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HINTS WITH A JOKER

Christmas is likely to be made a trying time by some folks. Some attempt to do too much, and others are not forehanded. We give here a few hints which may help to make Christmas 1908 a little easier for you. When you come to the last hint, please imagine that we are looking at you steadily with the right eye, while the left is closed. That is our little joker; but if our hints have not helped you, don't take the joker hint.

1—Let the children, and make father help. Your children will know what your brother's children want.

2—Make a list of all the folks to be remembered. Do it now. Divide the list among the members of the family, and let the ones whose judgment you doubt report plans before making purchases.

3—If you have a tree, make a lark instead of labor of decorating. Let all the adults help, and neighbors who have no children.

4—A gift is supposed to represent your wealth of affection, not your bank balance.

5—You will give more pleasure with a thoughtful gift than with an expensive one.

6—Getting a big show for the money may do for some wedding, but never for any Christmas.

7—If the panic or any other upset has made it impossible for you to give as usual, write letters instead. Your friends will like you better, sure.

8—Don't leave letters and cards till the last moment. Write them at your convenience and hold them till the proper time.

9—Mail everything to reach your friends before Christmas, and mark the packages "Open Christmas." Late guests and late Christmas packages are of a class.

10—Do your shopping early; and avoid the crowd; you help the merchant and salespeople, and get a larger selection.

11—Wrap your gifts carefully and daintily. They give so much more pleasure than a sloppy package, evidently rushed as if you begrudged the time.

12—Remember the people who have served you.

13—Any poor near you?

14—And here is the joker: Remember that a year's subscription to COTTON'S WEEKLY makes a splendid Christmas remembrance. Old subscribers can renew their subscriptions and send it to a friend absolutely free.

A SEA VOYAGE

Miss Muir Writes Interestingly of the Trip to Barbadoes

The Danish West Indies

On board S. S. Gilman,

November 17th, 1908. Nearly five days out from New York. For two days the thermometer has been at 80. The sea is quite calm and the ship steaming ahead at the rate of 300 miles a day; nothing to break the monotony except an occasional shoal of flying fish that look like a bunch of animated cigarettes. "Land ahead." What a joyful sound. We all rush forward and there on the horizon is the faint outline of a large mountain. It is St. Thomas about 50 miles away.

How delightful to see the beautiful green as we draw nearer and once more see the blessed land. Passing the end of the island and sailing near to the bold rocks on the shore, we approach the harbour of Charlotte Amelia. The anchor is dropped, the landing ladder lowered and we wait anxiously for some one to come from shore. Soon the ship is surrounded with small boats, two of them filled with boys nearly naked. How brown their bodies are. "This side Mistress," "Over here sir," they shout and as cents and dimes are thrown into the air they dive and bring them up. The purser stands out on the landing stage with a large envelope in his hand. Bill of health is the inscription on it. The doctor is by his side and we all wait for that important person the health officer. Ah! here he comes in a row boat with the Danish flag at the bow. He is a man with a fierce mustache, who keenly examines the six passengers who are to land, making them answer to their names on his list. As there is no cargo for St. Thomas we are soon off again.

St. Thomas is a long high island, 1,413 miles from New York. The capital, Charlotte Amelia, is built upon and between three rounded hills nestled in the centre of a semi-circle. The red roofs of the houses of the homes look pretty among the gardens. There is a French man of war in the harbour and a few small crafts. In 1867 a great tidal wave came up just where we are, lifting the ships like toys, carried them far on shore, rushing over the town in a devastating flood.

We watch the receding shore as long as possible, then look south where soon we see the outline of St. Croix, 39 miles distant. It is quite dark when we enter the harbour of Fredericksstad and the electric lights gleam very prettily. The anchor is lowered and everything made ready for landing. As there are 1200 packages for here, we will not leave until 5 p.m. the next day. So no one goes ashore and we all wait until morning.

What a lovely sight greets us as we come on deck in the early morning. The deep shade of the olive green, made by a tree something like our elm, is quite strange and beautiful; the fields of sugar cane are a vivid emerald green and how strangely the tall palms stand up against the sky in places. In the hatches all is bustle. The workers are black men and the lighters are only scows; they line the sides of the ships and it is very interesting to watch the winches and cranes at work and see the goods taken from the hold and lowered over the side into the lighters. As one is full it is towed ashore by a row boat.

