

Timely Suggestions for Xmas for Men

While those gifts that are useful are not only the most sensible but the most appreciated as well, you will find that for HIM a gift that lacks real usefulness generally fails of appreciation.

We have kept this fact well in mind in this season's purchases—you will find here a host of suggestions among which are:

Bill Folds.	Pencils.
Military Brushes.	Card Cases.
Vest Chains.	Cuff Links.
Silver Cork Sticks	Match Boxes.
Fountain Pens.	Umbrellas.
Key Rings.	Rings.

W. W. Wellner
 Estab. 1868
 Jewellers, Engravers, etc.

The Eastern Guardian

...IT PAYS to buy in this Province.
 ...T. GORDON IVES is Guardian Representative in Montague.

...D. F. TIERNEY is Guardian representative in Souris. MEIF.

...CAMERA.—Give the boy or girl a Brownie Camera. \$2.00 at Mabon's Drugstore. 5956-12-17M61.

...PHOTO CALENDARS for all size snaps, Mabon's Drugstore. 5956-12-17M61.

EASTERN PERSONALS

...Mr. R. J. Gillis, St. Peters, was a visitor to Souris on Monday.

...Mr. D. J. Mullin, Inspector of Public Schools, came to Souris by Monday evening's train.

...The following registered at the Cox Hotel, Souris:—A. J. Mercer, Montreal; C. G. Depps, Montreal; David MacDonald, Glenfanning; W. H. Bell, Summerside; J. J. Johnston, A. Matheson, Charlottetown; T. S. Hubbard, Charlottetown; James MacIsaac, Charlottetown; Mr. MacKinnon, Charlottetown; Frank Fraser, Charlottetown.

...ONE CENT per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany order.

...TEDDY BEARS.—Regular 60c. teddy bears while they last 39c. at Holman's, Summerside. 6229-12-21ME21.

...DOLLS AND TEDDY BEARS worth up to \$1 and \$1.25 for 79c. at Holman's, Summerside.

...CHOCOLATES.—The best display of chocolates in Souris, (Molr's, Mylo's and Lowney's) at Mabon's Drugstore. 5956-12-17M61.

...DONKEY PARTY GAMES with 24 numbers, tails usually sold at 20c on sale now at 13c. at Holman's, Summerside. 6229-12-21ME21.

...PASTOR REMEMBERED.—When Rev. Ewen McDougall last visited the Millview section of his congregation, his lady parishioners of that place accompanied their season's greetings with a sum of money as a token of their esteem. Mr. McDougall leaves this week on a short visit to Cambridge, Mass.

THE CHRISTMAS MAIL

How it is Brought to Lonely Places.

The Christmas postman! What an important part of the Christmas Day festivities his coming is! How young and old look out for him with pleasurable delight and anticipation! How they flock to the door with eager questions of "Any for me?" or "Is there one from So-and-so?" almost before the beaming messenger, staggering beneath his weighted bag, has time to disgorge his treasures.

And what a dire blow it would be for a moderate household of the postman never came at all on Christmas Day! Just try to imagine it; if you can! Not a letter, not a calendar, not a Christmas present, not a Christmas card. It wouldn't seem like Christmas at all!

So says the pampered generation of today. But it was not long since that only the dwellers in cities or towns or good-sized villages could feel tolerably certain of getting their Christmas mail on the very day itself; and an accident to the coach might very conceivably result in a disappointment to expectant householders, even in those busy centres of population. Such being the case, how must have feared the little hamlets far from the beaten track, hidden away along deep lanes where a heavy fall of snow might choke for many a day or many a weary week.

Other days, other ways; the majority of people nowadays stand a fair chance of getting their Christmas letters somewhere about the festive season; and when you feel inclined to grumble because everyone of your half-penny post Christmas cards didn't come up to time, then, I say, be thankful that you don't live yesterday; or today, for that matter, in certain spots whose advantages and disadvantages we do not know of.

Progress in the facilities of communication, notwithstanding, there are still, within the compass of these British Isles of ours, a number of places where the postman at the best of times is a rare and irregular visitor, and his visits are more rare and less regular still when the gales of winter are blowing.

The men who keep their mighty watch over our coastwise lights—they for example, unless their monthly "re-lief" falls due somewhere about Christmas tide, cannot hope to receive seasonal greetings except by the post, well in advance or well behind the occasion to which they refer. For the only communication between the land and a solitary rock like the renowned Eddystone is maintained by a tug belonging to the Brethren of Trinity House. This boat pays a monthly visit to the lighthouse for the purpose of taking off of the keepers, and leaving in his place one whose period of absence is over. The returning man brings with him letter and papers from shore, together with necessary provisions and—if it be Christmas—a store of seasonal luxuries.

