

Christmas and Friendship : —BY J. P. McEVROY

ALONG about this time of the year I divide my friends into two groups. The first group is composed of those to whom I send presents, the second group is composed of my more cherished friends, for whom I buy presents which I never send.

PERHAPS this requires a bit of explanation. You see, the friends whom I like the most really deserve the very nicest things I can afford, so I go out and buy them the very nicest things I can find, but after I get these things home I discover I like them so well I would really be an injustice to myself to deprive myself of them. So I keep these presents to remind me of these dear friends whom I cherish so much.

I've thought it all out, and I'm sure that this is the very best plan, for, after all, if I gave these presents away my friends would know what a sacrifice it was for me to deprive myself of them, and a real friend is one who would not hurt you or cause you any sorrow. So I feel that, knowing this situation, they would much rather I should have these presents than that I should give them away.

Again, if I should give these presents away I might forget the friends to whom I gave them, but if I keep them I always have something to remember these friends by. And I am happy.

and they are happy because I am happy, and their happiness in turn makes me even happier.

It is a beautiful arrangement. It has done a great deal toward making Christmas one of the merriest seasons in the whole year for me.

BUT in order that these, my most cherished friends, may know at Christmas time what I have done to commemorate our beautiful friendship, I always send them a card with a description of the present which I bought for them and which I am going to keep.

Whenever it is possible, I sometimes illustrate it with a picture of the present, in full colors.

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Widow and Nephew Beneficiaries Under Will Probated Benjamin Maurice Gaskill, of 1628 Pine street, who died December 1, left \$100,000 to his widow and nephew, Walter W. Gaskill, of Cambridge, Mass. His will was probated today.

Letters were granted to administer the estate of Wesley G. Parks, 2011 Fitzwater street, who left \$22,000. The heirs are three sons, Luther A., Wilbert H., and Wesley G., Jr.

Inventories of personal estates were filed as follows: Lee M. Ray, \$14,111, and John A. Turner, \$6801.

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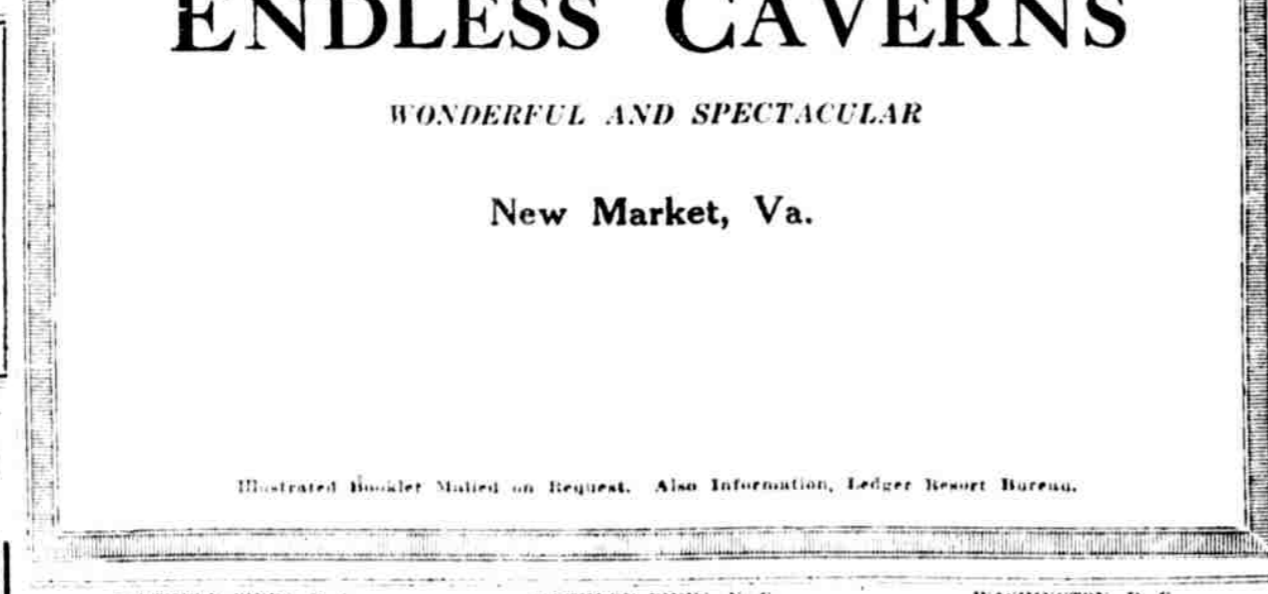
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