

# Christmas is Fast Approaching

The Season to which the Children look forward with such Eager Expectation--the Gift Season. Despite the difficulties and dangers of the voyage, Santa Claus has arrived safe in port with a big pack of



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### Wrong Forks!

By RUTH CAMERON.



RUTH CAMERON

It seems to me that I am the most reckless chooser of wrong forks that ever was.

Sometimes I have gone the wrong way through selfishness. But sometimes I have leaped over backwards in my efforts not to be selfish.

Each time I say, "I will do better next time," and the next time comes in so different a guise that I do not recognize it. Or perhaps I do recognize it and lean over backwards the other way.

But the years are beginning to teach me a philosophy about this whole sad subject of wrong turnings, and I want to pass it on. Doubtless others have worked it out themselves but sometimes it helps to have such things stated in black and white. In the first place the wrong turnings aren't as preponderant as they seem. You have made infinitely more right turnings than wrong, only the right turnings seem natural and you forget about them.

Not So Wrong As They Seemed.

In the second place, all the wrong turnings may not have been as

wrong as they seemed. That's something you can't tell about. The right might not have led as straight to the land of heart's desire as you now fancy.

And in the third place wrong turnings just have to be. They enter into every life and there is only one way to deal with them--do the best you can at each fork, and leave the rest on the knees of the Gods.

The other day I found one of my very dear friends in a state of deep depression which she absolutely could not conceal.

"Just another wrong turning," she said in answer to my question.

"Why Can't I do The Right Thing By Mistake Sometimes?"

"I came to one of those forks in the road and as usual took the wrong one. It wasn't a very big matter this time, but there have been so many of them. I'm all out of patience with myself. Why can't I ever make the right turning by mistake if I can't do it any other way?"

Poor lady! I did my best to comfort her but of course I couldn't succeed. The only doctor for that kind of disease is time. He brings the right perspective.

The conviction that one is always making the wrong turnings, is one of those clouds that come into everyone's sky now and then. That is, everyone but those people who are armoured in self satisfaction and self approval against all regrets, and all growth.

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- 100 cases 2 Crown Raisins.
- 25 cases Table Raisins.

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### BY COMPARISON.



WALT MASON

When anything goes wrong with me, I don't rear up and curse, but I think of chaps across the sea, who suffer nine times worse. I have rheumatism in my bones, these marrow-bones of mine, and then I think of men who fight in trenches far away; they crouch in water through the night, and toll through mud by day. They have so many kinds of aches, so many sores and sprains, they think rheumatic twinges, fakes, mere imitation pains. Then I'm ashamed to roar and beef, and cuss my luck ill-starred; I take my little tinhorn grief and plant it in the yard. Sometimes depression comes along, and burdens down my soul; I feel that things are going wrong, and hope is in the hole. Presentiments of coming ill through all my being flow; and then I think of Kaiser Bill, who's cornered human woe. How long would any ill of mine compare with his of his? And now the sun begins to shine, and I remark, "Gee whiz!" Though you may feel misfortune's prod, affliction's jolt and jar, if you will only look abroad, you'll see how blight you are.

### Rann-Dom Reels.

TIBERIUS.

Tiberius was one of the few Roman emperors who succeeded in living out his term of office. In early times it was a very difficult thing to become a Roman emperor and live long enough to collect two instalments of taxes, but Tiberius accomplished this feat and enjoyed the distinction of dying in bed and entering the bottomless pit at one and the same time.

From all accounts Tiberius was

one of the meanest persons who ever sat for his picture on the Roman throne. He had a low forehead and a high temper, which would explode every now and then with a noise like a blow-out in a 39 x 6 tire. Whenever Tiberius exploded in this manner the members of his immediate family adjourned to some quiet retreat and felt of their windpipes. It was considered dangerous to argue with Tiberius when he had been fully ignited, and few people attempted to do so without being impaled on a fence post or drowned in a vat of linseed oil.

Tiberius was a married man, but his wife was a great disappointment to all concerned, as she was of a giddy nature and would rather flirt with perfect strangers than do housework and make jelly. She treated Tiberius with the utmost contempt and commented heartlessly upon his bald-headed condition. And it was a great relief to Tiberius when he was given court.

Tiberius ruled Rome with a high hand and a bull whip, and probably killed more people with whom he was not personally acquainted than any other man of his times. He was a bloody-minded despot who lacked both the aquiline nose and handsome opaque legs of the Roman conquerors and there were more plain drunks in the streets of Rome the night he died than can be found at a modern street carnival. The fact that he was allowed to die in one lump, instead of in fragments, shows that justice was looking the other way.

