#### CHRISTMAS GIFTS GALORE

for People Hunting for Presents.

THINGS FOR YOUNG AND OLD

An Assortment of Suggestions Calculated to Aid in Solving the Vexing Problem of Choosing the Right Article.

The approach of Christmas brings to the front the familiar vexing problemthe selection of presents. To the heads of the home it is a trying one, especially if new and striking gifts are sought. The elders have exhausted the range of useful and appropriate things, and to them the annual return of the custom

is of increasing gravity. The solution of the problem depends largely on the size of the purse. If the latter possesses a healthy, prosperous aspect, there is little difficulty experi-enced in procuring acceptable gifts. Stores are filled with articles that tempt the taste of the giver, and will substantially reduce the store of eash. To those of moderate means, however, a few timely hints will prove helpful.

#### For Old People.

It is hard to select presents for those who have passed the "sunny" side of life and who no longer take an active interest in its frivolities, its fads and its changes of fashion.

Grandma and grandpa are dear old people, with hearts as young as the youngest and minds capable of enjoying everything. But one can scarcely expect grandpa to begin wearing a new style watch chain in a new way; nor will grandma want a set of the new-fangled hairpins.

"Such things are pretty on young people," say grandma and grandpa, with a smile and a sigh. "But—the old way is best for us after all."

What, then, can one select for the oc-cupants of the armchair? What can one give them which will be just the thing needed for comfort and luxury?

To begin with, a clock is always an acceptable present. It need not be an expensive one, nor a showy one, as long as it has a big, plain face and a pair of hands which point out the time a long way off. Do not get a loud ticker, and do try to find one which will run a week without winding.

Both grandma and grandpa like nice pocket handkerchiefs. Notice the kind which seems to be a favorite with grandpa and get him half a dozen just like them with his initial done in big letters upon one corner. Let grandma's be of ince, as delicate as you can afford.

Grandpa does not care for many ornaments, but he is fond of a nice necktie. Get him one or two, just like those he usually wears, and give them to him with a gold letter pin standing for his last name, which can be used for a scarf pin if he fancies it.

Always humor grandpa's taste a little, because he probably knows to a nicety what pleases him, and it is kind and delicate to fall in with his wishes.

Grandpa probably has a cane. But has he a nice black silk umbrella? Has he a storm coat? Does he own a pair of the new kind of high cloth overshoes? Has he a pair of fined gloves for cold Has he a cap which sits snugly on his head when the wind

Notice the styles in these things. gently sound his tastes and buy accord-

A cup and saucer, an oatmeal set, a handsome goblet, a deep blue beer mug -no matter what may be grandpa's of course. Select if you can a handle principles—a handsome plate for fruit, ornsments for his table and nice, warm tume. You know in winter a woman foot rugs are very sure to be appreci-If he likes to smoke, notice the style of

his favor te pipe and get another just like it. Get him a pound of his favorite tobacco and put it in a fine tobacco jug. Give him a few bottles of wine if he is in the habit of taking a little "for the stomach's sake," and send along a fancy tin box containing the best fruit cake you can buy or make.

So much for grandpa! Grandma likes neck trimmings if they be after her style. Observe and select the right things. Take a gold dollar and have your initial put on it. Have it made into a pin and you may be sure

grandma will treasure it as long as she

Give grandman few yards of fine, broad lace for her caps, her necker-chiefs or her aprons. Buy material for a pretty house dress for her, and let her have the pleasure of making it up into

If she has no chair of her own in the dining room, give her one which will be more comfortable, perhaps, than the dining chairs. Give her an individual set of pretty plates, cup and saucer and butter dish for her own use. Notice if she has plenty of cushions and footstoo's in her room.

Give her three or four pots of hya-cintbs not yet bloomed, or if she be a semi-invalid a bird in a golden cage, or, mayhap, a jar of gold fish would inter-

Grandma loves pretty pictures.

\*\*weetfaced child in a white frame. group of graceful pets or an etching of something quaint and interesting—all these things please her these things piease her.

