

## MR. JUSTWED AIRS HIS VIEWS ON CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. It is a world-old, oft-repeated quotation that is honored more often in the breach than in the observance—and especially among married men! Some-how, they never can see it.



Not could Mr. Justwed, for he was no exception, he it stated fully and frankly at the start.

Therefore, if you, gentle reader, are of the male persuasion you are herewith given warning what to expect; if a woman, you can go serenely ahead with the pursuit of this little narrative—or even read it about to "hubbies" if you like—confident that its conclusion is going to be just as you would have it!

Of course, like most husbands, Mr. Justwed never could seem to grasp this Christmas business in its pure, sweet, unadorned beauty and nobility of the "peace on earth" spirit, but when he came to the "good will to men" part of it he invariably thought of what an exorbitant price the dealer had soaked him for a little fur muff and then—the "good will" took wings!

Now, had Mrs. Justwed been married a little longer, she would have known, of course, that there is a time to keep silent and a time to talk to a husband about—Christmas presents. But she hadn't been and she didn't. Therefore, she simply blurted it right out, in all innocence, the other evening before Mr. J. had had time to get really settled after his dinner.

"My Homer," she said, "but it's going to take an awful lot for Christmas this year!"

Mr. J. laid aside his paper and regarded her sternly for a moment or two over the top of his glasses.

"It is—well," he said.

"Oh, but it is!" insisted poor innocent little Mrs. Justwed. "Just let me show you my list—and it isn't half complete yet!"

"Humph!" said Mr. J., nonplussed for a second. "Humph! I dare say that's perfectly true, but madame, I don't mean it the way you do!"

And then Mrs. Justwed "caught on." "Surely, Homer," she murmured, gulping hard, "you don't mean that—that we aren't going to—have any Christmas this—"

"Have any Christmas?" interrupted Mr. J. "Of course we're going to have a Christmas—that's what Christmas is for! But I do mean that we aren't going to go plumb dippy over this Christmas gift giving business."

Our presents will be few and far between—and only to those to whom we really wish to give them. So, my dear Blossom, if you've got a nice long list made out, you better cut it in half to begin with—and then cut that in two again!"

Mrs. J. was silent. Presently she rose, went over to her desk and returned with her list.

"Oh, Homer," exclaimed Mrs. J., all sympathy at once. "That is too bad! You're taking it too hard. But I admire you for standing up for your principles."

"Very well, Homer," she agreed in a tone when she is suffering martyrdom. "Very well. Perhaps you can tell me how I can cut it down."

Mr. Justwed sighed resignedly. "There's the family in the first place—yours and mine," she began, "that makes about a dozen, just to begin with."

"Certainly, certainly," acquiesced Mr. J., quite amiably. "Of course we're going to give them something—but just something little and simple and inexpensive, you know."

Mrs. J. frowned.

"But Mommer is going to give me a perfectly gorgeous—"

"Oh, hang Mom—I mean, of course, give her something nice," snapped Mr. J. "She's your mother, to be sure! Continue with the list."

"Well, Homer, there's Mrs. Torkins."

"Mrs. Torkins?" exclaimed Mr. J. "For goodness sake, why are you giving Mrs. Torkins a present?"

"Why? Why—why, Homer, we've always given each other presents, even though we don't see each other often."

"Exactly!" said Mr. J., triumphantly. "Now the next."

"Mrs. Van Arsdale," read Mrs. Justwed. "Mrs. Van Arsdale? Who is she? I can't even place her."

"She," explained Mrs. Justwed, "is the lady who sent me such a beautiful lace piece last Christmas—and I didn't send her a thing, Homer, not even a Christmas card."

Mr. J. squirmed in his seat.

"Exactly!" he roared. "Mrs. Justwed regarded him a moment despairingly and then, you don't know her either, do you? Well, Homer, she's been perfectly lovely."

"I met her at a card party and she's asked me twice to her home for really formal affairs. I'm perfectly sure she's going to send me something—and I'd feel dreadful if I hadn't something for her, wouldn't I?"

