

Women and Their Interests

The Tragedy of the Useless Christmas Gift

By DOROTHY DIX.

This is the time of the year when everybody's thoughts are turning toward Christmas presents and every woman is sitting up with a pencil and a piece of paper and a wild-looking eye, asking herself: What shall I give Mary and Jane and Tom and Bob and Aunt Ellen and Uncle Harry and all the balance of my friends and family? To this woman—and her name is Mrs. Legion—I would like to make one suggestion and it is this: Give something useful. Don't waste a penny on silly trumpery this Christmas, but make every present supply a need that would else be an aching want to the person to whom you make a Christmas present.

This year times are hard. Thousands of people who are ordinarily well to do are in want. Other thousands have had their incomes reduced. There is hardly a person, save the millionaire, who is not having to economize more than usual and under such circumstances to spend money for foolishness is nothing short of a crime.

The silly, useless, meaningless Christmas present is never a welcome gift at any time. Who wants a five-dollar hand-painted Christmas card with a lot of doggerel poetry printed in one corner of it? Who wants a ribbon-bedecked celluloid atrocious whose purpose is a fathomless mystery? Who wants any of the myriad little flimsy silver and near trifles that clutter up the dressing table or sideboard? Who wants the embroidered and tinsel and velvet and plush and satin what-you-may-call-em with which our friends endow us at Christmas, and which serve no earthly purpose except as dust and germ catchers?

Christmas the Season of Good Will and Peace on Earth.

For myself, I am never so impressed with the fact that Christmas is, indeed, the season of peace on earth and good will toward men, as when I observe the noble and forgiving spirit with which people accept the junk that is donated them

at Christmas. Otherwise they would rise up and smite the giver, hip and thigh, for having bestowed upon them trash that is an insult to their common sense and an outrage to their tastes.

The average bunch of Christmas presents does not contain three things that its recipient would not gladly chuck into the garbage can if he or she had the courage to do it. Yet this lot of silly rubbish has cost many dollars, sometimes hundreds of dollars, good money that would have bought dozens of useful articles, needed articles, that would have made the person to whom they were given more comfortable, enabled him or her to be better dressed, and caused him or her to overflow with perpetual gratitude toward the giver. And that's the tragedy of the Christmas gift.

Of course there are a lot of people who will say that it robs a Christmas gift of its poetry and idealism to make it practical. Rats! The affection that expresses itself in taking cognizance of our needs and trying to supply them appeals a lot more to us than does the high-falootin', sentimentalism that manifests itself in useless beautiful and symbolic terms—that sends us, for example, \$25 worth of American Beauty roses when we've got holes in our shoes.

The hardest task that any of us ever have to do is to look grateful and appreciative at Christmas and write the proper note of thanks; and the reason of this is that you would be more than human if it didn't make you mad to contemplate this sinful waste of money that your friends have foisted upon you for things for which you have no use and no place for, and to think how many things that you needed and were dying to have you could have bought with the price.

We are all really in the frame of mind of a young man who once showed me a couple of hundred of silly presents he had received from girls, and who, after sadly inquiring of me what I supposed most of the things were intended for, remarked: "Gee! I'd trade the whole lot off for one good pair of socks."

Foolish Buying Is Bad in This Particular Year of Woe and War.

This sort of foolish and useless Christmas buying is bad at any time, but in this particular year of war and woe it is absolutely inexcusable. So I say to the woman who is making out her Christmas list: Apply the Golden Rule to your Christmas shopping. Buy nothing that you do not know to be useful and that you would not like to have somebody present to you.

So far as your women friends are concerned, just remember that no woman was ever over-supplied with handkerchiefs, or silk stockings, or lingerie, or towels, or table napery, or, for that matter, table accessories. Give young girls things to wear, hats or slippers, or gowns, as many and as fine as your purse allows, but nothing from a Paris frock to an artificial flower ever goes amiss that goes to a girl.

