

CHRISTMAS AGAIN

Christmas, like everything else, changes with the passing of the years. Nowadays, as we grow older and resort to ox blood shoe polish to keep our graying hair a lush auburn, Christmas seems to come more often. Looking back into the dim distant days of our lost youth, an eternity or two went its slow way from one Christmas to another; nowadays one hardly has time to clean up the tinsel before it's time to pull it out again.

And as we write this we are right in the middle of our annual Christmas edition, an edition which, through the generous cooperation of Elkin's fine merchants (pass the soft soap, please), always marks the official beginning of the Yule season. This edition, attractively jacketed in four colors, will be in your hands as you read this—unless you are reading over someone's shoulder. But before that moment arrives, much remains to be done.

It's fun, though, getting ready for Christmas, although one does have to worry about the financing of Old Santa's visit to the kiddies. Nowadays youngsters don't think Christmas a success unless they receive a bicycle, wagon with balloon tires, a movie

machine and various other expensive presents. But when we were at the urchin stage, a couple of dime toys and a stocking filled with fruit, nuts and candy, plus a sprinkling of raisins, made the day complete. But, as our bright young son remarked at supper tonight as we elaborated on the subject—"this is 1938, not 1912."

ODDS AND ENDS

We admit sadly that for the past two weeks this department

has been rather shoddy, even a little worse than usual, we might put it. And as a result there are several little pieces of business which need attention.

We would like to call the attention of the city officials to the fact that traffic dinkus No. 1, located west on West Main street, has a crack in it which should receive prompt attention. Elkin's lovely dinkuses should receive only the best attention, they are loved so well, and we would suggest that a committee be appointed immediately to investigate the why and wherefore of the damage.

It's a mystery to us how the crack got there. According to town officials the dinkuses are never hit by automobiles, so of course the crack must have been caused in some other way. Perhaps some unoffending citizen walking across the street, stubbed his or her toe on it. We've seen two children get hard falls by stumbling over the thing while hurrying across the street.

There's another matter police will probably be interested in. It concerns an exhibition of reckless driving which we witnessed about 11:15 a. m. Sunday on Main street. A young man, hardly more than a boy, driving a V-8 coupe of 1932 vintage, put on as reckless and as dangerous an exhibition of driving as we have ever witnessed, endangering his own life as well as the lives of others. Had a car happened to enter the main square at the moment this young fool crossed the intersection at a very fast rate of speed, there would have been considerable business for undertakers and surgeons.

Unluckily no policeman was around at the time, but we'll be glad to point him out as a likely

bird to keep an eye on. It's irresponsible nitwits like the one in question that keeps the accident toll high.

It has gotten around that we were planning to leave Elkin January 1 to take a job in Greensboro with the radio station there. That was correct last week, but is in error this week. After a lengthy session with our special Weighty Problems department, we decided that although Elkin could get along just dandy without us, we couldn't get along without Elkin. So hide your disappointment as best you may for we are not leaving. Anyway, you don't HAVE to read this column.

Short, short story: An expectant mother, poverty stricken but desperately ill, was deserted by her husband. An examination disclosed that her unborn child was dead; hospital treatment was all that stood between her and death. The father-in-law hurried her to a hospital in a distant town. But they had no money for hospital treatment. She was refused admittance. The father-in-law rushed her to another hospital in another town. Again lack of funds turned her from the door. Desperately the father-in-law turned to the hospital here as convulsion after convulsion brought closer the relentless march of death. The doors swung open, the best of surgical and medical attention was promptly forthcoming. Result: a life was saved.

Probably at this moment the hospital officials who turned the suffering woman from their doors are holding up their hands in horror at the way Hitler and his ilk are bringing suffering to the Jews.

We've got to go now and order our Christmas fire crackers.

HE STOPPED ADVERTISING Selected
Once there was a business man, And he was wondrous wise;
Said he: "We'll save the money it takes to advertise.
We've got the business going, We'll sit and take the kale;
Why squander cash for printing? Our income cannot fail."

Things prospered for a season, And prospects rosy grew;
Then sales began to dwindle; The why?—Nobody knew.
The boss was fretful, worried, His face grew pale and drawn,
The business "kept on going"—
—Going—now it's gone.—

One glass marble three-fourths inch in diameter can be drawn into a thread of glass 150 miles long.