"Exactly!" thundered Mr. J. "I dare say Mrs. Catherine is going to give him a smoking set and I'm going to give him a humidor, am I, because my wife met his at a card party? Am I? Well, I am not! Neither is he! That's the trouble with you women—you go downright honey over this gift business! You give because you're afraid some other woman is going to give you something and you won't have anything for her!"

"You give because you're afraid not to—every last one of you! You've no more idea of the true spirit of giving at Christmas than a well-thrown South Sea Islander! It's become a perfect obsession with you! It's give, give, give to any body, everybody, any old body! It's show 'em around, scatter 'em to the four winds—and there's no real Christmas spirit in it! Furthermore, Mrs. Justwed, it's a luxury we can't afford. It'll be just about all we can do this Christmas to buy our own tree and two wax candles for it! Now, I hate to be unkind, but where it's a matter of principle, as it is here, I must push my foot down—and put it down firmly. The actual cost, you understand, is reason enough, but trivial when compared to the larger point involved—our profanation, I might say, of the true Christmas spirit!"

Precisely two days later Mr. Homer Justwed—this same high-minded Mr. Justwed, he is remembered—came home from the bank cross and grumpy and sore.

"What has gone wrong today, Homer?" asked Mrs. J., sympathetically.

And Mr. Justwed answered, before he thought.

"Nothing but this idiotic Christmas business," he growled. "It makes me tired. This morning Jones and Brown were themselves called upon to rope everybody in the bank into signing a subscription list for a Christmas present for the president. He ought to be giving us living wages instead of our giving him a silver set. And, then, along comes Smith with another list for the janitor, the secretary and—and the office call! It makes me weary. If you do give your money from your own Christmas, if you don't, you're a cheap skate and a tightwad and all that."

"Oh, Homer," exclaimed Mrs. J., all sympathy at once. "That is too bad! You're taking it too hard. But I admire you for standing up for your principles."

You don't think it's right to give unless you want to, and—and I'm proud of you for refusing. I wouldn't mind what they called me."

"Refuse?" said Mr. J. "I didn't. When is dinner ready?"

And, instantly, dear reader, his grouch left him, and he talked like mad the entire remainder of the evening about any and every old thing except the Christmas subscription list at the bank.

THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1910

THREE BLOCKS BURNED  
IN DAUPHIN, MAN., FIRE

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Fire at Dauphin (Man.), destroyed three wooden blocks last night. The firemen were powerless and the flames were very fierce. The fire started in A. R. MacPherson's hardware store.

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WELL AND  
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By Lydia E. Pinkham's  
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This home-like house can be built and finished exclusive of heating and plumbing for the sum of \$3,200. The construction throughout is strictly first-class, built with a concrete foundation and finished basement under the entire house, good timber and well-rained, sheet, papered and cemented on exterior on expanded metal lath, lath-plastered and again plastered on the inside with Adamant, and the walls neatly decorated. The roof is shingled and stained with creosote green stain and the trimmings painted white, making a very attractive combination.

The pretty "drie" windows in the front of the second story are a great aid to the design and a pleasant addition to the chambers. The open-timber eaves of the front porch also helps in the artistic make-up, of what might otherwise be a very plain, square house.

There are eight good rooms, four on each floor, the first story has a large living-room, entered directly from the vestibule, and a handsome library on the right, connecting by a wide-arched arch. The dining-room opens with sliding doors at the rear of the living room, and has a handsome wide sideboard opposite the sliding doors, with stained-glass windows on each side.

The kitchen is at the rear of the library and is well provided with all modern conveniences. A small active rear stairs lead up to connect with the platform of main stairs. The chambers are all good sized and have convenient closets and bathroom; the attic has ample space for servants' room, if desired and store room. The interior is well finished in oak and birch, with polished floors and all of the workmanship the best. There is one large chimney, with wide fireplace, in the living-room, and also a furnace flue, also a small separate kitchen chimney.

