

## The Evening Chit-Chat

By MITE CAMERON



One of the most pathetic figures at Christmas time to me, is the nothing to give, nothing to give, nothing to give.

We are always having our sympathies appealed to, for the child who has little or nothing given to it at Christmas, but who ever says anything about the youngster who has little or nothing to give?

And yet isn't he also deserving of sympathy?

Don't you get as much pleasure out of what you give at Christmas, as what you receive?

More? I thought so. Very well then. Aren't you denying a child a great deal when you fail to make it possible for him to give, as well as to receive at Christmas time?

I believe that every parent's Christmas duty is to make it possible for his children to give at Christmas time. And mind you, I don't mean to make this possible by giving the children a few dollars outright "to buy your Christmas presents with." Even a very young child can appreciate the face of having father give him some money, with which he will later buy father a Christmas present. How much of the glorious gladness of giving is he likely to get under such circumstances—how much of the "it is more blessed to give than to receive" spirit?

No, every child should be given a chance to EARN or SAVE his Christmas money. Of course, the child who has an allowance can save it from that, and I wish all children were included in this category. But unfortunately they are not.

What about the other, then? Well, in the name of the joy you yourself take in giving, for the sake of the selfishness you hope to see in your children develop, give them a chance to earn little money somehow or other.

Let them go without candy, cake, butter or some other luxury from now until Christmas and give them an equivalent in money.

Reward them by an unexpected nickel, dime or quarter for some kind or thoughtful deed. Please observe that this is quite different from bribing them to be good—a practice of which I most heartily disapprove.

Invent errands and tasks if necessary. Offer the little daughter a quarter a week, if she will darn the stockings or wash all the dishes. Let the little son help you about the furnace.

It is easier to do this work yourself than to oversee them, you say. Perhaps so. And perhaps you can ill spare the extra two or three dollars that all this means. But remember, my friend, the cause for which you are giving it. If necessary try to save it from your own Christmas list. Even make son or daughter a little less expensive Christmas present.

Maybe you think I'm foolishly emphatic about all this, but I don't believe I am. I can remember that one of the happiest Christmases of my own childhood, was the year when by taking care of a neighbour's cat all summer, I earned enough to give each of my family a no foolish makeshift gift, but something they really wanted. Christmas that year meant not merely opening my own gifts, but watching others open theirs from me, with a delighted anticipation of their pleasure.

Again, I heard a girl who last year passed her first Christmas as a wage earner say, "It's splendid to be earning money and to be independent all the time, but Christmas is the best of all. To really have some money that you earned yourself and not have father and mother give you money to buy presents with—why it's glorious. I hardly knew what Christmas meant before."

To be always receiving and never giving is a bad position even for a child. If he accepts it indifferently, he is developing selfishness. If he rebels against it, he suffers.

Once more in the name of the joy you yourself take in giving, for the sake of the selfishness you want your children to develop, give them a chance to really give, as well as to receive this Christmas.

Red Cameron

## When You Think

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## Household Notes.

A reliable relief for a mosquito bite is the cut side of a raw onion.

After cleaning ivory expose to the sun. This assists in bleaching it.

Toothbrushes may be washed in a strong solution of salt and water.

Sprinkle salt on the bottom of the oven and your cakes will not burn.

Kerosene will remove grease from set bowls and porcelain-lined sinks.

Wine stains on table linen should be covered with salt, wet and rinsed out.

To lull one to slumber when tired there is nothing like the odor of lavender flowers.

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To prevent the umbrella jar from being broken, put a small rubber mat in the bottom.

Dried lemon peel sprinkled over coals will destroy any disagreeable odor about the house.

A great many blemishes may be removed from wall paper with the rubber on a lead pencil.

Honey should be stored in a dark place, for if it is kept in the light it will soon granulate.

If a wooden chopping bowl is turned upside down after use there will be no danger of its spitting.

To clean white paint, dip a clean cloth in hot water, then in bran and rub it. Rinse with clear water.

