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THE STORY OF GIFTS.

The three Magi bore gifts to the manger where lay the infant, Jesus, and hence, more than for any of the other reasons that enter, the Christmas season is a season of giving. Although gifts are never out of season, Christmas in the Christian world brings their particular season. Do many of us therefore ask what of gifts and giving? What story lies here?

Not even the legends, much less history, go back to the time when gifts had not entered into the life of this world. Evidently, at once after the idea of personal property dawned in the human mind, at once after men wrought the agreement among themselves enabling them to say "This thing is mine," came the exercise of the privilege to give it away. So the legends are threaded with gifts and, as history carries on the human tale, the story of mankind is fairly saturated with accounts of things given and things received.

Princes and kings bore or sent gifts to one another. The munificence of ancient gifts is as fairy tale upon fairy tale. The Old Testament shows that interchange of gifts was customary among the early Israelites in all their walks of life. "Every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts," says Proverbs. A Rabbinical authority writes: "One did not come before God or a prophet or a king with empty hands." There were gifts as tribute, gifts at marriages, gifts between friends and gifts of subordinates to superiors "to smooth their faces." Yes, tainted gifts form a hateful and a long chapter in the story. Deuteronomy reports that gifts to judges were forbidden since they "blind the eyes of the wise."

The record is that giving is bound up with human origin and that the gift may be an evil thing or a sanctified and beautiful thing. Time, a lot of it, produced the Christmas ideal and its celebration, merging into the latter the practice of giving gifts. When expressing Christian charity and rejoicing, Christmas giving surely exemplifies giving at its best.

The American Academy of Arts and Letters of which Dr. Murray Butler of Columbia University is the head, has offered a gold medal as a prize to the radio announcer who excels in diction the articulation. The contest closes on March 31st and the medal will be awarded a few weeks later. The object of the Academy is to encourage the use of correct English on the part of radio announcers in the United States.

Dr. Hall, a retired teacher of the Truro, N. S., Normal College, left an estate valued at \$90,000. The sum of \$25,000 is bequeathed to the widow and the balance is to be used in providing Lawrencetown, N. S., with a Vocational School. After retiring from the staff of the Truro Normal School some years ago Dr. Hall offered as a candidate for the Legislature but was defeated.

Mr. Joseph A. Cain has been elected president of the Fredericton Exhibition Limited, for the ensuing year. Mr. Cain has been active in connection with exhibitions here for a number of years and has been a valuable member of the executive. He well deserves the honor which has come to him.

A happy brotherhood of college scientific researchers, who apparently don't care what happens to them, are now going to investigate the cause of stubbornness in a mule. We trust someone will warn that reckless band not to begin at the rear end.

Somehow, the end of a bull market always reminds us of the situation in the comic of the Spanish War period, where the jaunty dude steps into a coal hole.

It certainly must be trying to be the wife of an automobile mechanic

and have him wandering around the house wiping his hands on the overstuffed furniture.

Formerly all Father had to know about a mechanical toy was where to wind it. Nowadays he practically has to be a licensed stationary engineer.

A local father has installed a guest book in the front hall, in case of any of his children at college dropping in, while home over the holidays.

Probably the other hard thing about six-day bicycle racing, besides falling off the bicycle occasionally, is that the scenery seems so similar.

In the Old Times when a big league ball team bought a new pitcher people used to wonder whether he was better than the one they had.

Then, of course, there is the case of the young man who took a memory course and forgot to send the \$5 for the course.

Little Willy wanted to know the other evening what C. O. D. meant, and Charley, the family wisecracker, said it was a kind of fish.

A hospital authority says he has evidence that singing aids in convalescence. No sooner does it begin than the patients wish to leave.

As a rule, nothing else can sound as dashed-off as a poem that is dashed off.

"Why do people die?" asks an advertisement. In the majority of cases, we imagine, mere perversity.

A New York poet has remarried his first wife, thus saving the bother of writing a lot of new poems.

God Save Our Gracious King; Long Live Our Noble King.

"Common colds" are other people's colds.

YOUTH GOT TOO FRESH, BUT WAS ONLY STUDYING

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The procedure known as "getting too fresh" was advanced today by Merton O. Phillips, Jr., a postgraduate student at the University of Chicago, as one way of earning a college degree. Several young women complained that Phillips had been bold to the point of impudence and insult. Arrested, he explained that he was engaged in special psychological study leading to the degree of doctor of philosophy.

