

DECEMBER AGORIST

If the following words are arranged in order, their initials will spell the name of something relating to Christmas. As a further help, we will say that each word has three letters.

1. A small insect.
2. Word used in speaking of ocean tide.
3. More than one.
4. Word used in selling operations.
5. Adjective meaning not right.
6. A small part of the body.
7. Head covering.
8. Verb to be mistaken.
9. Mouth of the year—successful farming.

Christmas is Children's Day

THE message of Christmas is love. Its emblem is radiant, thankful, contented childhood. Without love, and without children, there could be no real Christmas. The love might survive but the substance would be lacking.

Unhappy must be the man who cannot make himself a child again in spirit at the Yuletide. Christmas is the universal children's day. Men and women are superior except as they make themselves inferior with those whom the day glorifies.

Let us, then, lay aside the affectation and arrogance of adulthood and womanhood and be children again. Let us adopt their point of view and put ourselves in their shoes—in the places of those sweet and laughing offspring of ours and of the sons and daughters of our neighbors. It was only a year or so ago, as it seems, that we hung our well-worn stockings by the mantel shelf, while our fathers and mothers looked on with unfeigned pleasure at the innocent confidence we showed in the morning.

Even as you and I all come back in a flood of memory. Life was simpler then. Our desires were less pretentious than those of children. Modest remembrances they were that bulged the pocket of the stockings' mother knif.

Life and its circumstances change, but the essence of Christmas never. The same happy children, the same loving parents, the same simple pleasures across the rolling years after the boys and girls are dead, the same loving consideration of that this or that child most desired and how far the family purse can be stretched to permit some further purchase.

Every home is assured a Christmas if it has a great, warmhearted pulsating in tune with the hope and joy of childhood.

*Rich, gifts of the spirit, like the dew,
And speak few to mortal hearts but
for one!*
—John Greenleaf Whittier

And the Postman Passed the House

By MARY QUARANTON

IT WAS Christmas morning. Old Hiram Limer sat by the window waiting for the postman. Christmas eve had been very bleak. He had seen, from the window, groups of people passing from the time, hurrying, smiling, such as happy people.

Hiram was old, too. He had outlived his friends, his immediate family, his day had long since gone by. He had given generously to hospitals and charitable institutions and a number of personal presents. He always, for example, at some of the large baskets of fruit in town's leading shop arranged so tactfully, to those he knew would buy themselves such delicacies.

The last Christmas he had only received two presents. One from his nephew out West and another from a grandchild.

He was waiting for the postman. The postman came down the street. Eagerly old Hiram went to the door.

He opened the door and the postman passed by. "Are you sure you have nothing for me?" he called out.

"I was extremely sorry," said the postman.

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The Holiday Bulletin

A few Suggestions from our Holiday Lines that may help you to make Your Selections.

DOLLS! DOLLS!

We are showing the Biggest and Best Line of Dolls in Northern Cambria, and they were never so pretty, in all sizes, and the prices range from 25c to \$10.00. If you expect to buy a doll, come in early while our stock is complete. Below we enumerate just a few of the many articles suitable for Christmas Gifts.

Ladies Scarfs & Caps	Beads	Bowls with Bulbs
Ladies Coats	Umbrellas	Ivory Goods
New Silks	Box Stationery	Sewing Trays
New Silk Hose	Hand Bags	Fancy Pincushions
New Wool Hose	Shopping Bags	Pencil Boxes
Ladies Neckware	New Canton Crepe	Fancy work baskets
Wool & cotton Blankets	Pearl handle Pen knives	Fancy Turkish Towels in boxes
A beautiful new line of handkerchiefs, singly and in boxes	Baby Caps, booties, rattles, sacques, blankets	Eversharp Pencils in gold and silver

We have mentioned only a few of the attractive gifts you will find in our store.

D. E. SHANNON
PATTON

Xmas Photos

A variety of the latest styles in Folders, Easels, etc., for Christmas Photographs. Secure your sittings now. Do not delay. Time is short.

CARRIEL'S STUDIO,
Patton, Pa.