At ordinary times when the weather is not exceptionally rough, the approach to the lighthouse is not the easiest business in the world. Men, bags, and boxes can seldom be landed on the platform—"get off," as it is technically termed—at the base of the lighthouse tower. Generally, in any but the very smoothest state of the sea, a roping-in has to be utilized, something after the style of the usual life-saving apparatus.

And when the weather is really rough—when the breakers roaring round the terrible Eddystone which has sent so many stout vessels and brave sailors to their doom dash their spray up as high as the lofty lanterns itself—when the solid structure of the lighthouse tower seems to quiver beneath the booming shocks of the angry sea—then the tug cannot get near the rock at all, and the keepers must make up their minds to wait for their monthly message from the shore signalled by disasters to shipping and coasts strewn with wreckage—it frequently befalls that the lighthouse keeper's Christmas is a very lonely one indeed.

Somewhat similar conditions prevail on board the lightships, those picturesque but useful craft which mark the position of dangerous shoals and sandbanks in the track of shipping. In summer, their visitors are comparatively frequent and small excursion boats or friendly pilots often get near enough to throw a bundle of papers aboard or to deliver a letter from friends ashore. In the winter time, however, the lightship is as isolated as the lighthouse, with the added spice of danger, for it has happened more than once that a light vessel has foundered at her moorings during a heavy gale, or has been run down by a moving vessel during a fog. By the crew of the lightship, therefore, Christmas has to be kept up with the store of seasonal feeling possessed by its inmates, rather than through such outward aids to good cheer as are provided by the Christmas letter-bag. As well as these solitary Yuletide celebrators at the post of duty, our shores boast a number of lonely islands whose entire population has to sit on having Dr. Hamilton's Pills 25c. per box, no other medicine so good.

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seabaten rocky islands of the Outer Hebrides or distant Shetland are to a great extent self-contained, and personal communication with the main land is not frequent. But those people—not natives of the place—parson, doctor, schoolmaster, or what not—may expect in vain, if the weather be wild the welcome coming of the Christmas letter-bag. The island of Et. Kilda has been known to be unvisited between the beginning of winter and the end of March; a record which puts into the background the story of a man who, crossing a Yorkshire moor in February met with such lavish hospitality that he felt it needed some explanation. "Well, ye see," said the good wife of the farm, "you're our First Foot!"

To quote Kipling's well-known words, "All unseen, Romance brought up the nine-fifteen!"

and probably most people never pause to consider the romantic suggestions which lurk hidden behind the bleak official phrasology of the notices adorning the notice-boards of one post office building.

Long months before the majority of people had ever given a passing thought to next Christmas, indeed, when last Christmas is not the remotest of memories, there are a few people who are already "hustling" or "malamutes" as the sleigh-dogs of the West are called, carries of course, much besides mere letters. Upon its safe arrival the posts may be depending for the very necessities of life, and so important is its mission, that there are on record several cases when the "mushers"—generally members of the Mounted Police—have lost their lives in attempting to reach their goal.

Few "postmen" could be more picturesque than those Santa Claus-like messengers to the frozen North; yet, if the scheme matures which is now under consideration of utilizing the services of Lapland reindeer, the "hustlers" will have to take second place. That would be a Christmas mail, indeed, spreading horns, jingling bells, muffled driver, frost congealing the breath of man and beast. But perhaps it is nicer on a Christmas card or in Hans Anderson's fairy story than it would be in real life.

Very different is the story of the Christmas letter which—so the Post Office gently reminds the forgetful in early autumn—"must be posted before such-and-such a date for delivery about Christmas" in some remote swamp of Burma, West Africa, or British Guiana. That letter will have forded crocodile haunts, leagons, crossed fever-breeding swamps, and pushed through trackless tropical forests, tucked away in the turban or lion-cloins of the native runner who maintains final communication between Britain and her farthest tropical outposts. God speed that intrepid messenger through the perils of his journey; that the lonely man at his post of duty may be cheered through many a day of thankless and little rewarded toil by the thought of his Christmas mail from home.