It is a novel experience, going down the long landing ladder at the side of the ship and going ashore in a small boat; fortunately the sea is calm. How delightful to be on land again and how curious and interesting the houses and the people are. Every one speaks English, and the colored people as we pass greet us with a pleasant "good morning." As this steamship line is the only one coming into St. Croix, there is quite an interest taken in strangers.

St. Croix or Santa Cruz is 19 miles long and is very fertile, not so rocky as St. Thomas, and it has rich sugar estates. Denmark very wisely has reduced the number of highly paid officials and keeps only thirty-five soldiers at the fort, so the islands are able to meet their own expenses. Across the island, fifteen miles away along a good road lined with coconut and cabbage palms, is Christianstad the capital of the Danish West Indies. A large schooner has been loading at the aft hatch for this place and now four sails are hoisted and she sails away. All the cargo is discharged, the anchor weighed and we are off once more. We pass through a shoal of porpoises. Soon the scene disappears behind a bank of clouds and now we are having one of those wonderful sunsets at sea. For some time the great Divine Artist paints for us the most beautiful pictures. On one side cool shades of pearl grey and blue, white clouds banked up at the south, the glory is in the west and north. Suddenly as if done with a broad brush a band of cerise, such a strange shade in sunsets, appears over a shaded grey cloud. To the south it dark and soon night begins to draw down the curtains.

Balloons and mountain-climbers have long known that the temperature of the air falls as the altitude increases. It has recently been discovered that this decrease in temperature has its limits. "Sounding" balloons, freighted with automatic recording instruments, have been sent to heights far exceeding those which any balloonist can hope to reach. The records obtained show that at a height of about eight miles the thermometer ceases to fall, and may even rise.

SHEAR WIT

Amusing Stories to While Away the Lighter Moments

"Speakin' of de law of compensation," said Uncle Eben, "an automobile goes faster dan a mule, but at de same time it hits harder and balks longer."

A coal company in the Hocking valley, Ohio, employs both men and mules. One mule costs \$200 and, in point of work equals six men. The company has this order standing on its books:

"When the roof gets weak, take out the mules."

Miss Bridge Fiend—You ought to be able to write fine comedies, Mr. Post.

Young Author—You flatter me, Miss Beatrix. Why ought I to?

Miss Bridge Fiend—Because you make such amusing plays.

"Really," said the stylish lady, enthusiastically, to her friend, "it is quite worth while going to the Zoo, if only to see the wonderful display of rhododendrons." "Is it?" replied her friend, languidly; "I like to look at the great big clumsy beasts, too, but it always smells so unpleasantly around the cages."

It Was Strange

The other day an ingenious-looking person called with the message to the housewife that her husband had sent him for his dress suit, which was to be pressed and redone by the tailor, says the Chicago News.

"Dear me," said the housewife, "he said nothing to me about it. Did he look quite well?"

"Yes, mum; he was in good health and spirits."

"And he seemed quite as if he knew what he was about?"

"He did that, mum."

"And did he look as if he were quite content with things about him?"

"He was all that, mum."

"Well," said the lady, "it seems strange that he should only think of that dress suit now, because it's ten years since he's dead and buried, and I've often wondered how he's been getting on."

Christmas Goods

AT XMAS PRICES

WE are now prepared to give you Lots of Xmas Goods at Xmas Prices. Come and see for yourself.

A nice Mixed Candy, 3 1-2 lbs for 25c

Nice Fresh Dates, 3 lbs for 25c

Nice Fresh Figs 15c a lb

Valencia Oranges 20c per doz.

California Naval Oranges 30c per dozen.

Lemons 20c a dozen

Nice fresh Canned Goods: Tomatoes, Peas, Corn, Pears, Peaches, Blueberries.

Catsup, Pickles, Mixed Peels, Nuts, etc.

Fancy Vests and New Ties

Don't forget that we have some fine New Fancy Vests, some dandies, and lots of nice New Ties.

