

Buds AND Blossoms

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"For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."--Luke 14:11.

Gifts don't always cost money. It may be a gift of time, or just a gift of love from your garden or home. Who wouldn't like a nice bag of pine cones when you don't have pines?

A basket of Christmas greenery would be a cherished gift for a person in an upstairs apartment. Berries, cones and branches would please any nature lover. Mistletoe, holly and cedar are always appropriate for a "Happy Holiday" greeting.

Decorate small pots for those confined to their homes, and place cuttings from many shrubs. Tie with a bright bow with Santa or an angel on it. If you fill the pots with soil and keep it wet, it will stay fresh longer.

Don't forget the birds. They seem to know when food is going to be scarce. Birds will be much friendlier if you feed them. Lots of food thrown into garbage will gladden the heart of a bird.

Give bird houses and bird feeders to those who don't get out much. They will make many acquaintances if you do, and brighten the lives of your friends who are forced through circumstances beyond their control to remain indoors.

Christmas is a season of beauty, gladness and love. Charles Dickens says, "Nature gives to every time and season some beauties of its own; and from morning to night, as from the cradle to the grave, is but a succession of changes so gently and easily we can scarcely mark their progress."

This week, for our Buds and Blossoms poem, we rejoice in the words of a familiar carol:

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near
the earth
To touch their harps of gold.
Peace on the earth, good will
to men,
From heaven's all glorious
King;
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven
skies they come,
With peaceful wings
unfurled;
And still their heavenly

music floats
O'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly
plains
They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are hast'ning
on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever circling
years,
Shall come the time fore-
told.
When the new heaven and earth
shall own
The Prince of Peace their
King
And the whole world send
back
the sound
That now the angels sing.

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To attain peace and holiness is to recognize the divine presence.--Mary Baker Eddy.

If we spend our lives in loving, we have no leisure to complain, or to feel unhappiness.--Joseph Joubert.

People who are chronically misunderstood must look for the explanation in themselves.--Sarah Patton Boyle.

Often do the spirits of great events stride on before the events, and in today already walks tomorrow.--Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

Poetry lifts the veil from the hidden beauty of the world.--Shelley.

I believe that any man's life will be filled with constant and unexpected encouragement if he but makes up his mind to do his level best each day.--Booker T. Washington.

One must be poor to know the luxury of giving.--George Eliot.

In thinking lovingly about others we think helpfully about ourselves.--George MacDonald.

Genius is eternal patience.--Michaelangelo.

He who wants to persuade should put his trust, not in the right argument, but in the right word.--Joseph Conrad.

Every man of courage is a man of his word.--Pierre Corneille.

It is not enough to do good; one must do it in the right way.--John Morley.

There is no excellence without labor, and the time to work is now.--Mary Baker Eddy.

The condition upon which God has given liberty to man is eternal vigilance.--John Curran.

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For screen entertainment that is out of this world, see "THE PLANET OF THE APES" No wonder it has been called the year's most unusual movie.

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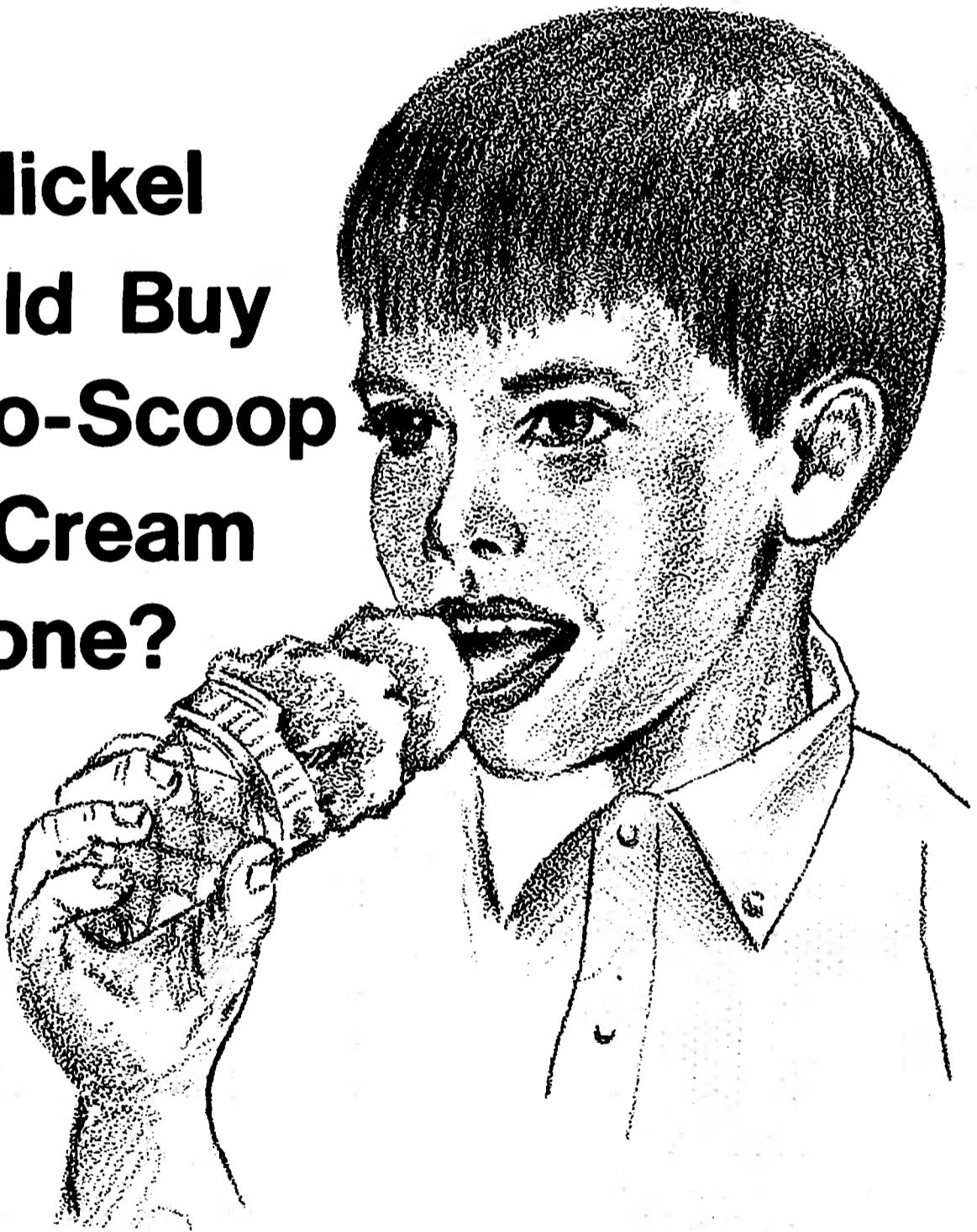
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