Standard Trading Company

(Incorporated in Delaware)
Spangler, Pennsylvania

Canned and Package Food,
Household Supplies

LOW PRICES OUR CHIEF ATTRACTION

Christmas Cards

now on sale at this office

Birds and Animals Share Christmas

CHRISTMAS is not merely a festival celebrated by and for man alone. Among the folk lore of other countries are several quaint stories in which animals and birds give evidence of their adoration. A well-known Russian legend offers a version of world adoration—they claim that on the holy day "the sun in the east bowed down, the stars stood still; the mountains and forests shook and touched the earth with their summits, and the green pine tree bent; the grass was bowed over with the opening of blossoms; incense sweet as myrrh pervaded upland and forest; birds sang on the mountain tops and all gave thanks to the great God."

In Bosnia on Christmas day a sheet of ice is put into birds' nests and bird houses for the birds' Christmas. A stranger, stranded in a Michigan town was once startled to see a sheet of ice in a bird box. He knew immediately that one of his kind lived there and was keeping Christmas in the old way.

An old Indian legend tells us that on Christmas night all the deer in the forest kneel in adoration before the Great Spirit. We see to him, however, who tries to spy upon them. He is punished with perpetual stiffening of the knees.

Many people of the old world claim that on Christmas night animals are gifted with speech, but none must trespass or eavesdrop.

The Greatest Need.
Little Horse—My mamma says maybe you'll give my papa a safety razor for Christmas.

Department Store Santa Claus—Yes, little man, I think I will.

Little Horse—Hain't you better keep it and use it yourself?—Foot.

SCOLLON
COMMUNITY STORES
Barnesboro

A Great Mid-Winter Sale
Of High Grade Trimmed Hats

At 25 to 50 per cent Off Regular Prices

Women who know good Hats will not need to be told what they are worth, although we think that it is proper for us to tell you that the average worth of the hats in this sale is just about twice what we are asking for them.

See The Values at \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.50 and \$6.50
Childrens Ready-to-wear Hats \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.90

A Before Christmas Sale Of
WOMEN'S COATS, SUITS AND DRESSES
At 20 to 30 Per Cent Off

Please let us say at the start that this is not a Clearance Sale of old stock, but a sale based on New Merchandise of the latest Character and of a Character not to be found elsewhere. New Models in the very latest cloths that can be worn. Dozens to select from and no two alike gives you a chance to get just the garment and hat you have been looking for, and that at a price away below what you expected to have to pay for them.

Coats Priced \$9.75 to \$35.00 and \$45.00
Suits Priced \$10.00, \$22.50, \$25.00 to \$35.00
Dresses Priced \$5.90, \$9.90, \$15.00 to \$35.00

SAVINGS TO YOU OF FROM 20c to 50c ON EVERY DOLLAR.

ALUMINUMWARE REPAIRED

All Aluminumware repaired by new process. Guaranteed to give satisfactory service after being repaired. A trial will convince you.

Stephen J. Jacobs
PATTON, PA.

PAID \$257 FOR TOLL CALL: DECLARES HE SAVED MONEY

A telephone billing clerk in Memphis, Tenn., nearly had heart failure one day recently when a ticket showing a charge of \$257.55 for a single conversation showed up among the regular list of slips for charges of more modest proportions. But investigations showed that the charge was perfectly correct, the call having been to New York and the conversation having lasted an hour and forty-one minutes.

Moreover, the manager of the chain-store company who had put through the call to one of his associates in New York, was perfectly satisfied that he had received his money's worth, in spite of the size of the toll charge. "This conversation was entirely satisfactory to both parties," he declared. "Matters of vital importance were adjusted, and a trip to New York, entailing loss of time and the expenditure of money and labor avoided."

"In passing, I might add that we have found the long distance to be the quickest and the most efficient method of conducting business requiring immediate attention. By the use of the telephone, it is possible to practically have a face to face conversation and so definitely settle all details of any transaction."

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

"THE best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to a mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity."—F. M. Daffour.



Pohlsen Gifts are on display.
At the Smarte Shoppe this very day,
Also Dolls with curly hair,
Of which children will take care,
And all the bright colored bead,
Will depart with greatest speed.
Ear Rings, too, are proper gifts,
Please remember Shoe Trees and Bay Berry Dips,
Another gift that you should have,
Is the Fountain Pen, the latest fad.
Come to see these gifts and buy,
We are here to satisfy.

All Hats Are Reduced

Smarte Shoppe,
Patton, Penna.