Instead of giving a dinky lot of foolishness to each of the various members of a household lump your money and make a gift to the family of some needed piece of furniture that will be a comfort to them for years to come. Just remember what your friends need and send that to them. Personally, the most enjoyable Christmas present I ever got was a gorgeous lot of cooking utensils. Don't be afraid to send boxes of fancy groceries. That was always an acceptable present as long as there's an appetite left in the world.

And when you can't think of anything especially appropriate to give to an individual, give to the family. That is always received with peans of gratitude, especially by children, who find a double excitement in a Christmas gift of money, because it gives them the thrill of going shopping and buying just what they want.

We are always hearing at Christmas that it is more blessed to give than to receive. The reason of that is because we don't have to have around us the junk we bestow on others. We can make it both blessed to give and to receive if we push along the useful Christmas gift ideas.

WITH THE FASHIONABLE CAPE EFFECT

A Smart Costume Adapted Both to the Street and to the House.

By MAY MANTON



8464 Cape Gown, 34 to 42 bust.

The cape effect makes one of the prettiest and most novel features of the season. Here it is used with exceptionally good result and the gown is one that can be worn within doors or upon the street with the addition of a fur scarf if the day is mild. The costume is much liked for broadcloth, which is a favorite of the season, for gabardine and also for velvet, faille silk and charmeuse satin and frequently for broadcloth or gabardine combined with velvet or with charmeuse. There is a foundation blouse which, in this instance, is made of striped silk and an over-b blouse in cape effect. The skirt consists of a deep yoke with a plain lower portion with plaited panels. The sleeves may be made in full or three-quarter length but a marked feature of the season is to be found in the combination of open neck with long sleeves. In the picture gabardine is combined with Roman striped silk that is exceedingly handsome in the picture. Chiffon velvet could be used for the blouse and trimming portions, or charmeuse satin, or the entire gown could be made of charmeuse satin, or of faille silk with the blouse and trimming portions either of plain colored chiffon velvet or of fancy silk.

For the medium size, the gown will require 7 1/2 yds. of material, 27 1/2 yds. 36, 4 1/2 yds. 44 in. wide, with 2 1/2 yds. 27. For the blouse and trimming, width of skirt at lower edge 2 yds. and 10 inches before plaits are laid.

The pattern of the gown 8464 is cut in sizes from 34 to 42 inches bust measure. It will be mailed to any address by the Fashion Department of this paper, on receipt of ten cents.

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Miss Fairfax Answers Queries

KEEP YOUR CHILD
Dear Miss Fairfax: I am a young widow of 23, and have one child of three years. There is a young man whom I love dearly, and he says that he loves me. He wants to marry me, but before I marry him I am to put my child to a home. I love my child too; which shall I sacrifice, my child or him?
UNHAPPY.

A man who is worth anything at all will not wish to separate a mother and child. He seems to have no natural affection, and I'd surely tell him at once that the child is yours and will always stay with you. You're young enough to wait until a really good man comes along who will gladly take you both.

"DO YOU LOVE HIM?"
DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: I am a young girl of twenty, am considered pretty and am in comfortable circumstances. My parents wish me to marry a wealthy man, but I am seven years my senior and mentally superior. He is a man of excellent principles. Now, the question is, should I continue seeing him or give him up?
ADELE.

It is your own heart that must answer you. Certainly it does not matter what your friends think, or what foolish prejudices they have against people who are not of American birth. If you love the man as much as you admire and respect him, marry him by all means.

Ladies: A Perfect Complexion is Your Birthright

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Any woman who desires a beautiful, clear complexion that will attract the admiration of everyone, should go to any live drugist or department store to-day and ask for a bottle of Cream Veo. Cream Veo is not expensive and is simply delightful. It is made of pure, rich, heavy, olive oil as a base and besides giving to the skin that clear, healthy color which is the sign of health, it removes all blackheads and pimples and removes wrinkles.