There are little creature-comforts, too, of which grandma is very fond. She could make use of a tiny gas stove for warming teas and broths. And a broth cup, with a saucer which fits on top, is sure to be treasured. Warm, soft slip-pers, gay to behold; lambs wool petticoats, snug woolen jackets and great downy robes for the bath are deemed very delightful for grandma, who should

have every simple luxury.

Both grandma and grandpa have foi-bles. You probably know what they are. Watch for them and then it will be easy to select your gift. Some Things for Men.

So suppose you take a strip of flannel one inch wide, roll it round and round smoothly, as a surgeon rolls a bandage, until the roll is perhaps eight or nine inches in circumference, and of course one inch thick. Cover it on both sides with a cover made from the wrists of your half-worn gloves, chocsing those of a pretty shade of tan rather than any-thing lighter, embroidered in a dainty little pattern of rose or green ribbon, tying up sprays of flowers, pale blue, or yellow or rose. The around the circle a satin ribbon the color of the embroidered one, with just a tiny little bow at the top, holding a ring crocheted over with silk. Stick the ribbon full of black pins in a pattern, not too large pins, you know, and plenty of good strong white ones on the sides, and you will have a convenient little affair that any man will enjoy backing in his grip or having on his desk or bureau. And if the man you like has any kind of a craze which calls for the wearing of knee breeches, the nicest present in the world is a pair of long silk stockings, knitted of strong, firm silk, all by your own fair hands. Knitting is coming into fashion again. It is such a pretty way to be busy and domestic—it shows a white hand and handsome rings to such perfection. Pillows—It is always safe to given

man a pillow, even if he is married, for the best wife in the world is sometimes just a little bit averse to having her pet lace-frilled pillows jammed around by her careless lord and master, and it is

such a triumph for a man to have a pillow of his very own on every couch in the house to put his head or his feet on just as he likes. The cigar-ribbon pillows are always bright and gay for men, and so are the new Berlin wool pillows which have the design embroidered in and require only the plain

filling in stitches for a finish. And then there are the afghans, that every man enjoys so much. Very beautiful and appropriate are those made in stripes of leaf-brown shading to gold in the center, and crocheted in star stitch, alternated with dark stripes of the old plain afghan stitch, embroidered in the fleur-de-lis of the lighter shades. And down spreads for couches or for the bed Itself a man does not object to at all, and enjoys much more than the prize cigars you purchased for him, or the neckties you buy in all kindness of heart, but with, according to man's idea,

a depirable lack of sense. And there are most beautiful black and while silk suspenders, with gold and silver buckles, in chased and filigree patterns, and corkscrews fitted into a solid silver cup that holds just a bit more than the thimbleful; there are little silver checks for the name on valises, and the most ingenious of card counters, besides the hat marks and coat marks, necktie fasteners and all the smoking and desk appurtenances. Besides, you know, a man likes all the soaps and perfumes, toilet waters and sweet-smelling things that women suppose him to have a soul

#### Hints for Girls.

If you are not an adept at "making save your pennies to buy a good knife, with a corkserew, a pair of scissors and a button hook attachment It will be appreciated by its masculine recipient.

A girl with a taste for needlework can manufacture a pair of silver-mounted suspenders that will cost only half the sum domanded for them in the store.

Nearly every man likes a clock for his dressing table. You can, if you are ingenious, get one of the little dollar clocks and glorify it by mounting it in a wooden framework, upon which you have written a motto in liquid gold. Give a man the biggest and squarest paper basket you can find. Coax it into elegance by liberal coats of white enamal paint and plant upon one side of it a

"splashing" bow.

If there is a "pottery bakery" within reach get one of the good natured workmen to turn off a pair of beer steins for you and decorate them yourself with dashes of Pompelian red and Dutch

A tiny brass chain with a large and very sharp pair of seissors attached makes an acceptable present for a literary friend with a mania for "clip-Let the chain have a large pings. screw attached to the end for fastening

Men like, more than people give them credit for liking, pretty pots of growing flowers, finely illustrated books, ornaments for the bureau and dresser, embroidered handkerchiefs and night shirts, perfumes, fancy soaps, sachels and all kinds of sweet smelling things, as well as good brush brooms, hand satchels and traveling rugs.

A very useful gift for a gentleman is a chest protector, which can be made of black satin and lined with quilted satin or silk. The edge is bound with ribbon. It is to be worn with a dress coat in cold weather to guard against taking cold. To Please Your Better Half.

