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A Christmas Joke

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER



She was a young bride. Every present she had received was very welcome. She had depended on presents to furnish her new home. When she had received duplicate which were not intended she hastened to the place from which they had been purchased and picked out other articles of beauty and of household necessity.

Her friends had really been remarkably kind. She had been surprised to find how ready the shops had been about taking back gifts and substituting with others, or in engraving presents which had not already been engraved. Only one had charged for engraving—the gift had been purchased at "wholesale rate" and so engraving was not included.

Altogether from the point of view of presents as well as from the point of view of a mate she had done remarkably well. This would enable them to make a very good appearance in their home without having to draw from the more plentiful savings.

She viewed everything over again one evening, presents and those which were exchanges. There was just one thing among them that was not necessary and not particularly pretty. It was a gravy-dish. She knew of no particular use to which she could put it—she had one of the kind she really liked.

She could not exchange it. It had a monogram in the center.

"I know what I'll do with it," she said to her husband. "I'll give it to Molly Stevens for a Christmas present. She has been so good to us and I'd like to show her how much I appreciate it."

"You know she is going to get married in the spring—that is—her engagement is all but announced."

"Don't you think it would be a good idea? She was so helpful about my wedding and she has told me, quite confidentially, that the wedding will be in the spring."

"It would be a good idea to give her



"I'll Give it to Molly Stevens for a Christmas Present."

something for Christmas that she could have for her new home.

"We really can't afford to buy another thing just now and that will do beautifully."

"But the monogram?" her husband inquired.

"Oh, that can be taken off you know, and another one put there in its place. I heard some one ordering that to be done in one of the silver shops the other day."

"Yes, that's a splendid idea," her husband heartily agreed.

"I'll go downtown and attend to it tomorrow. I haven't much time. Christmas is almost here."

"Our first Christmas," said the young husband as he clasped his bride to him.

"Our first Christmas," she murmured.

The next evening he asked her if she had arranged about sending the gravy dish to Molly Stevens.

"I couldn't send it," she said.

"Why not?" he queried.

"Because of the monogram in the center," she said.

"But you told me that that could be erased by the silversmiths and a new monogram placed there" her husband persisted.

"I know I did," the young bride answered, "but you see they told me today at the shop that it would be possible to do it were it not for the fact that it had been done so often to this gravy dish that they wouldn't dare take a chance with it again. They'd not be able to avoid boring a hole this time! It has been given away once too often for me to put to any use," she sighed sadly.

"And I shall just send Molly a Christmas card. After all she did no more than any one else!"

Celery and Banana Salad.

Cut the bleached portions of crisped celery into half-inch lengths. Mix with an equal quantity of sliced banana. Arrange in small mounds in lettuce cups, dress with mayonnaise and garnish with English walnut meats, or, if novelty is desired, serve in banana cases.

YULETIDE IN THE COUNTRY

Christmas Day in the Old Farm Home Recalls Fond and Pleasant Recollections.



CHRISTMAS in the country. Christmas day in the old farm home. What pleasant memories it recalls to some of us, and what good times it will mean for many of us this year. There is really no place like the farm home for Christmas good times and jollity and good cheer. Here, it anywhere, prosperity and plenty abound, and in family gatherings and in neighborhood reunions, with an abundance of the fruits of our labor with which to spread our bountiful boards, old friendships may be renewed, new ones made, and even the stranger within our gates may be added to the list.

At Christmas time we may put into practice the real principles of neighboring. Living close together does not always make neighbors. Speaking acquaintances are not always neighbors. To be real neighbors we must have the spirit of neighborliness in our hearts which prompts us to get together once in awhile, to gather around a well-laden table and feast, and visit, and laugh and joke and have a rousing good time. To love our neighbor as we do ourselves, we have to know him pretty well, and there is nothing like these neighborly reunions as a means of getting acquainted.

It may be that some of us will have to do a little mental and spiritual housecleaning before Christmas day dawns. We shall have to rid ourselves of all the old rubbish of grudges, dislikes, jealousies and ill feelings which we will find pig-on-holed away when we begin to overhaul the accumulation of the years. You will have to throw all this into the discard before you can get into the real Christmas spirit, because the two will not mix. If you have wronged your neighbor in any way, Christmas is a good time to make reparation. And if you feel that you have been wronged, why, just forget it, and the Christmas spirit and the Christmas "get-together" will do the rest. Christmas should be a time of peace and good will to all mankind, and not to a few favored friends. It should be a time of reviving old associations, of renewing old friendships, and of making new friends, and the peace and good will, the neighborliness and good fellowship thus revived should not be allowed to die out as the yule fires cease to burn, but should flow out in a plentiful stream to enrich our lives through all the days of the coming year.

