

HOLIDAY PROBLEMS EASILY SOLVED

GIFTS THAT BRING COMFORT BEAUTY HOME MANY A YEAR

ACCEPTABLE GIFTS THAT ARE GOOD INVESTMENTS A CHOOSING LIST.

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SANTA CLAUS AS OTHER TONGUES PRONOUNCE IT

Germany—St. Nicholas, Kriss Kringle.
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Switzerland—Samiklaus.
Heigoland—Sonner Klaus.
Vorarlberg—Zemmklaus.
Alsace-Lorraine—Knecht Ruprecht.
France—Le bon papa, le bon Noël, petit Noël.
Austria—Niko or Niglo.
Russia—Elka (fir tree).
Italy—Babbo.
Poland—Gwiazka (little star).
Scandinavia—Kvistine.
Bohemia—Jerlek.
Denmark—Julenissen.
Ireland—Niamb Nicklausa.

ANCIENT DOLLS' HOUSES.

Those of Earlier Centuries Marvel of Completeness.
The history of dolls is particularly interesting at this season. Very beautiful wax dolls were made in France in that period of reckless extravagance, the seventeenth century. No price was too high to pay them for anything that a little great lady might be pleased to own.
A few of the fine old dolls' houses built and furnished in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries still exist and reflect thorough attention to the smallest detail.
All are furnished and equipped with the same completeness, whether it is the linen cupboard, with its piles of napery, the drawing room with pretty carpets and tiny china ornaments and pictures, or the nursery, where there is a high fender guard before the fire and a rocking horse for the baby to ride on.
Such details give a human interest to old toys, emphasized by the doll in habitants which are to be seen in the old houses. The mistress of the house with stiffly set out brocade skirts, sits in the salon, her work basket at her side in which we find wee reels of cotton and rolls of tape. In the nursery the baby, with lace edged cap, is in the nurse's arms. The cook is suitably dressed in short cotton skirts and white coif.

CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS COMMENT.

Don't leave it all to Santa Claus.
Don't keep your Christmas spirit bottled.
Girls are bound to drift under the influence of the mistletoe.
The little Christmas green isn't a seaweed, but it sees lots of smacks.
This is the time of year when husbands and wives may properly hide much from one another.
Blessed is the person who doesn't keep track of the number of presents she receives.

DOING UP THE PACKAGES.

Vastly Important Detail to Assure Unintended Appreciation.
To send a package that isn't "Christmas looking" is bound to detract from the gift. There are stickers of all sizes and shapes with Santa Claus, baby sprays, red and gold scrolls. Merry Christmas and civil heads and faces upon them. These stickers not only make a parcel more attractive, but they are a great help in saving up as presents a bulky parcel like a sofa pillow, which requires several sheets of tissue paper.
Red bright green or baby blue ribbon is used for doing up most parcels.
The adhesive red and green paper ribbon is often substituted for the other kind, or sometimes the outer wrapping has the pasted ribbon while the inner tissue paper is tied.
Inside, instead of using a regular calling card the name of the sender is written on one of the bright Christmas cards that come in packages.

RURAL YULETIDE SPIRIT.

The Mail Carrier Finds a Present at Almost Every Door.
The rural postmen are not less generously remembered at Christmas time than are their city brethren. There is scarcely a farmhouse on his route where the mail carrier does not receive a token. Most of the presents are practical.
Knitted scarfs or mufflers, mittens and slippers are favorites with feminine donors, whereas the gifts of the farmers usually take the form of pumpkins, bushel baskets of potatoes, barrels of apples and turkeys.
Many a rural mail carrier receives on Christmas morning enough eatables to stock his larder for weeks to come.

The Christmas Dance.

When grandma danced the minuet. Some sixty years ago.
The stately couples often met Beneath the mistletoe.
To waltzes now the customs veer. But Mabel's foxy beau.
That dancel dith contrive to steer Beneath the mistletoe.
The dances change, but not the game.
As close observers know,
Few mortals set about the same Beneath the mistletoe.
—Leicester Courier-Journal.

SOME SENTIMENTS OF CHRISTMAS TIME.