The list of desirable gifts may be headed with an artiale which is perfectly sure to please. No doubt about What is it? Why, a fine umbrella, carries an umbrella two or three days in a week, so make the gift such a pretty

one that it will be an ornament and not a burden. Wives have a great fondness for nice furs. If your wife is wearing black gar-ments, and if you feel sure that she has not bought a must for two or three years, get her a sable must, or a Persian lamb one, or a mink muff trimmed with cunning little heads and tails. Or get her a new-fashioned boa. And if she dresses in colors there are many beautiful fur and feather neck trimmings

which women like and which are to be bought of all dealers. Wives are sentimental, too. They dearly love presents that seem to come directly from the heart and which are such as no one else could possibly give. A crayon picture of yourself, life size and tastefully framed, would make a very loving gift. A link bracelet with your pet name for her engraved upon the inside of it, would be appreciated and so would one of the new and pretty rings which seem specially designed for

love gifts. A wife, with a woman's true unselfishness, is pleased with gifts which are meant quite as much for the family as for herself. An encyclopædia with all its volumes complete, for example, or an unabridged dictionary, or a new table for the sitting room, a table with a shelf underneath and a top large enough to do duty for all the evening occupations would be well received by

Wives like pretty furniture. They like brass bedsteads; they have a feeling almost akin to love for dressing tables and dressing bureaus, and they may be said to feel a species of household adoration for divans, low book-cases, carved paper stands and music racks.

These things sound very grand and expensive. But, really, they are not expensive at all. You can buy a very presentable specimen of almost any of the things just mentioned for a sum within the limits of a ten-dollar bill.

Wives are very fond of gloves. Per-haps they are more so than one would at first suppose, for the reason that a woman who has a husband and a family to provide for does not as readily spend money for gloves as does the one who

has herself alone to buy for.

Wives are delighted to be presented with little things which show love and thoughtfulness.

A great pot of plants for the parlor window, a gaily striped hammock with brass hooks and fastenings, a guant sofa pillow, which can be used also as a foot rest; a tall, slender, screen artistically decorated, a new drapery for the mantel, a Bagdad curtain to throw over the perhaps faded couch, a pair of fur-lined slippers for cold days, a standard lamp, a decanter and glasses, a three-winged dressing glass for the sleeping-room wall, a subscription to a home magazine, a picture often admired but never before owned, a little journey south, or money to buy a new winter gown are each and all of them things which a

wife is sure to like. Strange as it may seem, in view of the fact that they spend so little upon such things, we'ves are wonderfully fond of jeweled trifles. A tiny watch to be worn on the waist, quite inexpensive but very fashionable, pleases a woman. The pansy breastpin with a pearl dew-drop upon the innermost leaf makes a neat little gift. A jeweled bug for the bonnet strings is cherished far beyond his bugship's value, white a jeweled hat pin is preserved until a woman gets

too old to go out and wear a hat. There are few Christmas presents

more pleasing than those of chatclaine watches. They range in size from absurd little ornaments, hardly as large as hazel nuts, and encrusted with jew-els, to watches about an inch or an inch and a quarter in diameter. A woman's watch is very apt to be a piece of frivolity, but for practical uselessness the chatelaine watch surpasses all others. In the nature of things it is being continually knocked about and cannot keep correct time, but it is picturesque. It is autilitarian thing turned into an ornament, and, therefore, the very absurdity and contradiction of it pleases "my

#### Good Things for Girls.

It is difficult to choose a present for a young girl. She is usually so clever at making things that to give her embroideries and paintings done on silk and plush is merely to reproduce her own handiwork.

Of course every one is pleased by a Christmas gift, no matter what the gift may be. But in making a selection is very nice to choose something which has about it the stamp of novelty. Girls like silver things for the dresser or the sewing table. Give a girl a little silver thimble case shaped like a nut, a perfume bottle of silver filigree, a silver cold-cream box, a silver candlestick or a silver tray for pins.

Give her one of the new style feather fans, with just four very dashing plumes Give her a china silk handkerchief, edged with real lace. Give her a china silk tea gown of real Chinese pattern, or a silk petticoat, or two pairs of gloves tied together with a ribbon

and your "best love."

