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### This, That & the Other

For the first time our Christmas cards are arranged so that all may be seen. Mrs. C. V. Whitley told me how to slip the folders over the slats of Venetian blinds, and I tried it in the dining room. The effect is somewhat like ornamental screens, and we enjoy looking at them again and again.

One of the magazines showed cards on a Christmas tree; but that would take more space than our room could well spare. The window blinds are right there anyway, and it is easy to place the cards as they arrive.

When I remarked to a friend that nothing makes me feel quite so dressed-up as earrings and a corsage, she agreed, but added that she wants perfume, too. "Just a faint over-all scent," was the way she put it.

I told her that when I am dressed-up overall scent is exactly what I want to be clear away from. She saw my point, although there are no working men in her immediate family.

Because the younger members of the family left it on, I was hearing the radio while washing dinner dishes. The announcer was asking questions in that tone of bantering politeness which seems a part of programs. After securing several replies he inquired, "Who is that with you?" A man's voice answered, nervously hesitant, "Well, he just happens to be my son."

Those church members who have scruples, which they think religious, against the use of musical instruments in worship services have ancient precedent for their belief. Hundreds of years ago, after other centuries of using only five notes in singing the chants which were sung, musicians began using polyphonic music. Church leaders feared that having alto, bass and tenor along with soprano, or the "air" of a hymn, would lessen its spiritual value.

They fought the innovation, even as you and I may have objected to some changes we have seen. (I recall a preacher's oratory when it was suggested that

what he called an ungodly fiddle be brought into use at church.)

However, the world moves, and we who refuse to move with it are fairly sure to be dragged.

That little book of Christmas hymns and carols which Whitley Furniture Company is giving — or has given — to friends and customers is the very nicest thing I have seen of its kind. Containing words and music of many of the best-loved songs for the season, it is a gift that should be preserved, and which will be as valuable years from now as this week.

There is, no doubt, much that may be said, and something that

should be said against the pre-Christmas rush and scramble which tire out so many before the Day arrives. But it is also true that without at least a part of this extra activity there would be far less of what we call the Christmas spirit. You'd find it hard to want to share your blessings with others, if you stayed alone and refused to mingle with them. And expecting the combination of gaiety and reverent joy that characterize Christmas to be a solitary possession is, to use a very homely simile, like trying to work up a good sweat while sitting still in a comfortable chair. Go as far as you can, from "Deck the hall with boughs of holly" to "O come, let us adore him" and you will feel better for it.

This column has for sixteen years carried my Christmas wish to its readers. The seventeenth

is not different from those that went before, save in the broadening of acquaintance, the deepening and strengthening of friendships. There is the same fervent hope for the future and gratitude for what friendship has meant in the past. And the special thought which I would bring to your attention is found in this quotation from an old carol: "Let nothing you dismay; remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day."

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