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WHEN EVERY BOLT AND NUT

is in place and tight, when your en-
gine is throbbing merrily, when the
wheels turn smoothly on their axles
and your car runs with little or no
vibration, then you will get the most
out of your motoring. It is our work
to make your car this efficient.

Roy V. Buskirk Garage
215 East Fifth St.

DO'S AND DON'T'S AT THE P. O.

Thoughtfulness on Part of Patrons of
Uncle Sam Will Assist Clerks
and Carriers.

DON'T put off mailing that
package until Christmas
eve.

Don't neglect to tie it
properly. It is handled at
least five times before it reaches its
destination.

Don't forget to write your own re-
turn address on all parcel post matter.
Don't guess at the postage and give
your friends the pleasure of paying
"postage due."

Don't plaster Red Cross stamps on
the face of packages or letters; take
care not to "seal" parcel post packages
with them. It raises the rate.

Don't forget that a little thoughtfulness
on your part can help to make
Christmas happier for Uncle Sam's
men, his horses and his automobiles.

Do mail early, preferably before De-
cember 20th, writing on your pack-
ages: "Not to be opened until Christ-
mas."

Do your best to use the post offices
in the forenoon, the earlier the better.

Do write legibly, both the address
to which you are sending the gift and
your own return address.

Do be courteous and "Christmassy"
to the post office men who serve you.
They are handling thousands of pieces
of mail matter.

Do be brief at the counter. You
keep someone else waiting if you are
loaded like an express truck, with
packages and foolish questions.

THINGS THE BOYS LONG FOR

Youngsters Prefer Toys or Contriv-
ances to Test Their Muscular Skill
or Endurance.

WHAT shall be said of that blun-
dering kindness of home folk
that considers giving the boy only
presents of such things as he actu-
ally needs? It is an outrage upon
the spirit of Christmas to present him
with new shoes, ties, handkerchiefs—
something that he knows he will get
anyway—when his sleeping and wak-
ing dreams for weeks before have been
filled with visions of tops, balls, guns
and magic lanterns, says Maud Sou-
nders in the Woman's Home Compan-
ion. The most beautiful knitted muf-
fler woman's fingers ever constructed
cannot compare with a jack-knife with
four blades and a cork-screw attach-
ment, when exhibited over the back
fence to a neighbor boy on Christmas
morning. Very soon after the days
of kilt a boy reaches the age when
he yearns with his whole soul after
any toy or contrivance that will test
his muscular skill or endurance. At
this age an appropriate present would
be a rawhide or rope lariat, such as
is used by the Buffalo Bill riders. A
pair of hand or arm stunts will be re-
ceived with equal favor, and in the
same category comes a new fishing
rod, snow shoes, tennis racket, golf
clubs, a good ball, lamp or cyclometer
for his wheel, or even a live pet, a
new dog, a pair of rabbits or guinea
pigs—something that he can pet and
train for his own.

Funny Christmas Habit.

There is not a drug store, cigar shop
or barroom in the larger cities which
has not been made the storage room
for Christmas presents bought before
the rush sets in. The strange part of
it is that every man who utilizes the
friendship of his favorite place round
the corner thinks he is the only one
who thought of the plan. Realizing
that the stores will be crowded, many
far-sighted heads of families bought
their presents a week in advance, and
then, fearing the nature of the myste-
rious package would be discovered at
the office or at home, they hid upon the
device of making a cache in some re-
sort near home.

Harold Peterson left Wednesday
morning for Sioux City after spending
the week end with relatives and
friends in this city.

M. R. Parks, of North Dakota, who
has been visiting at the home of his
sister, Mrs. Harry Lowell, left Tues-
day evening for California.

John Egan, of Denver, is spending
a few days in this city this week on
business.

TOY TREE TABLE DECORATION

Miniature Christmas Emblem May Be
Surrounded With Presents Tied
With Red Ribbon.

DECORATE the table with a
Christmas tree, one of the
toy ones, and pile around its
foot a quantity of presents
tied with red ribbons.
These should be only what a college
man would call "grinds"—perhaps a
tiny tin piano for a would-be perform-
er, a lantern for the one the points of
whose jokes are difficult to see, a
plaid paper golf bag for the enthusi-
astic player, and so on, each with a
rhyme or quotation, says Harper's
Bazar. If one considers a goose a
somewhat undignified bird, ducks may
be exchanged for it, either the domes-
tic fowl or the more expensive cany-
back or redhead. Fried celery is very
good with duck, the crispest pieces
dropped in batter and then cooked in
deep fat. But the apple sauce cro-
quettes should not be omitted even
with this. For this informal dinner
there is a very good and innocuous
drink to serve with the heavy course—
sweet cider, spiced and sugared to
taste, cooked ten minutes and served
hot.

