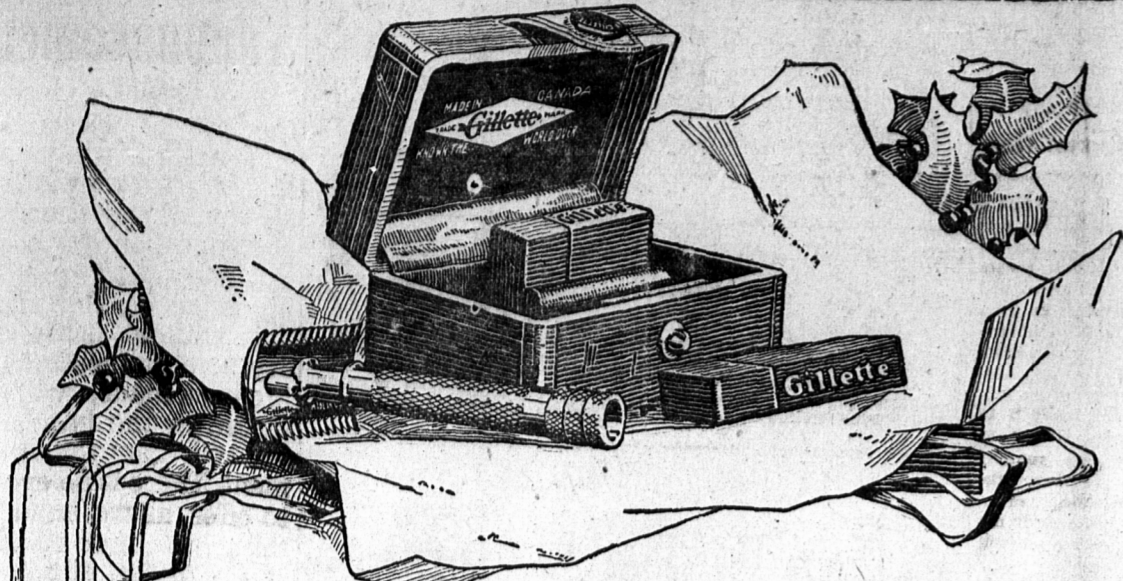


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### DRESSING UP YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Did you ever look forward to receiving Christmas parcels every year from certain people, just because they were put up in dainty wrappings and tied with bright colored ribbons? These people seem to have the wonderful talent of making a gift. Perhaps their remembrances, from a monetary sense, are tiny, but they always typify daintiness and appropriateness.

Sister Mary is one of these. She sends the most charming of Christmas packages, and they are never in succeeding years the same. To begin with, her packages usually arrive in an unmolested condition because she makes it a point to send them before the Christmas rush. They are therefore handled in less confusion and without the heavy traffic that is unavoidable later on; and the message "Please do not open until Christmas" is pasted upon the wrapping bears its own command.

Months before she has held the Christmas thought in mind and has saved all the immaculate wrapping paper that has come into the house. Boxes of desirable sizes have been hoarded for the same purpose, even from the preceding Yule-tide. Magazines are searched throughout the year for appropriate pictures to embellish these boxes and to give them the holiday spirit "from the very first pen," as she expresses it.

With an unstinted supply of snowy tissue-paper she places each gift in a sizeable box; and last year she wrapped each box in a mossy shade of green tissue-paper. She next tied it securely with white satin baby ribbon and pasted over the entire upper surface of the box a picture of a Christmas or

winter scene, or one appropriate to the recipient. When several packages were going to one family, as they were to her brother's children and to ours, she packed them into one large box, sprinkled artificial snow-dust over the mossy green mass within and wrapped the large box in green tissue, tying it with a wider width of white ribbon. About this was put strong Manila paper tied with stout cord so that the dainty contents were intact when received. Red, of course, is the universally used color, and one friend has the knack of using it to the best advantage.

She ties boxes wrapped in glazed white paper with bows of cherry-colored ribbon, and more-papered packages with holly ribbons. Red ribbons on red glazed paper are relieved by gilt lettering on the package, while sometimes a verse of holiday cheeriness or a Christmas motto is inscribed on her all-red package in white ink.