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## SKATES

On receipt of price and 30 cents extra to cover transportation charges, we will deliver any skate in this advertisement to any railway station or express office in the Maritime Provinces.



"TUBE HOCKEY"

This skate is used and endorsed by all crack Upper Canadian hockey players. It is of medium weight and aluminum finish, with steel runners, 1-8 inch thick, slightly curved so as to enable the skater to get around quickly.

No. K546—10 1-2, 11, 11 1-2 inch. Pair \$3.75



"HOCKEY KING"

Extra fine quality crucible steel Hockey Skate, fine hand tempered, narrow straight runners, perpendicular supports, double end heel supports, large heel plate to fit men's boot, right and left sole plates, very light and reinforced; full nickel plated. A fine and very popular design.

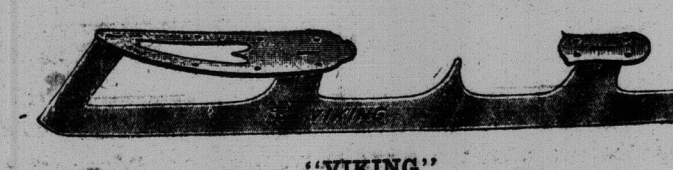
No. R577 1-2—10, 10 1-2, 11, 11 1-2, 12 inch. Pair \$3.25



"ROYAL HOCKEY"

Best quality welded and tempered steel runners, Hockey Skate, straight runners; full nickel plated.

No. H582—9, 9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2, 11, 11 1-2 inch. Pair \$1.40



"VIKING"

Best steel runners, natural temper, Hockey Skate, straight runners with puck stop; nickel plated.

No. X685 1-2—9, 9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2, 11, 11 1-2, 12 inch. Per pr. 70c.



"HOCKEY CRUISE"

Best steel runners, natural temper, Hockey Skate, ordinary bright finish, straight. A cheap and good boys' Hockey Skate.

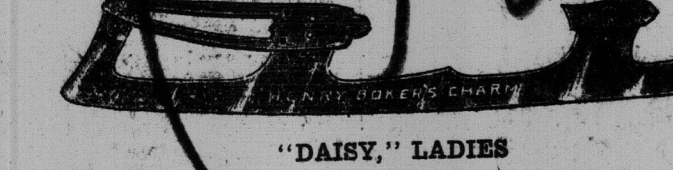
No. X590 1-2—8, 8 1-2, 9, 9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2, 11, 11 1-2, 12 inch. Per pair \$1.30



"PRIDE" LADIES

Extra fine quality welded and tempered steel runners, fancy skate, straight; full nickel plated and fine finish; right and left sole plates.

No. H47-P—9, 9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2 inch. Per pair \$3.00



"DAISY" LADIES

Best welded and tempered steel runners, fancy skate, curved; full nickel plated.

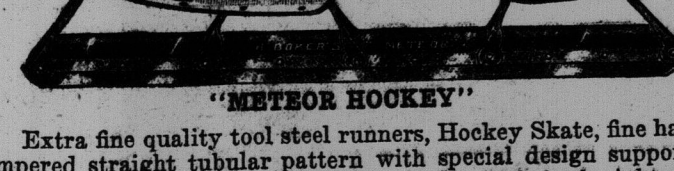
No. H412—8 1-2, 9, 9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2 inch. Pair \$1.40



"METEOR RACER"

Extra fine quality crucible steel runners 1-16 in. ice bearing surface, full nickel plated and polished tubular long racing skate, double heel supports of special new design, built for speed and strength. Very fast and strong; thoroughly recommended.

No. R71-2—10 1-2, 11, 11 1-2 inch. Per pair \$4.25



"METEOR HOCKEY"

Extra fine quality tool steel runners, Hockey Skate, fine hand tempered straight tubular pattern with special design supports, double end heel supports, large plate to fit men's heel, right and left sole plates, with triple supports, runners 1-8 inch ice bearing surface; full nickel plated and polished.

