

GIFTS Christmas Thoughts by Omaha Women DINNER

Spirit of Giving

THE charge so frequently made from the pulpit and rostrum that the true Christmas spirit in gift-making has been corrupted in this age of commercialism has occasioned an inquiry among some of the public-spirited women of Omaha regarding what theme they have in mind when they make Christmas presents.

One of Omaha's wealthiest women, who makes everything that she gives, said: "I make gifts to those for whom I really care and because I love these friends I find pleasure in doing with my own hands something that I believe will give them pleasure. I always give things that can be used and truly will use my Christmas list included less than forty names, but I devote more of my minutes during the year to making these annual remembrances for them. I believe that these little things give more pleasure than anything that I do. More important than gifts, however, I count the Christmas letters. My letter list is much longer than my gift list. These I do not write during the few weeks immediately preceding Christmas, but all through the year and I date them as I write them. At Christmas time I mail them attaching then only the wish for a Merry Christmas. This plan I have followed for years and it enables me to express appreciation that I would hesitate to express in one letter after another. I write when the inspiration comes and I care truthfully say that every letter is from my heart."

I believe the American people put too great a commercial value upon Christmas giving. I can only compare it to the spread of an epidemic, sapping one mentally and physically, as well as draining the pocket-book. I believe we should simplify Christmas giving, and that our gift should express individuality. We should make it a pleasure rather than a task, remembering that "He gives saught but worthless gold who gives from a sense of duty."

I feel that the right or perfect spirit in Christmas giving was instituted nearly 2,000 years ago, when the infant Jesus was given to the world. The gift was Himself, thereby showing us that unless we put ourselves, that is, our whole hearts, in the giving, we fall in the first principles. The Christmas gift that the Magi worshipped brought happiness and peace to the desert stained, sun scorched wise men, and in turn should have these feelings uppermost in our remembrances. The Magi in presenting the gold, frankincense and myrrah, gave with loving hearts, which should ever accompany a gift. Not even from a sense of duty, but because love prompts the action. I believe that parents, children, friends and Sunday schools should promote more strongly the doctrine of being "more blessed to give than to receive."

WE may not be able to do much, but we can each give. Tiny Tim's "God bless us, each one," with such a spirit that will infuse love, happiness and comfort into every one we meet and make the Christmas tide one of gladness instead of being burdensome as it surely is in many instances. MRS. EDWARD JOHNSON, President Omaha Woman's Club.

I believe the thought that is uppermost in my heart as I select and direct my gifts at Christmas time is love for the friend for whom it is designed. The old, old words are borne on every wind, so take the old, old wish once more from me, "A bright and happy Christmas may yours be." And the longing in deep and sincere that all may enjoy the peace and good will we voice so cheerfully. I believe there is a humble prayer in my heart that the poor and the little children may be specially blessed and happy. MRS. A. B. SOMERS.

I make but few gifts and those are given to the thought only of the pleasure of the recipient. But almost better than the gift is the Christmas letter I send to many friends, expressing sincerely my love and appreciation of some good quality. The message requires no return. MRS. A. K. GAULT, Regent Omaha Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

To my mind a Christmas gift must be something given from the genuine wish to suggest the spirit of the Christmas which we as Christians are taught from babyhood to feel. The intrinsic value is really nothing; the sincerity and regard with which it is made is everything. EMMA PIERCE COLE, President Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs.

What do I have in mind when I give Christmas presents? Well, mostly I think of the dear familiar faces in the old home and all of the loving thoughts that will come back to me by wireless telegraphy as my gifts to them are opened; then I think of friends of other days to whom I am too busy to write all through the year, but whom I love to remember at the blessed gift giving season by something suggestive of their personality; and I think how I would like to see the children to whom I love most of all to give gifts, and who grow up so fast that I never know how they are this year, and I wonder if I dare send anything as childish as dolls and a train of cars; and I think of some who have seen many Christmas days and who have grown old in years, but whose hearts are young, and I think of the benediction of their lives, and I see the halo around the Christ child as I wrap these gifts, and I am so glad one can send cards with messages of good cheer to the many friends and acquaintances whom one meets and passes by during all the busy year; and I give some other gifts that bring memories—some sad and some glad; some because of the needs of some lonely "lark," but I may not mention these; and I wish the time were twice as long the week before Christmas, that I might give more thought to the friends far and near to whom I am able to give Christmas gifts. EMMA F. BYERS, General Secretary Young Women's Christian Association.

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Suggestions for Dinner

IF THERE is one meal of the year above all others to which the housewife devotes her most painstaking attention it is the Christmas dinner. It must not only be sumptuous, but it must, in its modern version at least, be planned with some reference to the many sweets upon which the family has surely been nibbling since the stockings were taken down early in the morning. It must be substantial, no matter what else it may be, and it must conform to certain traditions. The following menus have been contributed, on request, by several Omaha women who enjoy enviable reputations as cooks:

- Oyster Cocktail. Brown Bread Sandwiches. Olives. Celery. Ginger Chips. Roast Turkey, Stuffed. Individual Cranberry Jellies. Glazed Sweet Potatoes. Brussels Sprouts. Cucumber and Lettuce Salad. English Plum Pudding. Lemon Sauce. Crackers. After-Dinner Coffee. MRS. CLARA E. BURGOYNE.

