

CHRISTMAS ECONOMIES

Economy does not mean the spending of just a little money, but the making any sum of money, large or small, go a long way. This demands thought, and so, determined to make every purchase for Christmas do double duty, if possible, I began planning early in the summer.

A pine-needle basket, bought from a little orphan in an asylum delighted another child in a state where pines do not grow. Raffia mats and baskets purchased from a little charity patient in the hospital were useful gifts for several friends, and added that much to the happy jingle in the tin bank under the sufferer's pillow.

My membership ticket in the Y. W. C. A., giving a dollar to a most worthy institution, was turned over to a factory worker's credit, admitting her to the privileges of the swimming pool, gymnasium, and free classes—useless to me at present.

Then a roll of red crepe paper (with wire and paste costing twenty cents in all) and one day's work gave me several dozen beautiful poinsettias, to fasten to branches of laurel (or evergreen hedge) with which to decorate my home, our Sunday school primary rooms, the neighbors' homes, and a hospital ward.

I had been saving baby ribbons, pretty boxes, and tissue paper all year long, so there was only the candy to make, and I had acceptable gifts for the milkman, the newsboy (who had come every morning before dawn for a whole year), and numerous others whom I love to remember because they expect nothing from me.

To some young relatives, making preparations for their first housekeeping, went some choice pieces of family china and silver, heirlooms that they had not hoped to possess and could not afford to buy.

To a sister in a distant state will go the grandmother's scrapbook she has long envied me. For gifts to friends who love their flower gardens will go some choice rose bushes rooted in the early fall.

All these gifts can be made for so very little money that I am almost ashamed to count it up, but I am glad, because there will be enough left to buy a bowl of goldfish to be carried from cot to cot in the free hospital. And this will last longer than just the one day we call "Merry."

CHRISTMAS—AND CHRISTMAS GIVING

Once more December is here, the coal is stacked up, all the potatoes are in for the winter, and all is in readiness for the festivity of the year, the greatest of all events—that of Christmas.

One can scarcely realize that Christmas is nearly upon us. How well we recollect that last year, just at this time or perhaps a little later, when we were in the middle of buying or wondering what to buy we vowed that next year we would not be in the same dilemma at this time. We would start in the summer or at the latest in October or November, and prepare our gifts, and alas! where are we? hope some of you are a little further on than I am.

However, this is December 14th. Let's see just how we can make the best of the short time ahead.

First of all we shall make up a list of all the people we are going to buy gifts for. We should make two lists and make a note of all our friends we want to remember and another note of those to whom we wish to say "A Merry Christmas."

This done, let us take each name singly and consider well, what kind of person he or she is. This is really necessary, or we should in all probability be buying elderly Aunt Jane (a maiden lady likely) a georgette camisole or a pair of silk stockings, when we find to our dismay that Auntie does not wear anything but home-made calico "slip-bodices" or hand knitted hose. Then be very sure to study the people you are going to buy for.

That's the list of people, and the kind of people—the next thing is how much money have we? Goodness! We should have seen to that first, because it is more important than anything else. However, if we find we have not enough money, somebody we meant to buy something for will just need to be crossed out and put on "The Merry Christmas" list.

We were at the money question, weren't we? Otherwise the financial

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state of our pocket books. We must "eke" out our money as far as possible, and allow just so much for every person. It's awful to have to do this; but is the only way if we want our Christmas to be free from debt. We don't need to stick to our exact amount, of course. We might take a quarter off Aunt Jane's hand knitted hose, and put it on a doll with real hair, or self closing eyes for little baby sister; and maybe at the end of the Christmas list we may be able to transfer somebody on the "Merry Christmas" side to a handkerchief with a lace edge. It all depends on how we get along in the store.

Next, don't be late. There is not nearly so much pleasure getting a Christmas box after Christmas, as there is just when the season is on. So post your parcels early.

Then, when you are giving your present, don't apologize for it. Give it as if it was just the exact thing you would have loved to have been able to buy. And put a smile on your face, and if permissible at all stick a kiss into the bargain. You know the kind, a real Christmas kiss or hug and you've no idea how your present will be appreciated. Poor Aunt Jane, she would rather have the hug and the kiss than the stockings themselves—so remember that.

