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MARTIN jabbed his knife into the block, folded the apron gingerly, and jammed it into a hamper in the back room. He sighed. "By Golly! The first time I've had even to think! Dread 'em every year. Tomorrow's Christmas." He shrugged deprecatingly. Something about the drooping half-smile of his mouth was pathetic.

A brindle and white mongrel paused for a moment in his excited search for scraps, eyed his companion quizzically, and returned resolutely to his sniffing.

"Turkeys and ducks and chickens, 's all they think of. Now and then bacon or ham. I used to think Christmas was different."

The young man rolled down his sleeves and reached for his coat. "Even she—" his bitterness deepened, "with everything. Fifteen-pound turkey! Lord! I wonder what she'd think if she knew how I feel. More than likely doesn't know I'm alive, and me falling all over myself to save best cuts for her! Oh well, come on, Spud!"

Spud crunched a meat scrap reluctantly. "All right. Finish that. No hurry." Martin strolled to the window and gazed out at the other festive shop displays. "Christmas 's just a day people take off to eat and give presents in, and if you don't know anybody and room out, there's nothing to it."

"One thing, Spud" Martin's voice brightened. Spud wagged a responsive tail without looking up. "In two months we'll have the mortgage paid off this joint! Gad, it's been a pull getting started into business. Ten long, long months to save two hundred dollars."

Outside a light snow was falling. Late shoppers, hurrying along, laden with bundles, scarcely glanced at the



tall young philosopher who, followed by a heterogeneous dog, strolled homeward. The excluding gaiety of Christmas Eve laughter and brightly lighted houses intensified Martin's loneliness. He passed the house where she lived and strained his eyes for a glimpse of her. In fancy, he told her about Spud, the market, and even hinted of his love for her.

From down the street a group of children chattered "Silent Night." Martin smiled bitterly. He, too, had believed that story of the birth of a Christ child, once. A "prof" at college had refuted it. Too bad. Pretty story. She had come to the window

to listen. How lovely she—D—n! The carol had broken off into terrified screams. A car sped away. Martin found frightened children shivering over the writhing form of a boy. Martin carried him to the light. It was the fellow who bought bits of liver and now and then a scrawny soup bone.

The girl must have seen the accident for she had come out and was saying that she had called an ambulance. They both rode through the crunching snow to the hospital and waited silently.

"Not as bad as we had feared," the doctor finally announced. "Sad case, though. Little fellow is moaning now about who'll take care of his mother. Rent not paid, he says. Seems he's been earning all they've had. When I told him he might be here three months—well, I never saw a kid so down-hearted."

Martin hesitated. "I've got two hundred dollars," he heard himself saying. "If that would do the kid and his mother." He had a fleeting desperate picture of another ten months of saving and stalling off the second mortgage.

He walked home with the girl. Her name was Mary. A regular Christmas name, he said. She smiled.

"It was a beautiful thing to do, Mr. Bowman," she told him. "Did you notice the peace and happiness in that little fellow's face after the doctor had told him? Mr. Bowman, I—"



she hesitated. "I don't suppose you'd care to, but I—well, like to have you eat Christmas dinner with us. I went up this afternoon to ask you, but you were entirely too busy to notice me and—"

"Too busy to notice you!" Martin gasped. "I thought you'd never noticed me!"

Spud had been waiting. His sleepy accusation as he arose from the doorstep was scarcely noticed. The song of the little injured caroler was running through Martin's mind and replacing a cynical philosophy.

"It was a silent night like this," he said. Thoughtfully, he looked up. In the east, one star seemed larger than the others.

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### Christmas Card Custom

In 1846 the king of England sent cards of greeting to his friends and this started the custom. In England, too, was first started the nice custom of saying Merry Christmas and of decorating the house.

### Christmas Joy

A man is only an apology for a man if he fails at Christmastide to bring joy to at least one man, one woman, one child or one animal.—Chas. XIII

### Sent a Box of Mistletoe to Recall a First Kiss

"SIGN on the dotted line, lady." "But are you sure this is for me?"

"It says, 'Miss Martha Brent, 220 Cassland; ain't that you? There's no mistake; its yours all right.'"

