WOMEN, THE SPENDERS, SHOULD BE THE SAVERS, M'LISS SAYS

A Golden Harvest Is to Be Reaped in the Near Future If the Pennies Are "Put By"

"THE city," says a news headline, "has spent \$34,000,000 for Christmas presents."

Interesting statistics these, and arresting, too, but even more halting, I think, would be some data on what the city has saved. Indisputably, the most tried and trusted New Year's resolution, the one that is trotted out annually on the first of every year, is the determination to "put by" something for the inevitable rainy day that the poet tells us comes some time into the life of

"Til cut out the chocolate sodas," says the working girl. "I'll save on my millinery," says the wife with a penchant for fine feathers. "No more smokes: I'm too nervous, anyway," resolves the devotee of the

A miserable week goes by. Then we see Miss Business Girl once more in her favorite confectionery shop. The marcelled tresses of Mrs. Married Woman are topped by a new chapeau and a cigarette of his best-liked brand dangles from the lips of the costwhile tobacco abstainer.

Three cheers for the present, who cares for the future? But when the rainy day comes, all three are bound to get wet-

Big Chances Coming.

From time immemorial I have heard that the women of the nation are its spenders. This was never brought home to me so forcibly as the other day, when I stopped in the men's furnishing department of one of the large shopswomen, women, everywhere, with scarcely a man in sight,

"What proportion of men do the buying here?" I asked one of the salesmen. "Oh, about 10 per cent, I should say," he answered. "Most women even buy their husbands' suits, though often they're considerate enough to bring them along to have them fitted." This was in the men's department. I suppose it would not be too much

to say that 95 women to every one man do the purchasing in the other depart-Now, if women really are the spenders, since the bulk of the family income

finds its way to their hands, ought they not, by the same token, to be the

Financiers have declared that after the European war is over the small savers of America will have an unprecedented opportunity to invest in gilt-edged securities. Virtually every nation in the Old World will be wanting to borrow. The money has got to come from somewhere,

If our women were of the thrifty turn of mind that characterizes the French women, whose highly developed frugality is said to have been responsible for the remarkable recuperation of their nation after the Franco-Prussian war, no announcement of the coming of this golden harvest would be necessary. We'd

Let's get ready for it. Five dollars saved every week will yield you an income of \$20 a week in less than 30 years. Not to be smarted at, I should say, should you want to retire at the age of 50! Make the old resolution new this year by keeping it.

Kindly Move Up, Please

Bustles, the house of Premet announces, will be in again. How about those unconsciously humorous signs that appear over the longitudinal seats in some has one to dispose of. MRS. J. D. C. of the street cars? "This seat holds four," they read.

Strange As It May Seem

While prominent women in Philadelphia under the leadership of Mrs. George W. Childs brexel were laying plans to organize themselves into an officiency squad of military preparedness last week, the 800 "suffs" convening at Washington tabled a motion introduced by Mrs. Stanley McCormick to put them on record as favoring preparedness. Like men, women, too, sometimes have divergent opinions on hig national questions, though some men remain who think our brains are not made this way.

Beauty Lies in the Eye of the Holder

Pulchritude, according to the superintendent of the Woman's Hospital, is a necessary concomitant of the success of a woman doctor. Why the limitation of profession? Most women consider pink cheeks and bright eyes an overwhelming asset in any walk of life.

Impossible!

"Lead the tranquil life," advises State Health Commissioner Dixon. I read this this morning to the rhythmic sway of a crowded subway. Other oscillating theores to the right, left and rear of me also snatched at the morn-Ing news. Between their eyebrows was that tell-tale wrinkle which comes from the unceasing effort to "get there,"

All things considered, tell us how to lead the trunquil life, Doctor Dixen, please. We need to know.

The sun do move. Time was when a woman doctor was a person to be mentioned with bated breath, an individual not quite human. And now they're

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

Dear Milliss-Is it true that a girl can be married in some States at the age of 12 years with the consent of her parents?

