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THRIFTY CHRISTMAS CHEER

There is, this year, a something besides the usual Christmas cheer in the air. It isn't the feeling of don't-care-extravagance that so often characterizes this time, but an atmosphere of satisfaction that comes from calculated thrift. The thrift clubs of the banks, in which one saves a small sum weekly for next year's Christmas money, were well patronized last year. Accounts and well-planned budgets have grown in numbers.

It is easy to spot the patrons of the thrift clubs, the owners of the "accumulated funds" which have been faithfully fed according to the budget. They buy carefully, and without extravagance, but they buy comfortably and adequately. There are still the hurried ones, the wild-eyed ones dashing around in flurries of uneasiness lest they forget some important, lest the bills of January get too big. But they grow fewer, year by year. There used to be something a little contemptuous in the attitude of the flurries towards the savers; Christmas, they said loudly, ought to be a time of extravagance and foolishness and fun.

But now the look is cast up instead of down. For the savers seem to be having all the fun, and are better able to be foolishly generous if they want to, and they have no bad morning afterward. They have only the rather pleasant five minutes of opening the bills, writing the checks and forgetting that part of the performance in the joy of looking forward to another happy Christmas.

OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER

When Cain made his famous query, "Am I my brother's keeper?" he started a train of thought which culminated in the idea that each of us is our brother's keeper—that is, that we are to some extent responsible for the welfare of those around us.

Broadly speaking, this is quite true. A reasonable solicitude for our fellowmen is entirely proper and such an attitude honestly and unselfishly maintained is conducive to much good.

But, like many another doctrine that is sound in theory and principle, it may be carried to extremes in practice.

This is illustrated by the activities of the average present-day reformer and uplifter, who seeks to be not only his brother's keeper, but his absolute censor and dictator as well. Under the pretext of laying down rules and regulations "for our own good," they too often become an unmitigated nuisance.

By unwarranted interference with the fundamental rights of free men, they degenerate into obnoxious meddlers and busybodies. Their excessive zeal for reforming others breeds resentment and indignation, which tends to defeat their purposes, even though those purposes were sincere, which they frequently are not. If the supposed evils were really corrected the reformers would be out of their jobs.

So long as a lot of social parasites are able to profit by the organization and maintenance of a multitude of anti-this and anti-that societies, we may expect the tribe to increase. When we stop supporting them they will probably turn their attention to more useful pursuits.

LIBERTY OF THOUGHT IS VITAL

"The right to think, to know, to utter," as John Milton says, is the dearest of all liberties. Without this right there can be no liberty to any people; with it, there can be no slavery. When you have convinced thinking men that it is right, and the humane man that it is just, you will gain your cause. Men always lose half of what is gained by violence. What is gained by argument is gained forever. Let us believe that the whole truth can never do harm to the whole virtue. The last lesson a man ever learns is that liberty of thought and speech is the right of all mankind; that the man who denies every article of our creed is to be allowed to preach just as often and just as loud as we ourselves.—Wendell Phillips (1811-1884).

FOR YOUTH

All children and few adults welcome winter with its snow and frosty air. The few men and women who really enjoy winter have not cultivated that affinity. They have preserved it from youth. The many in dreading the drifts and drafts of winter are just admitting that they are growing old.

Boys and girls of all generations have looked forward with keen anticipation to the first snowfall of the season. Without giving a thought to resultant cold feet and fingers, frost-bitten ears and wet clothing the children vision the approaching coasting, wading in drifts, snowman building and snowball battles. They hear only the call of the exhilarating snow and cold.

Grown-ups are more prone to think of winter in terms of slippery pavements, drifted streets, chills and cold. Where once they would have deserted the warm fireside for the blustery outdoors they now cling jealously to the indoors, dreading the thought of going out into the cold. Winter is a synonym for a whole collection of discomforts in the cross-word puzzle of adult age. In that of the age of youth winter is a synonym for real sport.

People are never old as long as they are undaunted by the rigors of winter.

Our forefathers knew something; They timed Thanksgiving to come after election and before Christmas neckties.

Let's see—there are about four weeks left in which to pay no attention to early Christmas shopping plans.

Good cooking is an art. It is interior decorating.

SWEETHEARTS STILL

That little shining ring that I call my wedding ring Fond memories of happiness across the years does bring Of one glad day so filled with joy that some was bound to swirl. Enough to last through all the years and keep us sweethearts still.