No. S557 1-2—10 1-2, 11, 11 1-2 inch. Per pair \$3.50



"DOMINION"

Best quality welded and tempered steel runners, Hockey Skate, straight with puck stop, double end heel supports, large heel plate to fit men's boot, right and left sole plates; full nickel plated.

No. J92—9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2, 11, 11 1-2 inch. Per pair \$1.00



"PEELESS"

Best steel runners, natural temper, Hockey Skate, straight with puck stop, double end heel supports, with small heel plate to fit men's and boys' boot; nickel plated.

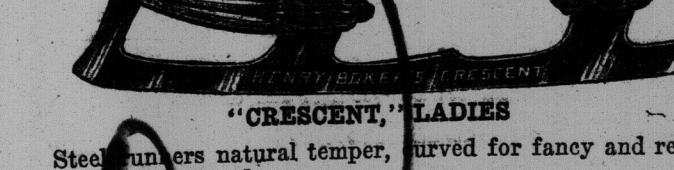
No. H685 1-2—9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2, 11, 11 1-2 inch. Per pair \$1.00



"BEAUTY" LADIES

Best quality welded and tempered steel runners, fancy skate, curved, concave so as to make the skate lighter and nicer appearance. Full nickel plated.

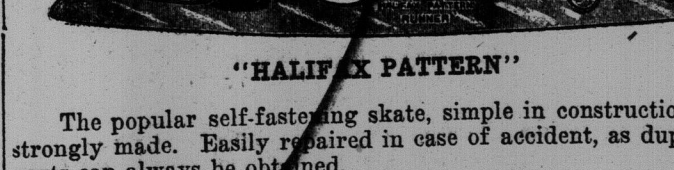
No. H414—8 1-2, 9, 9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2 inch. Per pair \$1.75



"CRESCENT" LADIES

Steel runners natural temper, curved for fancy and regular skating; nickel plated.

No. H415—8 1-2, 9, 9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2 inch. Per pair 70c.



"HALIFAX PATTERN"

The popular self-fastening skate, simple in construction and strongly made. Easily repaired in case of accident, as duplicate parts can always be obtained.

No. 9 steel runners, curved, full nickel plated and polished. Per pair \$1.90

No. 5 same as above, but ordinary finish. Per pair 50c.

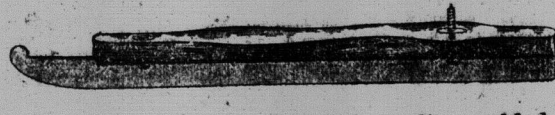
Sizes 7 1-2, 8, 8 1-2, 9, 9 1-2, 10, 10 1-2, 11, 11 1-2, 12 inch

No. 9 HX, with heel support, otherwise same as No. 9. Pair \$1.50

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No. HX5, Men's—Runners of best quality welded steel and iron highly tempered, 13, 13 1-2, 14, 14 1-2, 15, 15 1-2, 16, 16 1-2, 17, 17 1-2, 18 inch.

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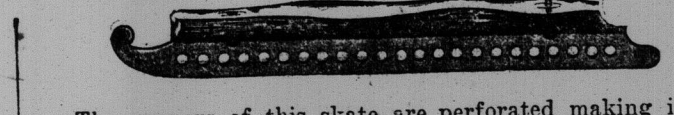
No. HX5, Boys'—Same pattern, but cheaper grade 12, 12 1-2, 13, 13 1-2, 14 inch.

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When ordering skates please observe the following Table Giving Comparative Sizes of Shoes and Skates:

MISSIES' AND LADIES											
No. of shoe	12	13	13 1-2	14	14 1-2	15	15 1-2	16	16 1-2	17	17 1-2
Size of skate, in.	8 1-2	9 1-2	9 1-2	9 1-2	10	10 1-2	10 1-2	11	11 1-2	11 1-2	12

BOYS' AND MEN'S											
No. of shoe	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Size of skate, in.	9 1-2	9 1-2	10	10 1-2	10 1-2	11	11 1-2	11 1-2	11 1-2	12	12



The runners of this skate are perforated making it much lighter. The quality is the same as the No. HX5 Men's.

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