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Here it is St. Valentine's Day again

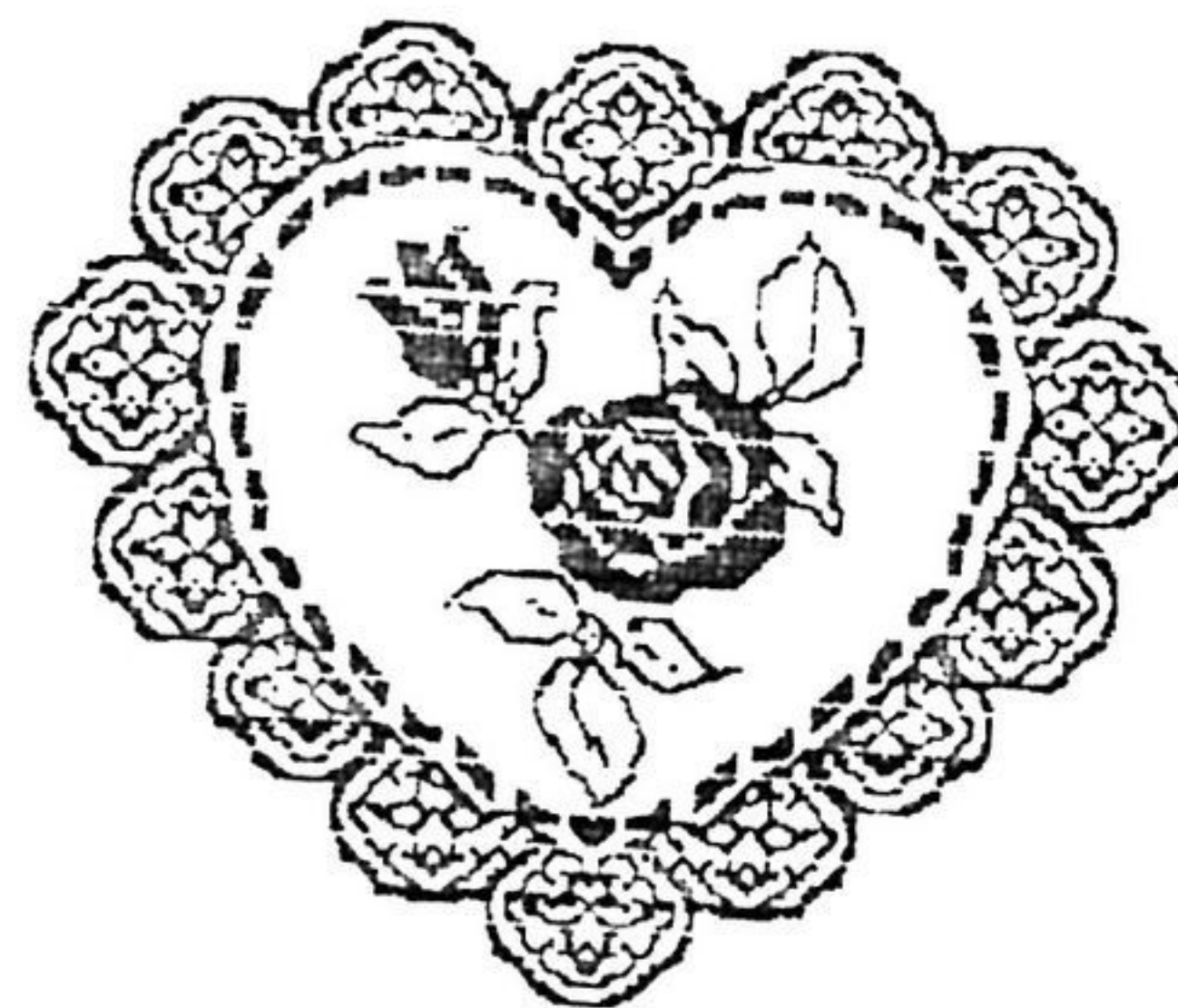
- and my poinsettias are still hale and hearty and there are those two stray ornaments left over from the Christmas decorations that have yet to be put away. Oh well - so what else is new?

But oh St. Valentine's Day, that day when we celebrate romance. When children exchange cut-out Valentines and the teacher always get at least 20 valentines the same. Then there are the SPECIAL Valentines for that significant other in your life. (Now how's that for politically correct - but I do wonder -- significant in what way?) I personally have my eye on a box of chocolates that I saw in town, not because I want the chocolates, but I'm particularly fond of the Victorian picture on the heart shaped box. Its safe to mention this in the Mirror, as my significant other is still one issue behind in his reading, and won't see this until March, so I can't be accused of hinting.

There is a lot to be said for being able, once a year, to give something silly and frivolous to someone of whom we are fond. At Christmas there is still a hint of Calvinistic practicality to our giving, that for the most of us, does not allow us to be completely impractical. Not so St. Valentine's Day. The more ephemeral, impractical, whimsical and romantic the gift, the better if it is for that person who is the object of our affections. For our children or mortals for whom we feel but friendship, all the above apply with the exception of the romantic, otherwise they would then think we had 'lost it'.

However you share St. Valentine's Day this year, do it with flare. This is an occasion when the cost of the Valentine is of no import -- when 'it's

the thought that counts' really applies. A 99 cent violet just coming into bloom can say 'I love you' or 'you're important to me' just as well as two dozen long stemmed roses, and the flowers are a lot easier to press in one's memory book. A bag of cinnamon hearts, given with a hug is an acceptable gift for the under three foot crowd. They will tolerate the hug to get the hearts. A fishing lure and the guarantee of a day of choice, free from household responsibilities is something to be considered for the man around the house. Whatever you give, remember hugs are free and come in all sizes. Then there are smiles, which can be worn by anyone. Happy St. Valentine's Day.



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