Never buy meat that is palish pink, for it is diseased. Good meat is red, with the fat clear white and firm.

Bacon fat may be saved and used to fry fish. It gives a good flavor and keeps the fish from falling apart.

Good proportions for French dressing are one teaspoonful of vinegar, of oil and salt and pepper to taste.

To scour brass, dip half a lemon in table salt, rub briskly over the surface, wash off with clear water and dry.

Wooden tubs should be used for washing glass and delicate china, as there is far less danger of breakage.

A pinch of borax stirred into a quart of milk will keep it sweet, if you object to the taste after boiling.

Linen stained by ink should be immediately dipped in buttermilk. Repeat this until the stain disappears.

To keep clothes from running where the colors are not fast, use a cupful of salt to each gallon of washing water.

A cupful of ripe olives added to a beef stew just before it is taken up will make an astonishing improvement.

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Oil stains on clothing should be covered with soap and washed with cold water before the garment is sent to the laundry.

Bread will keep moist much longer if kept in a crock, wrapped in several thicknesses of cloth, than if kept in a tin box.

To mend a glove, turn it wrong side out and sew the rent over and over with cotton thread. Silk thread will tear out.

Any brickwork rinsed off with ammonia and water and then carefully dried will be wonderfully brightened by the process.

The creaking of a door can be stopped at once by rubbing the hinge with a piece of soap or with the lead of a black pencil.

Lemons that have become hard from long standing can be made usable by covering them with boiling water for a few minutes.

## Sidewalk Sketches.

By H. L. RANN.

OLIVER CROMWELL.



Oliver Cromwell, who ruled England with an iron hand and a broadsword for several years, is one of the most striking figures in English history.

As a boy, Oliver's principal amusements were attending church and studying the catechism, which gave his ordinary conversation a very light and rippling quality.

Oliver was a bold and temperamental spirit, and he subdued everything that came along from the hired man to an appetite for loud clothes.

Although very fond of fine apparel, he set a good example to his followers by appearing at their head in a coonskin cap and linen duster, and history relates that he was never seen in a boiled shirt but once, that being on the occasion of his funeral.

His severest critics never accused Oliver of being a dupe. His favorite occupation was striking for his altars and his fires, and this took up so much of his time that he had scant leisure for face massages and hair singes.

Oliver never kissed the blarney stone to any extent, and his conversation was usually quite pithy. Not much is known about Oliver's wife, except that she was a quiet home body who tended the furnace and did family sewing while Oliver was cutting cankers out of the body politic and packing canes, thereby setting an example which has been followed by successful politicians ever since.

When Parliament offered Oliver the crown he put it away with a graceful gesture and had himself appointed collector of the port, which paid a better salary. His death was greeted with great enthusiasm by everybody except the federal office holders, but they were so numerous that they made up quite a funeral cortege.

## Annual Meeting.

Last night Leeming Lodge held their annual meeting and elected the officers for the coming year, viz.—

W. M.—Jas. Wheeler.  
D. M.—Staff Capt. W. H. Cave.

Chaplain—Mark Puddister.  
Hon. Chaplain—Rev. F. R. Matthews.

Secretary—W. K. Mercer.  
Fin. Sec.—Jas. G. Dwyer.

Treasurer—J. C. Puddister.  
1st Lect.—Wm. Whalen.

2nd Lect.—L. W. Bonnell.  
D. of C.—W. Cook.

Committee—J. Whitten, J. Snelgrove, G. Buchanan, R. Porter, R. Pike.

Bro. D. Morison, G. M., conducted the election. The reports presented showed that the Lodge had a prosperous year and that all previous records, thanks to the energetic work of W. M. Bro. R. A. Squires and his officers who had worked so energetically the past season to increase the membership. The record showed that 49 men had joined, and the financial receipts were much in excess of those of last year.

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Mole Squirrel Muffs, at \$2.70, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.70, \$5.90 and \$6.40.

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