

## Christmas Camouflage

By Myrtle Koon Cherryman

HOW, how am I going to give Jack Bayes a dollar for spending money without offending his mother? thought Isabel, as Christmas approached. "Anna is so sensitive, and while she wouldn't mind my sending her boy a book that cost a dollar, I know she would be hurt at my giving money. And there's Mrs. Montgomery—I've always sent her a small plant, but a dollar would be so much better, now that she's in the Home, where the board always decorates for holidays anyway." But would she like it? I'm sure she likes to have a little something in her purse, but she is proud, and—

Thoughtfully Isabel looked at the crisp dollar bill she was holding, and suddenly it struck her that a really beautiful thing that steel engraving of George Washington was. She took a piece of paper and cut from it an oval about the size of the engraving, and then placed it over the picture. It didn't quite fit, but it showed up the portrait effectively, with the lettering on the bill excluded.

Next, she took an envelope, and after some measuring, cut from it, very carefully, an oval at the left side. She scribbled with her pencil for a while, got out her mineral paints, and after fifteen minutes work she had before her a neat portrait of Washington in a gold frame, at the side of which was lettered:

The Father of His Country for his children should provide.

If you want some little trifle, you need not be denied. He will get it for you straightway. (You'll find him just inside.)

"There," she said, "that ought to do for Mrs. Montgomery. Now, I'll 'Are my boots in?' 'Is my talking dolly there?'"

Reverend Dalton bent low over the box making a pretense of examining its contents more closely, but in reality trying to hide his face.

Finally, there being no further excuse for delay, he took out the only thing which the box contained—a large merchandise catalogue.

"I cannot understand; there must be some mistake here," he said, turning over the leaves absently.

As he did so a letter dropped to the floor. Picking it up he read:

"We are sure you are tired of getting old things year after year. We planned to sell at a rummage sale all the cast-off garments usually kept for the box. We got over so many more things, too, had a big, successful sale, and are sending you a check for \$100 to buy the things you most want."

"Because you are away out on the frontier and cannot get to stores we are sending you the merchandise catalogue. With best wishes for the merriest Christmas ever, we are,

"The Girls of the Sunshine Class."

As the missionary and his wife watched the eager happy faces of their children as they did their shopping from the big book a deep sense of happiness came over their hearts.

"Do you know, dear," said the mother of the happy brood, "I can't help feeling that God was in that box."

"Of course He was," said Reverend Dalton reverently.

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**Yule Wagon Feast**

Christmas and Yuletide are said to be in reality two distinct festivals, the latter originally being a pagan festival in honor of the sun gods. It dates back to long before the Christian era. Yuletide was celebrated about December 22, and when the festival of Christmas was instituted on December 25, the name of the older feast gradually became synonymous. —Montreal Herald.

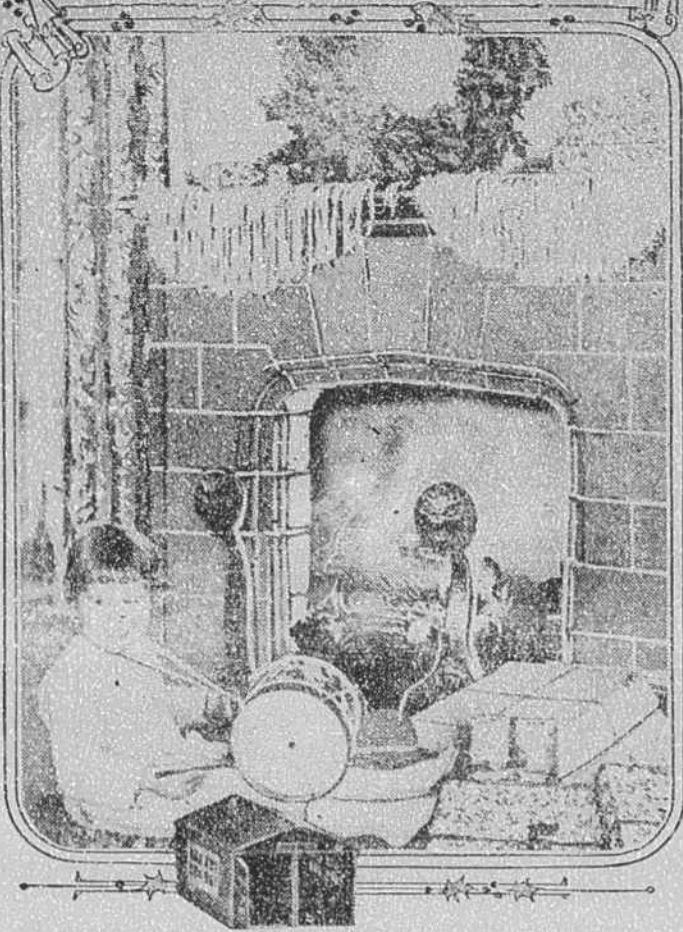
**Spread Holiday Joy**

Holiday decorations spread merriment if they extend into the yard and garden. A living Christmas tree with gay lights is enjoyed by all the passers-by while sprays of bittersweet around the sundial, with wreaths over the doors and plenty of cheery window boxes also help to bring holiday cheer.

