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One of the best reasons for believing that this is not a "man's world" will be found in the men's stores in Timmins and the Porcupine during the days that are left from now until Christmas. Women have taken over this domain as their own and are finding the task of choosing the right gift for the right man that much easier. Unusual large selections of good-looking wearables are featured in every store and for the most part prices are low enough to keep you well inside of your Gift Budget.

Glamour in Wearables

Off-hand you might think that something to wear would have to be void of glamour and Christmas cheer. That isn't so. Aren't you always thrilled when your gift from him is a dainty negligee, a luxurious gown or a fur piece? Well, he'll be just as thrilled if you give him a comparable gift. You can go right through the list from ties to hand-made silk robes and find romance and glamour everywhere. There

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are no common place gifts, even suspenders and garters are thrilling. You don't believe that? Then wait until you see the Alpine motif carried out in ties, garters, braces, hose, handkerchiefs, Edelweiss and Alpine climbers gambol around in colorful surroundings. And this is only one instance of how new colours and designs have brightened up the entire accessory department.

Not Too Many Shirts

If it's true that no man ever has too many shirts, as is often claimed, then we know just the shirts that will prove to be most welcome. If he's following the return to formality as so many men are, then for him there are solid tone and striped madras with white French cuffs and separate white collars. If he prefers casual comfort then keep away from the extremes. Instead select a collar attached shirt, but don't for one minute think that it means giving an ordinary shirt. New tabless-tab collars, long point collars, the clever fused sand-up collars that look as though they are starched—but aren't—these and many others bring smartness to shirts, smartness that you wouldn't think possible.

Some Odd Omens in Regard to Christmas

About the Day of the Week, the Weather, the Holly, Etc.

(By F. L. DeBaugh)

The day on which Christmas Day falls is regarded with acute anxiety in several country districts of Great Britain.

For if it falls on Friday or Wednesday everyone may expect misfortune during the coming year.

This is but one of the many strange superstitions and legends which have grown up around Christmas time.

Another is that a sunny, but cold Christmas Day speaks a very bright year in regard to the weather. A fine Christmas Day, so some of the country soothsayers say, presages a really wonderful summer.

A cloudy Christmas Day means a rainy year. A snowstorm on Christmas Day means fine weather for the rest of the winter, a poor spring and summer, but a grand autumn.

There are other "omens" in addition to those given by the Weather Clerk. For instance, if on Christmas Day you wear a pair of trousers which have a hole in any of their pockets then assuredly your next twelve months is going to be a hard one. You will lose money.

To be sure of making money during the year following after Christmas wear a new article on the day after Christmas Day—that is Boxing Day.

It does not really matter what it is except that it should be something which can be seen and noted at its true value by all the world—something like a new suit or a new hat or glossy new shoes. But it must be worn from 8 o'clock on Boxing Day morn until 8 p.m. that evening.

Keeping the Christmas Cake

Cut a piece of Christmas cake. Break off a small portion and put it into a pocket which you do not use very much. If you succeed in keeping the merest crumb of it until next Christmas Day then most certainly, according to country-folk, fortune will smile on you for the three years immediately following. But, they say, the piece of cake must be kept in a pocket—not in a wallet or anything of the sort.

When the Christmas pudding is brought in try to get the piece in which the holly sprig stands. If you do, you may have a wish granted providing that it is a mental wish—do not tell anyone else about it. And the wish must not have anything even remotely to do with money.

Here, to end with, are two little known superstitions connected with the holly and the mistletoe.

Do not throw away the holly until 12 days have passed since Christmas Day. Do not kiss under the mistletoe if more people than there are berries on

the sprig have done so before you. Should you disregard either, ill-fortune for two weeks may be your lot.

How the Turkey Changed Style of Christmas Cheer

Among the culinary gifts from the aboriginal inhabitants of North America to the white man—cornmeal foods, pemmican, succotash, pumpkins, sweet potatoes, squash, fish and wild fowl and claims and beans baked in clay, maple syrup and maple sugar—roast turkey stands supreme. Nearly three hundred years have passed since the American turkey displaced the vaunted Sir Loin and Baron of Beef from their proud positions on the British Christmas table and vanquished forever the claims of roast guinea fowl, quail, cranes and swans as the Christmas masterpiece of the festive board. Indeed, to-day, so dominant is the North American bird that Christmas throughout the English speaking world is not Christmas without a turkey.

The earliest documentary evidence of the Americanization of European dietary is set forth in an ecclesiastical ordinance by Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, in which is mentioned "the turkey-cocke" as one of "the greater fowles" of which an ecclesiastic was to have "but one on a dishe." The learned Archbishop could not have referred to "ye Canadian turkey-cocke," for the Canadian turkey is a noble bird capable of supplying sustenance to many and what a generous repast! Browne to a nicely fragrant as a zephyr from Ceylon's Isle, and towering in regal mien above the portentous platter, the Canadian turkey is a feast for a king. And also a feast for the mind, for with consummation comes the spirit of Christmas, and all men are brothers. Tranquility, harmony, concord. Peace to men and goodwill.

