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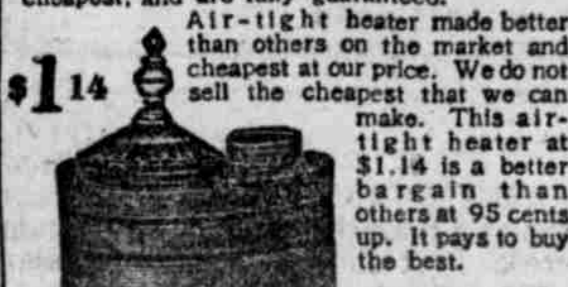
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## Whether Common or Not

By Will M. Maupin.

### Christmas Fixings.

What's up? 'Tis something very queer,  
And I would like to know  
Why mamma and each little one  
Persists in acting so.  
Time was when I went home at night  
They met me at the door;  
But now they scamper out of sight  
And I am met no more.

And if by chance I happen in  
Unlooked for, so to speak,  
Straightway there comes an awful din  
And shrill staccato shriek.  
Then mamma thrusts beneath her chair  
The work she has in hand,  
And Rena shakes her ringlets fair  
And hides behind the stand.

E'en Dorothy, the little tyke,  
Is acting strange and queer;  
And none of them appears to like  
To see me coming near.  
At eve they whisper soft and low  
And slyly look at me—  
What's up? I'd really like to know  
What can the matter be.

They shun me now, yet all the while  
As they confer apart  
They wink and nod and sweetly smile,  
And merry glances dart.  
There's something up! Exactly what  
It is I want to know;  
For now it seems I'm quite forgot—  
Huh! Christmas fixings? Oh!

### Don't Do That.

It is easy to buy Christmas presents with January's salary. Don't do that.  
The foolish giver imagines that the true value of the gift is measured by the purchase price. Don't do that.

We know people who make sacrifices in order to buy costly Christmas presents for fear they will be thought stingy. Don't do that.

Some people think it is smart to destroy the dear old myth concerning Santa Claus and thus bring grief to childish minds. Don't do that.

At this particular season of the year it is customary to begin worrying about what you'll give this one or that one for a Christmas present. Don't do that.

Every time you pick up a paper these days you see full directions how to make beautiful Christmas presents out of old clothes, and barrels, and boxes, and tin cans, and things; and you are immediately tempted to undertake the task of trying to follow them. Don't do that.

### Boygraphs.

If the boy is treated like a gentleman at home he will act like a gentleman abroad.

We feel awfully sorry for the boy whose father has forgotten that he was once a little fellow.

If a boy forgets his mother the chances are that the reason may be found in the example of the father.

Some boys would be overjoyed to receive as much attention from their fathers as is bestowed on the family horses.

As a general proposition the boy who is untruthful has been made so by being punished for telling the truth.

If a boy finds a sympathetic listener in his father when he tells his boyish troubles, he seldom goes out on the streets to make confidants.

### Girlottes.

The man who thinks he understands girls is a supreme egotist.

Schoolgirl secrets are very much like marshmallows—big to the sight, but quite small in fact.

A girl can never understand why a boy is so careless about his hair, but she rather envies him the fact.

It has never been explained why a girl displays so much pride in her ability to make fudge and angel food and never boasts about ability to make good bread.

It is all nonsense to say that a girl reads the last chapter of a love story first. She reads the first chapter in order to learn the names of the hero and heroine.

A girl of sixteen takes especial delight in bossing her eighteen-year-old brother around—and still more in bossing some other girl's eighteen-year-old brother.

### Brain Leaks.

Honesty begotten of policy is dishonesty.

The church that reaches out is the church that brings in.

If you have the proper love of roses you'll not think of the thorns.

The pies that mother used to make tasted good to the palates we used to have.

Man has two ears and one tongue—a hint to listen twice before speaking once.

The man who will go hungry in order to buy a good book is a man worth trying to.

Some men pray "lead us not into temptation" and then go right out looking for it.

The race is not always to the swift—it is often to the man who makes the quickest start.

Isn't it a good thing we do not have to pay taxes on the value we set on the baby's smile?

If the memory of a good dinner is the only pleasant one you have of Thanksgiving day you are to be pitied.

We are too prone to use subtraction when figuring our blessings and multiplication when figuring our sorrows.

We often wonder if some women do not think of heaven as a place where there are no dishes to wash or stockings to darn.

When we hear classic songs we applaud with our hands. When we hear the old-fashioned songs we applaud with our tears.

### Cautious.

The great millionaire philanthropist thoughtfully studied the face of the university president who had called upon him to secure a donation.

"I am afraid that what I may for your educational institution will not amount to a great deal," said the philanthropist.

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### After Patti.

'Tis the last turkey gobbler  
Left strutting alone;  
All his feathered companions  
Are slaughtered and gone.  
Not one of his kindred  
Still struts by the way  
To note his proud gobble  
Since Thanksgiving day.

Yet we'll leave thee, thou lone one,  
Still fatter to grow;  
Your fate will be pleasant  
To some folk I know,  
Thus kindly I scatter  
Thy food on the ground,  
And laugh loud at hearing  
Your loud gobble sound.

So soon will you follow  
Your friends gone before,  
Stuffed full of sage dressing  
And oysters galore.  
When friends all have vanished  
Why live ye away?  
'Tis useless—you'll get it  
On next Christmas day.

## Maupin's Book

It's a good book—Maupin admits it. It has 277 pages, printed from clear type on good paper, cloth bound, with gold side and back stamps, and "Foreword" by Mr. W. J. Bryan. The book is worth a whole lot more than the price asked, which is \$1.

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W. J. BRYAN.

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