What Christmas Seals Do.

Every Red Cross Christmas seal that is sold is a real bullet in the fight against tuberculosis.

These seals last year helped to support thousands of needy tuberculosis patients and to give them a chance for life.

They provided for many visiting nurses whose hundreds of thousands of visits brought instruction and cheer to numerous patients.

They helped to maintain dispensaries in scores of cities, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, where thousands of consumptive patients received free treatment and advice.

They provided the means to purchase millions of copies of circulars, pamphlets and other literature with which the public has been educated about tuberculosis. [illegible]

They have [illegible] helped to [illegible] 300 open air [illegible] children who [illegible]

These are just a few of the ways in which [illegible] received last year were expended.

This year much [illegible] needed [illegible] can help by buying [illegible] seals.

YOUR COAL BIN.

How to Save Your Black Diamonds Just Now.

VARIOUS KINDS OF SIFTERS.

An Expert Tells Us How to Keep One Eye Peeled on the Furnace While the Other Scans the High Cost of Living. It Pays to Have Implements.

While many women are under the tyranny of the janitor, still others glory in our shrine of being a householder and have to do more than theoretically tackle the coal bin. Even if we have a man to tend the furnace and remove the ashes [illegible] to become better acquainted with some of the coal savers on the market.

First among these may be cited a [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] coal is the right kind of [illegible] window of chute. One of the [illegible] [illegible] a coal ancel [illegible] window and hole. The parts are [illegible] of [illegible] the window [illegible] [illegible] the parts of the chute are so made that opening the window opens the chute within which [illegible] attached to the window and part of it. This removes the need of extra chutes. The window locks automatically when it is closed, thus being burglar proof. It saves coal being scattered at the entrance of the window and is so made that it seems an integral part of the house and cellar when installed.

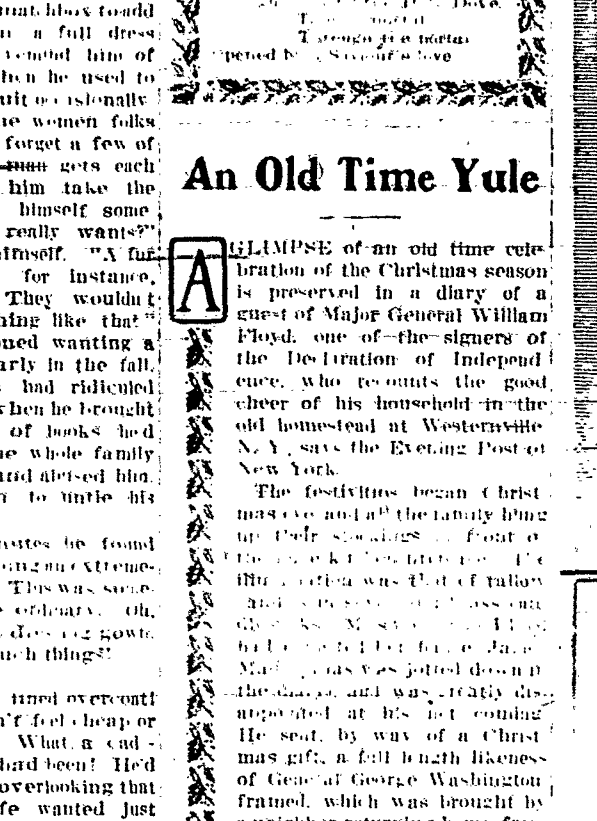
No matter what kind of a heating system is used in your home, the boiler must be "jacketed" with some kind of asbestos material. These jackets can be bought for a regular boiler, such as is frequently attached to a kitchen range. The jacket [illegible] most easily attached. Special sized boilers can have the jackets [illegible] order [illegible] covered with asbestos composition material used by steamfitters. Keeping the heat in is as much of a coal saver as anything else. The best plant will waste heat if not sufficiently insulated.

The best [illegible] are fitted with [illegible] [illegible] connected with [illegible] [illegible] buckets of coal [illegible] [illegible] the cellar [illegible] [illegible] better grades of ashes saved for use again. It pays those who have the management of a heating system to investigate thoroughly improvements and systems which will help reduce the high cost of heating.

SMALL STYLE.

The Baby Will Need a New Dress For Holidays.

White pique or white linen may be used for this adorable gown, hand embroidered on the yoke, escaloped around neck and short sleeves, laced



SO MODISH

with narrow velvet ribbon across the would be bolero and belted with a wider ribbon. Any babyish color thus treated would be equally pretty.

To Tuck and Hem.

