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Activities of Individuals and Organizations, the
Home, Fashions and Other Matters.

ROYAL STANDARD

CHAPTER, I. O. D. E.
The meeting of the Royal Standard Chapter was held on Monday morning at the Sign of the Lantern tea room, the regent, Mrs. E. Aberton Smith presiding. Much business was done and sums of money voted to various objects—\$100 to the Seamen's Institute for running expenses and \$25 sent to Nursing Sister Mary Barnhill at No. 5 Canadian General Hospital, Trepot, France.

The members of the Chapter heard with much gratification the reports of the committee in charge of the patriotic fair held at the Union Club. The gross receipts were \$1,350, and the Chapter hope to have well over \$1,200 to be used for patriotic purposes. The thanks of the Chapter are due to the Union Club for the most courteous treatment, to the press for many favors, to the public for the large attendance on a most inclement day, to Col. D'Aigne and Major Legere for the band of the 165th, to Mrs. Jarley who was an attraction, and her well trained staff, and to the many friends who assisted in making the affair such a success.

Those interested will be glad to know the results of the lotteries. Margaret Foster stool, donated by Emory and Nordby, won by ticket No. 75; handicraft bag, donated by Mrs. 42 Atherton Smith, won by ticket No. 38; dressed doll, donated by F. W. Daniel & Co., won by ticket No. 23; embroidered towels, donated by Mrs. James Simpson, won by ticket No. 43.

The returned soldiers work sold well, in fact they sold out of the flip-top toys and many orders were taken for various articles.

CHRISTMAS TREAT FOR SOLDIERS

At the Opera House at four o'clock today the Soldiers' Wives League will give a treat to something over 900 children, whose fathers are among the fighting men who are defending our country. On Monday afternoon hundreds of candy bags were filled at the Opera House where a committee of ladies, under the direction of Mrs. Walter W. White, worked busily at this sticky task. It has been no small matter to personally deliver these nine hundred tickets and many of the visitors know St. John very thoroughly and are all at all pleased with the city's system of numbering houses.

Plans have been made for entertaining the children, who are between the ages of six and fourteen years, and it is hoped to give them a pleasant afternoon.

THE LEAGUE OF HONOR IN CANADA

The birthday of the Saviour of man-

kind has been kept for long years throughout Christendom as a special occasion for gift-making. The spirit behind the giving was one of love and joy and good will. Perhaps the custom has become worn, so that the spirit does not shine as clearly and material is more evident. We hear rumors of a commercial Christmas. Armies of women shoppers bearing lists and surrounded by an effluence of weary well-doing compare notes as to how many they have done. At times the casual observer finds it hard to see the spirit shining out through the material activities certainly there is no strong emphasis placed on the spiritual side. Can League of Honor members band together and in all their different centres amid the differing conditions of their lives lay stress on the things of the spirit? We are banded together for prayer, let us fill the Christmas season with prayer for the Prince of Peace, with prayer for one another that our hearts may overflow with brotherly love and joyous kindness, with active loving service. We are banded together for purity; let us one and all have the law of kindness on our tongues; let us think and speak the things that are true, honorable, pure, lovely, of good report, and so forth that they are worthy of praise. Once for all let us set aside all unkindly criticism, all insinuation or neglect to uphold the fair name of a friend. We are banded together for temperance; let us deny ourselves the joy of commercial gift-giving; let us give our all to the men in the trenches, to the Red Cross, to needy national institutions; let us give to our friends the deeper spiritual gifts, a quicker understanding, a more loving heart, reader sacrifice, added patience and gentleness. Thus shall the league bring a new vitality to the nation, a quickened pulse throbbing with the joy of real national service.

—From "The Young Women of Canada."

USE CHEAPER CUTS

How can I lower the cost of the family food supply?

This is a question which many careful housekeepers are trying hard to answer. And as the meat bill is usually by far the largest, our attentions are very naturally first given to it.

In her desire to find a remedy the housewife may decide to try the cuts of meats which retail at low prices.

Falling to produce a palatable dish as goes back, discouraged to the well known and easily prepared tender steaks, chops and roasts.

Although highly nutritious, the cheaper cuts, unless properly handled, are generally lacking in flavor, possess long and coarse fibres, and a

meat is best if first seared to retain the flavoring materials, then carefully "simmered" over a very low gas burner on the back of range, or in the fireless cooker for a time, depending on the size of the piece. Some very good cuts which may be obtained and very successfully cooked in this way are cross ribs, boned, and rolled flank; chuck or rump.