YULETIDE THORN TREE SAVED

Blooming Glastonbury, Subject of
Beautiful Legends of Christmas,
Was Doomed to Destruction.

ONE of the most beautiful legends
of Christmas is that of the Glas-
tonbury thorn. The thorn tree grew
at Glastonbury Abbey, in Somerset-
shire, and was supposed to have de-
veloped from the staff of Joseph of
Arimathea. According to the legend,
Joseph came to Glastonbury and while
he was resting on a hill, afterward
known as Weary All hill, he stuck his
staff in the earth. The staff immedi-
ately grew green and budded, and at
Christmas time it blossomed into
beautiful flowers.

One chronicler states that during
Queen Elizabeth's reign the thorn had
a double trunk, but that a somewhat
bigoted Puritan, who disliked the tree
because to his mind it smacked of
popery, started to cut it down, and
succeeded in demolishing one of the
trunks. A miracle rescued the re-
maining trunk of the tree by causing
a chip of wood to fly up and hit the
Puritan in the eye, while at the same
time he slipped and cut his leg.
Later the tree was grubbed up, but
a number of smaller trees raised from
slips of the original are said to be
owned by persons in the neigh-
borhood.

Christmas Trees by Million

NURSERYMEN grow large
quantities of Norway
spruce for Christmas uses—
rather more in the middle West,
where conifers are not common
in the woods, than on the eastern
and western coasts, where
they fringe every hillside. But
the tree most commonly used is a
short-needle pine found in the
woods of Northern Michigan and
Wisconsin. Early in September
the Indians about the lumber
camps of this region are set to
work cutting these trees for the
market, and by early November
a little fleet of vessels makes its
way down Lake Michigan, a
Christmas tree hauled to the
foremast of each one, that by
this sign all may know that in
their holds is a cargo which
might not tempt a Captain Kidd,
but is far more precious than
many a one for which good ships
have been scuttled.

Our Commercialized Christmas.

Christmas is the decorating day of
a commercial age. Then, as on no
other day, we face with compassion
those who have fallen in our battles
for wealth. For a moment we think
of the thousands of children who have
no share in that easy life we give our
children, and must find the season's
joy in the charity dinner. Along with
the barter to which we have debased
our giving within our circle of ac-
quaintances, we play at extending the
spirit of the day to those who are
the pawns of our industrial game. The
Salvation army lass, standing cold and
numb on the street corner, collecting
funds for Christmas baskets for the
poor, reminds us of the wreckage left
in the wake of our prosperity. We
give a trifle to help the poor temper
the bitterness of the year with a
couple of hours' good eating.

A PESSIMIST

Duck: I'll bet
I get a raincoat,
or a pair of rub-
bers, or some-
thing like that
for Christmas.



Coffin-Shaped Pie Crusts.

Sober the antiquary tells us that
Christmas pies were formerly baked
in a coffin-shaped crust to represent
the death of the manger in which our
Savior was laid.

Mrs. El F. Seeberger will entertain
the Saturday Afternoon bridge club at
her home Saturday afternoon.
Gift parchments, Dixon, the jeweler.

Joe Weber is spending the latter
part of this week in Kearney on busi-
ness.
Picard china, Dixon, the jeweler.



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2 sorrel mares 8 and 9 years old, wt. 2300 lbs. 2 brown horses 7 and 8
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1 bay mare 5 years old, wt. 1000 lbs. 1 grey horse 7 years old, wt.
100 lbs. 1 bay horse 6 years old, wt. 1150 lbs. 1 grey horse
6 years old, wt. 1000 lbs.

45 HOGS

3 Red Sows, wt. 250 lbs each; 24 Red Shoats, wt. 100 lbs. each; 18
Fall Pigs, wt. 40 lbs each.

12 DOZEN CHICKENS 1 DOZEN TURKEYS

4 sets work harness, 2 saddles, 1 McCormick mower, 2 plows, 1 gal-
vanized tank, 1 wagon and other articles.

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