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Side Talks by Ruth Cameron

MONEY AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT.



Do you believe in giving money as a Christmas gift? This is a question that has come to me from so many friends that it seems worth answering in the column.

I never could see much sense in the exchanging of gifts of money in a family in which all are on about an equal footing financially. I know two sisters who each give the other \$10 Christmas morning. They are women of very strong tastes (and distastes) and neither likes to risk not pleasing the other with her selection—or not being pleased herself. "It seems too bad," they say, "to waste \$10 on something we don't want." True enough. Yet when a cold blooded exchange of \$10, or any amount, is enacted every Christmas, what does it all amount to but making Christmas an occasion for buying oneself some luxury. Rather a rednecked absurdity, when you stop to think it over.

Sometimes the Nicest Gift.

But when the gift money is made from some more prosperous member of the family to someone less prosperous, when in exchange for it is given only that which the less prosperous members of the family can really afford to give, the money gift may be the very nicest kind of a gift.

I know one family in which the \$10 which a bachelor, Uncle George, always gives to each member is a real institution in the family life.

They Plan for Weeks.

They begin to plan what they will do with it weeks in advance. To the

mother of the family (a widow) it is a magic wand with which she buys in the after Christmas sales the most marvelous number of things, mostly articles long needed for the house, and now and then a pretty something for herself. A new table cloth, some crochets to recover the big chair, a set of Japanese casserole dishes, a feather with which to make her last year's hat look better than new.

For Ruth, it buys the goods for her annual party dress, and by a miracle of management sometimes the slippers and stockings too.

Then Henry, it means the fishing tackle he has been reading up on in sporting catalogues for months.

In the case of the smaller sister the mother steps in and captures some of it for her winter dress leaving her a minor portion for the toys and gewgaws that appeal at nine.

Then They Show Uncle George.

This family has a very pretty custom in regard to these gifts. A custom which I think everyone who receives money gifts would do well to follow in some form. When they have purchased all their gifts they invite Uncle George out to dinner and then they display what he gave them for Christmas. He takes a lively interest in inspecting all the wonderful things his money has bought and realises, as he would not in any other way, the pleasure he is giving.

It is one thing to receive a letter, however well written, thanking you for the money and telling you it is to buy a party dress. It is quite another thing to have an enthusiastic 17-year-old pinupette before you in the fluffy blue gown and silver slippers that your generosity and her ingenuity have produced and end the show by giving you a hug.

If you don't believe it, ask Uncle George. He will tell you that he gets as much fun out of that money as anyone else.

Family of Murderers.

THE MOST INFAMOUS GROUP THAT EVER LIVED.

History presents no parallel to the wickedness and depravity of the Italian Borgias—an entire family which seems to have been obsessed with the desire to kill, no matter whether it was friend or foe, as long as such a murder would strengthen their cause, or remove any obstacle from their path.

Like the majority of characters which move across the pages of history, however, the Borgias have had many crimes laid at their door of which they were probably innocent, but there are enough undoubted facts to place them among the most corrupt families that have figured in the annals of any nation.

When Rodrigo Borgia was elevated to the highest position in Rome, becoming Pope Alexander VI, the people manifested their joy in the most extravagant manner, lighting bonfires and parading through the streets erecting triumphal arches, and for a considerable time the new Pope appears to have justified the faith which was placed in him.

Was the Wine Poisoned?

Eleven years later, however, came the mysterious end to all the Borgian hopes. In August, 1503, a banquet was given in the Vatican grounds and Rodrigo Borgia and his son Cesare were both taken very ill immediately afterwards.

The former died, but the latter, on account of his youth, was able to recover, though he emerged from his illness grey-haired, weak and trembling, only to find that the rule of the Borgias had come to a sudden end. Cesare was forced to flee from Rome, and from that time until his death, he made vain attempts to regain his lost power.

What occurred at this famous banquet? Cesare himself was never able to explain, for years later he wrote to Machiavelli, saying, "I was prepared for every contingency, except for my father and myself being disabled at the same time."

A chronicler of the time, in discussing the mystery, says: "Some do whisper that the devil in the form of a great baboon seized them. Some say 'twas the Roman fever, some that Rodrigo did perch of wine that he had poisoned for another. There may be many such tales, but the truth of what befell no man can of a certainty tell."

A dozen "solutions" have been offered as to what occurred at this fatal banquet—theories ranging all the way from the entirely common-place idea that the Borgias fell victims to what would be known at the present time as virulent typhoid, to a report that enemies of the Borgias had bribed the Pope's butler to poison the wine served to his master.

The reason for the large number of suppositions concerning the matter is evident in the strange and remarkable life of the family itself.

Rodrigo was a Spanish soldier, the nephew of Pope Calixtus III. When his uncle was chosen Pope, he happened

churchly honors upon Rodrigo, undoubtedly one of the most brilliant men of the age, and, when Calixtus died, it was asserted that Rodrigo practically forced the Cardinals to appoint him to the throne under pain of sudden and mysterious deaths.

Rodrigo had several children, those who are most famous—or infamous—being Cesare, Francesco and Lucretia. Francesco, the eldest, was made a duke, Cesare a cardinal, and Lucretia was married to a Prince.

Caesare, being jealous of the honour conferred upon his brother, murdered him and cast his body into the Tiber, later ascending to a dukedom himself and building up a powerful kingdom in Italy.

Killed All His Enemies!

Lucretia, it is stated, poisoned her husband and married another, but Cesare was not satisfied with her choice and killed the second husband in order that she might be forced to marry the Duke of Ferrara.

By judicious use of poison and hired assassins he cleared away practically all the leading enemies of his house, but that at least a few survived is apparent from what occurred on that eventful night in August 1503.

Despite the determined efforts of numerous historians, however, to discover what really happened to the Borgias at this fateful banquet, they have never been able accurately to determine.—Pearson's Weekly.

Lauder Was Canny.

At the close of a banquet speech, Sir Harry Lauder sang a little song. The applause was terrific, but the canny Scot shook his head. "That's no' for nothin'!" Immediately the toastmaster was on his feet: "But, Sir Harry—will you sing another if we pay you for it?" Lauder considered the proposition, and then bargained: "How much will ye gie me?" The matter was discussed, and finally Sir Harry agreed to sing another song if a collection should be taken up, which was done. The proceeds, \$400, were turned over to the Scot, who donated every cent of it to the Red Cross.

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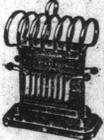
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Spent Night at Station.

Annie Barnes, George Abbott, W. Cook, D. Johnson, K. Leewood, P. J. Whitten, Miss K. Gallenean, N. H. Gosse, Miss F. Pyke, Mrs. McCoubrey and 27 in steerage.

The Ten Days' Sale is still running at I. LEVITZ, 252 Water Street, opp. Dicks & Co. dec.15,61

Constable Dempsey, arrived from Fort St. Fort by yesterday's express having in charge a young girl, a patient for the Lunatic Asylum. Owing to the necessary papers not being forwarded, the girl was not admitted to the Institution last evening and spent the night in the police station.

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