

**KEEPING CHRISTMAS
—LET ALL BE HAPPY**

IT IS a good thing to observe Christmas day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity which runs on sun time.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is keeping Christmas. — Frank Herbert Sweet.

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For the Christmas Turkey
When your turkey has been stuffed and you are ready to close the opening, try using small toothpicks, such as can be purchased for five cents a box. Skewer it together with these instead of the old-fashioned, tedious, greasy way of sewing it together, and see how much better satisfied you will be with this method. The toothpick-skewers may be easily removed after the turkey is roasted and hold more firmly, besides being less unsightly.

Toys Best for Children
"Manipulation" toys are best for children between the ages of two and four; "dramatic" playthings best between four and six, and "construction" playthings, such as "radio outfits," games or toys that teach the simpler branches of exact sciences and those which exercise and train the hands and brain in a somewhat advanced way are best.—George Newell Moran.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS
THAT ARE WELCOME**

AS THE holidays are a time when most of us would like to make one dollar do the work of five, any suggestion should be welcome which shows how thoughtfulness can make a cheap gift acceptable. Therefore I give a few such instances from my own experience:

I know a housewife who is famous for her lemon jumbles, and another whose mince pies are a toothsome delight. These two women remember their friends each Christmas, with their specialties, and, I assure you, no present is received more gratefully than is theirs. Still another, who makes orange marmalade by a wonderful secret recipe, gives a glass of this confection to her favored circle. But—a word of warning: Be absolutely sure that such an offering is really and truly desired. For example, I remember one woman, on a strict diet, to whom all sweets are forbidden, whose careless acquaintances are constantly sending boxes of candy, and one whom strawberries sicken and who, last year, received a glass of wild strawberry jam, delicious to all those who could eat it, but, it happened, she could not. However, such mistakes are the result of carelessness, and need not occur.

A shut-in once expatiated to me upon the solid help afforded her by a Christmas present of a "utility basket." It held all the odds and ends she was forever wanting, and could not readily procure for herself—pins, needles, tape, balls and sockets, threads and silks and cottons. "Every time I peep into it," she cried, as happy as a child, "I find something new that I need." It was not an expensive offering, and yet it was one of the most acceptable I ever heard of. Akin to it was a little silk sewing-bag, also rapturously received because the maker had informed herself of what the recipient's wardrobe would be that winter, and placed inside, with thimble and needle-case, spools of colored silks matching each garment to be worn that winter. Here again the thoughtfulness—not the gift itself—is what counts.

A case of threaded needles is most acceptable to all women beyond middle age whose eyes are beginning to fail, and invaluable to a traveler. Other discriminating presents are packets of choice seeds, saved during the summer, and sent to an amateur gardener at Christmas time. A manuscript book (typewritten, if possible) of tested recipes, compiled by the sender, is another always welcome offering.

And what pleasure, sentimental, retrospective and anticipatory, was theirs, sojourners in a far western home, who, just before the holidays, opened a box from mother and sisters "back home" in the East, containing a plum pudding and a fruit cake, made by the well-remembered recipe and, on Christmas day, to be enjoyed with most affectionate thoughts of those who, thousands of miles away, had helped to cook the gala-time dinner.—May Wilson.

1924-A YEAR OF HISTORY

The year just coming to a close has been a notable one for Macon county in many respects. Franklin has a big power dam under way. A new telephone system is being installed. The contract for a 16 foot concrete road from here to the Georgia line has been let. The year 1925 will see all these undertakings completed. Hereafter Macon will be a more desirable place in which to live.

The good people of Macon have made history in the year 1924. And we are proud to have had a small part in these history making days. We are proud to be citizens of Macon county—proud to have so many loyal friends and supporters—proud to extend our thanks for your past favors and happy to wish you a merry Christmas and joyful New Year.

FRANKLIN HARDWARE COMPANY

**THE KNOX ENTERTAINERS
LAST LYCEUM ATTRACTION**

At the court house at 8:00 P. M. January 1st.

Mr. Theodore Knox is an actor of marked ability. He will delightfully entertain those who are fortunate as to hear him in various character sketches. Mr. Knox will be superbly assisted by Miss Frances Knox whose voice is surprisingly like that of Galli Curci. The children will enjoy this attractive duo quite as much as the grown-ups. Don't miss this evening of wholesome fun.

**THE BEAUTIFUL
CHRISTMAS SPIRIT**

As the Spirit of Christmas grips our souls and gladness pervades the land we wish to add our mite to the sum total of Christmas joys by extending greetings to our friends where ever they may be.

Your patronage has been generous and our appreciation is sincere.

J. S. PORTER & COMPANY

I wish to thank all my friends and patrons for their loyal support during the past year and bespeak for them a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year. It is indeed gratifying to know that my friends have been so loyal and I wish to assure them of the same courteous treatment in the future that I give them during the past.

Notwithstanding the close situation in money matters I have enjoyed a good business and I promise you the benefit of whatever of prosperity I may enjoy in the future.

**FRANK T. SMITH
PRESCRIPTION DRUGGIST**

Then She Understood



She—Why are you under the impression that you may kiss me?
He—Because you're under the mistletoe.

A New Kind of Pincushion

A pincushion is always a useful and appropriate gift, and here is one that is most satisfactory. Fill a wooden, pasteboard or metal box not over an inch deep, as full of steel wool as possible. Cover the top neatly with a bit of ribbon or any pretty good material. Pins and needles on the cushion are kept bright and free from rust by the steel wool. The bottom of the box keeps the wool from working downward.

Mrs. A. W. Mangum, her mother Mrs. Noble and son, Bill left last Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives in Jacksonville.

OUR GREETINGS

We came to Franklin 13 years ago, strangers in a strange land. We found conditions in the wonderful country of America far different from those in our native land of Syria. However, we like the change and decided to become one of you both in name and in spirit. And we have never regretted our decision.

After living among you for thirteen years we now feel and have so felt for years that we are no longer strangers. Our business relations prove that you feel the same way. You have treated us generously with your patronage and we desire to express our thanks and deepest appreciation. During the year 1925 you will receive the same courteous treatment and kind consideration that you have in the past.

May your joys be many on this holiday occasion.

JOS. ASHEAR