

# What to Buy? What to Give?

These "whats" face the Christmas shopper. And the biggest "what" of all is "What can I give that will not be a duplicate of something they now have?" Here are a few SPETTIGUE answers to the Christmas puzzle:

## Cutlery

Our assortment of Cutlery is as large and varied as is found in the largest cities, and is of the highest quality. We call particular attention to our line of Pocket Knives, over 600 for you to select from.



- Shur-Edge Pocket Knives, each fully warranted, from 25c to \$4.50.
- Shur-Edge Shears, all sizes, right or left hand, 60c to \$1.15.
- Other Shears, not warranted, from 25c to 50c.
- Scissors, plain and fancy embroidery, warranted, 50c to 90c.
- Other Scissors, not warranted, from 25c to 50c.
- Shur-Edge Razors, guaranteed in every way, \$1.00 to \$2.50.
- Shur-Edge Carving Sets, three-piece, guaranteed, \$3.25 to \$7.50.
- Other Carving Sets at lower prices.
- Steak and Game Sets, guaranteed, \$1.75 to \$2.75.
- Razor Stropps, 35c to \$1.75.
- Razor Hones, 50c to \$1.00.
- Shaving Soap, William's or Colgate's, 25c.
- Shaving Brushes, 10c to 75c.
- Rifles, Revolvers and Air Rifles, from 75c to \$15.00.

## Electrical Goods

ALL AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

- Tea Machines, \$11.50, reduced to \$9.50.
- Coffee Machines, \$9.50 and \$11.50, reduced to \$7.50 and \$9.50.
- Chafing Dishes, \$18.00, reduced to \$15.00.

- Grills, \$7.75, reduced to \$5.75.
- Toasters, \$4.75, reduced to \$3.25.
- Stoves, \$6.00, reduced to \$4.25.
- Flat Irons, \$4.00, reduced to \$2.75.

## Cooking Housekeeper

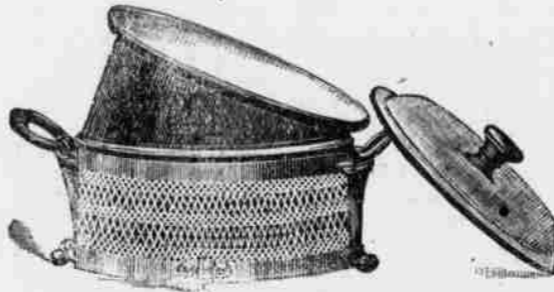
Very often a Gift that enters into the everyday work about the house is very acceptable. We suggest a few items from our house furnishing department.

### ENAMEL WARE—ALUMINUM WARE—ASBESTOS SAD IRONS.

Extra Good Ironing Boards. Dustless Cloths and Mops. O-Cedar Polish Mops. Perfect Roasters for that Xmas Turkey. All at prices to suit everyone.

## Copper and Nickel Plated Ware

The Royal-Rochester and Sweeney Lines. All pieces are copper, neckel plated, some natural copper finish. The Nickel Plated Ware looks like silver, but is easier to keep looking nice.



- Casseroles, with earthen insets, \$1.50 to \$6.00.
- Serving Dishes, with earthen insets, \$3.50 to \$4.50.
- Coffee Machines, Copper and Nickel finish, \$7.50.
- Percolators, \$2.75 to \$6.50.



- Tea Pots, with tea ball, \$2.75 to \$3.50.
- Coffee Pots, 70c to \$2.75.
- Tea Pots, 70c to \$2.75.
- Syrup Pitchers with Trays, \$1.75.
- Tea Strainers, with Drip Plate, 45c.
- Bean Pots, with earthen insets, \$3.25 to \$4.50.
- Chafing Dishes, copper and nickel finish, \$5.00 to \$8.00.
- Chafing Dish Forks and Spoons, 75c.
- Crumb Trays, nickel and brushed brass, with scraper or brush, 25c to \$1.75.
- Tea Kettles, \$1.25 to \$2.25.

## Bath Room Accessories

Everything that is necessary to make the Bath Room complete will be found in our stock. Every piece is brass, heavily nickel plated. Prices from 25c up.

## Ice Skates

A good assortment of Skates in both Club and Hockey Styles—65c to \$1.75.

## Tools

An excellent gift for the handy man about the house. We have tools for every purpose. All that is the newest and latest in Tools designed to make the work easier. If it's anything in tools, look at our stock. We have it.

## Pottery

The old style kind. Brown Glazed, with white lining. All at prices more than reasonable. Casseroles, Bean Pots, Tea Pots, Pitchers, Chocolate Pots, Baking Dishes, Ram-mekins, etc.  
Icy-Hot Thermo Bottles, pint size, \$1.00 to \$4.75.  
Flash Lights, \$1.00 to \$1.75.

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### Christmas All Year.

A spirit of generosity pervades the Yuletide atmosphere. It is known and practiced at no other season of the year as at Christmas. It is felt in every city, in every town, in every village, in the entire country.

People are prone to be more thoughtful. Men manifest desires to spread good cheer; women weave little acts of love, kindness and devotion into Christmas good will; children cherish their companions and fortunes. Persons unconsciously instill into each other a desire to distribute happiness everywhere. It all comes on the wings of that indefinable thing understood by few, but referred to by many as the Christmas spirit. It is invisible, but can be seen; it is not material, but can be felt. It comes every Christmas, but too often leaves to return perhaps next year, when the real holiday spirit again is felt.

