

Merry Christmas

Whether it be prattled on baby lips that scarce can shape the words, or saying them, thinks not, but only feels the insensate overflow of giving from a soft, full heart . . .

Although it be mumbled inarticulately by the shabby nonentity whose whine for charity one acknowledges in the spirit of the season, even while knowing that the words be said in servile mockery . . .

If it be breathed by mother mouth, the sad, sweet lines of which were molded so by a yearning, prodigal tenderness and an unfaltering devotion, be its object worthy or not . . .

Whether it be panted from between the warm, moist lips of maidenhood—tremulous, palpitant, shame-faced and shy because of an ardor which it dreads to comprehend . . .

Although it be uttered by maid, matron or man, friend, chance acquaintance, tradesman or servant . . .

Merry Christmas to You and to Yours

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CAUTIOUS.

An American ambulance driver in the French army, running over a road under heavy shell fire, saw a green driver with a truck in a shell hole says Judge:

"Stuck, old man?"
"Yes, this is my first time under fire. You see, they always told me a shell never hits in the same place twice, so I drives into this hole, and—well, by gum, pard, can't you pull me out?"

Shakespearean Knowledge.

"What is the meaning of the word 'edgely'?" a schoolmaster asked.
"A place to put cats into," was the pupil's answer.
"What put such an idea into your head?"
"Well, sir, doesn't it say in Shakespeare, 'Like the poor cat in the edgely'?"

Approval.

After all," said the philosopher, "what we really struggle for in this life is the good opinion of some one else."
"That's right," declared Mr. Crosslots. "My wife and I are both terribly worried for fear our new cook won't like us."

What She Wanted.

Woman—I want to get alimony from my husband.
Lawyer—I see; do you want an absolute divorce or just separation papers?
"Why, if I can get the alimony, I don't care particularly for any separation at all."

Quite Up to Date.

Old Friend—So you are engaged?
Ethel—Oh, yes; he's nothing but a flat, but he has a motorcar, flying machine and pots of money.
Old Friend—Then he's what you'd call a modern flat with all conveniences, I suppose?—London Tit-Bits.

COULDN'T KEEP A JOB.

Powder Can: What's the matter?

Pistol: Oh, I'm getting fired all the time.



Comment.

He is indeed a dismal elf who cannot chuckle at himself.

Constipation

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