HOW TO DRENCH A HORSE.
 The right way to drench a horse is as follows, says The New Zealand Farmer. Back him into a stall; then he cannot back away. Put a running nose in a soft half-inch rope, and place the nose around the upper incisor (pinch) teeth, just inside of the upper lips. Have the knot of the rope come directly in the middle of the front of the upper jaw. Throw the free end of the rope over a beam well above the horse's head. Rise the head and hold it there with the nose and rope. Get the head high enough to prevent medicine from running out of the mouth, but do not put it up so high that the horse will be unable to swallow comfortably. Stand on a chair or box, so that the right hand holding the bottle may insert the neck of the bottle into the right side of the mouth. Then pour in a couple of ounces of medicine, and let the horse swallow that before more is given. Do not grasp and squeeze the horse's throat. This makes it difficult or impossible for him to swallow. Tickle the roof of the mouth with the neck of the bottle or finger, and swallowing usually follows at once.

Give Footwear This Christmas
 It heads the list of sensible gifts, because it's always useful, comfortable and acceptable.

FOR MEN	FOR WOMEN
House Slippers 50c to 3.00	House and Bedroom Slippers, Pumps, Gaiters, Moccasins, Overshoes, Hockey Boots, Snow-Shoes and Pump Ornaments.
Overshoes 1.60 to 3.15	
Hockey Boots 2.50 to 5.00	

FOR BOYS	FOR MISSES AND CHILDREN
Hockey Boots 2.00 to 3.50	Felt and Velvet House Slippers, School Boots, Leg gins, Snow-Shoes, Pumps and warm lined Hockey Boots.
School Boots 2.00 to 5.00	
Slippers and Moccasins	

Women's Kozy Felt Slippers all colours 85c
 All goods post free, Xmas Week.

ALLEY & CO.
 135 Queen St. Charlottetown

Special Inducements
 ---TO---

Christmas Shoppers
 Our stock is large and complete in every Department. Our goods are well selected and attractively priced. We meet all competition whether from Mail Order Houses or otherwise. Our Grocery Department will be found replete with everything to gladden the inner man. Our Hardware Specialties offer many suggestive remembrances. In our Clothing and Gent's Furnishing Department are many special attractions. Lines just received, such as Sweater Coats, Shirts, Scarfs, Ties, Hosiery, etc., are right up to date and embody the latest dictates of Fashion. We can supply everything wearable from a Coon Coat to a shoe string. Bring us your Christmas Orders.

LIFEBODY HEALTHY SOAP

The every-purpose-soap where health is a prime consideration

For the toilet and the bath Lifebody Soap is unexcelled. Its velvety lather soothes and cleanses while its mild carbolic solution is a wonderful health-preserving agent. The slight carbolic odor vanishes quickly after use.

ALL GROCERS

ONLY 5 CENTS

Dainty Little Aprons Make Delightful Little Gifts

Sounds rather prosaic, an Apron for Christmas, but you should see them! Charming bits of femininity they are, for serving of afternoon tea and making of fancy work.

So Many Kinds

There are little round affairs of lawn frilled edged for only..... 25c

Others in flounced muslin, lace trimmed, striped and cross barred dimities, shower of hail muslin, embroidery all-overs, fine organdies with fine Val. Laces and saucy little ribbon bows.

All prices from 25c to \$1 and practical kinds, generous sized aprons—also overall aprons, made of pretty print patterns at... 65c to \$1.00

Stanley Bros
 The always busy Store.

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Poole & Thompson Ltd
 Montague

Now for Xmas Photos

All styles of finish are shown, sepia buff black and white, life-sized hand finished portraits in India ink and the popular hand-painted work in natural colors. Call in today and see some of the styles.

The Cook Studio

A Personal Thought
 The Spirit of the Giving

Determines the value of the gift. What then could be more fitting than your portrait for the Christmas remembrance. To carry your simple message of friendships. A dozen portraits solve at once a dozen perplexing gift problems. Make an appointment today at

THE BAYER STUDIO

Question??

How can you please the whole family at Xmas Time

there is only one solution and that is par excellence. Give them an Edison Gramophone

an instrument unsurpassed and will render joy for years.

We want you to see and hear our instruments

Records

200 Edison Records to choose from.

Ellis Pharmacy, Ltd.
 Montague, P. E. I.

COAL

A warm welcome for Santa can be provided by using some of our Coal. Make it pleasant for him by having us fill your Coal Bin.

We have a good supply of Hard and Soft Coal in stock suitable for Base Burners, Furnaces and Domestic purposes.

For a good fire, that gives out heat, try our Coal.

Prices are lowest and prompt delivery guaranteed.

A Ticklish Proposition

Our Coal is bound to tickle the whole family either directly or indirectly.

Father is tickled by the nice even heat that fills the den, Mother by the quick, lasting heat that enables her to keep a good stock of goodies for the kiddies who are always tickled to get home to a pleasant fire and mother's BEST. Phone 111.

