

JUST ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER -BY- CARL GOERCH

The Christmas shopping season is with us once more. On account of the depression, Santa Claus will deliver his presents afoot this year. He ate up his reindeer last summer.

One of the hardest problems confronting the average man these days is to answer his wife's questions as to what he wants for Christmas. Most men don't want a thing; they are perfectly satisfied with what they've got. However, they've got to rack their brains in order to try and make up a list.

After much racking, nine out of ten come forward with the customary three standbys—sock, handkerchiefs and neckties.

Ask any woman, though, what she wants for Christmas, and she can give you a list that sounds as though she had spent months in trying to memorize a Sears-Roebuck catalogue. Most women spend one month doing their Christmas shopping. They spend the other eleven months thinking of what they want the following Christmas.

When Shakespeare said that man wants but little here below, he certainly spoke the truth. Please observe, however, that he made absolutely no mention of what women want. The older a man gets, the fewer his wants are. The older a woman gets, however, the longer her Christmas list becomes.

This is also the time of year when people are purchasing Christmas cards. I like funny things and plenty of them, but I'll be darned if I can see anything funny about some of these so-called comical Christmas cards that get sent out every year. Some of them are inclined to be slightly vulgar, others make fun of the depression, while still others have supposed-to-be funny sayings on them. They may be all right but, somehow or other, they always remind me of a man who is saying his prayers and, during the course of his devotionals, mixes in a few snappy jokes that he has heard in Pullman smokers.

By the way, whatever becomes of those little policemen's suits that are given to boys on Christmas morning? I always see a dozen or more on the streets on Christmas, but I never see them at any other time of the year.

Freddy, aged 7, and Harry, aged 5, made an agreement on Christmas Eve that they would lay awake and watch for the coming of Santa Claus. Little Harry, however, fell asleep. Long about 11 o'clock, he woke up again and nudged his brother.

"Did Santa Claus come?" he inquired.

"Uh-huh," replied Freddy, sleepily.

"Did you see him?"

"Yeah."

"What did he do?" inquired Harry excitedly.

"Oh, nothing much," answered Freddy with a big yawn. "He fussed over the stockings at the fireplace for a few minutes and then went and got into bed with mother."

It looks as though we might have a big Christmas. Most of us need it. We've had our worries, our troubles and our difficulties for the last twelve months. Plenty of them. I think we're entitled to a little fun and diversion, so let's have it, even if it hurts.

Girl Faints When Student 'Pops' Query

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 15.—A Yale student being initiated into membership in a fraternity approached a young lady on the street here, halted, and somewhat shamefacedly asked her a question.

"Can you direct me to a wooden Indian?" the student, who said he was George Porter, asked.

The girl was so frightened that she fainted. That started something which ended in a fight, gun fire, a riot call and two arrests.

Patrolman John Ahern arrested Porter because his question caused the girl to faint.

Joseph Farrisicelli went to Porter's assistance, and punched the patrolman rather severely when advised to mind his own business. Town boys attracted by the disturbance held the policeman while Joseph punched some more, the police said.

The riot call followed. Fifteen patrolmen answered the call.

When the riot squad arrived, the crowd had fled, all except Porter, Farrisicelli, the girl and Patrolman Ahern.

Ahern again arrested Porter. Then several shots were fired to halt Farrisicelli who started to run. He came back and was arrested.

Architects have planned sunken gardens which are to surround the Washington monument, in the nation's capital.

Department Lists Carolina-Made Goods

In furtherance of its efforts to acquaint the people with and to encourage the use of North Carolina-made goods by North Carolinians, the State Department of Conservation and Development has been distributing to merchants of the State specially prepared lists of "North Carolina-made articles for the Holidays." The list includes wearing apparel and accessories, things for the home, toys, books, and other articles designed to bring pleasure to their users.

A statement accompanying the list points out that Christmas shoppers are going to be buying useful things this year and that "North Carolina-made goods, being largely of this type, will make a strong appeal to the buyer. All the home-made goods bought by our home merchants will give manufacturing plants additional working time, create more wages and more buying power. This will give everybody a more cheerful outlook and serve to loosen up the purse strings all the more."