If you want to delight her buy the finest, largest perfume atomizer in the store. And see that its decorations are in accord with the dressing table which it is to adorn. Sets of embroidered sachet bags, seven in a set, are enthusiastically welcomed, and so are glass bonbon cases, silken sweetment boxes and Dresden china fruit plates for the "cosy com" table,

If you are very fond of your girl friend leave an order at the florist's for roses to be sent to her each Sunday morning during the year. Or, if this is beyond the limits of the purse strings, order the latest magazine to be left at her door for a year. Or send her a season ticket to some amusement which you know she covets.

Let her gift be individual. Let it be something which seems to say, "To you from me." Think over your girl friend's tastes and make your selection. If she be fond of pretty trifles get her a jeweled hat pin, a gold bow for her hair, with a pearl drop nestling in its depths, a set of "jeweled" hairpins, link buttons containing your initial, and hers, cuff pins for her dress sleeves, a jeweled buckle, gay with brilliants; a breastpin with an ideal face set on it, or a cunning gold "lifter" to hold up her dress skirt.

Girls like pretty red slippers and stockings just to match. Girls like odd footstools, dainty willow chairs, spindlelegged desks, spindle-legged tables, gold candy tongs, silver stamp boxes and glasses, too, as many as you choose to

Get the present in time to have it "marked." The pretty calendar you The pretty calendar you have selected must have the dear girl's initials dashed on it in liquid gold in your own handwriting. The odd little souvenir spoon must have her mono-gram engraved in the bowl. Her lapdesk should have your initials and hers on one corner of the blotter. The scissors you give her must have "Dorothy," or "Jennie," or "Maud" upon the big

If you give her a purse be sure to put a lucky penny in its inside pocket marked with your name. And if a knife be choice place a talismanic word of friendship upon it. Give her a girdle, as unique as possi-

ble; a peculiar bracelet, a pin, queerly different from anything she has seen. Give your girl friend—the prettiest. sweetest thing you can find. But-be sure that it is in accord with her tastes.

## THE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Kenniboy is sometimes very thoughtful of other people's comfort, although sometimes he is not, says Harper's Young People. He has one very bad habit his papa says, which is waking up at 5:30 o'clock or earlier every morning and insisting upon making remarks. His papa is usually the one to whom these remarks are made and, of course, listening teachet formibus has a say makes it near remarks are made and, of course, listening to what Kenniboy has to say makes it necessary for him to wake up and brush the cobwebs off his wits. Once or twice Kenniboy has been scolded for interfering in this way with other people's sleep. He has been told that he may talk all he pleases but that it must always be in a whisper so that his papa and mamma shall not be disturbed.

Having this little lesson in mind one morning about two weeks ago, Kenniboy, having waked at the usual early hour, was rather curious to know how early it was. Leaning over his papa's car he whispered softly into

it, "Papa, what time is it?"
So soft was the whisper that papa never seemed to hear it, but slept peacefully on,

seemed to hear it, but slept peacefully on, and so Kenniboy tried it again.

"Papa, look at your watch and tell me what time it is, please," he whispered.

This time papa was awakened.

"Oh, dear, Kenniboy," he said, rubbing his eyes sleepily, "I'll never grow beautiful if you wake me out of my beauty sleep this way every morning."

"I din't mean to wake you up." said the

'I didn't mean to wake you up," said the "But you were talking in my ear," returned papa. "How could you expect to do that without waking me?"

"I wasn't talkin'—I was only whisperin'," said Kenniboy. "I wanted you to tell me what time it is, and I whispered so's you could tell me without wakin' up." :

A young lady traveling in a Main street car, says the Buffalo Express, was ap-proached by a conductor in a weak moment, and with most disastrous results. "Not 5 yet, is he?" queried the knight of the fare register, referring to the young charge by the lady's side.
"Not quite," replied she, grasping at an

"Why, yes, I am, too. I'm nearly seven," rejoined the youngster referred to, with injured pride, and no amount of expostulation could change the reply. So two fares were collected where otherwise there might have been but one. And the people on the car en-joyed the joke.

