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THE BUY EARLY MOVEMENT.

The effort to persuade people to buy early their Christmas and holiday purchases has been fairly influential in the larger cities. When one can see personally the strain under which store clerks, mail and express employes live and work for the week before Christmas, this annual scrimmage looks like something both preposterous and cruel.

People living outside the big centers however do not quite realize this. In their immediate neighborhood the Christmas season makes no great difference in the lives of the working people. The stores do not have any terrible rush and people work along about as usual.

People who send away Christmas gifts from such localities however should realize that the Christmas rush is no joke in the centers of distribution and in the post office and express business. It is a mountain of work piled in a heap on a certain group of people, when it might just as well be distributed over a longer period. So people should as early as they can, marking them if desired, "Not to be opened until Christmas."

LONG DISTANCE INVESTMENTS.

Probably there has never been a time when there was so much financial advertising in the big metropolitan newspapers. The stock market pages of many of them are fairly covered with alluring propositions. Papers that circulate among working people and persons of small means often get an enormous quantity of this advertising, perhaps quite as much as papers that appeal particularly to the wealthier classes.

It looks as though a great many people of very slender resources were being tempted into quite doubtful propositions. Of course many of these promotions are no doubt all right. But a great many of them are only partly developed prospects. No man living can tell wheather they will be payers or not.

Formerly people of small means used generally to put money into savings banks. They were fearful of stocks and distrusted all forms of paper securities, even the notes and bonds of the solidest corporations. Now a lot of these same people are allured by chances to make a fortune.

A woman who had made a pile of money in a very hazardous mining operation advised all her friends to go into such schemes. "Where would I be if I hadn't?" she said. But most of those who took her advice will lose their pathetic little hoards.

Meanwhile there are always a lot of good properties and mortgages and enterprises near one's home town, in which people who are not satisfied with bank interest can invest. They would not make anybody rich right off, but the money would be there when it was wanted. It's a good safe rule that a venture that promises extraordinary profits also involves extraordinary risks. Otherwise it would quickly be snapped up by the insiders before the general public got a chance at it.

THE CITY MANAGER'S JOB

The City Managers association, which has just held its annual meeting at Springfield, Mass., is bringing a new type of municipal officer into public view. The idea of placing one man, supposed to be a competent expert, in charge of the entire business operations of a city, seems to be making some progress. At the same time there are certain obstacles in the way of successful realization of the idea that deserve thorough investigation by any community considering this plan.

To carry out the functions of a city manager, a fellow needs a quite varied equipment. He must first be a technical expert. He must know wheather he is getting his money's worth of iron pipe and a hundred other materials. He must be able to build highways that will stand wear, to lay sewers that will drain, to provide pure water, to build school houses and other structures economically.

At the same time he must be a good judge of human nature, a good executive. He must know when his subordinates are "Sojering." He must be able to get harmonious, loyal, energetic labor. He must also be a good financial man. He must be able to straighten out the tangle in which so many systems of municipal bookkeeping are apt to fall. Combine these accomplishments [illegible] gifts to [illegible]

turned down by the wrath of factions whose claims for jobs have been ignored. The more efficient he is, probably the less popular he will be.

Under these circumstances a good many of the managers will be tempted to play politics. They will tie up with one bunch of heelers to prevent themselves from being rooted out by another. It is no bed of roses. A man can command all these resources and all the needed diplomacy can probably earn more in private employment than most cities will pay him. There will be a few towns, however, far seeing enough to recognize and require such services at their real value.

SMALL ECONOMIES

A man asked us the other day if it looked mean to collect rebate checks from a railroad. He lived in a town where the trolly company charges six cents to each passenger who does not provide himself with book tickets, but return to the passenger a rebate check good for one cent.

This man said that most people throw those checks away. The man had stuck a lot of checks into his pocket until about 50, worth of course a half dollar. He was figuring if he would have the nerve to walk up to the company's office and collect the money, as he feared it would be considered mean.

These are days when people hate to be considered penurious. They are ashamed to wait for a few cents change. A payment anything like correct is "near enough."

It may not pay the average man in these days of large wages, to bother too much about the pennies. But the moment one becomes indifferent to smaal sums, at the same time he gets careless about larger ones. A habit of exact accounting is a good one in both one's business and family accounts.

It is a good idea to keep strictly correct accounts, recording every little payment, and paying everyone everything you owe and collecting all that is due. It developes a methodical habit of mind that is exceedingly useful in these days of free spending and high prices.

Probably one reason why it costs so much to live is that dealers have discovered that the average man is indifferent about pennies and nickels. He thinks he can add five cents to every pound of meat or vegetables without anyone noticing it. But when the total is footed up at the end of the year, everyone howls.

HOW TO MAKE ECONOMIES

With prices climbing up to altitudinous heights, the newspapers are full of schemes and experiments and advice about the cost of living. Economic experts are suggesting menus and housekeepers are beset with advice. One of the recent experiments is that of Health Commissioner J. D. Robinson of Chicago, who is trying out a 40 cent daily diet with a squad of experimenters in Chicago. He contends that 40 cents a day is ample for good and wholesome food for any person.