See our nice new line of Xmas Ties. A very large line to choose from at 19c to 50c

5c, 10c, 15c and 25c Counters

A splendid assortment of 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c goods laid out on tables which are very easy to choose from. And there are some good bargains. Come early and you will get the best choice.

Now is the time to get a New Suit. Not wait till the last minute when you will not be able to get as good a fit as now when you have plenty of time to choose.

Lots of Water Sets Glass Table Sets
Cracker Jars Tie Cases
Collar Cases Cuff Boxes Albums
Post Card Albums Booklets
Several kinds of Mechanical Toys

REMEMBER THE PLACE AND COME DIRECT TO

H. H. MINER'S
DUNHAM

"My grandfather was a captain of industry."
"Well?"
"He left no sword, but we still treasure the stubs of his check-books."

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Province of Quebec Superior Court
District of Bedford No. 8061

Thomas W. Page, of the Township of Bolton, West Part, in the district of Bedford, farmer, PLAINTIFF

Vs. W. S. Ball, of the City of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, Canada, DEFENDANT

The Defendant is ordered to appear within one month.
J. E. FAY LEONARD & NOYES
Attorneys for Plaintiff P. S. C.
Saskatoon, Dec. 15th, 1908. 17-21

Eastern Townships Bank.

QUARTERLY DIVIDEND NO. 104

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of eight per cent. per annum upon the Paid-up Capital Stock of this Bank has been declared for the quarter ending 31st December, 1908, and that the same will be payable at the Head Office and Branches on and after the first day of January next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 31st Dec. both days inclusive.
By order of the Board,
J. MACKINNON,
General Manager.
Sherbrooke, 30th Nov. 1908.

SNOW

TENDERS are invited for removing Snow from sidewalks during winter months of year 1909 and 1910 in Corporation Village of Cowansville.

W. H. MACFARLANE
Secretary-Treasurer
Cowansville, Dec. 4, 1908—10-21

THE HUB

The Bargain Centre of Missisquoi and Brome

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Buy Useful Serviceable Gifts

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WE ARE

Ready for Xmas Shoppers

With a good assortment of useful, serviceable Articles suitable for gifts. Visit our Fur Department where you will find a good supply of warm Fur Coats and Jackets, and a nice assortment of Small Furs. Remember you have a stock of over \$3,000.00 to select from.

WE HAVE REASSORTED our general Dry Goods Stock and strengthened up on all lines for Xmas selling. Dress Goods make very acceptable Gifts and this line is in very good condition.

Neckwear, Belts, Fancy Combs, Gloves, Hosiery, Underwear, Boots and Shoes, Over-shoes, Rubbers, Skating Boots and Moccasins are some of the lines we sell for gifts. We have also reassorted our Handkerchiefs in both Men's and Women's.

We have not neglected the SLIPPERS for Men and Women. We are showing a nice line of Men's Dressing Gowns at extremely moderate prices, \$5.75 each, and they are really very pretty.

We have just received for Xmas selling, a nice assortment of Men's Ties, Wraps, Mufflers, Sweaters, Sweater Coats.

Millinery Millinery

Kindly bring in your orders for Xmas now. Good assortments await your inspection.

GROCERIES

Twenty lbs. Granulated Sugar \$1. 3 lbs. extra good choice Raisins for 25c. 3 1/2 lbs No. 2 Raisins for 25c. Good Cream Tartar 30c per lb. 2 packages Gold Bar Seeded Raisins for 25c. Salt Salmon, Salt Lake Trout and Codfish.

We have stocked up our Grocery Department for the Xmas trade and you will find the quality of our goods all that can be desired. We do our best to have Butter and Eggs on hand at all times and fresh. Try our Grocery Department.

Wanted

Maple Sugar in any sized cakes up to 7c per lb.
Fresh Eggs, strictly New Laid, at 30c per dozen.
Fresh Dairy Butter at 26c a lb.
Potatoes at 65c per 60 lbs.
Washed Wool 15c per lb., unwashed 1-3 less.
Beans at \$1.50 per 60 lbs.
Hard Block Wood at \$2.00

The Hub, Cowansville

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RACON

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