Yes. In Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri and Virginia.

Dear M'Liss-Some time ago I read that Dr. Helen King, of the University of Pennsylvania, is the only woman in America to hold a fellowship in research work. Is this a fact? A READER. As far as I can discover, she is the only woman to be so distinguished.

Dear Miliss-When does Ash Wednesday come this year? And when

Ash Wednesday falls on March 8, 1916. Easter Sunday comes on the

Dear M'Liss-I wish to address a letter to Frank Danby, the povelist, have been told that "he" is a woman. Can you help me? INTERESTED. In real life Frank Danby is Mrs. Julia Frankau. Her address is 64 Grosyenor street, West, London.

Address all communications to M'Liss, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only.

Under the Mistletoe

hough Christmas seasons come and go. Keep in remembrance mistletoe. For gods scorned not to use its power; And since that consequential hour When Haldur Beautiful was sinin. A potent spell it does maintain

Each year will Man its virtues test, Advance with palpitating breast Heneath its gray green leaves, and seck To snatch a kiss from Beauty's check; Man only stoops to klas again.

Physicians Make "Confessions"

Physicians of the West Philadelphia branch of the Philadelphia County Medical Society last night observed "Confession Night" at the assembly rooms of the or-ganization, at 25th and fiaring streets. Every member present had to make a confession, unless he desired to pase as one of the infallible persons so "seldom heard of in the world of mistakes and troubles." One of the doctors pointed out that lessons were frequently learned by mistakes and that one mistake had led mistakes and that one mistake had led to the saving of 100 lives.



SEEN IN THE SHOPS

A STUNNING SET OF FURS

FOR those who are in quest of some- | You hat, which is worthy of comment, indicates, from Russia. It is a tan fur. is \$13.50. with the striped markings of brown. The set, which should be worn with a tallored suit, has the "chin-chin" collar build with brown velvet and trimmed ornaments of the same. The melon must be also fluished with a similar arranment, as well as fr. ils of brown, velvet. Price, \$75. tration appeared.

For those who are in quest of somehing "different" in furs this set of
Baumduki should make a strong appeal.
The fur is juite new, and as the name
centuating its military aspect, the price

Information as to where the garment

Marion Harland's Corner

much or send them to business school to learn. Perhaps some Helping Hander has one to dispose of. MRS J. B. C." the typewriter, but we can't afford to pay

We have no less than six requests for typewriters upon our list of "unanswereds." We object to taxing our noble co-workers for expensive articles. To do this would discourage those who long to hold up the Helping Hand. Therefore when a new writer puts in a plea for six pairs of lace curtains we quietly drop the letter into the waste basket with a weary pairs of lace curtains we quietly drop the letter into the waste basket with a weary sigh. An exception to the above rule is made now for good reasons. The mother is wise in wishing to teach her children the use of the machine. They will learn how to write and spell in the sport—as they will consider it. It will beguile many an hour of weariness for the restless little things and leave her free to work. And some of them are pretty sure to acquire sufficient dexterity in the practice to enable him or her to earn a livelihood in days to come. Note the request is for a cheap machine. One you have rejected for a newer article will be put here to exfor a newer article will be put here to ex-

They Want Some Toys

"Has any one same toys to spare for my little sisters? One is 8, one 8 and the other 9. My father has been paralyzed for the years. It is up to me to carn our bread and butter. I am 17 years old and Women Medicos in Demand
In an illuminating little arricle on "The Choice of a Vocation," Dr. Ellen
C. Potter declares that no professional field for women is breader than the medical.

"There is an unsatisfied demand for women trained in the practice of medicine in general and special lines and in hygiene in all its branches. The demand is far greater than the supply."

The wind of move. Time was when a woman dector was a person to be.

Every mail briggs us fresh proofs that

them on them.