Tommy had just returned from Sunday school, and his mother asked him if he had been a good boy.
"Not very," he replied.
"Then you didn't get a good behavior

"Yes, I did. I saved the money you gave me for the heathen, and bought two cards with it from the other boys."

Teacher-What is the height of Pike's Boy-Do you mean how high it is above ne surrounding country!
"How high is it above the sea!"
"Un! at high tide or low tide!" "I forget."

Bob (who has been reading a sea story)—I wender what a minute gun is, Tom? Do you Tom-Yes, of course; one that'll shoot like

Mamma—Johnnie, I am glad to see that you don't hurry through your prayers as you you don't hurry through your prayers as you used to do.

Johnnie-Good gracious! Just think of the things that I'm asking for for Christmas.

Teacher-What is a synonym? Boy-It's a word you can use in place of another when you don't know how to spell the other one.

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#### THREE FLOWERS.

MUSIC ROLLS

Eugene Field in Chicago News Record. Buttercup, poppy, forget-me-not— These three bloomed in a garden spot, And once, all merry with song and play, A little one heard three voices say: "Shine or shadow, summer or spring— O thou child with the tangled hair

And laughing eyes—we three shall bring Each an offering, passing fair?" The little one did not understand. But they bent and kissed the dimpled hand.

Buttercup gamboled all day long. Sharing the little one's mirth and song; Then stealing along on the misty gleams,

Coppy came, bringing the sweetest dreams, Playing and dreaming—that was all, Till once the sleeper would not awake; Kissing the little face under the pall, We thought of the words the third flower And we found betimes, in a hallowed spot, The solace and peace of forget-me-not.

Buttercup shareth the joy of the day. Glinting with gold the hours of play; Bringeth the poppy sweet repose. When the hands would fold and the eyes would

And after it all—the play and the sleep
Of a little life—what cometh then?
To the hearts that ache and the eyes that weep A wee flower bringeth God's peace again. Each one serveth its tender lot— Buttercup, poppy, forget-me-not.

## IMPIETIES.

Bishop Wilson of Calcutta was a very ce-centric divine. His sermons were very racy. Preaching against dishonesty, especially in horsefiesh, as one of the great English failings in India, he went on: "Nor are we, servants of the altar, free from yielding to this temptation." Pointing to the occupant of the reading desk below him: "There is my dear and venerable brother. "There is my dear and venerable brother, the archdeacon, sitting down there; he is an instance of it. He once sold me a horse; it was unsound. 'I was a stranger, and he took

Bishop Leonard tells a good story on himself. He was teaching a Sunday school in Utah and asked a little girl if she knew who Christ was. She replied: "O, yes, sir, he was a man." Fearing that she might have an impression that Christ was more human than divine, Bishop Leonard asked her what kind of a man he was and if Christ was any kind of a man he was and if Christ was any thing like himself, "Oh, no," she replied, "he was a good man."

Mrs. Kirke—George, I think it is perfectly shalneful for you to stay away from church and sit home reading novels!

George—And what was the text this morning, my dear?

Mrs. Kirke. Whyt. Cold Mrs.

Mrs. Kirke—Why! Oh! I forget; but Mr. Tonsil sang a lovely solo, and I saw a bonnet that was simply a dream! Mrs. Drowsie—What, my dear, you are not going to wear that bright colored necktie in the pulpit, are you?

The Rev. Mr. Drowsie—Yes I am. That's

the only way I can keep the audience awake "What are your hopes for the future?" asked the solemn man.
"I have none just now," replied the youth.
"Tomorrow is my best girl's birthday, and I'm worrying about the present."

A placard on the front of one of the most fashionable churches on North Broad street, Philadelphia, on a recent Sunday announced that the morning sermon would be on the lower regions, and added the rather warm invitation: "All welcome."

Too many church members who send mis sionaries to foreign lands have heathen children, says the the Atchison Globe.

Some English newspaper women who wanted to find out whether the people who sing in the London streets make a good living or not, put on a disguise and taking a guitar went out to try it for themselves. After singing and playing for an hour and a half they had collected 7s. 4\(\frac{1}{2}\)d. And they were only amateurs at that and with no meyious experience in pleasing the people.



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