A MERRY Christmas to us all, my dears, God bless us. God bless us every one, said Tiny Tim the last of all. — Charles Dickens.
MEN cannot live isolated. We are all bound together. No higher man can separate himself from the lowest. — Carlyle.
REALIZE that doing good is the only certainly happy action of a man's life. — Sir Philip Sidney.
CHRISTMAS time I have always thought of as a good time—a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time. — Charles Dickens.
HEAR on more wood. The wind is chill, but let it whistle as it will, we'll keep our Christmas merry still! — Sir Walter Scott.
THEN arose a joyous clamor from the wild fowl on the mere, and a voice within cried "Listen! Christmas carols even here!" — Charles Kingsley.
A GAIN at Christmas did we weave the holly round the Christmas hearth. The silent snow possessed the earth and calmly fell on Christmas eve. — Tennyson.

OLD CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITION

Recalling Time When a Peculiar Popular Prejudice Existed.
A well known fifteenth century carol begins.
Holy and ivy box and bay.
Put in the church on Christmas day.
But the customs of those times were rigid regarding the removal of all decorations from churches and dwellings before Candlemas day, Feb. 2, for people had superstitions about their remaining longer. Herrick alludes to this popular prejudice in the lines:
Down with the rosemary, and so
Down with the bales and the mistletoe,
Down with the holly ivy all
Wherewith ye dress the Christmas hall.
That so the superstitious find
No one least branch there left behind.
For look how many leaves there be
Neglected there. Maids, trust to me,
So many goblins you will see.
Perhaps the superstition was a pretext of the particular old housewives who knew that by Candlemas day the crisped green things, dried by Yule logs and many torchlights for illumination, would be nuisances of falling leaves and berries to tread underfoot. However this may be the belief obtained.

FOR EMERGENCY GIFTS.

Advice to Avoid Last Minute Despair Over "Another Name."
For the last moment gifts one should always have at hand some boxes of candy and perhaps a few very fine flowers. One, for instance, might rather have a single orchid than all the carnations in the shop, while a gardenia is the most admired of all blossoms by the average young girl. Either of these exotic gifts may be tied up in a little box and decorated with a spray of fern or holly, so that it will look attractive.
For the big hearted woman who always at the last moment adds another name or two to her Christmas list what could be better than silk stockings? These she may buy and have on hand in assorted sizes, and when a name pops into her memory all she needs to do is to tie up the silken affairs in a pretty box and they are ready to send on their way. Having a few such auxiliary gifts in the house saves the busy woman much disappointment.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

It has been said that a seal in a coat usually makes a decent Christmas gift.
It's a foolish girl who gives a Christmas gift before Christmas.
Better a judd-pudd-hop than a fat turkey on the block.
Don't forget to kiss your wife just once under the mistletoe.

"FIRST LADY" WAS CHEF.

Wife of John Adams Cooked White House Christmas Dinner.
The first Christmas dinner at the White House was in 1800, when the wife of President John Adams, who prided herself on being a model New England housekeeper served in the capacity of chef.
Under her direction, old colored "mammies," clad in bright calico frocks, long white aprons and brightly colored kerchiefs on their heads, fitted hither and thither before the roaring blazes on the hearths as they prepared the food for President Adams and his little guests.
The menu was not so sumptuous as the present. Plum pudding, mince pie, apples and lamps. Instead of a turkey, a fowl was fried. The great wood fires on the broad hearths, which roared and crackled and sent showers of sparks up the ample chimneys.

The Mistletoe.

Here in her father's library
On Christmas eve I wait sedately
Till Mistress Nancy comes to me.
That dancel most serene and stately
And dangling from the chandelier
A berried sprig (long since I knew it)
Seems to proclaim, "She hung me here,
I dare you—dare you—do it, do it!"
Well, Christmas comes but once a year.
Less often such a chance I fancy
So ere you cross the room I fear
That something may surprise you, Nancy.
—Theodore Garrison in New England Magazine.

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IT'S THE SAME OLD STORY

Since the custom of exchanging gifts at Christmas time was first instituted people have asked themselves, "What shall I give?" and the question becomes more and more perplexing, more and more difficult of solution as time goes on.
There are so many things one might give, that's the trouble, and the number of such things increases yearly, so that unless you limit the field you're likely to become a nervous wreck before completing your Christmas list.
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