- Consomme. Celery. Clifton Sticks. Roast Turkey, Stuffed. Individual Cranberry Jellies. Mashed Potatoes with Cream Gravy. Green Peas. Sweet Potatoes. Tomato, Celery and Raisin Salad. Plum Pudding with Brandy Sauce. Nuts. Coffee. MRS. HOWARD G. WOODWARD.

- Oyster Soup. Stuffed Dates. Roast Turkey with Oyster Stuffing. Cranberry Jelly. Creamed Cauliflower. Fruit Salad. English Plum Pudding with Hard Sauce. Coffee. MRS. E. E. WHITE.

WORK OF THE WOMEN'S CLUBS

President and Vice President of Federation Will Visit Panama.

GO TO STRENGTHEN CLUB WORK

Board of Nebraska Federation Approves Less Expensive Entertainment of Annual Conventions—Billboard Advertising.

Mrs. Philip N. Moore of St. Louis and Mrs. John Dickenson Sherman of Chicago, president and first vice president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will sail from New York January 15 for Panama. They go in the interest of club extension and are commissioned by the government. Over a year ago the government sent a woman to Panama to establish clubs for the women, recognizing in this movement a most valuable medium of affording the women of the Canal zone a serious use of work that would also serve as a diversion and relieve the monotony of their temporary residence in the tropics. The government has done all possible to retain the women of the families of the engineering force upon the canal. In Panama, believing the presence of the women will do much to keep the more desirable class of men. In addition to serving as a diversion for the women, the clubs have done valuable work for improvement in conditions. The Canal Zone Federation has been effected and its work is of the same progressive character, educational, sociological and philanthropic as the Women's Clubs of the states.

State Federation Meeting.

The Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs is still without an invitation for its annual convention next October. Both of the towns that had expected to extend an invitation have since been forced to assume other obligations at the time of the state convention that will make it difficult, if possible, to take the club meeting. It is the unanimous opinion of the state board of directors that it is better to hold the convention in one of the smaller towns than in Omaha or Lincoln. Many of the towns have, however, expressed hesitation at inviting the meeting when the larger towns might provide better entertainment. Then, too, the expense of entertaining the convention is heavy upon the smaller clubs and



This institution is the only one in the central west with separate buildings situated in their own ample grounds, set entirely distinct and rendering it possible to classify cases. The one building being fitted for and devoted to the treatment of noncontagious and nonmental diseases, no others being admitted. The other, Rest Cottage, being designed for and devoted to the exclusive treatment of mental cases, requiring for a time watchful care and special nursing.

WHAT'S THE USE OF WORK?

How Those Living by Their Wits Lose Tribute on the Witless.

NEW TRICKS OF THE TRADE

Some Experiences Showing How Easily People Are Separated from Their Money by Petty Swindlers.

MAKING "HOME-MADE" SAUSAGE

Tested Recipe for Preparing and How the Mixture May Be Preserved.

There are many methods of making sausage meat, most of them varying in proportions only. All of them require the use of young pork, though some recipes demand more fat meat than others. However sausage is made, if it is kept any length of time it must be packed in bags or jars and covered fully an inch thick with melted lard. This recipe for a delicious farmer's sausage calls for ten pounds of meat run through the sausage or meat grinder, then spread on a clean table, where it is seasoned with a quarter pound salt, one ounce pepper, a half ounce hand-rubbed sage and a quarter ounce ground ginger. The latter is to prevent tainting the sausage for several hours after eating, as persons with weak digestions sometimes do. The proportion of fat and lean is usually about seven pounds lean to three pounds fat and tenderness should represent about one-third of the lean.

White Lake Marshmallow Filling.

Two cups sugar (one granulated and one powdered), one-half cup butter, one cup milk (or water), three cups of flour, two teaspoons baking powder, and the whites of three eggs. Beat the sugar and butter to a cream. Sift the flour and baking powder together, three times; add some flour to the creamed sugar and butter, then a little milk and so on until the milk is used up. Beat the eggs until light and continue with them the same way. Bake in three layers and spread with the following filling: Filling—Three-fourths cup granulated sugar, white of one egg. Put the sugar on stove, with just enough hot water to cover; boil until it will harden in cold water. Pour on the well beaten egg, stir briskly. Cut eighteen marshmallows in small pieces (use the scissors to cut them with) and stir into the boiled white hot. Flavor with vanilla.

Molded Peas.

Six large peas, two cups of water, six cloves, two heaping tablespoons of sugar, half a cupful of raisin wine, half a lemon, one and a half tablespoonfuls of powdered gelatine.