P. R. T.'

Every mail brings us fresh proofs that the spirit of Christmas is in the air. We take advantage of the glorious fact to lay this petition before readers young and old. Nursery cupboards and drawers must be emptied of old toys in hundreds of homes represented in our H. H. C. Send to me for the address of the matherly sister who cannot buy toys for the deliges. Have well to do readers motherly sister who cannot buy toys for her darlings. Have well to do readers any just conception of the heartache mothers endure in such effectimationes? To deprive a child of Christmas joys is to make of him a life-long pauper in what enriches memory with more fortunate children. Take from any one of us the "aweet smolling savor" of Christmasses past and gone and we would be becaved indeed.

Wants a Canary

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"I am the mother of three little totsliving on a lonely farm, hundreds of miles
away from my dear ones and relatives.
At times I am terribity lonely, I lived
in a big city for years before coming to
this place. Could one of the dear sisters
of your circle send me a nice singing
canary and an old case? I am afraid I
could not afford to buy a case. O, how
I long for a canary's song to cheer me
during the day! And, maybe, some one
would send me a potted fern. I am passionately fond of birds and house plants,
but have no money to buy them with. signately fond of birds and house plants, but have no money to buy them with. Whoever will be kind enough to send me the fern and cage and bird will receive some crocheted lace edging, suitable for towels, aprons, etc. I shall be only too glad to crochet some edging for whatever I receive. I shall hope and pray for my little birdle and plants. little birdle and plants

"LONELY FARM WOMAN." The owner of a sonsster, who for an reason is willing to pass it over to you, is not likely to demand any equivalent for the pet except your promise to tend it levingly. Yet I do not out out the preposed exchange from your touching let-

Typewriter for Children

"Would it be possible for you to help me get a cheap typewriter for my children? I have six of them. I should like some of them to learn to use the typewriter, but we can't afford to pay the converting the converting the converting that of an educated, refined woman. De-

Pieces for Rugs

her to do. I will pay postuge or exponent on things. MRS. F. 1 MRS F E"

Here, at least, no expenditure of money Here, at least, no expenditure of money is required in order to aid a worthy woman to earn a living. Collect all manner of oids and ends while awaiting reply to your letter asking for her address and the parcel post will do the rest.

All communications addressed to Miss Burland should inclose a stamped, seifaddressed excelore, and a climater of the article in which you are interested. Send to Marian Harland, Evening Ledger, 608 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

WOOD TO ADDRESS WOMEN

General Will Speak on Preparedness at Mrs. Drexel's Invitation

States army, at a meeting to be held in Witherspoon Hall on Thursday afternoon, January 13, and urged by him to join the Pennsylvania Women's Division for Na-

refineyivania Women's Division for National Preparedness, so that they may render effective service in case of war or other national calamity.

General Wood's promise to address the meeting was given in reply to a request made by Mrs. George W. Childs Drexel, founder of the movement, in which she explained fully the plans of the organization committee.



Dr. Charlotte B. Martin 702 Flanders Hidg., 15th & Walnut

CHRISTMAS HOLLY , AND TREE TRIMMINGS MUST BE THOUGHT OF

Mistletoe, Too, Though It's Expensive-Final Storming of the Shops by Shoppers Is On

Including today, there are only three more

Christmas holly is making its appearance in windows all over town, especially in the windows of those who say they don't believe in what Christmas stands for. Christmas trees are being sold, but the great rush to buy these does not come until the last moment. They also are used o deck the rooms of the unbelievers.

A learned agnostic always reads Dickens' A learned agnostic always reads includes a course. All y wife is 49 years old, apparently before the property one excuse or another for having a good time now; they say the festival is a pagan survival or that every antion has to have at least one big blowout a year, and that it just happens we call our Christmas; and many other clever excuses for being clever instead of right, but something or other tricks.

A learned agnostic always reads includes a course. It is all years old, apparently what makes our baby, seven weeks at the third with colle? Isn't there any may be condensing his letter. It teaches a lesson.

