

Our Annual Christmas Menu.

ELLIS & Co., Ltd.,

Family Grocer and Wine Merchants, 203 Water Street.

Manhattan and Martini Cocktails.
Russian Caviare.
Fresh Oysters. Shrimps.
Lobsters in Aspic. Prawns in Aspic.
Hors D'Oeuvres.
Royans a la Bordelaise.
Fresh Salmon. Fresh Halibut. Fresh Smelts.
Chicken Breasts.
Norwegian Anchovies.
Luxette. Norwegian Lax.
Terrines Pate de foie Gras Truffled.
Alouette and Caille au Perigord.
Real Turtle Meat and Real Turtle Extract.
Lusty's Choice Soups.
Partridge. Pheasants.
Red Currant Jelly.
Irish Hams. Irish Bacon.
Paysandu Ox Tongues. Ayrshire Bacon.
Turkeys. Cranberry Sauce.
Irish Sausages. Scotch Beef Ham.
Chicken. Ducks.
Plain and Stuffed Olives.
Geese. Champignons.
French Truffles.
Sweet Potatoes.
Brussels Sprouts. Cauliflowers.
Haricot Verts Extra.
Fresh Tomatoes. Eng. Garden Peas.
Peeled Asparagus and Tips.
Plum Pudding. Apple Pudding.
Tart Fruits in Glass.
Mince Meat. Custard Powders.
Bartlett Pears. Pineapples.
Cherries in Creme de Menth.
Grape Fruit. Maraschino Cherries.
Fruit Salad in Glass.
Pineapple in Maraschino.
Peaches and Pears in Brandy.
Purple and Green Grapes.
Dessert Apples. Bananas.
Florida Oranges. Tangerines.
Crystallized Ginger and Crystallized Cocanaut.
Crystallized Asstd. Fruits. Macedoine of Fruit in Jelly.
Crystallized Cherries, Pears, Apricots, Greengages.
Canton Ginger. Imperial Fr. Plums.
Elvas Plums. Tunis Dates.
Filled Turkish Figs. Filled Dates.
Blanched, Salted and Jordan Almonds.
Naples Walnuts. Brazil Walnuts. Chestnuts. Hazel Nuts.
Bon Bons and Cosques.
Confectionery "of the finest kinds" and makes.
Huntley's & Palmer's Cakes and Biscuits.

Wines, Spirits and Liqueurs.

Convido Port. Newman's Old Port.
Dry Sack Sherry. Don Carlos Sherry.
Madeira. Marsala.
Vintage Clarets.
Moet & Chandon Champagne. 1904 and 1906.
Pommery & Greno. G. H. Mumm Extra Dry.
Pol Roger, Extra Quality Extra Dry.
Beaune. Pommard.
Chablis. Sauterne.
Sparkling Burgundy.
Sparkling and Still Moselles.
Grand Marnier Cordon Rouge.
Crema de Cocoa Chouva. Russian Kummel.
Cherry Brandy. Crema de Menth. Maraschino.
Orange Curacao. D. O. M. Benedictine.
Cherry Whisky. Apricot Brandy.
Green and Yellow Chartreuse.
Blackberry Brandy.
Italian and French Vermouth.
Anisette, Extra Dry.
Koosh Bitters. Angostura Bitters.
Sloe Gin—"Pedlar". Kirchenwasser.
Martell's & Hennessy's Brandy.
20 Year Old Liqueur Brandy.
20 Year Old Medicinal Brandy.
Ellis' Old Scotch Whisky.
E. C. Liqueur Whisky.
Walker's Canadian Rye.
Johnnie Walker's Whisky. Black Label.
Plymouth Old Tom and London Dry Gin.
Schweppes Mineral Waters.
"Perrier", the Champagne of Table Waters.
Tennent's Lager Beer. Bass's Beers.
Versandt Munchen Beer.
Stilton Cheese. Gorgonzola Cheese.
English Cheddar Prize Cheese.
Edam Cheese. St. Ivel Cheese.
Mocha and Java Coffee. India Ceylon Teas.
Cigars and Cigarettes.
"Calixto Lopez". Havana Cigars.
Flor Fina.
Panetelas Extra. Eminentes & Invenientes.
Regalia Reina Fina. Belvedere.
"La Sabrosa" Jamaica Cigars.
Governors & Conchas Especiales.
H. L. Savory's Egyptian, Turkish and Russian Cigarettes
(Plain, Cork and Gold Tipped).

