

Why Not Make It an Electrical Christmas

George Wells Parker, Contributing Editor of The Monitor, Visits the Display Rooms of the Nebraska Power Company and Writes of the Wonderfully Beautiful and Useful Things There to Be Found.

SUGGESTIONS FOR USEFUL GIFTS

Electrical Appliances Which Beautify the Home From the Parlor to the Kitchen, Lighten Labor and Make Life Worth Living.

AN electrical Christmas! Sounds a sort of new, doesn't it? We've heard of a dozen different kinds of Christmases, suggestive of gifts that we might interchange to carry out the spirit and meaning of that feast, but an electrical Christmas is really something novel. Let us tell you something about it.

Have you ever visited the electrical shop on the southeast corner of Fifteenth and Farnam streets? If not, surely you have stopped a moment in front of the display windows and marveled at the many wonderful things that may be used electrically—things that are beautiful and so useful? In fact, that is the chief characteristic of things electrical. They so blend utility and beauty that it makes the electrical industry the distinctive craft of the world. Suppose we make an imaginative examination of some of the things which we have all seen and things which we can all use.

First, it seems almost natural that when we first think of electricity we think of light, and when we think of light we think of lamps. Is there any gift in all the world more practical and more pleasing than a beautiful lamp? It is something we all need and something that always adorns the home. As children we all became acquainted with Aladdin's wonderful lamp, but even his mystical possession could not have been more wonderful than the lamps which the mysterious goddess of electrical energy has called forth. There are lamps here that might have graced Cleopatra's boudoir and fitted well its Egyptian magnificence; lamps that might have lighted Belshazzar's feast; lamps that suggest the richness and spell of Persian beauty; lamps by which Sappho might have written her amorous poems and not have been distinct from the simplicity and artistry of Grecian genius. There are lamps suggestive of Gothic strength which might have lighted the dim aisles of the cathedrals of the Middle Ages and lamps that would have harmonized with the elegance of the French Louis' or the daintiness of Queen Ann's reign. And, lastly, but not least, are lamps which look all-American and with the infinite variety of American taste and American expression.

Lamps are for every room, parlor, drawing room, library, dining room and even the kitchen, but lamps are

not all that electrical craft has to offer. What dining room but would be made more beautiful and more rich with an electrical urn, an electrical toaster that will toast your bread on your table, so that you might reach for it while it is hot and warm and golden brown; an electrical chafing dish or an electric percolator? Why not a samovar or a tea ball teapot? And so many more things to choose from! Just go in and look them over and if you cannot buy them all now you have the future always, and with the future comes realization.

Or why not an electrical sewing machine? It is something that means more than utility. It means a saving of energy, the preservation of health and the addition of joy. No wife feels her home complete without a sewing machine and when it is an electrical one it makes sewing a pleasure and a delight.

Then there is a vacuum cleaner, built to run by electricity. It is something really worth while. Every home has beautiful rugs and the preservation of rugs is one thing that a woman never forgets. Brooms are hard upon rugs, hard upon the nap and too often drives dust in, rather than brushing it out. The vacuum lifts the dust out and leaves the weave clean and bright. Isn't it something really worth while?

And don't forget milady's boudoir! Electricity has not forgotten the perpetuation of womanly beauty. There are curling iron heaters and drying combs; electric hair dryers and vibrators. They are not ornaments, but necessities, and every woman recognizes them as necessities. Never overlook them.

It is winter now and electric fans are packed away, but July and August will come again and you will long for a breathing of fresh air and a current of cooling breeze. You might buy in December what you will need in summer, and it will be deeply appreciated. Yet if you are more exacting and want something that can be used now look at the electric radiators that take the chill off rooms quickly. It is just the thing for bedrooms and for when you are almost ready to get up, because no one ever sleeps sweetly in a warm room.

And now for the kitchen! It almost seems that the electrical craft loved the kitchen above every other room, because it has done so much to make the kitchen beautiful, useful and labor saving. You need no stove and sooty coal in an electric kitchen. You can broil, steam, fry, boil and bake electrically and what other ways can one ever prepare food? The fireless cooker is a gem and just what you need when you want to go calling and return home to find dinner hot and ready to serve. And, say, don't you love delicious, golden-brown waffles, spread with rich butter and honey? They have a waffle iron here that heats in two minutes and turns waffles out faster than you can eat them. Wouldn't one of those make a dandy gift?

And then the workroom. Wash day used to mean drudge day and every woman hated to see it come around. It is different now. An electric washer cleanses and purifies while you sit and read the latest novel or magazine. And ironing day is always welcome. No waiting for irons to get hot; no

dropping of irons on tired feet or perfect floors; no cooling irons that spoil the lovely effect of constant and regulated heat. What woman but thanks the day when electricity stretched its hand into her laborious life and dragged out labor and left only pleasure and eagerness!

We might go on and on and never finish, but we have said enough. We have tried to make you understand what we mean when we say, "Make it an electrical Christmas!" You might have been dubious when you began, but we know we have converted you now. Don't forget, because it is so worth while to remember.

VIRGINIA HAS A LYNCHING

The First in Culpepper County for Forty Years; It Was a Quiet, Orderly Affair, Well Becoming the Dignity of a Sovereign State.

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 20.—News has been received here of a lynching in Culpepper county, the first to occur here for forty years. It occurred Sunday night, November 23, Allie Thompson, a Negro, was in jail on the charge of assaulting Mrs. Lelia Sisk of that county.