Innocent Man
It seems that an old Southern dandy, father of 16 children, was being lectured by the doctor for asking his wife to have so many children.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself, Rastus," the doctor said. "Indeed Ah did, doctor, 'an Ah took a vow de next time it happens Ah's gwine to hang myself."
Well, before long, the doctor was called to Rastus' home and sure enough another visitor was expected.
"Rastus," said the doctor, "what are you doing here? I thought you said you would hang yourself if this ever happened again."
"Indeed Ah did, doctor, 'an Ah took a big ole rope, put it around my neck and threw it over a limb. Den, would you believe it, just as Ah was about to jump

offa dat stump, Ah said to myself, 'Rastus, you better be careful here. You mought be hanging an innocent man!'"

Thieving Cat

The lady of the house was much perturbed to find that the three pounds of meat she had purchased had disappeared. Her husband, aiding in the search, noticed what he took to be a gully look on the family cat's face, and pointed to her and said, "There's your meat."

"Why, no," objected the wife, "that little thing couldn't get away with all that meat."

"Well, let's weigh her and see," suggested the husband. They did so. The scales registered exactly three pounds.

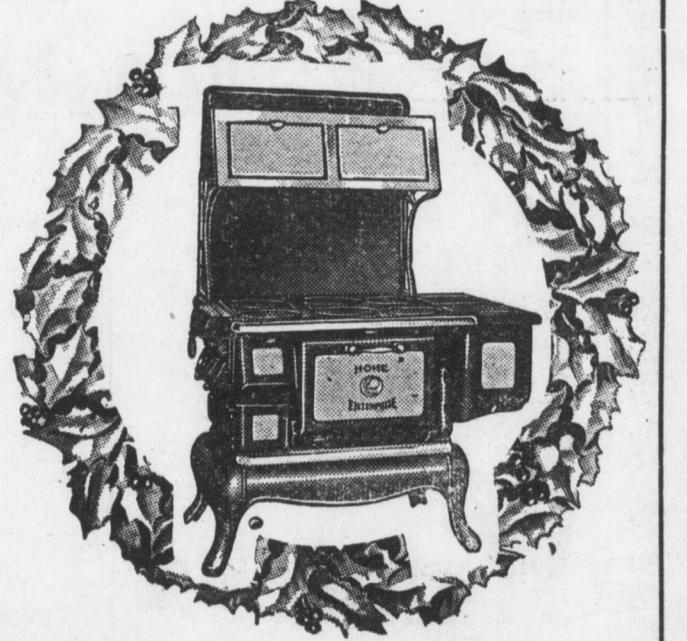
"Yes," admitted the lady, "there's the meat, all right, but where's the cat?"



Let Old Santa Bring the Finest Of All Gifts This Christmas—Furniture

There's no finer or more sensible Christmas gift than furniture. For a gift of furniture is a gift to be enjoyed by the entire family, long after Christmas has gone. You will find that we can supply you with many fine furniture gifts at prices that represent real savings to you. Why not hurry in today and make your selection for Christmas delivery.

- Check These Suggestions**
- Give a beautiful Cedar Chest, a real gift for her. We have them from—
\$15.95 UP
 - Attractive table lamps, complete with bulb. An appreciated gift always.
\$1.39
 - Bedroom suites, complete with mattress and spring at a money-saving price—
\$32.75
 - She will like a utility cabinet. Complete with glass front. Special—
\$11.95
 - Give an occasional chair or rocker for the home. Attractive styles.
\$4.75 UP



Provide Your Home With the Convenience and Economy a Home Enterprise Range

A Home Enterprise Range would be the gift of gifts for Her. For this great range will mean added convenience and economy plus perfect baking results. Fuel costs will be held to a minimum for years and years to come. There's no finer range made! See them today.

\$55.00 UP
Others As Low As \$29.50

Give the Family a New Stewart-Warner RADIO

Don't overlook the new Stewart - Warner radios as a gift for Christmas. Think of the pleasure and entertainment one of these fine electric or battery model will bring.
\$29.50 to \$69.50

- Fill that awkward spot with an occasional table. We have them from—
\$4.75 UP
- Attractive floor lamps will make welcome gifts. Select yours today. With bulbs—
\$6.50
- Give a studio couch. Many fine styles to select from. Prices are from—
\$35.00 UP
- Give him a smoking stand. Variety of styles. And prices are very low—
97c UP
- A felt base rug will make a sensible gift. Many attractive patterns and colors—
\$3.48 UP

Home Furniture Co.
Next to Abernethy's Elkin, N. C.

THIS BANK INVITES YOU TO DO YOUR Christmas SHOPPING With Elkin Merchants

In this issue of The Tribune, Elkin Merchants are announcing the opening of the Christmas Season. And although this bank has no Christmas merchandise to sell, we gladly join with local merchants in extending to everyone a cordial invitation to visit Elkin tomorrow for the first showing of an amazing and varied display of Christmas Gift goods at prices you cannot better elsewhere.

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