The family doctor very evidently knows his business. Didn't he make a thorough examination? Furthermore, he gave an honest opinion—neither jumping to the conclusion that every lump is a cancer, and that it seems the property of the course. My wife is 49 years old, apparently what makes our baby, seven weeks at the property of the household in an uproar may be course. My wife is 49 years old, apparently that they are they want makes our baby, seven weeks at the course. My wife is 49 years old, apparently the property of the household in an uproar may be course. My wife is 49 years old, apparently they are old, apparently "Christmas Carol" on Christmas Eve. them in out of the cold of their logic to sit before the great roaring loss of the Christmas hearth. And the little needles of the shedding Christmas trees fall alike upon the just and on the unjust.

Mistletoe is very expensive; nimest as Mistletoe is very expensive; almost as valuable as pearls; almost as valuable as its results. We often wonder what the mistletoe men buy, "one-half so precious as the stuff they sell," It reminds the said mederns how much of the old bolisterous Christmas revelry they are missing by being burn too late.

In Merric England of old it didn't mean a thing to kiss people, in or out of mistled season. Samuel Pepys tells us of kissing actresses right before his wife, who didn't mind that a bit, although of kissing actresses right before his wife, who didn't mind that a bit, although she was a very jealous woman. How the romping spirit can be brought back to the world in safety is hard to say; possibly by lowering the price of mistietee; possibly by lowering the price of everything. Puritanism and its over-dignity is pretty closely linked to commercialism and its handmaid, poverty.

The Christmas frees are now on sale, The Christmas frees are now on sale, most prominently on the east plaza of rity sall, where they look very cold, tall and skinny. That's because the branches are tied up, but when you cut the ropes those branches will flop out, with an outpouring of fragrance, and they will bend setulite kniek-knacks

metallic knick-knacks.

A small forest of them has appeared in one of the bends of picturesque Dock street, and they are to be had near all the railroad terminals and ferries. The prices are between 20 cents and \$5, but they smally no for about \$1 or \$1.50 because most people leave the buying of

The final agony is on. The shoppers took the trencies of the counters by storm yesterday and to day they are making the girls poisoners in their thousands. Go casy, girls pilsoners in their thousands. Go casy, don't push, take your time. It means this, this late shopping, that you can't be so finicky; you've got to make up your mind in a hurry and maybe that's the best way to pick a present after all. It is a good thing to have a list. Put down in black and white exactly what you have to buy. Then calmis set to work to get each thing done, one at a time. This madiouse business of putting a distracted hand to a distracted brow and standing still to block the ingress and excess of shoppers at department store doorways is very bad form. It lim't done.

It will soon be time to dig down into The women of Pennsylvania will be nd-dressed by Major General Leonard Wood, formerly chief of staff of the United Lucky the family that does not have to and points well padded in order to pre vent damage to other mail matter and in-jury to employes." ver, the angels of wax the waxer older these things are the better they

There is at least one great five-pointer There is at 1713 on Rical at the Star that has been placed on the top-most branch of a Christmas tree in Phil-ndelphia every year for the last half-century. Three generations of children have looked up at it, scintillating and gistening there in the lamplight, next the eiling-next the sky.

ceiling—next the sky.

Of course, some families are new, brand new experiments, and they have to lay in a store of tree triumings. They should get good and beautiful ones, of the pattern softened to old use and old memories. These thinks are the symbols of traditions dearer than any present advantage of price or traditions dearer than any present advantage of price or traditions. vantage of price or passing fashion. The fashion in stars and angels was fixed



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TAKE DOCTOR'S ADVICE; REJECT COUNSEL OF BUSYBODIE

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

READING your articles in the paper,"

Reading your articles in the paper,"

Revites a correspondent, "has impressed me greatly and helped me and other members of my family in various practical ways. About ten days ago my wife discovered a small lump in the right brenst. Following your suggestion of some little time ago, we immediately called our family physician, who made a thorough examination"—the doctor started right—"and advised us that he could find no proof of cancer, giving us a prescription and asking us to call again in two weeks. The doctor said that if it did not go away soon the proper thing was to cut it out. He explained that a piece of the lump could be examined microscopically to determine whether it was a cancer.

