

Christmas Gifts for the Children!

There is no Gift that you may give to your many friends that will bring forth that sincere and rapturous gratitude as the gift you give to a child, providing that gift be a toy. We are devoting our space this week to Children's Gifts and of course that means

CHRISTMAS TOYS.

Our assortment is large, as follows:--

Dressed Dolls, Jester Dolls, Trumpets, Drums, Puzzles, Roller Chimes, Sets of Tools, Go-Carts, Motor Bus, Sulkies, Rattles, Air Ships, Tip Tops, Toy Villages, Toy Ranges, Tea Sets, Submarines, Gun Boats, Coast Defence Guns, Toy Reins, Dancing Niggers, Xmas Stockings, Flags and many other Toys too numerous to mention.

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Side Talks by Ruth Cameron

TAKING THE BEAUTY OUT OF CHRISTMAS.



RUTH CAMERON

I want to tell you about an ugly Christmas which I described to me last year. This Christmas took place in a family in which there was health and money, and in which there had been no recent loss to blot out, with its shadow, the gaiety of Christmas feasts and the joy of Christmas giving.

"Ah," you say, "it must have been a home in which there were no children." You might well think that, but it wasn't.

On the contrary there were four children under ten in that family. Instead of being the thing that made Christmas beautiful they were the cause of its seeming so unbeautiful to my friend.

Everything was done as usual for these children, stockings in the morning, a wonderful tree, blathered with gifts, and a Christmas feast.

"And yet," said my friend, "these were some of the things that happened before Christmas Day had passed. He thought the Others Had More Than She."

"After the presents had all been taken off the tree, we found Ruth sitting on the sofa looking most dissatisfied. We asked her the trouble and she said that she thought Elmer and Roderick, the two older children, had had more than she. A little of five, mind you! And she had three or four dolls, a lovely doll carriage, a tricycle, and a whole lot of little things besides."

"Then afterwards we heard shrieks from upstairs and we found Ruth and Elmer quarrelling over the distribution of a present which had been given them to use together."

"That afternoon Roderick and Elmer had to be scolded, and would have been punished if it had not been Christmas Day, because they got into a quarrel over a book which one of them had just received and in making it from each other tore three pages square in two. It was a beautiful book, one of an expensive set. It seemed terrible to me."

What Wonder They Get Greedy. "Are they unusually selfish or ill-natured children?" I asked.

"No," she said, "I don't think so. But it's just the same with them as it is with a great many children. Christmas means just receiving to them, and with so much emphasis put on that side of it what wonder they get greedy?"

What wonder indeed! One often hears it said that it is only children who make Christmas beautiful.

That is so, largely because we can forget ourselves in preparing for them without any hope of receiving again in return.

But in their manner of receiving I am afraid they do not always make beautiful. Far from it.

Too Much Emphasis on "What Santa is Going to Bring."

Of course the fault is ours. We put too much emphasis on "what Santa is going to bring" and not enough on what the Christ child stands for.

We don't try hard enough to have our homes filled with the spirit of peace and good will and tenderness.

We let our nerves get ragged with overmuch preparation of the gifts and the feast, and the child quickly—Oh, so quickly—responds to that unhappy aura.

Of course these children were young, but surely even a little child can be made to feel that we love each other a little more on Christmas than any other day because we are celebrating the birthday of Him who made love the law and life of the world.

Important!

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AN EXAMPLE.



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Let us set a good example in these wild excited days, when men mill around and trample on our corns in fifty ways. Let's not join them in their milling, but by fixing up our shacks, demonstrate that we are willing to get down once more to tasks. Let us shun the noisy clamor of the smiths who wield the jaw; let us argue with the hammer and expound things with the saw. Let us build a stately dwelling for the hens to occupy, while the anarchists are yelling threats and curses at the sky. Let's erect a noble chantry where our cows may chew their cud, while the Russian, wild and ranty, blows the foam from bootlegged suds. All our ills will be adjusted, and the Reds will whoop in vain, if we only can be trusted to be calm and sane and sane. If you'd rail at your condition, if you're victimized by crimes, bending 'neath some imposition, let it slide till saner times. Do not join the angry chorus, but be patient and serene, knowing that the storm clouds o'er us soon will vanish from the scene. We but make the country sicker when we paw around like yaks; and we'll bring good times the quicker if we all get down to tasks.

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The Marvels of a Watch.

Jewellers are fond of saying that "there is no piece of machinery like a watch." It runs day and night for years; yet when it stops the owner feels aggrieved. What other bit of machinery can operate twenty-four hours a day for years at a time? Any machinist will tell you that most machinery must have a rest each day in order to do its best work, owing to what is commonly called metal fatigue, but the watch seldom gets a rest. It is said that a good watch will, with good care, last for a hundred years sometimes.