Why does this fellowship of love and good will depart from the souls of so many persons on the wings of time? Why does not the same spirit remain in the atmosphere after men again assume their routine of work and women become normal after their Christmas cares and worries?

Would it not be a good thing if this same Christmas spirit could continue throughout the twelve months of the year? Would it not be a good thing for mankind if all stopped to think of others as they do during the Yuletide season, if all endeavored to fill the lives of their friends, acquaintances and the less fortunate with good cheer and happiness throughout winter and summer, spring and autumn?

Try this for next year. Make it one of your resolutions, and if one resolves to do all in his power to make others happy throughout the entire twelve months no other resolutions will be necessary to assure one of happiness. After all is said and done the only real happiness is derived from making others happy.

### CHRISTMAS IN MEXICO A RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL.

CHRISTMAS celebrations in Mexico differ greatly from ours and usually last for several days. Bright lanterns suspended in the air proclaim the glad tidings of the holidays, and every Mexican, jaal, no matter how humble, puts out its beacon to light the steps of the Saviour should he perchance appear. The story of the birth of the Redeemer is annually portrayed in all Mexican towns and in a symbolic language which the most ignorant can readily understand. The performance is given by fifteen

players, consisting of Joseph and Mary and the infant Jesus, two archangels, Lucifer and three of his minions and a number of shepherds. The costumes are adapted to the Mexican conception of the characters and are novel in the extreme. All of the costumes are got up tastefully, and, while a strict conformance with the requirements of the first century might rob Joseph of his sombrero, still it is doubtful if the lesson which it is desired to instill in the minds of the people would be as effective if all the minor details of the early Jewish fashions were followed.

The scene of the play opens near Bethlehem, where the shepherds are tending their flocks, by a host of angels appearing and telling them of the birth of the Saviour and inviting them to follow to where he lies. They follow the star which leads them to the stable, in the manger of which the infant rests in the arms of Mary and Joseph. While rejoicing, Lucifer, armed with two swords, appears and attempts to destroy the child Jesus, but is repulsed by two angels, who keep watch over him. Not to be outdone, Lucifer summons three archdemons, who fight with the angels for the course of half an hour, resulting in the final overthrow of the evil one and his emissaries and the placing of the feet of the angels upon their necks.

Then the shepherds break out into rejoicing, and, while a portion of them sing the praises of the Redeemer who is born unto them, others chant in a harmonious strain the goodness and mercy of God. This feature, accompanied by music on the harp and violin, is kept up until a late hour each night until the holidays are over.

One must understand the Mexican people and their devoutness and intense religious feeling to fully appreciate how strongly the presentation of "the shepherds affects their minds.

"There," a self-satisfied commercial traveler said; "that's what I think you should do in the matter. I'm not a lawyer, but this is a bit of advice that costs you nothing. What do you think of it?"

"Well," replied his companion mildly, "it's worth it."—New York Mail.

### DECEPTION.

The essence of lying is in deception, not in words. A lie may be told by silence, by equivocation, by the accent on a syllable, by a glance of the eye attaching a peculiar significance to a sentence, and all these kinds of lies are baser by many degrees than a lie plainly worded. No form of blinded conscience is so far sunk as that which comforts itself for having deceived because the deception was by gesture or silence instead of utterance.—John Ruskin.

### MURDERED BY A MOTH.

#### A Curious Case and the Evidence Upon Which It Was Decided.

In olden times it was not rare for animals to be accused and convicted of various offenses and given judicial trials, but there is a more recent case recorded, in which a moth was proved to have been a murderer. It was the case of the Princess Caravella, at Naples. After giving a dinner party she proceeded to her room to snatch a few minutes of rest, in order to refresh herself for a dance.

She was discovered lying dead on her bed, with a pistol wound in her heart. Her husband, Prince Caravella, had been noted for his jealous disposition, and as it was certain that no stranger could possibly have been in the princess' room suspicion pointed to him, and he was arrested.

The pistol was found lying near the murdered woman, which in itself was favorable to the prince, for no murderer, unless he courted detection would thus leave the weapon to be discovered. In spite of this, it was probable that things would have gone hard with the accused but for the shrewdness of a Naples police officer. This man carefully examined the bed-chamber, and, lying on the floor by the bedside, he found one of those large moths that abound in Italy. A lighted candle had stood on a table by the bed, and the moth's wings bore evident marks of having been badly singed against the flame.

What was more important still, some of the powdery dust from the moth's wings was found on the trigger of the pistol, and pistol had lain in such a position that it covered the princess' heart. It was clear, argued this astute Sherlock Holmes, that the moth had burned its wings and had fallen on the table where, writhing in agonies, its wings had struck the trigger of the pistol, and the pistol had been thus fired. It was noted that the hair trigger worked with exceptional ease.

It should be remarked that these Italian moths are larger than any with which we are familiar in this country. On this evidence the prince was rightly acquitted.—Pearson's Weekly.

#### Getting In Out of the Wet.

An observant visitor at the Central park menagerie noticed that the hippopotamus invariably retreated to his tank and remained under water when it rained. He sought Head Keeper Bill Snyder for the answer. "I have never been able to explain it," Bill replied. "The hippo runs from a shower like a cat. It may be that the rain-drops tickle his sensitive skin to the degree that he gets uncomfortable. Maybe it's only an idiosyncrasy that the critter couldn't explain himself if he could talk."—New York Tribune.

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