My lover's glossy tresses are now tinged with silver gray, And many of his youthful charms have vanished quite away; Yet when he holds me in his arms I feel a happy thrill Just as I did in days gone by, for we are sweethearts still.

Although that little golden hoop is sadly scratched and worn, No finer gem there ever was a finger to adorn. The while we tread the lowlands or go climbing up the hill, It binds us closer every day, for we are sweethearts still.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

Just Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today

43 YEARS AGO The man Saunders who sent a letter to Premier Gladstone threatening to kill him, was committed for trial in London the other day.

25 YEARS AGO Miss Adele Snow will have a sale of her beautiful china on Wednesday at the church fair. Mrs. E. Park will also have on exhibition and sale a number of fine water color pictures.

Recent dealings in dirt: N. T. Shaw and D. M. Johnston to John Hanna, pt. lot. Hunter's plat, Birmingham, \$100. Whitehead and Mitchell to Charles W. Whiting, lots 9 and 14, Whitehead & Mitchell addition, Birmingham, \$52.

The President in his late message recommends that the postage on letters be reduced to two cents. Go in, Chet, we will endorse all such propositions.

Jay Simonson and Will Coulter are away up in the pews near Grayling Mills, the mesmerist, is mesmerizing at Caro, Mich.

Prof. Hewitt ate turkey in Ann Arbor Thanksgiving. Town Board of Bloomfield met at the Eccentric office last Saturday to audit and settle claims against the town.

George Shadolt has purchased a house near the toll-gate on the Detroit road and will remove it to his vacant lot on Brown street.

Twenty-four guests partook of one of those elegant dinners for which the Theo. Bookham home is so justly celebrated, Thanksgiving, Messadmes. Hiram and Bookham looked after the wants of the guests and the day will long be remembered with pleasure by all present.

Saturday, Dec. 5, 1900, at the home of Dr. H. S. Buel, administrator will sell by public auction the following property: House and four acres of land, one organ, one rockers, one table stand, one easy chair, one organ, and other articles.

Mrs. Marion Wooster visited her son, Levi, last week and enjoyed the visit very much indeed.

James Todd, wife, and son, Stanley, now at Thanksgiving guests at the home of their sister B. DeWitt.

Adam Reid and family of Troy, were Thanksgiving guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew McBride.

Birmingham paper, No. 93, R. A. Bell, a new association held Monday evening elected the following officers: H. P. D. M. Doty, Birmingham; Frank Hagerman, Detroit; A. W. Allen, St. Louis; M. 2nd V. H. F. Daniels, M. 1st V. Walter North; Sentinel, D. M. Johnston.

The 8-year old daughter of C. P. Riley, a farmer of near Minneapolis, was carried off and devoured by a huge panther on the 3rd.

scraped scraps of paper in the event of war. If trouble between nations reaches the point where they launch armies and navies against each other every submarine available will be sent about its nefarious business of destroying everything in sight that floats under the flag of the enemy.

Through the refusal of one nation to cooperate in the vicious circle of competitive armament has been created a world-wide race to build submarines. If European powers are to build submarines then America must and will build them. While we build them they take their toll of life even though they are no good purpose. These men are working in a work that makes no contribution to the welfare of humanity.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, Albert M. Todd and Eliza J. Todd, plaintiffs vs. Louis Cass, Unknown, wife, Lina Cass, Mrs. M. E. Cass, Mrs. Sarah Solis, Edna McBride, Alexander Solis, and Sarah Solis, defendants. Judgment rendered in the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in Chance No. 2086 of '94, A. D. 1922. The said defendant Eliza J. Todd on the 24th day of April 2, 1922, to the said Matthew McBride, Matthew McBride, Alexander Solis, and the names, residences and whereabouts of their names, residences and whereabouts are unknown. On motion of the said plaintiffs for judgment, and on the affidavits of the said plaintiffs, the court do hereby order that the said defendant Eliza J. Todd be and she is hereby ordered to be committed to the custody of the sheriff of the County of Oakland, Michigan, for the term of six months, unless she be released by the said plaintiffs within that time. And it is further ordered that the said defendant Eliza J. Todd be and she is hereby ordered to be committed to the custody of the sheriff of the County of Oakland, Michigan, for the term of six months, unless she be released by the said plaintiffs within that time. And it is further ordered that the said defendant Eliza J. Todd be and she is hereby ordered to be committed to the custody of the sheriff of the County of Oakland, Michigan, for the term of six months, unless she be released by the said plaintiffs within that time.

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