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WEST SHORE NEWS

ILL WITH BLOOD POISONING
Enola, Pa., Dec. 11.—Joseph B. Troup, of Wyoming avenue, is seriously ill at his home from blood poisoning caused by a piece of oyster shell cutting his hand about ten days ago. He did not pay attention to it until Sunday when he was taken ill.

KITCHEN SHOWER FOR MEMBER
Enola, Pa., Dec. 11.—Members of the Sunday school class of Mrs. Harvey F. Smiley gave a very pleasant kitchen shower to one of their members, Mrs. John Crane, at her home in Juniata street. Many useful presents were received. Refreshments were served the following: Mrs. Harvey F. Smiley, Mrs. Ross Morris, Mrs. John Crane, Mrs. Ellis S. Murray, Mrs. W. Roy Green, Miss Miriam Shuman, Miss Louisa Musser, Miss Mary Anderson, Miss Doris Wallace, Miss Katharine Famous and Miss Grace Heckert.

TWO ENOLA BRAKEMEN HURT
Enola, Pa., Dec. 11.—William B. Benner, employed as yard brakeman on the eastbound hump in the Enola yards, slipped on the snow on top of a car that he was riding and was thrown to the ground, striking against the rail, injuring his left side.

William T. Lyons, of State road, South Enola, employed as a yard brakeman, was injured while riding on the rear of the engine while returning to his home when the engine and tank left the track, throwing him to the ground, crushing his lantern and box and badly bruising his leg.

DEATH OF MRS. HUGHES
Enola, Pa., Dec. 11.—Mrs. David Hughes, 27 years old, of Columbia road, died at her home after an illness of three days from a complication of diseases. She is survived by her husband, daughter Helen, and two sons, John and Carl. Funeral this afternoon from her late home. The body will be taken to Columbia for burial to-morrow.

VISITING IN TENNESSEE
Enola, Pa., Dec. 11.—Forrest R. Erdley and wife, of Susquehanna avenue, left to-day for a three weeks' trip to New River, Tenn.

BAZAR CLEARS \$300
New Cumberland, Pa., Dec. 11.—Over three hundred dollars was cleared at the Sunday school bazar which was held in Baughman Memorial Methodist Church the past week. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Church.

DIED IN CALIFORNIA
New Cumberland, Pa., Dec. 11.—Word was received by friends in New Cumberland of the death of Frank Peeman which occurred in Colergrave, California. Mr. Peeman was a resident of this place a number of years ago and is well known.

LEBANON CO. CATTLE KILLED
Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 11.—Agents of the State Livestock Sanitary Board to-day destroyed the herd on the farm of John Herr, near Buffalo Springs, consisting of twenty steers, eight cows and two bulls, and next week they will perform a similar work at the farm of Monroe Brubaker adjoining.

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DEATH OF MRS. JOSHUA KELLER

Special to The Telegraph
Mechanicsburg, Pa., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Joshua Keller, wife of ex-Postmaster Keller, died on Wednesday at her home in New Kingston, after a protracted illness. She was 67 years old and well known in this vicinity. Her husband and two brothers survive: John Paul, of Mechanicsburg, and David Paul, of Churchtown. The funeral services will be held on Monday morning at 10.30 o'clock. Burial will be made in the Mt. Zion Cemetery, near Churchtown.

Mr. John Staubach Reports and Again People Are Astonished

Mr. John Staubach, aged 29 years, fireman on the Reading, called at the drug store and said: "I had a talk with you three weeks ago. I then suffered from terrible pains across my back and shoulders. My case was pronounced lumbago. Often when working at the furnace doors I felt as though the pains would kill me. My condition grew so bad that I was only able to work three weeks during the past four months. I concluded to try Quaker Extract and Oil of Balm, and I am thankful that I did so, for today I believe I am entirely well again. I have not had a pain for a week and I go back to work to-morrow. I want some more of the Quaker Oil of Balm, as I never wish to be out of the wonderful pain killer."

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