Garments which are to be tucked by hand are much easier and more neatly done if the tucks are folded by the machine. Adjust the tucker to right size then adjust the stitch and remove the thread from the needle, tucking just as if the thread were there. In the hand sewing follow the line of the needle pricks. Table linen may be marked in the same manner for hemming by hand.

Cooking Note.

Basins in which anything made with flour has been mixed should be put to soak in cold water.

Christmas Dinner In Abyssinia

Plenty of Good Food Greeted Traveler In African Country

A TRAVELER in Abyssinia thus describes the Christmas dinner of 1900 given by King Menelik at Adis Abeba. On Sunday, Jan. 7, being their Christmas day, the emperor most kindly asked us all to dine in the huge hall called Abderash, a building about 190 feet long, 80 feet wide and 35 feet high. All the ministers, ras and principal generals were present on the raised dais round the throne, while in the body of the hall about 30,000 soldiers were fed in two detachments. Our menu was as follows:

Milk and Rice S[illegible]
Kabobs of Meat and [illegible]
Omelet and Herbs. Mince and Artichokes
Filets of Beef and [illegible]
Kabobs of Mutton [illegible]
Fried [illegible]
[illegible]

Twelve [illegible]

After dinner [illegible] majesty [illegible] [illegible] May the Lord [illegible] and may you [illegible] own country. May you have good shooting and a pleasant journey through my country."

The Yuletide Cynic.

Thank heaven it isn't only [illegible] have a family tree at Christmas! [illegible]

It doesn't take a large [illegible] to transform a spoiled boy into a turkey gobbler.

When Santa Claus comes down the chimney he chases many a man up the spout.

It's the vanity of the sex that prompts the female turkey to wonder how she is going to be dressed for the Christmas dinner.

An Unexpected Gift

TUPPER arose Christmas morning prepared for the inevitable. He smiled to himself cynically as he inserted himself into his "other" trousers and thought of how he would go in to unwrap the things done up in tissue paper and labeled "For George." He knew that he would find a good many old friends among the packages.

There would be the usual wildly embroidered slippers, an impossible necktie or so, two or three pairs of suspenders because he always wears a belt, a box of cheap cigars with a nifty Spanish senorita sitting on the lid, the same as a reform mayor, another matchbox to add to his collection, a full dress shirt shield to remind him of the old days when he used to wear his dress suit occasionally.

"Why can't the women folks around a house forget a few of these things—a man gets each year and let him take the money and get himself something that he really wants?" he thought to himself. "A fur lined overcoat, for instance, but, ah, no! They wouldn't stand for anything like that." He had mentioned wanting a new overcoat early in the fall, but the missus had ridiculed the idea. And when he brought home that set of books he'd been wanting the whole family jumped on him and abused him.

He started in to untie his packages.

In a few minutes he found himself [illegible] extremely [illegible] This was something out of the ordinary. Oh, it must be a [illegible] gown. How he hated such things!

But it wasn't.

It was his fur lined overcoat!

Maybe he didn't feel cheap or anything then! What a cad—what a crab he had been! He'd even thought of overlooking that jewelry the wife wanted just because she had made such a fuss when he spoke of buying a new overcoat. And here it was, all because she wanted to surprise him. Wasn't wifey the all right girl, though? She'd probably saved up the money out of her allowance, probably had done without a whole lot of things she wanted. Well, he was glad he hadn't been a cheap skate and cut down her Christmas list anyhow.

Meanwhile Mrs. Tupper was standing off enjoying Tupper's delight over his new coat.

"Were you surprised?" she asked him. "You know I was so afraid the tailor might let the cat out of the bag by sending in a bill, because I ordered it fully a month ago. But he was real nice about it—said he wouldn't send the bill to you until after Christmas. Wasn't that accommodating of him?"—New York Times.

Bethlehem Has Three Christmases

Birthplace of Christ Observes Nativity In Many Ways

FROM near the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem the reverent pilgrim may look down on the field in which Ruth gleaned and where, out of the expectant silences of the sapphire night, came the angelic message and the radiant presences to the waiting shepherds, says the Boston Herald. This town, untouched by the hand of modern progress, nestles prayerfully among the Judean hills of Palestine and has the only shrine in the world around which there are three separate Christmases, a trinity of impressive celebrations which occupy an entire month.

First there is the elaborate Latin or Roman Catholic service, which [illegible] on our own Christmas day [illegible] [illegible] thirteen days later [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

During the whole of this time the [illegible] crowded by a large [illegible]

The service is brought to an end by the laying of a beautiful life size wax [illegible] grotto or manger. Here it remains for twelve days [illegible] It is then sold to some church in Europe [illegible] large sum of money [illegible] paid for it.

