themselves and not give anybody else a chance. So you see, whether you are small or whether you are grown up, it is very difficult to know when to speak and when to keep quiet. As once a writer said, "It's puzzling work, is talking."

There are certain times when you should speak, when you are expected to speak, and when those who are near and dear to you would be disappointed if you did not speak. For instance, your father and mother would be very sorry to hear that when someone had given you a present, you did not say "thank you." This is only one example when it is a proper time to speak. On the other hand, you must not forget that sometimes you have to be silent.

Then again, do not speak for the mere sake of speaking. Once a monitor was told to write down the names of all those children who spoke while the teacher was out of the room. One of the clever scholars thought that all those names were going to be printed afterwards. As he was dying to see his name in print, he spoke although he had really nothing to say. I imagine his surprise when the teacher came back, and all the pupils whose names were down as having spoken were punished!

Another time when you must not speak is when some one else is speaking. It is very rude not to listen when some one is talking to you. Again, when you are in church or in synagogue, and service is going on, you should think of your prayers and listen carefully to the preachers words of advice.

You must also remember that when you speak you can make people very happy by saying kind, pleasant things which are true, and you can make people very unhappy by saying bitter things which are false.

A servant was once sent by a Rabbi to buy the best thing he could find in the market. He came back with a tongue. Another day he was told to bring his master the worst thing he could find in the market, and he again brought a tongue. "You are, indeed, wise," said his master; "the tongue can do a lot of good and the tongue can do a lot of harm."

To talk too much is worse than not to talk at all, and that is why I shall soon finish this talk.

Many of the Jewish Rabbis are very fond of teaching the lesson of silence, and one of them used to say: "All my days I was allowed to sit in the company of wise men, and how do you think I learned knowledge from their lips? Why, by keeping my lips closed and by listening to their wise words!"

Learn to think before you speak. Do not talk for the mere sake of talking, and when you speak, may God give you strength always to speak the truth.

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