C. LYONS & CO.

"Cigars and Cigarettes in Christmas packages of 10's, 25's and 50's. All the leading brands. Foster's Drugstore, Sunnyside. 6025-12-21-M31.

"Cigars and Cigarette in Xmas packages—10, 25 and 50's. All the leading makes—Foster's Drugstore. 6018-12-20M31.

"A big assortment of pipes, tobacco pouches, cigar and cigarette cases and all smokers' goods at Foster's Drugstore. 6018-12-20M31.

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The A. E. Lyon STUDIO
 Finest Work, Elegant Mounts
 Moderate Prices
DON'T FORGET BABY
 107 Queen St. Ch'town

Gift Hints for Xmas

For Men For Women

Wrist Watches	Bracelet Watches
Watches	Gold Brooches
Rings	Pearl Brooches
Fobs	Rings
Chains	Lockets
Cuff Links	Necklets
Stick Pins	Fobs
Tie Clips	Bar Pins
Chains	Cuff Pins
Fancy Vest	Thumbles
Button Sets	

For the Home

Silverwear
Cut Glass
China
Clocks
Flatware

Gillis Jewelry Co.
 6019-12-21M41.

X-MAS

Buntain, Bell Co.
 Selling Agents for Dominion Coal Co., Ltd.
 Phone 404

THE WAR SITUATION

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The announcement of the British withdrawal from Gallipoli overshadowed the war news tonight. The shock of the news was hardly broken by the fact that a rumour was current for some days that the withdrawal of the forces was under discussion since Lord Ribblesdale's speech in Parliament stating that withdrawal was recommended by high military authorities and the feeling in the street generally was mixed with regret. One paper sums it up as follows:

"Thus ends an enterprise on which the highest hopes were built and which, if successful, would probably have turned the tide of war. Our troops first and last were within a few miles of victory. The policy of undertaking the Dardanelles expedition may yet be carried to a successful issue though some other quarters in the near East but the prospect of forcing the way to Constantinople the famous Straits has apparently been relinquished. The British continue to occupy the tip of the Peninsula at Seddul Bahr commanding the entrance to the Straits where many British declared a new Gibraltar would one day arise. The position which is protected by a double line of ships it is assumed will be held.

Quiet continued on all war fronts. None of the big offensive threatened in France, nor in Russia, Galicia and the Balkans has materialized. There are persistent reports that the Greece-Bulgarian controversy resulting from Bulgarian surprise attack has been cleared by the Greeks. The statement says that in the encounter in Albanian Territory no one was killed and few wounded. It is announced from Paris that an enemy detachment has not yet crossed the frontier, meanwhile work on defensive lines around Saloniki is being actively pushed and the Greek Villages in the neighborhood lines have been evacuated by the populace. Greek Military circles declare they are convinced that the forces opposing the allies will not attempt to cross the frontier, because they realize the danger of provoking Greece, and the Germans because they are grateful for Greek neutrality and because of the immense cost which the enterprise would entail.

CH'TOWN MARKETS

(Corrected on Tuesdays and Fridays)

Butter, (creamy) lb	32
Butter (Tub) lb	27
Eggs, doz.	32
Beef lb. (retail)	10 to 12
Pork, lb	14 to 16
Hay (pressed) ton	\$12 to \$13
Straw (pressed) ton	\$6.00
Pork lb.	10
Turnips, bus.	15
Potatoes, (Reds) bus.	50
Potatoes, (Reds) bus.	55
Oats (white) b. bus.	43
Oats, (black) bus.	45
Beets, bus.	35
Carrots, bus.	35
Wool, lb	40
Paranips, lb	1
Geese (per pair) lb	15
Ducks (each) lb.	15
Hides	14 to 15
Turkeys, per lb	20

S'SIDE MARKETS

FRIDAY.

Butter, (Dairy) per lb.	28
Butter, (Creamery) per lb.	31
Calf Skins, per lb	13
Chickens, (dressed) per lb	16 to 17
Eggs, (fresh), per doz.	12 to 15
Fowl (dressed)	10 to 12
Geese (dressed) per lb	12 to 15
Hay (pressed) per ton	\$10 to \$13
Hay (loose) per ton.	\$9 to \$12
Hides, per lb	14
Lamb Pelts (each)	40 to 60
Oatmeal (per 100 lbs lbs)	\$2.75 to \$3.00
Oats, (black) bus.	47
Oats (white) bus.	45
Potatoes per bus	55
Pork, (organs) act per lb	07 1/2 to 09 3/4
Straw per ton	\$6
Turkeys, per bus	20
Wheat, per lb	20 to 22
Wheat per bus.	80 to \$1.10
Wool per lb.	26 to 40

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