In releasing the statement Director Harrelson stated that it was the hope of his Department that merchants would secure ample stocks of North Carolina-made goods if they did not already have them on their shelves, and that they would give prominence to them in their show windows, on their specialty counters, and in their advertising, and that their origin of these goods would be plainly indicated by appropriate show cards and tags. "North Carolinians, then should make it a point to buy as many of these home-made things as possible both for the use of themselves and family and for gifts to friends within and without the State, and I believe that our people will take pride in doing this if the goods are called to their attention," continued the Director. "Money spent for things made in North Carolina keeps factory wheels turning, it pays more wages and thereby creates more purchasing power. This keeps retail activity brisk. In fact it helps all business, manufacturing, wholesale and retail. Moreover, neither the retailer nor the customer sacrifices quality, style or anything else in buying things made here in the State. Our furniture, hosiery, silk, cotton, rayon, garment and other factories make as good or better products than do the factories of other States, and certainly the money we send out of the State doesn't stimulate any more business here at home."

Wife Says Hubby Furnished Liquor

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Frank Fisher got even with her husband, even if she had to go to jail.

Arrested by city police for bootlegging Mrs. Fisher was told her husband had made the complaint.

"He brings the liquor for me to sell," she said. So police arrested Fischer. Yesterday they got thirty days each.

Poultry Profits Cut By Poor Feeding

Instead of substituting, there has been considerable subtracting done in feeding poultry during the present period of low farm income and as a consequence, some poultrymen are failing to get the income they should get from their flocks.

Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the poultry department at State College, says considering its great importance, feeds and feeding for poultry is generally less understood than any other phase of the industry. This lack of information is shown especially at this period when an attempt is being made to substitute certain feeds on hand at home for those which should be purchased or exchanged.

Mr. Dearstyne declares that poultry requires a balanced ration containing, protein, carbohydrates, fats, minerals and vitamins in an available form. These should be given in the quantity and of the quality to maintain the bodily vigor of the fowls and permit them to lay according to their highest ability. It is important to give the birds plenty of water because the fowl's body is 55 percent water and the egg is over 65 percent water.

Animal proteins as supplied by fish meal, meat, meal or milk products are also necessary. It is not enough to rely on the vegetable proteins supplied in certain of the grain feeds. The cereal crops of North Carolina will supply all the carbohydrate feed needed but a little more yellow corn in place of white corn would help.

The fats supplied by grain feed are usually enough for poultry but minerals should be supplied by bone meal, oyster shell, limestone, rock phosphate and salt. Mineral deficiencies in the ration are common. Mr. Dearstyne says all birds must have a sufficient amount of vitamins as supplied by sunlight, green and cod liver oil. Where these are not present serious troubles have arisen in the flocks.

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Plans Farm Program At Group Conference

Out of the group conferences of farmers, farm women and extension workers now being held in North Carolina there are emerging some definite plans for better farming methods in the State next year and the years to come.

"We are highly pleased with the way in which our sectional meetings have been received so far," says Dean I. O. Schaub, director of extension at State College. "At each of the meetings there have been some 150 to 200 persons who have met with us to hear the outlook for farming next year and to help us develop definite and sensible suggestions to pass on to the State in our extension activities. At each of the conferences, we have had two or more good farmers from a county, two or more progressive farm women and the county home and farm agents."

The dean says he has been gratified also at the attendance of bankers, merchants, fertilizer dealers and others at the special meeting called for these men preceding each farm conference. At each of the meetings, a full morning is given over to a careful consideration of the outlook for farming next year. The crop outlook report has been explained by a governmental economist assisted by experts from State College. That afternoon, the meeting divides into committees and the reports of these committees are heard and adopted the following morning. The reports cover the entire field of agriculture as followed in this State and have been filled with pertinent suggestions which will be valuable to the farm life of this State in the future, says Mr. Schaub. The group conferences began on December 1 at Wilmington and will be continued through January. During the past two weeks, the meetings have been held at Wilmington, Kinston, Elizabeth City, and Rocky Mount.

