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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

It is altogether the usual thing for our stores to be gaily decorated for the Christmas trading season and many of us feel that this is only a part of their advertising campaign and means little in any other way. However that may be, such decorations add to the appearance of our town, cost time and money and afford pleasure to many.

We are glad that there is a growing custom of decorating windows, doors and outdoor trees at this season. Nothing we can do for the same price gives as much beauty to so many beholders. Candles in windows are beautiful, but the illuminated trees surpass everything else.

As an instance might be mentioned the evergreen in the corner of Dr. Massey's yard. With its brave array of colored lights it nightly gives the season's greetings to all who pass. We might mention others, but the Massey tree was seen first—and oftenest.

TAKE PAINS OR ENDURE PAIN

We are quite willing to admit that about the only plaything a child cannot use to hurt himself or some one else is a very soft rubber ball, and that such toys soon lose their interest and appeal for the owners. But we also claim that taking thought before buying a toy for a child would prevent much suffering.

Knives, pistols—even "capshooters"—rifles and many other articles offered for Christmas are perhaps dearer to the childish heart because of their capacity to hurt and their noise-making powers. And even a hard-hearted person will thrill to the joy of a child to whom Christmas has brought such delight. The pity of it is that so often the joy is changed to grieving because of injury to self or playmates.

Of course it is carelessness that in most instances causes the trouble; but who can expect a child to be careful, especially when excited over new playthings? The responsibility in large part goes back to the older person who selected the gift. If we can't put "Safety first" as the Christmas gift slogan, let us at least place it somewhere in the list of qualifications, that the aftermath of accidents may be small.

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH

Suppose you could have one wish realized this Christmas what would it be? If it were wholly personal then it could not be a Christmas wish, because the Spirit of Christmas must leave none out. It must be a Christmas wish to include the whole world. Christmas must be for everybody.

As we approach another Christmas tide, we have tried to condense in one short sentence ourselves, our friends and all mankind everywhere in our Christmas wish. And it is expressed in these three words from the angel's song: "On Earth Peace"—not a temporary cessation of things that disturb and trouble, but a peace that comes from God into our hearts and never departs, creating a unity and fellowship among men that ends all strife and enmity, and dissipates all bitterness and hatred.

The price of peace is Preparedness, but not in the making of arms and building of navies.

It is a heart preparation that begins within each individual, making him conscious of God's approval, and like the Prince of Peace said, it is like heaven, it works its way outward till the whole lump is leavened.

"On earth peace" in your heart, "the peace of God that passeth all understanding" is our wish to men of good-will everywhere.

May His parting benediction be our Christmas wish to everybody everywhere: "Peace I leave with you, my Peace I give unto you" till there may be perpetual and universal peace. And this wish—our Christmas wish—it may be realized by all who desire it fully by faithfully following in the footsteps of one who left this bequest to all the peoples of earth.

May the peace of God be to your heart in time and the peace of God be to your soul in eternity is our first, best and abiding Christmas wish to you.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

The other night I passed a friend from the country on the street. We "howdied" and he said, "I want to give you a little Christmas present. It is not much but I want to give you this." He handed me a new crackly bill. I looked at it. "You don't want to give me this," I said. He replied, "O yes, I do." "But I am sure you do not. Look at it." He did so and exclaimed "O!"

He is a farmer and a hard working man and I knew he had made a mistake. It was corrected and we both laughed happily and I went on feeling even more pleased in my heart with the dollar bill than if it had been the twenty.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE MONDAY NIGHT

Those who have seen the movies at Wakelon each Monday night tell us that they are good. Shirley Temple, the child actress, will be on next week, and no doubt the auditorium will be filled to see this little girl who draws down more money each week than all of Zebulon.

"GET YOUR 'PICTUR' TOOK"

A Mr. Liles has just opened a picture studio next to Antone's store. He takes pictures. Better have one made before you get old or ugly. Or perhaps she would appreciate one as a Christmas gift.

BRIDGER'S INVENTION

Did you see those big ice trucks passing up main street Wednesday with their rear ends coupled together and one pulling the other? A man sat in what should be the front of the rear one and steered it around the corner. Perhaps our ice man was just experimenting to see if he could not devise a way to do away with so many backing out from people's homes. It worked anyway.

IT MUST BE TRUE

If you have lived in Zebulon long you have probably heard that no matter what you want you may find it at Avon Kemp's store. Well, the ad for two needed numbers of The Record hadn't much more than been put into the mail when those copies were handed in by Avon Kemp. We wonder why we didn't go there in the first place.

IT SOUNDS QUEER

On the day that the weather moderated last week the associate editor of this paper was called to the phone to hear the Swashbuckler ask beseechingly if she would go out on the street and find his wife and tell her she need not look for the chief of police any longer.

The A. E. inquired if he had decided to surrender peacefully and received an unappreciative snort in reply, coupled with a further request to tell the wife to go by the drug store and buy a dozen corks in assorted sizes. Out on the street went the message-bearer, watched for a few seconds and saw an anxious looking young woman swing around a corner about as fast as the Ford would go with safety. Being signaled she stopped, heard the message with an air of relief, hurried to buy the corks and took them home.

These folks insist the confusion, the search for the policeman and the need for the corks were all because of some pipes freezing and bursting, but it looks suspicious and doesn't make altogether good sense.

SÉCRETS

I read this one the other day. Perhaps the men will enjoy it if the women do not.

Mrs. B. "She told me that you told her the secret I told you not to tell her."

Mrs. G. "The mean thing. I told her not to tell you I told her."

Mrs. B. "Well, don't tell her that I told you she told me."

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