Then, too, consider the marvelous things that go into a watch, such as the springs, for instance. One of the big American factories uses each day several miles of main-spring wire, two and one-half miles of this steel wire being converted into hair-

springs every day. A mile of hair-spring wire weighs just one pound. A ton of such wire is worth about \$8,000,000. It is claimed.

The balance wheel of a watch vibrates five times a second; that means 300 vibrations a minute, 18,000 vibrations an hour, or 432,000 vibrations a day, this being more than 157,500,000 vibrations each year. It is no wonder that occasionally a watch should receive an overhauling.



TABLE MANNERS.

When company comes here for tea I'm just as good as I can be; I sit up straight before the table And eat as nicely as I'm able. My hands are always clean and white. And I do things exactly right. I do not cram my mouth with food. For mother says that's very rude. I never sprawl my hands out wide, But keep my elbows at my side (That may be proper, but I'll say It's awful hard to eat that way.)

When company comes here to eat I don't slip back into my seat. But sit up stiff and straight And wait until I get my plate. My table manners are correct And all that grown folks should expect. I never shout for things I see But wait until they're passed to me. And that is proper, but I'll say I miss a lot of food that way. 'Cos they forget to ask if I Would like another piece of pie.

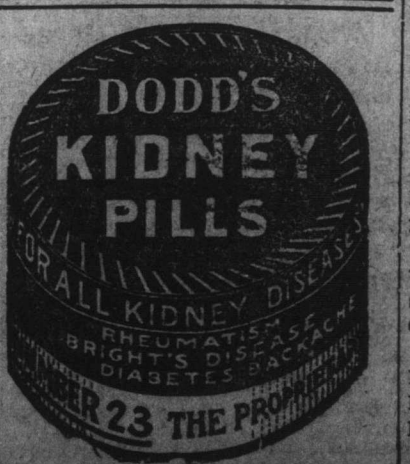
And when they're serving out the cake The biggest piece I never take; The table cloth I never smear. The way I do when folks aren't there. I'm just as proper as can be When company is here to tea. I always try the best I can To be a little gentleman. But Oh, I like it better when The company goes home again, 'Cos I get more to eat at night When I don't have to be polite.

Land of Many Languages.

In the southeastern corner of European Russia, between the Black Sea and the Caspian, there rises abruptly from the dead level of the Tartar Steppes a huge, broken wall of snow, Alpine mountains, which has been known to the world for more than two thousand years as the great range of the Caucasus.

The Caucasian range may be regarded for all ethnological purposes as a great mountainous island in the sea of human history, and on that island now live together Robinson Crusoes of a score of shipwrecked states and nationalities—the fugitive mutineers of a hundred tribal bounties.

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Preparedness!! The Xmas Slogan.

A good beginning makes a good ending to Xmas Shopping—shop early.

Days are flying as they always do when the Xmas Season comes around, and when there are so many preparations to make Xmas Eve will be here before you know it.

Fancy Goods are most largely demanded as Xmas Gifts, and in our Fancy Goods Dept., early in the shopping season, you can surely find a suitable gift for every one on your list. How about the following articles? They are only a few chosen at random from our stock.

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Languages spoken by only twelve or fifteen settlements are comparatively common, and on the headwaters of the Andakht Kolu, in Southwestern Daghestan, there is an isolated village of fifty or sixty houses—the Aoul of Inookh— which has a language of its own, not spoken or understood by any other part of the whole Caucasian population.

Of course the life, customs, and social organizations of a people who had lived for perhaps two thousand years in almost complete isolation from the rest of the world presented, when they first became known, many strange and canyons of the Eastern Caucasus it was possible to study and see in full operation customs and legal processes that had been obsolete everywhere else in Europe for at least a millennium.

Many of the souls of Central and

Southern Daghestan bear a striking resemblance to the Pueblos and cliff dwellings of New Mexico. The stone walled houses are built together in a compact mass on the steep slope of a high terrace, and the flat roofs rise in tiers or steps, one above another, just as they do in the settlements of the Pueblo Indians. The roof of one house forms a small square front yard for the occupants of the house, next above it, and ladders serve as means of intercommunication between the roofs of the ascending tiers.

A Writer's Discovery.

A Canadian writer of considerable note claims to have discovered that those concerns which are considered big advertisers seldom figure in labor troubles, strikes, etc. In a recent

article he says in part: "There are two reasons: first, a successful and vigorous advertising policy is usually the concomitant of executive ability and good judgment in the direction of an enterprise; and second, a well-advertised business is profitable and thus able, as most of the great advertisers do, to pay high wages and make factory conditions especially agreeable to its workers." Certainly not a bad line of thought, at that.

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