In all probability it is. But it requires a certain firmness of human nature to maintain a limitation on one's expenses. The housewife goes to the butcher's shop determined not to spend more than 40 cents on the family dinner. But when she gets there she finds the cheaper cuts of meat are gone. Or she sees a lot of attractive foods put up in fancy boxes. Or bacon, fruits, or cakes look so attractive that she can't resist the temptation. She goes home finding that her 40 cents dinner has cost her a dollar or more.

Formerly it was second nature to consider every penny and nickel. Now most people have a very comfortable feeling about expenses. If they spend more than they expected for a certain article, they think hopefully that they will make it up elsewhere. But they never do. Their appropriation for all departments of expense are exceeded, and at the end of the year they are surprised to find themselves in debt.

Administering a household economically has become a science in these times. It involves spending a lot of time at the grocery store and at the butcher's shop. Also a lot of time in the kitchen. It cannot be secured by issuing orders over a telephone, nor handing out commands to a more or less ignorant servant.

It involves watching for bargains and keeping an eye on newspaper advertisisements. It means testing out the less expensive foods to find those that are appetizing and nourishing. There are plenty of ways of saving money even in these times for people who will make a study of it.

NO REAL GOVERNMENT IN MEXICO

In the ultimatum which the P[illegible] ident's commissioners presente[illegible] their Mexican colleagues at [illegible] City, there was constant t[illegible]

"The Mexican Gov[illegible] it is expected to [illegible] Strictly sp[illegible] a govern[illegible] some s[illegible] dow[illegible] re[illegible]

POSSIBLE APPROACH OF PEACE

The death of the aged Emperor of Austria may have an effect upon the duration of the war. His personality, more than any other force, has held the Austro-Hungarian Empire together, with its nearly three score of races and dialects and all the conflicting interests and activities which spring from such a situation. Now that he is gone the Hungarians, who have always been rather loosely attached to the dual monarchy, may take it into their heads to move for peace on their own account. Such a step would have an immediate and important effect upon the military operations, especially in the Eastern theater of the war, and would doubtless contribute to an earlier termination of hostilities than if all the antagonists maintain their present rigid attitude for a finish fight. Such a result would produce a tremendous effect in this country—which may mean that Franz Joseph's death has a larger significance for us than we now think.

Headline says "Edison too busy to go to his own party." But he is never too busy to go to the Democratic party for free trade in certain commodities used by him in manufacturing his patent-protected articles.

The crux of the litigation for the interpretation of the Adamson law turns upon whether the statute permits the railroads to exact a full eight hours' of labor in return for a day's pay. If the answer is in the affirmative, it is evident that the railroads will be the gainers—for the existing contrats with their men, upon a combination of time and mileage service, now produce a day and a half of pay for what is often times only five or six hours of work. The Brotherhoods, of course, want to eat their cake and have it too. And this is axiomatically impossible.

After three months of yachting, dancing, holidays and festivities the Mexican-American joint commission has signified a protocol providing for the withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico "within forty days of the ratification of the protocol, provided that the time the State of Chihuahua is not in a condition to endanger the American border". When the gentleman not long ago called "the George Washington of Mexico," Pancho Villa, read that proviso, a wicked smile he smole.

The President refused to fly with his stenographer the other day. But he will be up in the air before another year has passed.

There is a tremendous demand for an embargo on shipments to Europe, everyone of course excepting the things he personally has to sell.

The fact that a man denounces the food speculators as robbers does not prove that he wouldn't feel flattered at being invited to an automobile ride with one of them.

THE KITCHEN CABINET

Not understood. How many breasts are aching
For lack of sympathy! Ah day by day,
How many cheerless, lonely hearts are breaking!
How many noble spirits pass away,
Not understood.

APPETIZING DISHES.

The sweet potato, owing to the large amount of starch and sugar it contains possesses higher food value than the white potato, and it would seem at the present prices that the sweet potato costs less. For the stuffed sweet potato select short, thick potatoes and parboil 15 minutes. Peel them, cut a slice from the top and remove the centers with a sharp knife or apple corer. If the potatoes are large a half one will be sufficient for one serving. Moisten a pint of bread crumbs with cream or milk; add a half teaspoonful of salt, one-eighth of a teaspoonful each of cloves, nutmeg and paprika,—two finely chopped, hard-cooked eggs, two raw egg yolks and four tablespoonfuls of ham, finely chopped. This will fill six ordinary sized potatoes. Simmer in a cream sauce for half an hour or until the potatoes are tender.

Fruit Salad.—Cut a grapefruit into quarters and remove the pulp so as to leave the outside in shape for serving. Mix one cupful each of grapefruit, diced pineapple, broken pecan meats and quartered marshmallow with mayonnaise, dilute with whipped cream [illegible] beaten egg white. Chill. Li[illegible]sections of the grapefruit [illegible] leaves and fill with the [illegible]nish with mayonnaise [illegible]rries.