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Nothing clostetting for this dame, but rather she chooses the dashing style of head gear. The waving lines of the brim take away from the severity of the adornment.

Large amount of connective tissue which the small boy calls "gristle."

To give them the desired flavor these cuts may be cooked with vegetables and carefully seasoned.

From such cuts as the lower round, the tall pieces of the porterhouse steaks, and even plate meat we can fashion delicious combinations as Salisbury steak, mock duck with dressing and garnish of vegetables, tomato sauce.

The fibres of some of the cuts can be broken up by pounding with which we do not care to grind, can be broken up by pounding with the edge of a heavy saucer or a specially devised hammer. This allows a large amount of juices to escape and lose flavor unless we take the precaution to pound flour into the meat to absorb these juices. Upon browning, the flour gives an added flavor.

Meat treated in this way is called "Swiss Steak." This needs at first a high temperature and very careful cooking at a low temperature afterwards. "Another variation may be made by using round, chuck or skirt steak with vegetables, finishing the cooking at a low temperature in a casserole (a small round porcelain dish). By cooking a pot roast slowly for several hours the connective tissues are softened and the meat made more tender.

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Who's Who and What's What in the Picture World
and on the Stage—Favorites and What They
Say and Do.

THOUGHTS ON THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

"At Christmas the open hand, Scatters its bounty o'er sea and land, And none are left to grieve alone, For Love is Heaven and claims its own."

—Margaret E. Sangster.

The bit of verse above by the dear writer Margaret Sangster gives us a splendid idea of what Christmas should mean in our lives. It should mean a holiday time indeed, a time when the poor as well as the rich may have blessings for which to be thankful.

Too often the holiday season means but overtime and hard work for our fellow mortals—ceaseless toil and hurry trying to please fretty shoppers who compel salesgirls to bear the brunt of their irritation. Those of us who purchase our gifts early are able to look forward to the festive tide with only anticipations of family reunions and enjoyment. Let us at least be thoughtful for others at this time.

Last year we girls in the old school first decided to exchange only simple gifts which we made ourselves. The money which would have been spent in more expensive presents was placed in a box so that nobody knew what each gave. It was then taken to make the holiday season more joyful for those who would otherwise suffer. On Christmas day, as I sat down to the beautifully spread table with my loved ones, the turkey looked much more tempting and the cranberry jelly far more red than if I had done nothing to make the day happy for others. And I am sure the other girls felt exactly the same way.

You will realize that some people are inclined to manifest a grasping spirit at Christmas, rather than generosity, and this has been caused by a mere "trading of gifts." We have made, I fear, the most wonderful season of the year a time of sham, and not a time of spontaneous generosity as it was intended to be.

This is being overcome, however, and I feel sure that we will have things the way they ought to be within the next year or so.

And now, dear friends, A Merry Christmas to you, one and all.

Screen Gossip

In the making of the different episodes of "Liberty, a Daughter of the U. S. A.," featuring Marie Walcamp, Director Henry MacRae has set a new record for speed in the filming of a series with his company of players ever on the move. He has kept Fred Granville, his camera man, shifting about at a terrific rate of speed. During a breathing spell the other day Granville embarked on Rex Hodge, MacRae's assistant. "When Patrick Henry exclaimed 'Give me liberty or give me death!' he did not know MacRae."

New Year's Eve at the Hippodrome. Those who seek high class amuse-

ment on New Year's Eve need not be without a haven of enjoyment. Charles Dillingham is arranging a composite programme for the last evening of the year at the big Hippodrome which will contain a wide variety of entertainment. The bill, it is said,

will include stars from musical comedy, the varieties, grand opera and a motion picture actress, making a complete representation of all branches of the theatre on one big programme.

A Correction.

The name Mr. Leonard Smith mentioned as singing a solo at the concert given at the Congregational church on Monday evening should have been Mr. Leonard Clarke.

ALICE FAIRWEATHER.

Russia Still Firm.

London, Dec. 19.—The council of the empire today adopted an order of the day, identical with that passed by the Duma, declaring the council unanimously in favor of refusing to enter under present conditions into any peace negotiations with Germany, says a despatch to Reuters Telegram Company from Petrograd.

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