

When Christmas Comes, How About Presents?

HIGHLAND OPERATOR. You've given me the wrong number three different times; couldn't you hit the right one just by chance, somehow? "Hello, Irma. Irma? Oh, this is Helen, Irma. Oh, I'm fine, how are you? Yes, it has been cold, regular Christmas weather, isn't it? Nice for the children, though, don't you think? I've been downtown all day, doing my Christmas shopping, and, Irma, I got you the loveliest. Oh, I almost told you, I'm terrible. Can't keep anything, can I? What? What do I want for Christmas? Why, Irma, you big, kind-hearted old dear, always thinking about somebody else, aren't you? But I don't want a thing, not a thing. Of course there are a lot of things I'd buy if I had lots of money. Must be nice to be rich like you and Bill. Every time I look into my linen chest I get a pain. Absolutely nothing there. Isn't it funny how everything begins to go at once? Napkins, tablecloths, dresser scarfs—even my dish towels are all worn out— isn't it scandalous? But that's nothing compared with my own things. When I get my Christmas check from mother, I'm going to blow myself to some new, flesh-colored hose. Maybe I'll get them reduced. I wear an 8 1/2, and they often reduce the smaller sizes after Christmas, don't they? Jack? He wears a 7 1/2 glove, but don't you think of buying him anything now, Irma. We don't want you to buy us anything at all. It's only the spirit that counts with us, not the gift, you know. And do come over soon, won't you? Yes, we will. Good-by."—Marion R. Reagan. (©, 1927, by Western Newspaper Union.)

Did Not Recognize Christmas

In the Seventeenth century Puritan members of parliament refused to recognize Christmas by adjourning the house of commons.

Greatest Christmas Message

"Peace on earth, good will to men"—this is the great Christmas message, and has the world ever known a more beautiful one?

A Christmas Prayer

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Thine only Son, Jesus Christ; grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our judge, who now heath and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

A Christmas Song

By TUDOR JENKS

WHEN mother-love makes all things bright, When joy comes with the morning light, When children gather round their tree, Then Christmas Babe, We sing of Thee! When manhood's brows we beat in thought, To learn what men of old have taught, When eagle hands seek wisdom's key, Wise Temple Child, We learn of Thee! When doubts assail, and perils fright, When sin and death the soul assail, One light us through the darkness see— Christ on the Cross We cry to Thee! And when the world shall pass away, And dawn at length the perfect day, In glory shall our souls made free, Then God enthroned, Then worship Thee.

How to Have a Safe and Happy Christmas

"Allow nothing to mar the Christmas holidays," urges the National Safety Council, which presents the following suggestions: Give your children all the toys they need and all you can afford but buy wisely. Be sure that tiny tots aren't given small articles that they can swallow or inhale. Look out for pins in cheap dolls. Youngsters love Christmas trees but hundreds of fires take place every year because of carelessness, such as using candles; failure to place the tree on a firm base and using tissue or crepe paper for decorating purposes. Noninflammable snowflakes should take place of paper and cotton. Electric lamps should be substituted for candles. When trimming the tree, use a step-ladder, not a rocking chair or box. Wrapping paper and excelsior should be disposed of immediately. Dispose of the tree before the second day of January as when it has dried out, it is highly inflammable.

Poland's Christmas Eve Feast

The Christmas Eve feast in Poland consists of 12 dishes, symbolic of the 12 disciples of Christ.

Double Action

Some people wash their faces. Each mornin' in de sink— Ah use a drinkin' fountain, And does it while Ah drink.

About Your Health

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW By John Joseph Gaines, M. D.

MENU FOR MEN EMPLOYED You are busy—you are in the cumulative period of life. You do not want to be sick. You are regular in your work; you should feed the machine with system and safety. It will pay to remain in good, serviceable health, as I assume you are at this time—therefore the following daily menu.

Breakfast Well buttered toast; one cup coffee; two soft eggs; three or four slices of crisp bacon, or a small steak, well done; a dish of cereal with cream; a baked apple or a half cantaloupe or orange, with no objection to cakes and syrup if the morning is cool and crisp to give plenty of oxygen for the combustion. Take plenty of time for this, the most important meal of the day.

Dinner (Noon) Well-cooked vegetables, brown bread, butter, fruit, raw or cooked; baked potato of either variety; a

bit of well-browned toast, if no meat is taken at breakfast; raw vegetables in season, fresh as is possible; best drink, buttermilk; second best, water not as cold as ice. Dessert, well-made apple pie or custard; cottage pudding—or a dish of stewed, dried fruit. Take plenty of time for the meal, and rest one hour after.

Supper A glass of milk with brown bread; corn-meal mush and milk, or whole-grain cereal with cream. The more tired you are, the less you should eat. Ripe fruits may accompany this lightest meal of the day. If you are healthy, you have no business eating rich cakes and highly-seasoned demers like mince pie and the chocolate abominations, and a thousand other health-destroyers. Now cheer!

CONDITIONAL OFFER OF HALF MILLION FOR DRY WORK

A \$10,000,000 fund will be sought by the Anti-Saloon League to finance, during the next five years, the activities of its new department of publicity and education. Announcement that this would be attempted was made Thursday night

of the department at the banquet concluding the league's Washington convention. It immediately brought forth an offer from S.S. Kresge of Detroit, to match from his own pocket the first half million dollars raised.

by Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington, director. Declaring that he thought it "good business to put the booze business out of business," the head of the Kresge chain of five and ten-cent stores offered to aid in raising the fund. Two other gifts of \$50,000 and \$12,000 each were announced.

Christmas Turkeys

From Saturday, December 10th, to Wednesday, December 21

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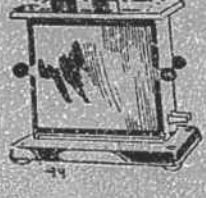
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