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Don't limit the Christmas wreaths to your front windows. Hang them in the back windows, too, and give the butcher's boy and the groceryman and the other toilers the benefit of the decorations. Save half of your cheerful words for the backdoor callers.

Don't give an invalid a volume entitled "Thoughts of Death" or "Preparing for the Hereafter." Prepare the invalid for the "right now" with a lot of laughs and a lot of hope by giving him or her some jolly books of plot and fun and travel and add some interesting puzzles to keep the mind occupied.

Don't give Bobbie a drum and then scold him for beating it. Did you think he was going to use it for a collar-box or a writing desk?

Don't buy \$3 or \$4 worth of foolish tinsel and glass decorations for the tree. Think of the added games and candy and little toys you could have got for that money. Make the tree decorations at home and prove both your economy and your originality.

Don't give your poor little friend a "pair of sensible shoes." Shoes are not a sensible present for a youngster, no matter how poor he is. He wants skates or a sled. The very best present you can give him is something to make him happy. That's all there is to Christmas.

Don't ornament the tree with lighted candles. Frequently the firemen call and squirt water all over the presents as a result of this, which never fails to dampen the Christmas festivities.

Don't say, "I don't believe in Santa Claus," for that means you don't believe in yourself.

Don't lack a Christmas gift in the price-tag.

Don't give baby a whole bag of candy, together with cheap toys from which he may chew the paint. Remember, it is Christmas and the family doctor would like a few minutes to himself during the day.

Don't give the maid a \$5 bill. She doesn't want to be tipped on Christmas. She wants to be remembered.

Don't sit right down and take charge of Willie's toy train and Susie's toy piano and baby's jumping-jack. As long as they are for the children, why not allow them to play with them?

Don't give Uncle William a copy of "Pilgrim's Progress," just because you think it would do him good. Such uncles can generally be put into a more Christmas-like frame of mind with a box of cigars.

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Farmers Against Eight Hour Day.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—"Can an eight-hour-day be made universal?" was the question propounded at the forty-fifth annual meeting of the Dominion Grange here yesterday, by T. C. Dixon, of Warfield, Master of the Grange. Mr. Dixon answered his question in the affirmative with reference to the farm, but he said it would mean that the people would have to pay thirty cents a quart for milk, two dollars a peck for potatoes, five dollars a bushel for wheat, and one dollar a pound for butter.

"Yes, an eight hour day on the farm can be made perfectly practical," he

said, "and entirely workable the moment every other economic structure of the country is adjusted to the point that farm products, like other products, shall be paid for on the basis of cost of producing plus a profit, when that time comes it does not matter what the cost of production may be, not even how many hours constitute a day's labor on the farm, even two shifts of farm labor may be employed provided the farmer may charge that labor into the production cost of what he sells."

"There is, however, a growing opinion that that is the most unsound position the farmer can possibly take, and that he is injuring his own industry by continuing such protestations. If, on the other hand,

farmers would unite in their declaration that they too propose to aim at an eight hour day, and then proceed to organize themselves to a point where they can enforce it, such a move would come nearer to jarring the Canadian people back to a level of common sense than anything else that could possibly happen at present, then it is time for farmers to begin to think along these lines instead of allowing every class under the heavens to put one over on them, the way it has been done in the past few years. You don't have to agree with this proposition, but it's worth a lot of hard-thinking just the same."

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Press Briefs.

Germany's Danger.

Germany is liable to experience that old 1918 feeling of being shot at unless she hurries and signs the protocol.—Wheeling Register.

But Will We?

During this orgy of extravagance and era of laziness, drastic lessons of thrift are being impressed upon us and, if we are wise, we will profit by them.—Troy Budget.

A Literary Hint.

Who reads Cervantes? Who doesn't overlook an opportunity to acquire for trifling expenditure of money and time enrichment of the mind and lasting, bubbling joy.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Chief Need.

Sir Hamar Greenwood proposes British chambers of commerce in all the cities of the world. But the chief need at present is not more machinery to find market but goods wherewith to supply them. Every country wants to buy British goods if they can be obtained at reasonable prices.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

A Plot For Correll.

A young woman with a prison record has been sentenced to 18 months in jail at the Warwick assizes for securing £10 by false pretences from Marie Correll. The accused posed as a titled lady, called on the authoress, invited her to dine at a hotel, and then borrowed the money. In a way, the fair Marie might secure an advantage from the experience. There is material for a thrilling plot in the adventure.—Montreal Gazette.

Yorkshire and Yule.

The Christmas spirit prevails more strongly in Yorkshire, perhaps, than in any other country, and hereby hangs a tale. It is the tale of the first British Christmas.

Although December 25th is dedicated to Christ, it was not until over four hundred years after Christ's birth that Christmas began to be associated with Him. Before the year 421 A.D., the day was dedicated to Satan and to other heathen deities which were worshipped by ruling kings. But in 421 King Arthur won the battle of Badon Hills, where ninety thousand men are supposed to have been slain, and York was captured.

In commemoration of his victory, King Arthur celebrated Britain's first real Christmas amid the ruins of the jeweled churches. Thus our Christmas may be said to have been born in Yorkshire, which may explain the tenacity with which Yorkshiremen hold on to its departing customs.

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Haunts of Christmas Ghosts.

The spooks which haunt England's oldest homes at this time of the year have furnished many a weird and wonderful story. There is the brown lady, for instance, who at Christmas time takes a promenade through the corridor apartments of Raynham Hall, Norfolk, the seat of Lord Townshend. The brown lady is said to be the ghost of Lady Dorothy Walpole, who, about a century and a half ago, became the wife of Viscount Townshend. She died in mysterious circumstances after a most unhappy married life, the latter portion of which she spent in solitary confinement in the upper storey of Raynham Hall.

Corby Castle, Cumberland, is haunted by a spectre known as the Radiant Boy. According to those who have set eyes on this ghost, he is a handsome

lad, clothed in a white gown, with locks of gold; and from all accounts seems to be the harbinger of good luck. Local folk will tell you that during the festive season the ghost of our Lady Hoby appears in a room at Bisham Abbey, near Great Marlow. This ghost, it is said, walks as a penance for having flogged her son to death because he showed signs of mental weakness.

Glamis Castle, Forfarshire, the seat of the Earl of Strathmore, is reputed to have two Christmas ghosts, who wander for several nights at this season of the year unchecked through all the ancient chambers and corridors. One of the spooks is a warrior garbed in medieval armour, while the other is a mere cloud of mist that has an uncanny trick of holding a ghostly face to the panes of the castle windows, and giving vent to shrieks that sound terribly inhuman in the silence of the night.



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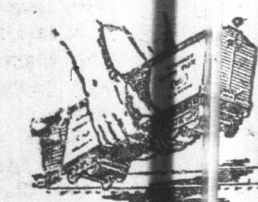
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