HOCKEY RESULTS

N. H. L.—
(Canadiens 0, Montreal 0 (overtime)
Boston 0, Toronto 2.
Pittsburgh 0, Ottawa 0 (overtime)
Sunday—
eDroit 0, Rangers 3.
Americans 1, Chicago 0.

Took Joy Ride

An overflowing of Christmas spirit (or spirits) may be responsible for the following little incident. A local young man drove up to his home in St. John street last evening, left his car standing outside for several minutes while he went into the house for something. To his amazement, upon stepping outside a few minutes later, the large Hudson automobile had disappeared. Someone had obviously taken advantage of the opportunity of a car drive and had spun away while no one was around. Frantic searching on the part of the young man failed to reveal the whereabouts of the machine, and the police were notified of the theft. Later in the evening when the owner of the car was returning home, he noticed a car standing in front of his home. The car was evidently unharmed and no one was about. It was standing in the identical spot from which it was taken. Well, your guess is as good as ours.

Change in Weather

The weather continues very mild and the snow seems to be disappearing very rapidly. Stirr the roads are in good condition and it is to be hoped, will remain that way. Wednesday promises to be a big market day and Saturday another.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

A cynic's bark is worse than his bite.

Know thyself. Don't take for granted everything people say about you.

Scientists have been weighing the earth, instead of leaving it to the butcher.

Libma Beane thinks the thing to do with our young people is to persuade them to join calf clubs.

Love is not blind, as often declared. On the contrary, love sees that which does not exist.

Another blessing of December weather that is worth a line is the freedom from mosquitoes.

Perhaps it was the women's cry for equal rights that set the mechanical wizards at work creating synthetic men.

A dean of Columbia University says a large number of college students are more searching for atmosphere. That may account for the hatless obsession.

Perhaps there is a bit of envy connected with complaints against young people of today. Opportunities for speed are so much greater than former generations enjoyed.

We must be degenerating into a nation of weaklings when a paragrapher talks about the back-breaking task of shoveling coal into the maw of the home furnace. Why doesn't he let his wife keep the fire going?

Farm Purchase
Mr. Claude McDonald, pulpwood dealer of this city has purchased the Luther Smith farm at Lincoln.

The School Closing
The University of New Brunswick will close for the Christmas Holidays on Thursday next and the Provincial Normal School on Friday. The city schools will close at noon on Friday after the usual public examinations.

Peewit—A man can hardly wed now unless he can show the girl two licenses.

Dismuke—Two licenses?
Peewit—Yes ;marriage and automobile.

"And so you are an ex-slave" said the traveler in the South. "How interesting. But when the war was ended you got your freedom?"
"No suh" replied Uncle Rastus. "Ah didn't get no freedom. Ah was married."

Moncton Times: Mr. Richard O'Leary, of Richibucto, who had been a patient at the City Hospital for several days, returned to his home yesterday.

H. O. Milligan of Moncton is in the city today.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION AT GAIETY THEATRE

The celebrated musical comedy success "Oh Kay" is translated into flickersheet entertainment as Colleen Moore's latest starring vehicle at the Gaiety, Monday and Tuesday. None other than the noted Elsie Janis, famous stage comedienne, wrote the adaption from which the picture was made.

Miss Moore's leading man is Lawrence Gray and others who assist in projecting the fun are Alan Hale, Ford Sterling, Claude Gillingwater, Julianne Johnston, Claude King, Edgar Norton, Percy Williams and Fred Obeck. Mervyn LeRoy directed the production for First National.

The plot of "Oh Kay" is set in motion when a vivacious young English girl suddenly discovers herself aboard a rum running sloop bound for America. The complications that follow, it is not difficult to imagine, provide the makings of innumerable highly amusing episodes.

THE WILL to GIVE

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FRED. I. HAVILAND, City Clerk.
City Hall, December 14, 1928.

It seems a good thing to relieve a chapped condition on a three-year-old face is buttered pop corn.

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News! - Regular Prices - Comedy!

Wed. Gloria Swanson in "Sadie Thompson"

NOWADAYS YOU PRESS A BUTTON

Or perhaps a switch, or some little gadget, and a lot of things happen around home that lighten labor and banish trouble. A Whirling Fan brings a cooling breeze, and a little copper, dish-like affair throws out a sizzling blast that warms the room in no time.

Another button boils coffee, toasts bread and cooks waffles. Another does a better job than a broom. Another makes a happy laundress out of a dismal washwoman. Another one cools the ice-box. Another—but why go on?

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