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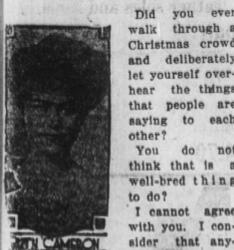
"Now, Sam," said the young lawyer, "you know the court allows the counsel very little indeed for defending a case of this kind. I worked hard for you and got you clear. I'm really entitled to a good fee and you should dig up some money and pay me. Have you got any money at all?"

"Yes, sah," replied Sam, happily. "I still done got dat ten dollahs."

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**Side Talks
by Ruth Cameron**

THE DIAPASON OF CHRISTMAS.



Did you ever walk through a Christmas crowd and deliberately let yourself overhear the things that people are saying to each other? You do not think that is a well-bred thing to do? I cannot agree with you. I consider that anything said in a crowd loud enough to be overheard is a public property. Therefore, those who speak of things that should not be overheard, are ill-bred, not those who hear.

I love to listen in on a Christmas crowd.

A Cross Section of Christmas.

I love to get to the cross-section of Christmas with all the wealth of suggestion and all the glimpses into people's lives that it gives.

Here is an example of the sort of thing I mean.

Shut your eyes and vision yourself being carried along by a Christmas crowd through a crowded shop, and listen.

"My dear, someone showed me how to make the cutest things for Christmas, they look just like a man's shirt, and they hang on your bureau to put soiled collars in. I've made eleven already, and I'm going to make—"

"With the money I get for Christmas I think I shall buy—"

She Doesn't Mind Buying Presents for Women But—

"I don't mind buying presents for women, but aren't men the hardest things to—"

"My dear, don't ask me to. I simply can't stay a second longer. I've

got 35 cards more to write, and I'm so tired I could scream—"

"Why don't you buy him a necktie? Men always like—"

"Christmas is really a children's day, I think."

The Occasional Masculine Voice.

(Masculine voice). "What counter will I find women's gloves on? How on earth these women stand—"

"Yes, my daughter is having her picture taken with the children for Christmas. I think that's such a nice gift."

"I put most of the money John gave me to spend for Christmas into a rug so I don't want to spend—"

(Masculine Voice). "Never mind looking for any more, I'll take that one."

"I can't decide whether to give her a present or not. Year before last she did and I didn't, and last year I did and she didn't, and so this year—"

Child's voice. "And now do we go to see Santa Claus?"

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THE POOR OLD RICH MAN.

I'm sorry for the poor old man, he has a stack of yellow gold. And he could buy the finest drum that's in the top shop to be sold; And he could buy a train of cars that's almost like the red thing. Or fill a stocking full with stuff that Santa can't afford to bring; But he must pass by all the stores where they are selling Christmas toys— Although he is a millionaire, he has no little girls of boys.

Along about the time of year I'd like to be a millionaire. I'd like to choose the costliest toys and pay their price and never care.

I'd like to feel for just a month that I could wander fancy-free And never have to count my purse, but but what'er I chance to see But still, with all the gold he has, he is a poorer man than I. Because he has no little child to want the things that he can buy.

It must be hard at Christmas time to see the windows filled with toys, And have to pass them because you have no little girls or boys; Of all the wretched wishers here, I think the saddest must be he Who has no little one at home to dance around a Christmas tree— The lonely rich man who could buy the joys with which the shelves are piled And yet must miss this Christmas fun because he has no little child.

Monsieur: For 15 days in the month of January I was suffering with pains of rheumatism in the foot. I tried all kinds of remedies but nothing did me any good. One person told me about MINARD'S LINIMENT; as soon as I tried it the Saturday night, the next morning I was feeling very good; I tell you this remedy is very good; I could give you a good certificate any time that you would like to have one. If any time I come to hear about any person sick of rheumatism, I could tell them about this remedy.

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