Put into a saucepan one cupful of the juice from the peas, the raisin wine, the lemon juice and the gelatine. Let these simmer for six or eight minutes. Then strain the liquid over the peas and allow it to cool. When quite cold, dip the mold into tepid water and slip the contents onto a silver or crystal dish. Serve with whipped and sweetened cream.

Fruit Corn Muffins.

Take two cups of grains of gold, one cup of white flour, four teaspoonfuls of sugar, one-half teaspoonful of salt, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one tablespoonful of butter, two eggs, one and one-half cupfuls of milk, one cupful of any kind of fruit, peeled and sliced. Bake in a hot oven twenty minutes in muffin pans.

THOUSANDS HAVE AND THOUSANDS HAVE NOT BOUGHT YET

The time is mighty short and while prophesying isn't merchandising yet who is going to serve you BEST these last buying days and hours before Christmas? COMBS' JEWELRY STORE has for 20 years served it's patrons punctually and generously right up to the last minute and our plan seems highly appreciated. We will meet and complete any reasonable request.

NOT THE LARGEST—JUST THE BEST

stock for Christmas buyers, because it is THE JEWELRY STOCK THAT'S ALL NEW SINCE THE FIRE

Our store is still filled with snappy, attractive and even tempting gifts for every conceivable age, taste and requirement, and if you will COME TO OUR COUNTERS AT ONCE, we will make your shopping the most pleasing possible.

THE OMEGA MAN IS HERE

WITH HIS HUGE STOCK OF SPECIALS AND ODDITIES and will be till Christmas and the prices on OMEGAS THIS WEEK will make ANYBODY HAPPY.

OPEN EVENINGS FOR YOU

T. L. COMBS & CO. JEWELERS AND OPTICIANS 1520 DOUGLA

CHAMINADE IN WASHINGTON

Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Longworth Among Those Who Occupy Boxes. Mme. Cecile Chaminade's recital at the National theater in Washington last week, the French composer attracted a large and fashionable audience. Mrs. Roosevelt occupied one of the boxes, and among others had with her Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, who looked particularly well in a smart tailor-made suit of plum-colored broadcloth. With it she wore a small toque of the same shade and black fox fur. Mrs. Taft, wife of the president-elect, was on the opposite side of the house, as the guest of Mrs. Charles A. Williams and Miss Williams. Mrs. Taft wore a smart, close-fitting suit of London smoke, with a toque of the same order. The French ambassador and Mme. Jusserand were in another box, and had among their guests Mrs. Herbert Parsons.

WIRE CUTTING WIT SOUGHT

Consumers of Current Join Street Car Company in Asking Injunction Against City. Nine consumers of electric current from the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company's wires have joined that company in the suit for a permanent injunction to prevent the city from cutting wires. Their petitions of intervention were filed Saturday. Judge Estelle some time ago refused a temporary injunction and the case will come up on its merits within a few weeks.

A Bogus Jewel.

The proprietor of a New York fruit store was informed by a woman of stylish make-up that she had lost a diamond ring among his crates. If it was found she would be glad to pay \$100 for the return of the ring at her hotel. Soon after a tough-looking passerby furtively picked up something between two crates on the sidewalk. It was the missing ring, which he surrendered in consideration of a \$10 bill. The proprietor sent to the hotel, but the woman could not be found and the ring was adjudged valueless.

An Explosion That Failed.

A violent explosion among the contents of an express safe on a train running between Philadelphia and Washington mysteriously

Furniture Makes Beautiful, Lasting Gifts

Future Payments on Goods Purchased Now May be Made Commencing in February...



\$10.75 For This Handsome Combination Bookcase. Terms: \$1 cash; 50c Weekly. Exactly like illustration. It is made of selected solid oak, of very beautiful grain. Highly polished, combines a commodious book compartment with a large and useful writing desk. It makes an ideal gift for son or daughter. An extra special at the above low price.

\$10.50 Buys this Massive Morris Chair. Terms: \$1 cash; 50c Weekly. Nothing makes a happier or more acceptable Xmas gift than a Morris chair. This Morris chair is made of genuine quartered-sawed oak and is very highly polished. The upholstery is in Spanish leather, has full spring seat and shaped, tufted back. Massive carved claw feet. Positively the best value in the city.

Dinner Sets Make Handsome Christmas Gifts. 50-PIECE DINNER SETS—In beautiful spray patterns. Genuine English ware; colors are green drab. Regular value \$8.50; special \$5.75. Xmas price only \$5.75. 100-PIECE DINNER SETS—Handsome spray patterns in the famous Austrian china. Handsome sets in pink and yellow. Actual value \$16.50; special Xmas price only \$12.50.

THE PEOPLES STORE LEADERS OF LOW PRICES 1618 & FARNAM STREETS, OMAHA. Buy Useful Sensible Gifts \$11.90 Buys a Beautiful 12x9 Brussels Rug. Terms: \$1 Cash; 50c Weekly. A rug makes a most beautiful and acceptable Christmas gift. We carry a very large stock and the assortment is very beautiful. As a Christmas special we offer you the above rug, which is made of guaranteed worsted yarn and will give excellent wear. An extra special value at the above price.

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