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

Doing Christmas Shopping for Others.

By RUTH CAMERON.



There is never a time without a thorn. And even Christmas, that rose among days, sometimes has a little prickly places on its stem. For instance, being obliged by constraint or courtesy to assist in other people's Christmas shopping. Shopping for other people is bad enough even when it is only buying the simplest things. It isn't that you aren't willing to spend the time and energy, but complications are so sure to develop. "Would you mind getting a spool of brown silk when you're down town?" says your neighbour. They have it at J's. It sounds perfectly simple, but of course J's is out of that particular shade. You try at two other places with no better results debate at length whether to take the next lighter or the next darker shade, and finally decide on the latter. You carry it home in fear and trembling and know at once by the expression on your neighbour's face and the flat tones of her voice as she assures you that it will do nicely and that she is much obliged, that it won't do at all and that she really thinks you might have shown better judgment. But if buying a spool of silk to please one person is hard, there is no word in the English language strong enough to describe the difficulty of buying Christmas presents to suit three people—yourself, the donor and the recipient. If two out of the three are satisfied, the third is sure not to be. I shall never forget one of my own experiences in this line.

Will Encourage Pure English.

London, Dec. 15.—The latest Oxford movement is an association of learned professors to encourage the campaign for the speaking and writing of pure English started by the poet laureate, Robert Bridges. It is supported by Thomas Hardy, the novelist, and Sir Walter Raleigh, professor of English literature at Oxford University and other prominent men. The exact objects of the society have not yet been announced, but it is understood that there will be lectures and publications in favor of purity of the written and spoken language and against the incorporation of foreign words. An effort will be made to make public speech consist of terse, vigorous English words, instead of elaborate derived synonyms and inaccurate pronunciations as "naychar" for "nature" which the poet laureate cited as a typical example of the manner in which the speech of educated English persons is being deplorably changed.

Fashions and Fads.

After scrubbing thoroughly make a few sills in the skins of potatoes (dial are to be baked). A little borax, dissolved in warm water, will help to keep the children's teeth clean and sound. Common soap rubbed on the hinges of a creaking door, will do away with the trouble. Fasten a pin cushion to the top of the sewing machine arm, and wiper minutes will be saved. A hot-water platter is a boon to the housewife whose "men folks" are frequently late for dinner. The business man's lunch of a glass of milk and a piece of apple pie is really a well-chosen meal. Add a pinch of borax to the rinsing water of handkerchiefs, if you would have them a little stiff. Baked apples are delicious with their cores filled with oranges, maraschino or chopped nuts and sugar. Rub the ends of the ribs of the umbrella with vaseline where they are fastened. This prevents rust. Irons will heat more quickly and stay hot longer if a cake tin or other cover is turned upside down over them. An ordinary piece of mince pie is said to be equal in food value to a piece of beef, a slice of bread and a potato. A faded carpet can be brightened and cleaned by rubbing with warm water and ammonia, with a little borax in it. The dessert that falls in its appeal to the palate is a waisted attempt, for dessert is eaten for pleasure, not hunger. Some of the best cooks bake only the crust of tarts and fruit pies, putting the filling in the next morning.

One year when I had practically all my own shopping done by December 1st, it fell to my lot to buy Christmas presents for one of my relatives who was unexpectedly unable to buy her own. I know this woman and her tastes quite well, but I do not know all her relatives or their tastes, and by the time I had finished the ticklish and thought-requiring task of buying gifts for grandmother Martin and sister-in-law Grace and brother-in-law Edward, etc., etc. (some of whom I have never even met), I was far more tired than if I had done my own shopping three times over.

The fact that you cannot have the same elasticity in choice and in price is another thing that makes Christmas shopping for others very difficult. If you, yourself plan to buy a pair of fur lined gloves for \$3 and, after looking in two or three shops, you find nothing under \$4, you probably pay \$4. But if you have been told by someone else to pay \$3 you don't feel like spending the extra dollar, at least not without consulting her. In the same way, if you do not find the particular article which you pictured, you can pick out something else which would do as well, but the proxy shopper may not do this. Of course, there are many times when it is absolutely necessary that Christmas shopping should be done by proxy. Sudden illness, chronic invalidism, pressing business demands and numerous other possible contingencies make it so. And to recent or complain of this necessity would be to deny the spirit of Christmas, so perhaps I shouldn't have written this. But this I will say, anyone for whom Christmas shopping is done ought to be very, very grateful, for he has received a generous Christmas gift of time and thought and energy.

ing in the filling of cooked fruit when they are cold. Wet the kitchen stove while cold with a cloth dipped in kerosene oil; then apply the blacking. The stove will keep clean much longer. To make deviled crabs, season crab meat with cream, salt and cayenne; cover with breadcrumbs, place in shells and brown in the oven. Tomatoes with the skin removed and hollowed out, then filled with minced fish or chicken and a little mayonnaise, make a delicious relish.