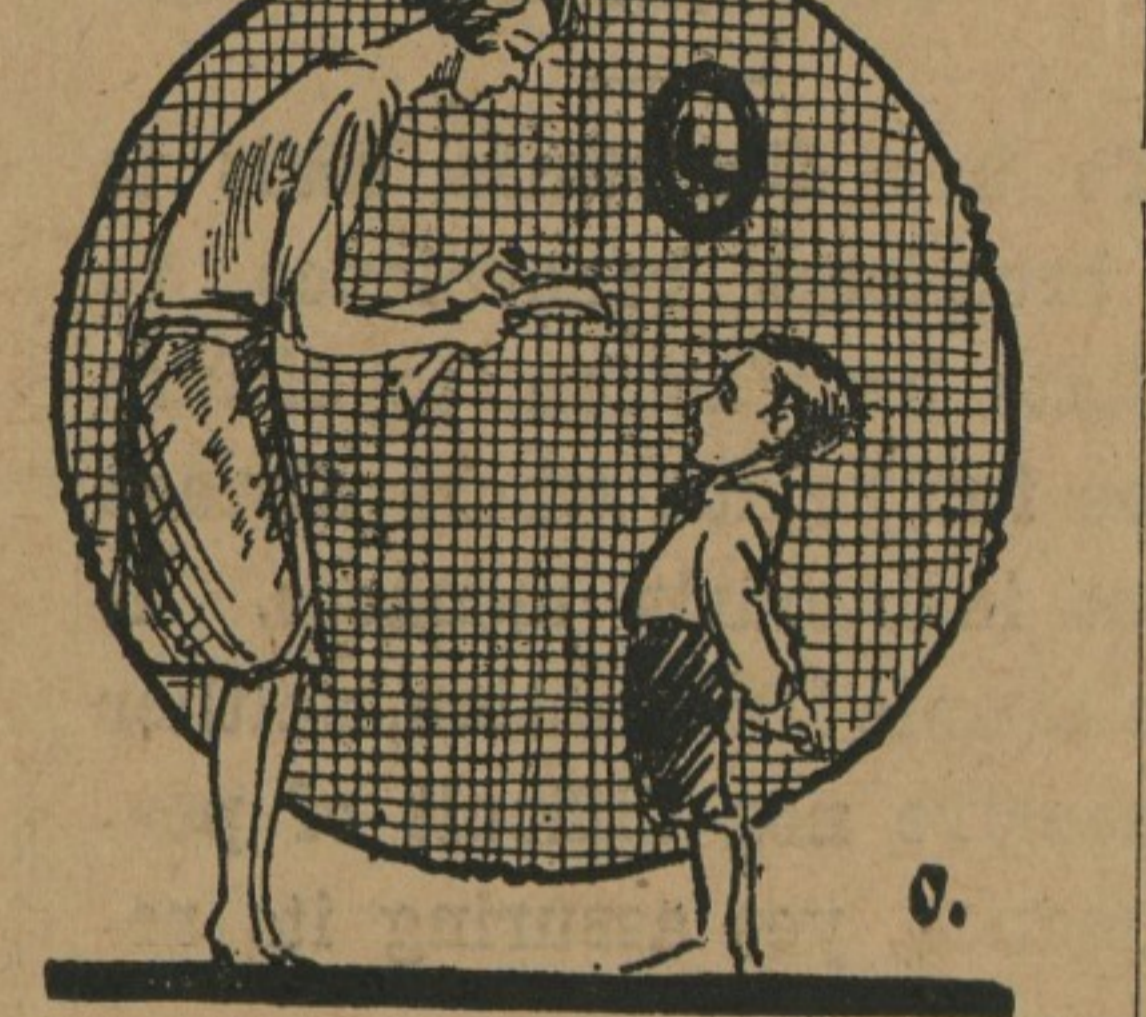
Miss Brent drew the box into the house and opened it with trembling hands. And there stood a box filled with mistletoe, lovely white berries like pearls.

"What in the world!" ejaculated Miss Brent. "Mistletoe for an old maid! It must be a joke!"

But she took it out and decorated her tiny home. That night her door bell rang. When she went to the door there stood a prosperous, middle-aged man.

His hair was beginning to turn gray and he had a vaguely familiar look. "Miss Martha," he said, "thirty years ago tonight we were attending a party at Mary Holland's. I kissed you under the mistletoe and you boxed my ears soundly. I said, 'I thought girls liked to be kissed.' You replied, 'Not by a good-for-nothing Fitzgerald!'"

"I'm no longer good-for-nothing. May I try again, Martha?"—Jane Roth. (© 1927, Western Newspaper Union.)



"I'm afraid, child, you are asking old Santa for too much this year." "Well, it is a good bit, mother, but with all the toys he's got he'll never miss 'em."

Lots Like Him December 25 Mrs. Blm—Harry took part in a Christmas play last night and today he's so hoarse he can hardly talk. Mrs. Bam—Oh, he was the leading man, then? "No, he was the prompter."

Christmas Superstition There is an old superstition that nine holly leaves tied in a handkerchief with nine knots and placed under the pillow on Christmas night will cause the sleeper to dream of his or her future wife or husband.



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