Makes one wish Christmas were really here. Oh, well, it will be quite soon now. It goes to show how the real true giving spirit can create happiness doesn't it? We may not have much to give. We may not be able to give as much as we would like to give, but don't let us forget that not only at Christmas time, when everybody is giving, but all through the year and all through our lives "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

THE INVALID'S CHRISTMAS

The wants of the invalid at Christmas are usually carefully remembered, and many tokens of friendship bring cheer and happiness at the holiday season to those who are shut out from the enjoyments that naturally come to all who can take a part in the world's activities. There is, however, a large class of invalids (I am thinking now especially of those whose invalidism is of long standing) of scanty means—probably the result of that very invalidism—whose deepest and truest need at Christmas-time is seldom or never met; they cannot provide gifts for others; and many a generous-hearted soul, beneath all of the pleasure which

comes to her from the presents that she receives, feels sad, and sometimes bitter, because she herself can give nothing.

I know a woman of rare sympathy, who often presents her gifts to such invalids in the form of something for them to pass on to others as their own gifts. Her presents are always accompanied by some tactful words, simply explaining that she felt if she were in the place of her friend she would enjoy the chance to surprise other people with little remembrances herself, and so she is going to give her own present to the invalid for the latter to give away.

If the invalid is able to work with her hands the gift is sent weeks before Christmas—a bundle of pretty silks and ribbons with all the necessities for making them into useful gifts, delicate muslin and lace for a few handkerchiefs, lawn or gingham for aprons, worsteds for crocheting, etc. If the invalid is quite unable to work she sends, instead, two or three weeks before Christmas, a package of well chosen cards or calendars. She takes much pains that all of her gifts shall be choice and dainty, if inexpensive, and sometimes much thought and time have to be spent upon their selection.

She usually includes a roll of ribbon for tying parcels, and sometimes, if it seems best, stamps for sending, thus making her gift very complete. This kind of giving requires much tact and sympathy, but this woman I know to be most successful in adding to the truest pleasure which can come to a certain class of unfortunates at Christmas-time.

HUNTING FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Jes' as happy as can be
Huntin' for the Christmas tree:
"Git a big one," says the boys—
"Limbs enough for all the toys!"
So we're lookin' left an' right
All the Christmas trees in sight.

Jes' as happy as kin be
Thinkin' how that Christmas tree
In the days o' long ago
Made the young ones love it so!
Thinkin' o' them ol'-time joys,
Ain't we jes' balded-headed boys?
Still the spirit's glad and free
Where Love finds the Christmas tree:
With the little ones around—
Life's sweet blossoms on Love's ground;
Still for us there's joy to be
Fixin' up the Christmas tree!

DECLARES THAT HALIFAX SPOKE FOR MARITIMES

MONTREAL, Dec. 7.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Financial Times writes:

"The decisive defeat of the King government's candidate in Halifax is accepted here by impartial observers as meaning two things:

"(1) A rising feeling throughout the Maritimes that those provinces are being discriminated against in favor of the West.

"(2) An almost equal public resentment against the growing burden of taxation.

"The election, so far as can be gleaned from the statements of the candidates and the editorials in the Halifax papers, was fought largely on the issue of Maritime Rights, the Conservatives insisting that the port of Halifax was being discriminated against in favor of Portland, Maine. In any case, and no matter how viewed, the result is a serious blow to the Ministry, the Prime Minister, Mr. Fielding, Mr. E. M. Macdonald and Dr. Bland all having visited the constituency and pleaded for government support. That their appeals should be thus decisively rejected—and by a riding that in recent years has been militantly Liberal—is undoubtedly significant. Mr. King's majority, already small, is thus reduced to the vanishing point. He can still carry on, but his lease of power is now more than ever in the hands of the Progressives. Under the circumstances, an election next summer must be regarded as practically certain.

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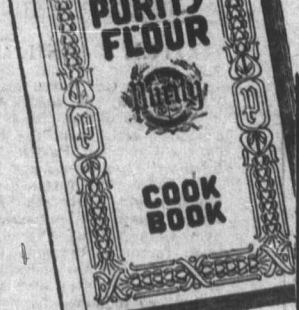
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