

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Patron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

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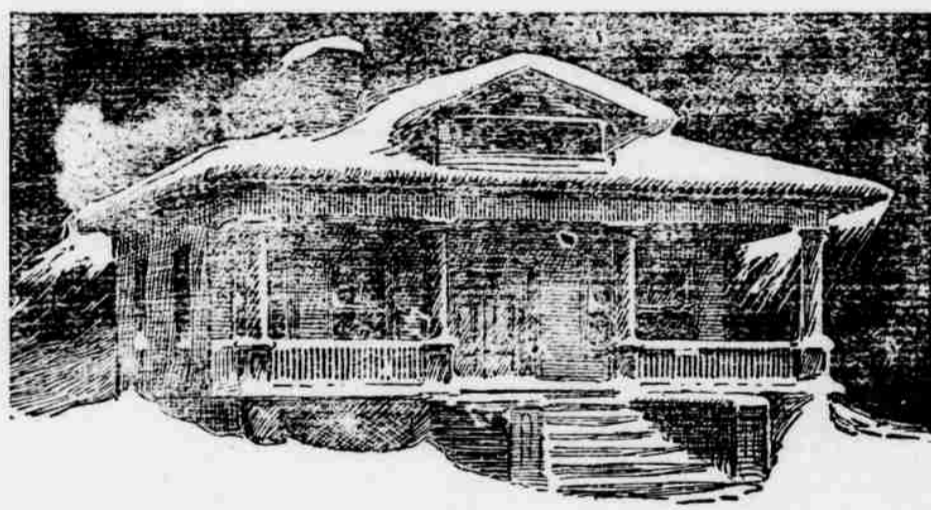
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CHRISTMAS COMMENTS

The bald-headed man is flattered when his little son presents him with a hairbrush.

Soldiers are never so poor at Christmas time that they cannot present arms.

The first Christmas present any man should buy is a set of receipted bills for himself from all his creditors.

The proper kind of holiday presents for men in responsible positions where nerves and patience are tried to the uttermost is presence of mind.

Beginning with the glad New Year the dime museums hope to have on exhibition the man who never gave a Christmas present from a sense of duty.

The crabbed bachelor member of the family who with a spirit of generosity purchased for the children the long-resonant Christmas horns will here soon complete the task of kicking himself into the glad New Year.

A few weeks ago a woman wrote a letter to a newspaper, in which she said, "If I could get money how I would make people's hearts bound with joy!" A rich uncle presented her with \$100 on Christmas day, and the seal-sack she bought with the money made a number of people's hearts bound with envy.

CHRISTMAS IN MEXICO.

A Feast That is Celebrated For Two Weeks.

In festa loving Mexico Christmas is celebrated for two weeks, beginning with the 17th of December and not ending until New Year's day. The principal features of the celebration are the "posadas" and "pinatas," both very quaint and picturesque customs and entirely peculiar to Mexico.

"Posada" in Spanish means "abiding place" or "inn" and in Mexico is applied to the nightly semireligious and entirely jolly performances which in the houses of all Mexicans last from the 17th to the 25th of December. These celebrations are called "posadas" because they are in commemoration of that night when the holy family unavailingly searched for an "abiding place" or "inn" and, unable to find such a place, sought refuge in the stable where our Lord was born.

At an early hour, on account of the clamoring children, the signal is given for the pinata breaking, and all the guests flock gayly about the bobbing clown, with the servants and small babies congregated in the background. When the assembly is complete all join hands and circle about the big, glittering toy as it swings from its hook in the ceiling. One of the children is blindfolded and placed in the center of the ring, just under the pinata; a long, light pole is handed to her, and she is told to strike carefully and "con mucha fuerza" (with much force) in the direction of the pinata.

Good nature demands that all of the children first have an opportunity to break the pinata. As they naturally are never able to do so, the clown being a tough fibered individual, the turn of the grownups comes next. One by one they are blindfolded, turned about three times and then admonished to "strike out."

Amid applause from the elders and wild yells from the children the pinata is finally located and struck at viciously, when—hey, presto!—the poor clown's gay bloomers and red and gold waistcoat are sent flying across the room, and down upon your devoted head comes a deafening rain of oranges, nuts, small candies, all sorts of small, unbreakable presents and all conceivable kinds of dainties and good things to eat.