The Greek service is somewhat similar to that of the Latin, though there is no wax doll. The Armenian Christmas service, which is held twenty six days after the Latin, possesses extraordinary characteristics. After prayers and the burning of incense the worshipers gather round a large caldron from which they extract meat and soup, which are eagerly consumed, the Armenians having fasted prior to these celebrations.

A Christmas Carol.

[illegible]

An Old Time Yule

A GLIMPSE of an old time celebration of the Christmas season is preserved in a diary of a guest of Major General William Floyd, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, who recounts the good cheer of his household in the old homestead at Westernville, N. Y., says the Evening Post of New York.

The festivities began Christmas eve and all the family hung up their stockings [illegible] [illegible] illumination was that of tallow [illegible] [illegible] Mary [illegible] jotted down in the diary and was greatly disappointed at his not coming. He sent, by way of a Christmas gift, a full length likeness of General George Washington, framed, which was brought by a neighbor returning home from New York.

The merrymaking was at its height Christmas eve, all sorts of then fashionable and popular games, such as "Hunt the Slipper," "Blind Man's Buff" and "Green Grows the Rushes O," being indulged in by the young people until 10 o'clock, at which hour sharply General Floyd closed the house.

That in keeping early hours he was not altogether arbitrary appears when we learn that the breakfast Christmas morning was at early candlelight. The diary says: "It was so early, and I had to take my curl papers out, so I am sure my hair will not curl at all." The gay young people gathered in the immense kitchen after breakfast was served to examine the stockings that Santa Claus was expected to have left in prosperous condition.

Christmas Made Out of Pennies

IT was two weeks before Christmas. Mrs. Bricklayer awoke to the fact with a gasp of despair. She hadn't thought [illegible] Christmas coming for [illegible] Poor soul, how could she. There was nothing very Christmasy in her life just at present. The freezing weather had started in on Dec. 1, and [illegible] Bricklayer had not been able to lay a brick since.

Peter was only one, it wouldn't cost much to please him. Susie, aged four, could string up all those spools for Peter, and they could make him a fine rattle by putting a few beans in a round ribbon box.

Susie was four well, she would just like a doll's house made out of four grocery boxes, painted outside and papered with those bits of wall paper the janitor left behind him. Johnny could do that, it would keep him off the streets after [illegible] and save his good shoes from so much wearing. And while Johnny was using wooden boxes he could make a grocery store for Tim. Mary thought she could afford a few pennies to get a [illegible] for Tim and a few bits of furniture for Susie [illegible] [illegible] could make chairs and tables and tables of blocks of wood. Mrs. Bricklayer herself could dress some wonderful clothespin dolls to live in the doll house. Perhaps Johnny could find a pair of wheels and make a new soap box cart for Susie and Tim to play with. And there was Katie wishing for doll's dishes and clothes so much. Father Bricklayer was handy with tools; perhaps he could make a little cupboard out of the ever useful soap box.

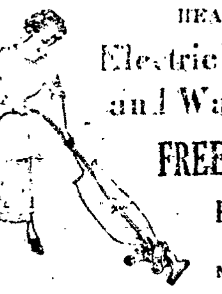
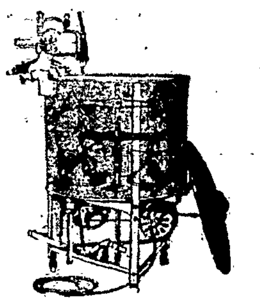
Finally when Christmas morning dawned in the Bricklayers tiny flat each stocking held, besides a few nuts and an orange, a homemade molasses popcorn ball and some gift, as a wish bone penwiper, a bean bag, a homemade set of [illegible] tray which had [illegible] Father Bricklayer to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] lunch bags and [illegible] knickknacks for the dry goods box dressing table that had been made for Kate and hung with an old lace curtain.

There wasn't much for poor Johnny, but he was a big, brave boy and was so proud of having made the others happy that he forgot to think of himself. Anyway, father gave him his very own pocketknife to keep, and it made him happy.

All told, the Bricklayers had a happier Christmas than the Hilltops, for whom the toy marts had been plundered.—Mrs. Blanche Cole Rosedale in New York Evening Sun.

Joy to All People.

He does not simply say, Christ is born, but to you he is born. Neither does he say, I bring glad tidings, but to you I bring glad tidings of great joy. Furthermore, this joy was not to remain in Christ, but it shall be to all the people.—Martin Luther.

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