I was cured of Rheumatic Gout by MINARD'S LINIMENT. Halifax. ANDREW KING. I was cured of Acute Bronchitis by MINARD'S LINIMENT. LT.-COL. C. CREWE READ. Sussex. I was cured of Acute Rheumatism by MINARD'S LINIMENT. Markham, Ont. C. S. BILLING. Lakeland, Que. Oct. 9, 1907.

The Busy Man's Romance

He was a very busy man, and she was a very pretty girl. She insisted upon having a love letter every day. She got it. "You write the loveliest letters, dear," she said. "And when you are so very, very busy all the time, I think it is splendid of you to think of me!" "I don't forget you," he replied. "My secretary has instructions to write you a letter for me to sign every morning. He is a most efficient and plays I like best and she looks I pre-

"And do you know how greatly I appreciate the flowers and sweets you send me every week?" "I am glad you like them. I told my secretary to make a memo. to send you some every Saturday."

"How systematic! And it is so thoughtful of you to think of the plays I like best and the books I prefer."

"It's a pleasure to know you are pleased. My secretary gets the tickets and picks out the books. He is a very capable fellow."

"Two months later the very busy man said:—

"Hang him! I don't mind so much this darning with my hands, but how in thunder can I break in another secretary?"

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 15.—Five men were seriously hurt here, to-day, when a hot steam train was wrecked at the Cambria steel works.

The train, made up of 29 cars, each carrying 15 tons of molten metal, was speeding to the Franklin plant, when two cars left the track and tumbled over into the Conemaugh river.

A terrific explosion followed as the hot steel came in contact with the water.

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Cable News.

Special to Evening Telegram.

TOKIO, Dec. 21.

Widespread famine and distress exist in North Eastern Japan, due to the failure of the rice crop and the fisheries. Thousands are starving subsisting only on nuts and roots.

PARIS, Dec. 21.

Sam Langford, negro heavyweight, was awarded the decision in points over Joe Jeannette, also a negro, at the end of the 20th round of a fast contest at Luna Park last night.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.

A Titian, with a notable history, has been bought by Mrs. Emery, of Cincinnati, from Sir Hugh Lane, the famous British collector. The price paid is said to have been \$400,000. It is the painting of the young son of Charles V. of Spain, afterwards Philip II.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 21.

Explaining the necessity for utilizing the entire army in its campaign against the rebels, President Huerta sent a circular yesterday to all the State Governments, instructing them to proceed immediately to the organization of 1,000 men each. It is clearly stated that the expense of equipment and maintenance must come from the merchants and others, whose interests it will presumably protect.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 21.

The list of the Federal troops, who have revolted, was augmented to-day by a detachment formerly under command of General Gardencia de la Lave, in Pueblo State. The mutineers are said to number 500. They took with them two cannon and a few machine guns. The activity of the adherents to the rebel leader Zapata in the States of Mexico and Oaxaca, was manifested to-day by the destruction of three sugar cane plantations.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

The morning papers continue to urge the government to reconsider its decision as to the Panama Exposition. The Times says that the attitude of the Cabinet is difficult to defend. "It cannot understand how, as it appears, Britain became likened to Germany in the matter, which concerns Britain and its Colonies much more than it can concern Germany. The Times does not suppose that any hard and fast agreement exists with Germany, that one will not participate officially without the other. If so, says the Times the sooner Germany is informed that we have decided to act alone, the better."

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.

Men who know Capt. Bartlett, declare that he is equal to any emergency and will be heard from soon. Rear-Admiral Peary said yesterday that he had every confidence in Capt. Bartlett, and believed him the master of the situation. It is impossible to tell what has happened to the Karlok, Admiral Peary said, but "as long as the vessel is packed in the ice she will not sink. Even if she should go down when the pack-ice draws back, the crew would have ample time to prepare for their escape. Preparations have been made for such contingencies. The explorers' Club met last night at its headquarters and passed resolutions expressing entire confidence in Bartlett and Stefansson."

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