"Now some of our friends tell us this might have the effect of scattering the germs if it is of cancerous nature, Others say it should be determined while the patient is on the operating table whether the condition is cancer or not. So we are very anxious to find out the safe HOW TO PACK GIFTS thorough examination"-the doctor start-

say it should be determined while the patient is on the operating table whether the condition is cancer or not. So we are very anxious to find out the safe

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

THE HOUSING OF BOOKS AND THEIR DECORATIVE VALUE

FEW persons realize that books have a distinct decorative quality. Their glowing cloth and leather bindings often give just the needed spot of color to a room, and they tone in with any color scheme. Walls that hold rows and rows of beautiful that hold rows are rows of the rows o a library with its wall spaces covered with well-bound volumes is perhaps the most quiet and reatful room in the house. Why, then, should this harmony be disturbed by loading the tops of book cases with quantities of bric-a-brac that lend neither interest nor dignity to an apartment, and only detracts from the importance of the books themselves?

the books themselves?

Almost every one accumulates a number of books, but the problem often presents itself of how to house them properly when the living room is small and is deficient in wall space. But every room, however small, has some nook or corner that can be adapted to hold book shelves, or sometimes a mantel shelf makes an excellent times a manter shelf makes an excellent resting place for books, they in turn lend-ing dignity to an otherwise commenplace shelf. Indeed, an objectionable mantel-nice has been made attractive by con-verting the ugly overshelf into a book verting the ugly overshelf into a book rack, the burld expanse of white or mottled

The postmaster has issued these sug-

be placed in boxes of wood, tin or corru-

gated protessard. Canes, umbrellas, golf sticks and other things of considerable length should be placed between boards

THIS IS FOREFATHERS' DAY

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A shallow closet in a bed or living rom may be utilized as a built-in bookeas by first removing the door and then sills in the entire space from top to betten with shelves. The framework of the closet should be painted to blend in with the walls or to match the color of the other woodwork in the room. When the gaily bound books have settled themselves in comfortable rows the one-bjectionable closet will be transformed into the most magnetic spot in the reem. When the role is but little wall space the books may overflow upon library or withing table, and many of these tables are so designed that they have ableves of either end that reach to the floor, Book also naturally congressate near the dest, and when this is placed near a window, as it should be, many possibilities present themselves for placing shelves to advantage, either over the deak which bring one's favorite authors within easy reach or they may find their way beneath the window seat of a broad-silled window.

fong ngo; there is no changing it now; the Society of Descendants of the May-you must take angels and stars as you flower, which is now 21 years old, having find them—for, as a matter of fact, you been formed in 1891 in New York. you must take angels and stars as you find them-for, as a matter of fact, you can't improve on them, nor on anything they stand for any more than you can improve on the shape, color and size of a Christmas tree, or on the underlying principle of the family, which is permanency. It would not be too much to pay a gold eagle for one of those wax angels iff they make them any more) to make it a family institution. They used to come in pink, flesh-tinted wax, with tight, woolly, yellow curis, and with rothing on but a Shop Early, Ladies! Shop early, Indies! You who, blessed with case Of gold-paved moments, can your way

search of gifts, rare, beautiful, and new, Exactly when your precious fancies yellow curls, and with nothing on but a pink ballet skirt. Gilt cardboard wings provided levitation, with the aid of a please!
Recall, I pray you, how each one of these thread attached to the back of the ballet Who waits upon you, labors day by day

With little rest and only meagre pay.

And with your thought, their wee of life Shop early! Wait not till that litted When hands are clumsy through great

When tired feet shuffle slowly on their slightly larger than the objects being mailed. Sharp instruments or articles having sharp edges should have the edges And every admute means increased dis-

This brings to you no burden great or small: Have mercy then, and show good-will to all!

-Lurana Sheldon, in New York Times



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