The Canadian turkey is famous for its taste and bountiful proportions, and thousands each year grace the Old Country Christmas board, over and above the many thousands on Canadian Christmas tables. The export of turkeys and other poultry to Great Britain has assumed very large proportions, as a result of the fine reputation gained by the shipments of previous years. The average weight of a box of turkeys for export is 125 pounds, while the average box of chickens weighs 60 pounds. From January 1 to November 24 in 1935 no less than 42,029 boxes of poultry were exported in comparison with 13,712 boxes in the corresponding period of 1934.

Christmas Gifts Passing the Customs

Some of the Interesting and Amusing Incidents of the Season.

The following article was prepared for The National Revenue Review, published by the Dominion Dept. of National Revenue, at Ottawa. The writer was Walter Jordan, superintendent Customs Postal Branch, Winnipeg. It was published in the February issue of The National Revenue Review this year—too late to be in time for last Christmas, but timely for the coming Christmas.

All in the Christmas Mail

(By Walter Jordan)

The nature of Christmas gifts passing through Customs at Winnipeg during the recent holiday season did not vary much from that of former years. The greatest concern seemed to be caused when recipients were required to pay duty on clear and cigarettes. Playing cards seemed to be a popular gift this season.

Each Christmas brings some unusual incidents to light such as these:

There was the case of the young lady who found it difficult to understand why duty should be charged on a brooch valued at \$700, sent to her as a gift by a friend; and accordingly had it returned to the sender.

An importer, who formerly resided in Poland, was eager to make known to an

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The Count of Paris (right) heir-apparent to the abolished throne of France, who was "invited" by Federal police to leave Switzerland because of political activity. He is shown with his father the Duc de Guise, pretender to the French throne who issued a proclamation recently.

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officer that the dried mushrooms sent as a Christmas gift were grown on a farm in the country where he spent his boyhood days.

The wrathful indignation of a farmer's wife was aroused when she found that her friend had sent her dainty lingerie fit to adorn the person of a girl living in the city, instead of being suitable clothing for the farm.

Not being able to obtain a certificate from the Meat Inspector to import a fat "bag of mystery" resembling a huge German sausage of ripe, old age, upon which officers cast a severe eye and practised holding their breaths until this specimen of culinary art was safely put back into its container, caused keen disappointment and resentment to an import.

A lady receiving a brooch from a friend in Italy, proudly informed the officer attending her that this gift was from the lava which flowed forth from Mt. Vesuvius.

Exquisite lace work made by girls in kinds of toilet requisites, plated ware, from a friend residing in India for milady's boudoir.

From a tea planter in Ceylon came a Christmas gift of a walking stick with a handle resembling an elephant, made from ebony with ivory tusks.

A missionary in Japan remembered a friend in Canada at Christmas time

by sending a fragile China tea set to adorn his table.

From the British Isles the ship trains brought their full quota of Christmas puddings, shortbread, socks and sweaters, etc. for all and sundry.

These, and many other incidents added zest to the Christmas spirit and lightened the duties of the officers during this busy season.

Mr. S. Carberry, Superintendent, reports that a varied assortment of Christmas gifts was received at the Customs Express branch during the festive season from Europe and the United States. Some live stock also appeared among the gifts, dogs, cats, birds, and a monkey which appeared to cause some concern to the person receiving it. A baby alligator was sent from Miami, Florida, as a pet. The person receiving this latter also exhibited some agitation.

Plum puddings, cakes, figs, dates, grape fruit, apples, oranges, fish, turkeys, ducks, geese, chickens cooked and uncooked, bacon, sausages, hams and canned meats were among the assortment of eatables.

Clothing of various sorts was received from model gowns to pyjamas—bed clothing, children's wear of all descriptions, tobacco, cigarettes and cigars, perfumes, manicure sets, and many kinds of toilet requisites, plated ware,

musical instruments such as ukuleles, violins, and radios; toys of every description.

Christmas Miscellany, or the Way to Be Original

Most men's wear stores now have complete departments devoted to miscellaneous gifts for men. A quick glance reveals how easy it is to select original gifts, the kind you just know won't be duplicated by anyone else.

Stick pins, cuff links, studs, collar pins, tie pins and watch chains have all been modernized. Clever twists in the method of fastening individual monograms, use of coloured stones in novel shapes all lend an air of refinement and luxury, although they are not high priced.

Then there are horseshoe shaped tie holders and a shirtup the holder with a leather encaused clock for your equestrian friends, champagne buckets of unusual design, mechanical mixers and interesting coasters for your convivial acquaintances and rack after rack of pipes, pipe knives and cleaners, pipe racks, tobacco jars and pouches for your friends who smoke.

Do your Christmas shopping early—early in the season—early in the day.