Sometimes the quantities of ribbons required by the giver of many presents make too deep an incroad into her Christmas pocket money, but there are means of making packages attractive other than tying them with ribbon. Gold and silver cord serve the purpose equally well and are much less expensive. One girl saves the tissue ribbons that bind handkerchiefs and other merchandise, and while these are too soft in texture to make ornamental bows, she has a deft way of adorning a package by putting the ribbon around in bands and fastening it with a monogram of sealing wax.

One particularly dainty package which we received from her was wrapped in sheet cotton that had been treated to "snow storm" of glistening

particles of isinglass, while bands of yellow tissue ribbon were caught on the top of the snowy pile by a great, splashing bronx monogram. Even red and green cord is suitable for binding the Christmas box, and only lack of tidiness could detract from its use. Boxes wrapped in soft tones of yellow or brown fastened together with bands of harmonizing shades of passepartout are all that can be desired for novelty and attractiveness.

### A FEW DON'TS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Don't court indigestion. Don't grumble, whatever you do. Don't half fill the kiddies' stockings. Don't give presents which will be useless. Don't forget the mistletoe. Romance still lives. Don't forget that it ought to be a merry Christmas. Don't deny the little ones' ideas about Santa Claus. Don't worry about unpaid bills—at and rate until tomorrow. Don't scoff at the lingering superstitions of the good old days. Don't for the show of things, buy presents which you can't afford. Don't expect too many presents. Take what you get and be thankful. Don't, if you get up on your wrong side, make everybody else miserable. Don't forget to think at least once during the day what Christmas really means.

Don't give a present unless you want to. Better not give at all than give insincerely. Don't forget that the giving of Christmas boxes, like charity, should begin at home. Don't, if you are a girl, stand under the mistletoe until you see the right chap approaching. Don't kiss somebody else's best girl, even though she is under the mistletoe. Don't work on Christmas if you can avoid it. If you have to, however, don't make a song about it. Don't give Johnnie a trumpet and Peter a whistle and expect to have a quiet time. It's unreasonable. Don't put off buying presents until the last minute. You'll get better value and avoid the crush if you shop early. Don't send an electric runabout to a freezing widow with five starving children. This is like throwing a rope of pearls to a drowning man. Don't look pained when somebody tells a fifty-year-old Christmas story. That's one of the unavoidable circumstances of the festive season. Don't give a new song to some one who doesn't sing; but be still more certain that you don't give a new song to some one who imagines he can sing. Don't refrain from giving because you can't afford to give much. The intrinsic value of a gift counts for nothing. It is the thought which prompts it that matters.

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### DOLLARS CAME FROM BOHEMIA

We always thought that our American dollars, says Photoplay Magazine, were derived from the Spanish, but it seems that in 1519 Count Schlick began to issue silver coins, weighing one ounce, at Joachim's Thalers and later shortened to "thalers." Their use in England brought the term first to "dalers"; then to dollars. Of course, we are not so much concerned about their derivation as we are in getting hold of them.

### Boys Work

During the week Mr. L. A. Buckley, Maritime Boys' Secretary, and Mr. R. C. Sidenius, District V. M. C. A. secretary conducted two one day rallies in the interest of Boys' Work at Malpeque and Bedouque, under the leadership of Rev. J. M. Murchison, John Simpson, W. H. Crozier, and Russel Woodside.

The afternoon session was held with nearly seventy boys in attendance. The ladies served supper and a public evening service followed.

At Bedouque with the elements against them under the leadership of Rev. Somers, Rev. Britten, and Mr. Clair Wright, thirty-seven boys spent an afternoon in conference, the ladies serving supper followed by a public service.

During the weekend a District Boys' Conference was held at Murray River for the outlying centres. The local arrangements being in the hands of the pastors, Rev. W. H. Sweet, and Rev. J. C. Peacock, Rev. R. H. Stavert, Young People's Secretary for the presbytery, Mr. L. A. Buckley, Maritime Boys' Secretary, and R. C. Sidenius, District Secretary were the team, 69 delegates were enrolled from 16 Sunday Schools. The following programme was carried out:—

- Saturday 10 p. m.—Devotions.
- 11.00.—Election of Officers.
- 11.00.—Purpose of the Conference." Rev. R. H. Stavert.
- 11.15 Church Programme for Boys. (C. S. E. T. L. A. Buckley.
- 2.00.— p. m.—Devotions.
- 2.15.—Sunday and Mid-Week Sessions. R. C. Sidenius.
- 3.00.—Discussion. L. A. Buckley.
- 3.30.—"Boys' Responsibility to the Community." Rev. R. H. Stavert.
- 4.00.—Group Games.
- 6.00.—Banquet Temperance Hall. Jolly Singing, 2 Minute Speeches, Adult Delegates.
- 7.00.—"Community Responsibility to the Boys" Rev. R. H. Stavert.
- 7.30.—Forward Step Address. L. A. Buckley, Closing Fellowship Circle.