Two men went to the jail and carried a man bound in ropes. Jailors Tipson and Herndon believed the story that they had a man to be jailed. They opened the jail door and just then fifteen masked men stepped in and overpowered the jailors, took their keys, located Thompson in a cell and quietly carried him off.

There was no disturbance, but at sunrise the body of Thompson was found dangling to a tree on the Rixeyville road, three miles from Culpepper. Coroner Chapman summoned a jury and held an inquest, but there was no evidence on which to base the identity of the men composing the lynching party.

COLORED STUDENTS SUBSCRIBE NEARLY \$50,000 TO WAR FUND

Washington, Dec. 20.—Latest reports from all parts of the nation indicate that the Colored students of the United States have subscribed to the United War Work fund more than \$45,000. Out of approximately 130 secondary and collegiate schools only about 100 have reported. The quota for Colored schools was \$30,000.

Mr. C. H. Tobias, secretary of the international committee, Y. M. C. A., was national director. Miss Catherine Lealad represented the women students. Mr. L. E. Graves, Atlanta, Ga., directed the work of the southeastern department, and Mr. W. C. Craver, Washington, D. C., conducted the campaign among the Colored schools and colleges of the central and southern departments.

The students of Texas subscribed nearly \$4,000. The schools and colleges of the southern and central departments, comprising thirty-three institutions, gave approximately \$10,000.

A BOOK OF PAGEANTS

A book of instructions for a patriotic pageant, compiled by Mme. E. Azalia Hackley, will be presented to the public January 1, that every city,

church and school may give these beautiful popular money-making entertainments. Mr. Tony Langston, 3129 South State street, Chicago, dramatic editor of the Defender, is sole agent.—Adv.

USE WATER BOTTLE AS BUSTLE

Woman Fined for Violating State Prohibition Law.

Evansville, Ind.—The wife of the Rev. Elijah Torrants, a Negro minister here, was tried recently in the city court on a charge of violating the state prohibition law. Judge Ezra H. Ireland fined her \$100 and costs, and sentenced her to jail for thirty days.

When arrested recently by the police and searched at the central police station the woman was found to be wearing a hot water bottle filled with whisky as a bustle.

BOYS COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS TIME

Thousands of Soldiers From Overseas Have Already Sailed for United States and Some Have Landed.

Washington.—Important elements of eleven American army divisions now in France, in all 3,541 officers and 79,663 men, have been designated for early return home. A list of units to sail soon issued recently by General March shows that while only three divisions, the Thirty-ninth, Sixty-sixth and Eighty-seventh, have been designated in their entirety, major units from the Thirty-first, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-eighth, Forty-fifth, Eighty-sixth and Eighty-eighth are also under orders.

The list shows also that the Ninety-second division (Colored) has been designated for return and ordered to a base port from its front line position.

In the list appear as entire divisions the Thirty-ninth, the Seventy-sixth and the Eighty-seventh. The other troops comprise artillery units and army corps troops.

The following units comprise the Ninety-second division: 365th regiment of infantry, 366th regiment of infantry, 350th machine gun battalion, 349th, 350th and 351st regiments of field artillery, 317th trench mortar battery, 317th regiment of engineers, 317th field signal battalion, headquarters troop and 349th machine gun battalion. Other units of Colored troops who are also booked to return at once are the 331st, 332d, 334th regiments of field artillery.

CAPTAIN MARSHALL RETURNS

Was Wounded Several Times While Fighting in France—Colored Soldiers Fought Way Out of Trap.

Washington, D. C.—The transport Sierra, bringing 1,586 back from the front arrived in New York December 8th. Among them another wounded fighter, Captain Napoleon B. Marshall, a Negro of the old 15th New York, and a lawyer practicing in that city before called to the colors. He was wounded several times and was elected to a captaincy soon after he arrived in France. He said the men of his race made a splendid showing on the western front not only for bravery, but for the splendid head-work they showed in tight places.

Fought Way From Trap

"I went out one day with a patrol of thirty-two men," he said, "to size up the German artillery at a place south of Metz. We had gone too far across No Man's Land and a heavy German patrol had worked between us and the American lines. We were in a trap. There seemed to be no way out of it. It was a case of annihilation or capture, and we wished neither. Suddenly we got the hunch that it was better to be killed fighting than to submit to capture, and we charged the enemy. I tell you those boys fought like devils; drove the Germans off; made a detour and got back without losing a man."

NEGRO FARMERS BUYING ONLY PURE BRED CATTLE

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—Dairy extension forces in North Carolina, working through the local agent in Sampson county, have placed eighteen head of pure bred Jersey cows with Negro farmers. It is said to be the first organized effort to place pure bred animals for family use on Negro farms. These animals were part of a carload purchased by the dairy extension men in Ohio. The Negroes paid an average of \$100 a head for the Jerseys. The cows were obtained only from herds in which milk production and butter fat contents were very high, and were much better individuals than are ordinarily brought in by traders.

PRETENDS TO BE NEGRO

Washington, D. C.—"Prof." Herman Bernelot Moens, a well known character, said to be a native of Holland and who has been associating quite intimately with a number of

Washington's leading Colored people, has been indicted by the grand jury, charged with having in his possession a selection of obscene pictures. "Prof. Moens," as he has been called, is a white man, of rather engaging personality, and has frequented the social affairs of the Colored people to indicate his belief in the ultimate unification of the races and to demonstrate his own freedom from race prejudice. "Prof." Moens is at liberty

on a \$5,000 bond, awaiting trial in the district court. The arrest of the "professor" has caused a stir in many circles and has aroused no end of gossip, and a renewal of the inquiry as to just what might be his real mission in this country.

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