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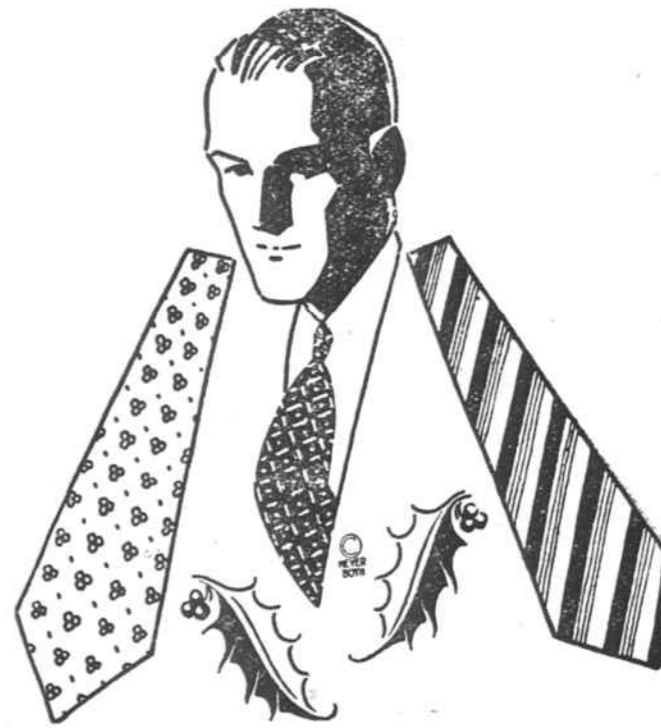
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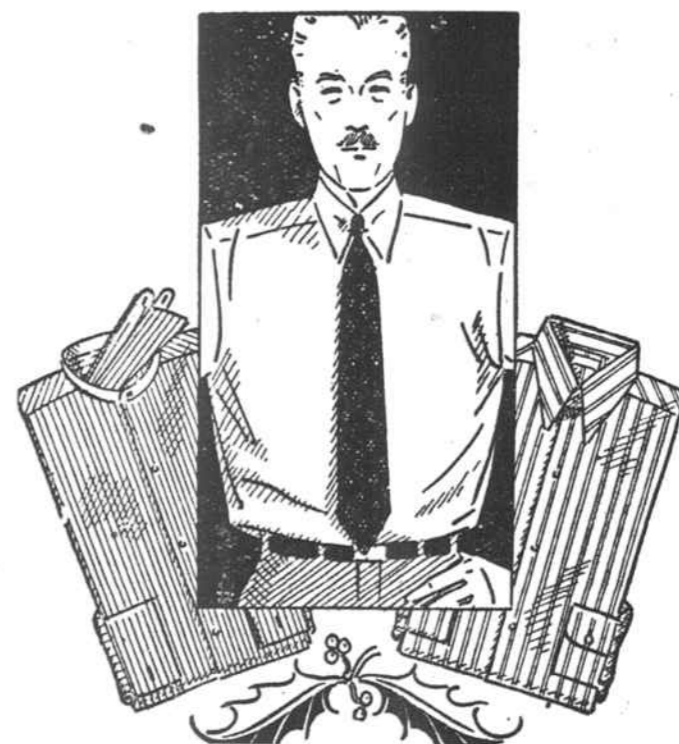


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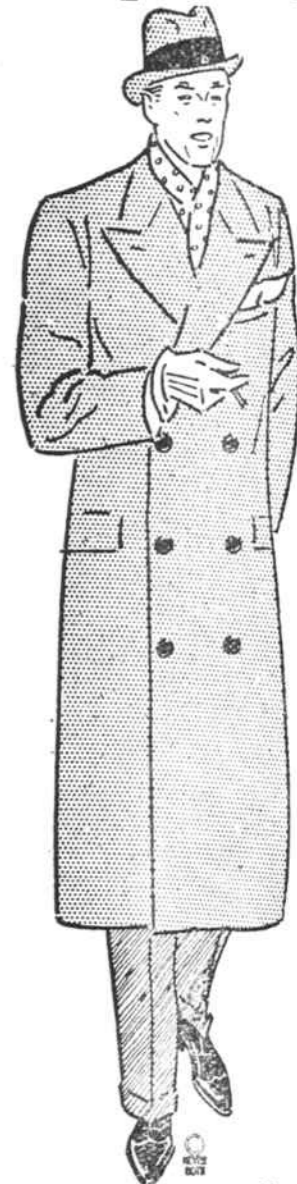
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