Forty made Forward Steps, summary as follows:—

Personal 26.—Going to be a Christian, 10. Going to Join the Church; 3. Going to lead a better life; 5. Try and live better; 4. Try and turn over a new leaf; 1. Am going to put up a better fight, 1. By God's help to conquer my weak will. 1. Decide to go to Sunday School oftener.

SERVICE 4.—Decide to make by life more useful. Be more active in Christian Service. Be of more use to my Community. Stand for what is pure and right.

BOYS' WORK 10.—Study to be a teacher and help the cause of Christ 3. Be a better teacher 1. Do more work among the boys for Jesus. 3. Develop Boys' Work in my congregation 3. Sunday the three leaders preached at eight church services in the district. Monday Mr. R. C. Sidenius met at Tuxis Group under the leadership of Rev. A. Sutherland at Cambridge, in the evening a public service in the interest of Boy's Work in Murray Harbor North was held at the hall.

### WELCOME ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION

Last week Captain J. E. Croken paid a few days visit to his old home in Summerfield. While there he was awaited upon by a number of his friends and presented with an address of welcome.

In replying the Captain intimated that he intended resuming his practice on the Island. This was received with pleasure by those present as it was understood that he had been offered inducements to enter a larger field.

With characteristic modesty Captain Croken refrained from referring to his own work abroad, but gave some interesting facts about India, its people and their customs.

A student by nature the Doctor's travels has added much to his already large store of general information. Born on the farm, he spent some years as a successful farmer and stockman, previous to entering Toronto University. Here he made a brilliant course and graduated with high honors. This coupled with his recent professional standing second to none in Canada. Following is the address:—

Dear friend.—Some three years ago when war clouds were blackest, you abandoned a lucrative practise and offered your valuable services to the Imperial Government. Nor was this the only sacrifice which you were called upon to make. For had you not taken unto yourself a charming young wife—scarcely had the nuptial knot

been tied—when the bugle sounded. You answered and were wafted out upon the bosom of the mighty Atlantic. Danger and death hovered in the air, sped the surface, and lurked beneath the waves in the region towards which you were borne.

Upon reaching Aldershot Camp you were posted for duty in distant India. The myriad population of that colony were not to be left unguarded and open to enemy propaganda and possible revolt. Hence the necessity of there maintaining garrisons you were assigned to several important duties, and we know that you performed them with the same energy and earnestness that ever characterized your attitude towards whatever you undertook.

Now that wars terrible ravages have ceased, and you are again returned to your native land, we have assembled to bid you a hearty welcome home.

We also avail ourselves of this opportunity to express our earnest wish that we shall value you not alone as a citizen and friend, but on account of the high standing you have attained in your profession, you would be a valuable asset to this country.

Signed, the Committee on behalf of those present.

C. LEONARD MACDONALD

### HOPE FOR PEACE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Baron von Lersner, head of the German peace delegation, commenting on the peace settlement, said that hope was entertained in Entente circles that ratifications would be exchanged and

peace would become effective before Christmas. He added: "I share that hope, which I trust is founded on an accurate interpretation and possible acceptance of our reply to the Supreme Council's note. I have been ready and waiting to sign the protocol since Oct. 18, and I even hope now that ratifications may be exchanged before the end of the week."

### THE PANTS THAT MOTHER USED TO MAKE

We praise her doughnuts and her pies, Her biscuits and her cake; But where's the man who sighs for Like Mother used to make?

She used to take a pair of pants When they were worn and frayed, And decorate them with a patch Of some contrasting shade.

And cut them off above the knees And take the waist in, too, And say that they for every day Were just the thing for you.

And then she sent us off to school, And when you didn't go, She wondered what got into boys That they played truant so.

Yes, still we praise her jam, her pies, Her coffee and her steak, But where's the man who sighs for pants Like Mother used to make?

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