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123 West 3rd St., Corner Laramie Avenue



FUN IN "FUTURES."

Fortune Telling For the Christmas Party.

Anything in the nature of fortune telling is always popular, and, notwithstanding denials, there is a vein of superstition in every one's character. No game is more heartily entered into than one dealing ostensibly with fate or the future. Be it intricate or simple, it is fully enjoyed.

In the game of futures great fun is sure to ensue, because the futures can be previously arranged to suit the conditions of certain people, although generally the one in charge of the web of fate knows as little of what will be revealed as the individual himself. From a given center cords of all colors and conditions, no two alike, extend in every direction—upstairs, downstairs and almost in my lady's chamber, across each other here and there, often being knotted together at these points of intersection. Each searcher winds up his cord as he proceeds, and many difficulties in the way of knots to be untied and round and round windings to be unwound he encounters. When he finally reaches his future it usually proves to be a coin, a toy, a book of nursery tales or some article of absolute absurdity. This he takes back to the individual who started him in pursuit of his fate, who must be clever enough to give him quite a little information as to what will or will not happen, basing her remarks on the "future" he found at the end of the cord. Each "future" thus found is to be considered significant of other things.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE.

Custom Originated With Northmen. Hanging the Stockings.

Across the English channel, where the Gauls and the Franks and the northmen observed the stern rites of the severe religion of a strong hearted race, trees formed an important part in the festal observances of the feast days. The pine tree—ever in all ages an object of deserved admiration—was greatly revered by the northern folk. At the time of the midwinter celebration the northmen hung gifts upon the tree for their gods. As is readily seen, when the early fathers of the church came to this fierce people with their message of peace it was easy to change the idea of gifts proffered to heathen deities into a custom where offerings were made to the Christian God.

Thus from such humble beginnings began the cherished customs which are our heritage of today. Gift giving on the birthday of Christ may be logically traced to that observance prevalent in the middle ages of having Christmas boxes wherein offerings were placed for the priests. Christmas boxes gradually became an institution in Christian families as well.

Hanging up the stockings on Christ-

mas, the institution of St. Nicholas, old Santa Claus, is of purely Christian origin and started in Germany many hundred years ago. It has become one of the most cherished of the Christmas customs of the civilized world.—National Monthly.

The Blessed Christmas Time.

I walked in the world today, dear Lord, Midst worth and wealth and fame, Clashed hands with power and beauty, Lord.

With loveliness and name. * * *
I walked in the world today, dear Lord, Through crowded hall and mart, Where fruit of loom and press and brush Each vie for glory's part. * * *

I have come apart from the world, dear Lord, Where the mighty rule and shine, To find sweet joy at thy blessed side, To feast on things divine.
Oh, the world is poor! I am rich tonight As I walk in the path of the star's clear light, And I need no share in the great world's fame. I am crowned in the faith of the star child's name.

—Christian Work.

Christmas Trees For Manila From Alps.

Real Christmas trees with all their pristine freshness and with the fragrance of the balsam still clinging to them, as green as when they were cut in the Alps, arrive in Manila every Christmas season.

By a special scientific process the trees when they arrive to be placed on sale by the Manila merchants are still green and fresh, having been preserved in all their beauty and fragrance by a chemical bath which does not impair the trees in any way and will preserve them for many years.—Manila Times.

Yuletide Common Sense.

Cut out all presents given from custom. Many a girl is bankrupt or over-worked because she has not laid "the ghosts of a Christmas past." There is no sense in giving a present to a girl because you started to exchange with her ten years back. If you have drifted apart she will be as glad to stop the custom as you are.

When Expressing Gifts.

For packing the gift that is to be expressed a good strong box is absolutely necessary, made of wood, if you can possibly get it; if not, heavy cardboard will have to do. The box must be plenty large enough, giving ample room for packing.

Sensible Gift Giving.

Stop thoughtless giving. It is a waste of money, and no one thanks you. Far better an appropriate trifle than a costly present for which the recipient has no use.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS.

Here's prettiness. The holly wreath leads. Southern laurel is beautiful. California pepper berries serve to adorn. Scotch heather is one of the pretty wreath materials. Red immortelles will at least never blush unseen. Lycopodium is often used with very good effect for wreaths. But, after all, holly is first favorite, with its lovely bright red berries. The gay bow of holly red satin ribbon is the usual finish, though it should not be used with berries of the California pepper tree.—Philadelphia Record.

CHRISTMAS POSTALS BURNED.

Dead Letter Office Destroyed 178,000 Last Year.

The dead letter office in Washington last year destroyed 178,000 picture postcards. The majority of them carried Christmas greetings and were held as unmailable because either the postage was not prepaid or the cards bore mica or tinsel ornaments and were mailed in unsealed envelopes.

The transmission of cards with mica or tinsel decoration is forbidden by the postal regulations because in the past the eyes of employees were injured by handling them.

The Christmas Present.

A plague on him who sourly dubs The custom overdone. For every Christmas gift contains All presents rolled in one.

It takes the faith in things unseen Most wonderful to think, In reindeer journeys over roofs While stars look down to wink.

It takes the hope which ever springs In high and lowly found, The optimism and the trust That make the world go round.

And, last, it calls for charity The present to enhance, But if from giver or givee Depends on circumstances. —McLanburgh Wilson in New York Sun.

Christmas Flowers.

Flowers always make a lovely gift and will keep fresh several days if the following precautions are taken:

Dip the ends of the stems in melted paraffin wax and carefully wrap the flowers with sheets of cotton. Line the box with waxed paper, being careful to leave plenty to fold over the flowers.

Place them in the box, cover over with the paper, wrap with several thicknesses of brown paper and they are ready to express.

Brennan's



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It is not difficult to select your Christmas presents at Brennan's for here you will find the assortments complete and selected with care and judgment. Our long experience in buying for our Christmas trade has qualified us to select the stock of goods that satisfies the people of Alliance. We invite you to come to this store and do your Holiday purchasing with us.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS

Silver Presents

- Bracelets
- Cigarette Cases
- Coin Purses
- Tea Sets
- Bread and Cake Plates
- Baking Dishes
- Toilet Sets
- Clothes Brushes
- Card Cases
- Match Boxes
- Mesh Bags
- Sugar & Cream Sets
- Percolators
- Candelabras
- Hat Brushes
- Military Brushes
- Manicure Sets



Gold Presents

- Barretts
- Brooches
- Necklaces
- Bracelets
- Rosaries
- Fobs
- Tie Clasp
- Stick Pins
- Bar Pins
- Waist Sets
- Collarets
- Locketts
- Ear Screws
- Watch Chains
- Emblem Buttons
- Cuff Links
- Crosses
- Boquet Holders

Our line of books, stationery and art calendars is very select. There are many suggestions here for presents. A complete line of fine American cut glass offers beautiful presents.

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