Appropriate Christmas Presents.

"Have you decided on your presents for the boys yet, my dear?" asked Mr. Hendricks after the lads had left the breakfast table for school.

"Not quite all. But I have decided, William, that they shall all be given something useful. There is no use in wasting money on useless toys for them to break. And, by the way, we need a new rug for the parlor and a dozen tumblers, William."

"Ah, well, why not get the rug for George and give the tumblers to John?"

The Perennial Complaint.

"Now, my dear," said Mr. Youngusband to the partner of his joys, who was about to start forth on Christmas shopping bent, "get presents for all the family-in-law and buy a nice lot of things for the boys, but don't spend more than \$100. We must live within our income."

"Why, George," replied the lady in an aggrieved tone, "you told me we had \$200 this month—you know you did."

And Mr. Youngusband only sighed.

An Ancient Christmas Custom.

One of the oldest and for centuries one of the most popular of all Christmas usages is the singing of Christmas carols by parties of children or of young men and women, who go about from house to house for that purpose, being everywhere heartily welcomed and rewarded with money and Christmas good cheer. This custom is still largely observed in England, particularly in the country districts.

To Give and Receive.

"It is more pleasant to give than to get," was once said.

By a worthy philosopher said, Who never experienced the joy of the man Who at Christmas comes out ahead.

What's in a Name.

Christmas by any other name Would pinch your salary just the same.

Croup and Cough Remedy

Croup is a terrible disease, it attacks children so suddenly they are very apt to choke to unless given the proper remedy at once. There is nothing better in the world than Dr. King's New Discovery. Lewis Chamberlain, of Manchester, Ohio, writes about his children: "Sometimes in severe attacks we were afraid they would die, but since we proved what a certain remedy Dr. King's New Discovery is, we have no fear. We rely on it for croup, coughs and colds." So can you. 50c and \$1.00. A bottle should be in every home. At all Druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co. Phila. and St. Louis.

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Warnings for The Home.

Every year in America many children are burned to death by fire from Christmas candles, so

Do not decorate your Christmas tree with paper, cotton, or any other inflammable material. Use metallic tinsel and other non-inflammable decorations only, and set the tree securely so that the children in reaching for things cannot tip it over.

Do not use cotton to represent snow. If you must have snow use asbestos fiber.

Do not permit children to light or relight the candles while parents are not present. They frequently set fire to their clothing instead. The tree itself will burn when needles have become dry.

Do not leave matches within reach of children at holiday time. Candles are meant to be lighted, and if the children can get matches they will experiment with them. They imitate their elders.

"Join our girl scouts for grown up girls."

"What is the object?"

"To teach girls the basic things of life; all the leads in auction bridge, for instance."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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He (in a rage)—That man is the biggest fool in the world. His Wife (comfortingly)—Henry, Henry, you are forgetting yourself.—Woman's Home Companion.

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AUNT LOU'S FUNNY PRESENT

FREDDIE was very fond of Aunt Lou and had been saving up his pennies to buy her a Christmas present. He had five when he climbed into his mother's lap to consult as to how the money should be invested. After the conference it was agreed that Aunt Lou's present should be a rose.

The florist's was only five blocks down the street. In front of the little corner grocery store stood Bobbie, Freddie's chum, studying the wonderful things in the window.

"Hello!" said Freddie. "Have you got a copper?"

Bobbie displayed two, and Freddie asked what he was going to buy.

"Don't know. Come on; let's go in," said Bobbie.

On the counter was a box of white clay pipes with funny faces on them. Bobbie's bright eyes spied them at once. "How much are the bubble pipes?" he asked.

"Just a cent," said the man behind the counter.

Bobbie bought one, and Freddie lingered at the box. He asked, "How many would five coppers buy?"

"Six," Freddie bought six.

Freddie returned home, and mamma looked up from her sewing and asked, "Did you get it?"

"Six, mamma, six beautiful ones!" he cried excitedly.

"Why, Freddie, you couldn't get six for five cents," said his mother.

"Yes, I did," said the little boy. "Just look here!"

"Why, Freddie, they're pipes, and Aunt Lou doesn't want pipes. Where is the rose?"