A Christmas Sermon

TO BE honest, to be kind—to earn a little and spend a little less, to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence, to renounce when that shall be necessary and not be embittered, to keep a few friends but those without capitulation—above all, on the same grim condition, to keep friends with himself—here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy. He has an ambitious soul who would ask more; he has a hopeful spirit who should look on such an enterprise to be successful. There is indeed one element in human destiny that not blindness itself can controvert; whatever else we are intended to do, we are not intended to succeed; failure is the fate allotted. It is so in every art and study, it is so above all the continent art of living well. Here is a pleasant thought for the years end or for the end of life. Only self-deception will be satisfied, and there need be no despair for the despairer.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Cookie Rocks.

One and one-half cupsful of sugar, one-half cupful of butter; cream. Add three eggs well beaten, three cupfuls of flour, one teaspoonful of soda in a tablespoonful of hot water, one pound of dates cut in small pieces, three-quarters pound of shelled walnuts (one and a half pounds in shell), one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one-half teaspoonful of allspice. Break the nuts in large pieces and cut the dates about the size of raisins. Drop this stiff dough from a spoon on buttered tins in the size of walnuts. Bake in a slow oven.

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Frank: So you didn't manage to catch Ethel under the mistletoe?
Jack: That's all right. I'm going to take her for a sleigh-ride tonight.



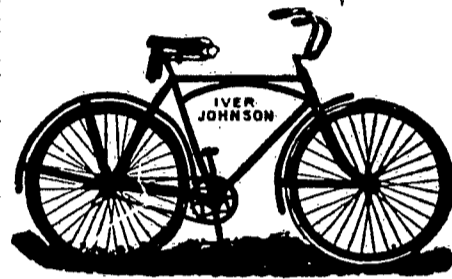
The Indian's Vigil.

In a book of sketches of upper Canada, a pretty incident is cited of the writer meeting an Indian at midnight, on Christmas Eve, during a beautiful moonlight, cautiously creeping along and beckoning him to silence. In answer to an inquiry the Indian said: "Me watch to see the deer kneel; this is Christmas night, and all the deer fall upon their knees to the great Spirit and look up."

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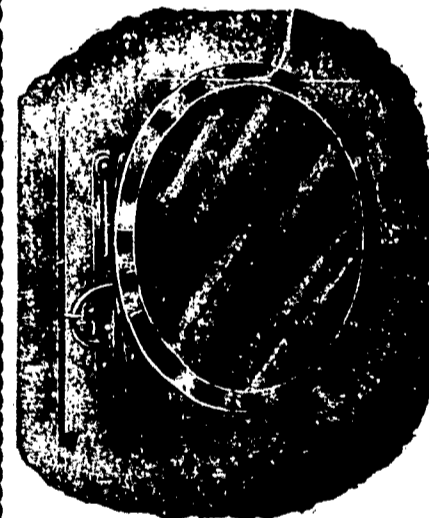
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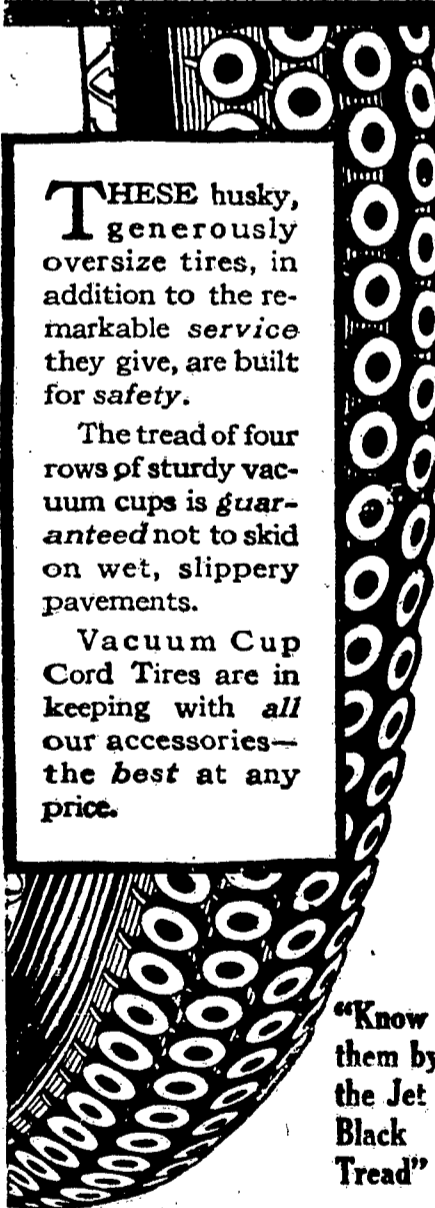
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