### Your Boys and Girls.

Dainty and attractive bibs can be made for the wee kiddie by buying the smallest size guest towel and cutting a semi-circle opening at one end. Bind it with narrow cotton or silk tape and allow ends long enough to tie. Cut out carefully small colored pictures and baste several across the bottom to form a border. Buttonhole them tightly to the bib with red or blue tampo cotton. Oftentimes a tiny cloth or end of a towel can be utilized. Turn the edges and featherstitch the hem with colored cotton. Cut out a large picture and buttonhole it to the bib in the centre or arrange smaller ones in each corner, and a small group of pictures in the center.

Every child should be taught to gargle. Use plain water until they have learned how and treat it as a game. Bicarbonate of soda, which is really only cooking soda, has long been known as a strong antiseptic and kills the numerous germs in the throat or prevents them from multiplying. Half a teaspoon of this in a glass of hot water, gargled several times a day, is splendid for a sore throat and, if taken in time, will often cure a severe cold.

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### Obituary.

A gloom was cast over the little settlement of Colinet on the 11th inst., when it became known that Mrs. Leman Simmons had passed to the Great Beyond. The deceased lady was a resident of Whitehouse, but spent the greater part of her time in Colinet where her husband carries on business. She left here about two weeks ago for St. John's, apparently in good health, but while there found it necessary to undergo an operation which must have been serious, as she only rallied a few days afterwards. Her kind and charitable disposition endeared her to all. She leaves to mourn her a kind and loving husband, two sons and seven daughters, to all of whom the people of Colinet extend their sincere sympathy.—A.D.

### Harry Lauder Helps in Raising \$2,203 at B.A.A.

Boston, Dec. 9.—Harry Lauder was the guest of honor at luncheon at the B.A.A. yesterday and the dining room was crammed with at least 350 members and their friends who were interested in the little Scotchman. As the close of the luncheon, Mr. Lauder arose and delivered one of his famous speeches on the war, a speech tingling with the patriotism and sincerity which a man gathers when the horror of the world conflict has entered his own household. After this speech he arose again and called the attention of the gathering to the Halifax disaster.

He declared that it is the duty of everyone to come to the aid of our neighboring city across the border in every possible way and he proposed that those present immediately give something toward the relief of the people of Halifax. He pledged \$1,000 himself and turned the check over to the B. A. A. to go with their funds. Before the guests departed a total of \$2,203 had been collected. This amount was at once turned over to Robert Winsor, treasurer of the Halifax Relief Fund.

OFF TO THE FRONT AGAIN.—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Carter received a message from their son Corporal A. L. W. Carter, from Ayr, Scotland, a few days ago, saying he was well and off to the front again. Leslie was wounded in the April drive.

Stafford's Prescription "A"—Cure for diseases of the Stomach: Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Catarrh, Gastritis and Nervous Dyspepsia.—nov6,tf

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### Lieut. John Edens

The official announcement of the death of Lieut. John Edens, who was killed in action on October 20th, ends in sad and heartbreaking suspense in the family have been held for lack of definite news of him. Now certain that the brave officer was buried two days after the date of the engagement.

Jack Edens, among the most popular and best known of the boys that have answered the call of duty, was a member of the 888. Further hardship was for him, which again showed mettle, for he had to undergo



THE LATE LIEUT. JOHN EDENS

ous operation for appendicitis after enlisting. As soon as he fully recovered he left with a company in 1915 and went across the Atlantic. In June 1916, after the period of training, he went to France and was among those who in the drive of July 1st. Since then he has been in constant action, winning his promotion to the rank of lieutenant by merit and service. His family lately received a letter from him dated November 15th, ten in the trenches the night he went over the top for the last time. As if inspired by presidential fate, he said good-bye to all and his last words were "God be with you." May his brave family find their greatest comfort in the same courageous thought. Mr. and Mrs. Edens, whose son played so full and fine a part in the great cause, and to the relatives and friends of the young hero a general sympathy will go out in sorrow.

C. C. C. BAND DANCE.—aid of Band's expenses) St. John's Night, December 19, in the C. C. C. New Hall at 8 o'clock. Tickets: Gent's (Double) 50c, Lady's 50c. Music by the band.—dec18,li

## Xmas

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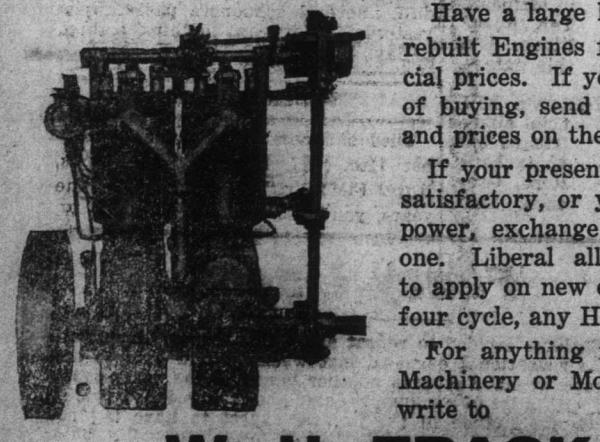
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