**AVOID THE SHADOWS**

STARVING for the joy of giving—that is perhaps the starkest form of poverty of the Christmas season. To disappoint the children, to bring the shadow of a cloud into small expectant faces—this is tragedy indeed. The restriction of penitence falls heavily upon the would-be giver. It hurts—being kept from the role of Santa Claus. No tin soldiers for the thin little man, no dolly for the little mother, no fine foods with which to lead small stomachs—these are the negatives which scratch the souls of mothers and fathers who are being beaten by life. —Holland's Magazine.

## SANTA WAS HERE



### Mistletoe at Christmas

The use of mistletoe at Christmas is traced to the Druids, who used it in Liberty Magazine.

### EGYPTIAN TREE

THE Christmas tree, which has become an almost universal symbol, and is by most persons supposed to have originated in Germany, seems to have had something of a counterpart in Egypt at a period long before the Christian era. The palm tree is known to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with twelve shoots on it, was used in Egypt at the time of the winter solstice, as a symbol of the year completed.

Granulated Sugar at 5c lb. With a purchase of \$10.00, except groceries, during our Christmas Sale we will sell 25 pounds of the finest granulated sugar at 5 cents a pound. The Goodwill Department Store, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.

We will have Special Sale Prices on our mammoth stock of dependable winter merchandise until Christmas. We are offering bigger and better bargains than ever before. Do not miss this sale. The Goodwill Department Store, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

You should be sure to visit our TOYLAND in the downstairs store. We have suitable Christmas things for the entire family. Our prices will average much lower than regular stores. The Goodwill Department Store, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

## The utilities of a city are combined in your motor car



YOUR automobile is something like a miniature city. There is an electric light and power system, a water system, a fuel system.

In the new Ford, you will find each of these systems of the latest design and best materials. Every part has been made to serve you faithfully and well at a minimum of trouble and expense.

Take, for example, the generator—one of the most important parts of the electrical system which supplies the current for lighting and for engine ignition.

In the new Ford, the generator is of the power-house type and is distinctive in many features. It has been specially designed to prevent most forms of trouble. Oiling is necessary only once a year. About the only thing you need do is to have the charging rate changed as the seasons change.

Closely allied to the electrical system is the ignition system. It, too, is of new mechanical design in the new Ford. There is but one high tension cable and that connects the coil with the distributor. Even cables from the distributor to the spark plugs have been eliminated. Special care has also

been taken to make the distributor water-proof, thus preventing short circuits from rain, etc.

The entire electrical and ignition systems of the new Ford are so simple in design and so carefully made that they will give you surprisingly little trouble. Yet that doesn't mean they should be neglected. Certain little attentions are needed from time to time.

The storage battery should be given water and the connections kept clean. The generator charging rate should be changed as indicated. Spark plugs should be cleaned at regular intervals. Distributor points should also be kept clean and the distributor cam given a light film of vaseline every 2000 miles.

These are just little things, but they mean a great deal to your car. You can have them looked after at very small cost by the Ford dealer when you take the car in for oiling and greasing.

A thorough checking-up at regular intervals will lengthen the life of your car and give you many thousands of miles of carefree, economical motoring.



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## FIRST AID FOR XMAS SHOPPING LISTS

This beautiful Elgin wrist watch in white gold engraved case \$85



Many other models for milady... wrist watches... \$35 to \$260

You'll be amazed to see how many names you can check off on your Xmas list in just a few minutes' time... and at how low a cost.

That's this store's specialty... Xmas shopping lists.

And not only is every lovely article in the store's Xmas displays chosen to make Xmas shopping easier... but everybody in the store is instructed to be helpful in finding just exactly the gifts our patrons want... at the prices they have in mind. Many a time one of our men will suggest

a new present for one of the people on your Xmas list which, for a lower cost, will be more exactly what you want to give. It is expert and unselfish help, and we are glad to give it, for after all, our doors are open twelve months in the year... and we hope to see you many other times.

Come in and let us take the kinks out of that Xmas list.

A complete showing of the newest ELGIN Watch models for men and women at all prices.

## WILL C. WALKER JEWELER

Boone

North Carolina



## Notice of Second Round for Taxes

I will be at the following places on dates named for the purpose of collecting the 1928 taxes. All persons due taxes are urged to pay on this round, as this is the last round and all taxes must be paid before the 1st day of May to save costs:

NORTH FORK, DEC. 5—Thomas' Store a. m., and Ellison's Store p. m.

MEAT CAMP DEC. 6—Moretz's Store a. m. and Stevens Store p. m.

BALD MOUNTAIN, DEC. 7—Voting Place.

STONY FORK, DEC. 8—Cook's Store a. m., and Deep Gap p. m.

ELK, DEC. 10—Triplett's Store.

BLUE RIDGE, DEC. 11—Stories' Store.

BLOWING ROCK, DEC. 12—Holshouser's Store.

WATAUGA, DEC. 13—L. M. Hodges' Store a. m. and Harbin's Store p. m.

WATAUGA AND SHAWNEEHAW, DEC. 14—Valle Crucis a. m. and Matney p. m.

LAUREL CREEK, DEC. 17—Edminsten's Store a. m. and Ward's Store p. m.

BEAVER DAM DEC. 18—Sherwood's Store a. m. and Hagaman's Store p. m.

COVE CREEK DEC. 19—Zionville and Mabel a. m. and Sherwood's Store p. m.

BOONE—On First Mondays.

## L. M. FARTHING

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