[illegible]—Cream a quarter of [illegible](four tablespoonfuls), [illegible]e cupful of sugar, [illegible]lk, and one and one-[illegible]ur, sifted with two [illegible]king powder; fold [illegible] whites of two eggs [illegible] of a teaspoonful of [illegible] minutes in a mod-[illegible]r with white frost-

[illegible]tuffed With Cauli[illegible]slice from the stem [illegible]en pepper and re-[illegible] Parboil ten min-[illegible]eamed cauliflower. [illegible]ered crumbs and [illegible]er skins are ten-[illegible]ter and water.

[illegible] Maxwell

CHILDREN'S CORNER

THE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Once upon a time, there was a little girl whose parents lived in the country, a short distance from the town, which had a large public school.

The five school days, this little girl spent with her grandmother. Every night and morning, they took ten or fifteen happy moments going over the child's lessons for each day's work. So bravely and well was her progress, she led her class at the end of the year.

Next year Curly-Head was eager to do just as well; she studied and read over and over every day. Once when she had done such excellent reading, her grandmother said, "You have been such a diligent worker, I am going to give you a party on your next birthday which will be Tuesday next."

At this promise, Curly-Head threw down her books with a shout and went skipping and singing around, wishing the day could be tomorrow, until grandmother called her to come and together, they made out the list of seven little children friends.

There was Elizabeth with her sunny joyous smiles and her wee sister Ruth; fair Katherine from up the street, blue eyed cousin Eleanor, with fat Robbie boy, and Curly-Head's own, very small sister Evelyn. Seven to be invited to the party. Oh what fun. Each one said they would come.

Then grandmother got busy. She made a beautiful white birthday cake and put on it seven red candles for the seven years Curly-Head had lived. Grandmother ordered the candy and ice-cream and other nice things, until all things were ready.

The birthday dawned with bright sunshine and blue skies and with it came all the seven children, every one as happy as could be.

The fun began and games were played, until a door flew open and grandmother took each child to a place at the birthday table. A funny cap was given and put on each head. The red candles on the birthday cake were lighted, amid the laughing and clapping of the children, then each child tried to blow out one and they blew so well, no one failed.

The cake was cut for all, the ice cream came right along with it, and every child ate all they could, in honor of Curly-Head, for the pleasure it gave to themselves and all departed wishing Curly-Head a hundred more happy birthdays, and smiling thanks to grandmother for all their joyous evening.

LOST PUNCTUATION MARKS

A funny old man told this to me
('Tis a puzzle in punctuation, you see):
"I fell in a snowdrift. In June," said he
"I went to a ball game. Out in the sea
I saw a jelly fish float. On a tree
I found some gum. In a cup of tea
I stirred the milk. With a big brass key
I opened my door. On my bended knee,
I ask your pardon for this," said he,
But 'tis true—when told as it ought to be."

NOTE.—The editors are glad to report that they have received from L. L. K. the correct answer for No. 56—an India-rubber ball.

THE MAGIC KEYS.

Frank was rude, loud he screamed,
"Open the door for me!"
"Yes," was the answer from within,
"If you'll bring the proper key."

"If you please, mother," said little Frank,
Putting down his pride.
At mention of the gentle words,
The door flew open wide.

Hearts, like doors, are often locked,
"Thank you", and "if you please,"
Spoken with a pleasant smile,
Are the magic keys.
—Selected.

BASTING

Grandmother bastes her turkey
With gravy in a pan.
I watched her while she does it,
And help her when I can.
But why she calls it basting
Is somewhat hard to guess;
For mother bastes with needles
When she makes me a dress.
—Helen M. Richardson.

Men exist for the sake of one another. Teach them then or bear with them.
—Marcus Aurelius.

DOLLS.

I wonder, when I'm sound asleep,
Just what my dollies do.
I heard my dishes rattle once.
I really did, for true!
But, oh, it was so very dark,
I peered, but could not see.
I just believe my Paris doll
Was having folks to tea.
—Grace May North, in For Every Other Sunday.

APING HIS SIRE

"Papa," said five-year-old Tommy, "please give me five cents to buy a toy monkey." "You don't need a toy monkey," answered the father: "you are a monkey yourself, "give me five cents to buy peanuts for the monkey."

THE PREREQUISITE OF INFANCY

"Oh, no" soliloquized Johnny, bitterly; "there ain't no favorites in this family. Oh, no! If I bite my finger nails I get a rap over the knuckles, but if the baby eats his whole foot they think it's cute."—Exchange.

DID HE GO

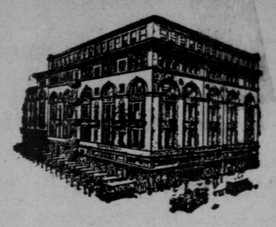
Johnson: "I wonder if Mr. Jones meant anything personal by giving me a ticket to a lecture on 'Fools.'"
Jackson: "Why?"
Johnson: "Because the ticket says, Admit One."

ONLY A LADY IN THE MAKING

Five-year-old Freddie often showed pugilistic tendencies. One day he had been using his fists on three- year-old sister Helen. His visiting Auntie said, "Freddie, don't you know that a gentleman never strikes a lady?" Instantly Helen stopped crying and exclaimed, "They do, too."

"Why, Helen!" said Auntie. "When did you ever see a gentleman strike a lady?"

With an air of convincing proof, the little maid replied, "Why, my daddy spanks me."



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