Freddie stood before her, speechless. He had forgotten the rose—forgotten



"BUBBLE PIPES!" SHE CRIED.

all about Aunt Lou's Christmas present! He was a very little boy, but not too little to be ashamed.

"Did you spend all of your coppers?" mamma asked gently, and Freddie nodded his head and gulped.

"I don't think Aunt Lou will like pipes quite as well as a rose, do you?" mamma asked. "Never mind, dear; wrap up the pipes for her."

"But Aunt Lou doesn't want pipes," Freddie said chokingly.

"Didn't you buy them for Aunt Lou, dear?" mamma asked.

"They are for me," said Freddie in a low voice.

"And what have you got for Aunt Lou, who always gives you such a nice Christmas present?"

Freddie crept very close and asked, "Will you please give me five cents?"

"That would be mamma's present, dear, and not yours. You saved the coppers for Aunt Lou, and if you have bought pipes with them you must give her the pipes."

Christmas day Freddie gave the pipes to Aunt Lou. His papa laughed. His mother smiled, and a merry twinkle appeared in Aunt Lou's eyes. She caught sight of a little red, mortified face with two blue eyes brimming with tears. That was too much for Aunt Lou. Not for worlds would she add to Freddie's distress.

"Bubble pipes!" she cried joyously. "Now, isn't that splendid? Why, bubble pipes are all the rage now. I'll be able to give a party myself tomorrow afternoon, and you must all be sure to come."

A little smile was beginning to dimple around Freddie's lips, and he was blinking away the tears that had gathered. "One's broke," he said in a little wavering voice.

"Is it? Why, yes! And right close to the bowl! Isn't that fine? Why, lots of girls I know always curl their hair on pipestems and think they're far nicer than curling tongs."

After Freddie had gone to bed mamma told papa and Aunt Lou all the story about Aunt Lou's present.

"You're a darling, Lou," papa said as he kissed his sister. "I'm really ashamed of myself for laughing."

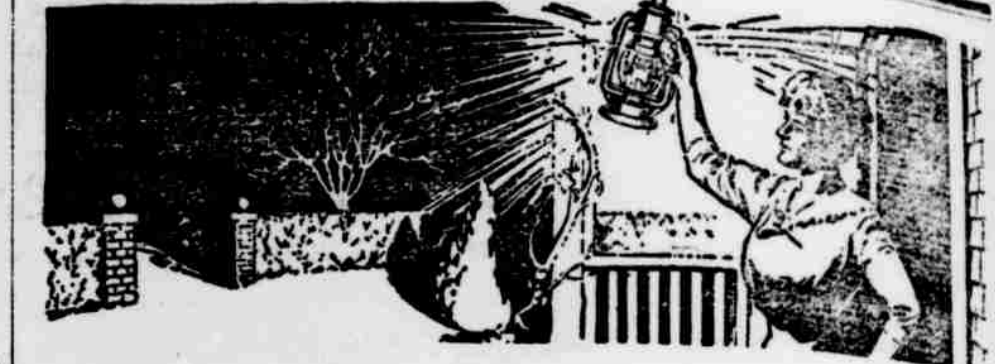
Aunt Lou smiled. "Will you come to my bubble party?" she asked.

"I'll do more than that," papa answered; "I'll buy the prize for it."

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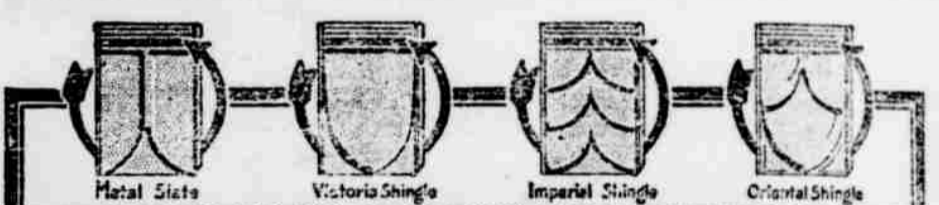
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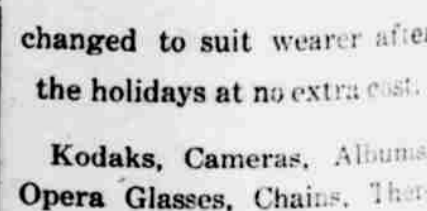
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