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## Local Stores Make Gift Selection, Easy, Pleasant

### Local Merchants Have Combined This Year to Make Christmas Shopping Pleasant and Interesting. Helpful Hints as to What to Buy for Each One on the List.

Christmas—the time when thoughts of giving become uppermost in the mind, and, surely, the local stores fulfill the thought in the phrase "There is more pleasure in giving than in taking." This year the stores have "blossomed forth" in a coat of grandest gifts, and shopping is made a pleasure that makes Christmas giving a glorious game. There is something for every member of the family, as suggested in the following exciting adventures in shopping land.

#### Silver and Gold Predominate

Halperin's Jewellery Store is definite in its thought that silver and gold predominate in the Christmas giving of 1938. Sterling silver is very fashionable in dresser sets, while the trend in jewellery is to neutral gold. As lockets and other costume jewellery are still very popular, the store is showing a beautiful display of the newest in this line, all beautifully engraved and designed to please the heart of the lucky lady recipient.

She will smile her prettiest when she opens the gay Christmas parcel to find a sterling silver dresser set, which is shown at Halperin's in various designs. There are such well known patterns as Princess Margaret Rose, Princess Marina, Sonya, Coronation, Duchess of Marlborough and many others that are equally as delicately finished.

#### For Happy Feet

To make her remember you as she goes about her daily duties, there is nothing more luxurious and practical than a pair of beautifully fashioned house-slippers. Graham & Son have on display some very lovely slippers, a pair that is especially pleasing to the eye being made of black satin, with a Cuban heel, and fashioned with a high front adorned with shirred satin. Another pair of slippers are made of rich black and yellow velvet, handsomely cut and designed. Graham's also has a gift that "will never go wrong"—hosiery, in the newest shades, and very "Christmassy" in white and gold gift boxes.

#### Furs and Accessories

Fascinating—that is the word for the complete display of fur coats and accessories featured by the Style Shoppe, Fourth avenue. Persian lamb (so very popular this year), mink striped muskrat, rice lake Hudson seal, and other popular furs are made into beautifully styled box and princess coats that will delight the receiver of this super-Christmas gift. Many of the coats feature the tuxedo front, and other up-to-the-minute styles in the fur world, and especially remarkable is the group of accessories—fur hats, fur mufflers, etc.—that will complete the fur coat. The fur hats and mufflers are very fashionable, the hats being designed

in the newest millinery modes, and the mufflers being in varying shapes and sizes.

This gift will not fit into the Christmas stocking but it certainly will be the ideal gift to place near the Christmas tree. It is a mountain sabbie jacket, fashioned in box style, collarless, and fastened with an attractive silver clasp. The sabbie jackets are shown by the Style Shoppe in short, one-half, and three-quarter lengths, and are suitable for street wear and evening wear. The sleeves are half-length or full, and the jacket is luxurious and practical for its various uses.

Sportswear is a major item in the Christmas shoppers list for 1938, and the newest in this line may be found at the popular fourth avenue store. These coats, or jackets, are made of fairway cloth, and are suitable for wear in all weather and in all sports. The jackets are made in three-quarter and shorter lengths, and feature an elastic band at the waistline. They have spacious pockets at the front of the coat, and a special "hideway" zippered pocket at the back, over the shoulders. This extra pocket is especially "handy" for the sporting lady or gentleman who wishes to carry a few articles while out for the day's fun. The jackets fasten with a full-length zipper, and an extra button at the front, and are of English make. They are particularly desirable as they have lovely fur-trimmed parka-hoods attached. This is a gift that is suitable for all members of the family, and one that will delight each recipient.

## 500 Tons Christmas Mail To Go By Air

### Growth of the Air Service Shown by Handling of Mail in Old Country.

London, Eng.—The other day—anniversary of the first despatch of Post Office mails by a British commercial flying route—came the announcement of the greatest mail-carrying task ever undertaken.

Just 19 years ago, on November 10, 1919, a pilot leaned from the cockpit of a small commercial biplane at Hounslow, on the outskirts of London, and was handed by an official a mail bag containing a handful of letters. Then, taxiing out and taking-off, he vanished into the mist, en route for Paris. And it was in this simple fashion that a new era dawned in postal communication. For that little London-Paris plane had the distinction of carrying the first mails ever entrusted by the Post Office, under an official contract, to a daily airplane service operating under commercial conditions.

The success of that Paris air mail soon led to contracts for the transport of letters by other continental routes; and this paved the way for our first Empire air mails to India and Africa. Loads grew rapidly. Services were accelerated and increased in frequency. But still the demand was for further air facilities; and so Imperial Airways brought forward the scheme of which we are reaping the fruit today—the scheme abolishing special labels and surcharges, and putting first-class mails into the air on Empire routes as a matter of ordinary postal routine.

And now—just 19 years after the first commercial airmail despatch to the continent—civil aviation is about to carry out a task which would have seemed incredible in days when mail loads were being reckoned merely in pounds. This great task—details of which are available today—entails the carriage by Imperial Airways on the Empire routes, within the next few weeks, of non-surcharge "all up" Christmas mail loads which, it is estimated, will reach a total weight of approximately 500 tons.

To cope with this record task the company are assembling a great armada of mail carrying craft—the existing fleet of "C" class flyingboats being reinforced by new craft of the modified "C" class (capable of carrying larger loads), and also by units of the new Imperial airplane fleets; while additional planes will be obtained from other sources as required. Approximately 250 tons of Yuletide mails—something like 17,000,000 letters—will be air-borne out of Southampton; while a somewhat similar volume will, it is calculated, be incoming from territories overseas.

#### THE CHRISTMAS PUDDING

Take some human nature as you find it—  
The choicest variety will do;  
Put a little graciousness behind it,  
Add a lump of charity—or two.  
Squeeze in just a drop of moderation,  
Half as much frugality—or less,  
Add some very fine consideration,  
Strain off all of poverty's distress.  
Pour some milk of human kindness in it,  
Put in all the happiness you can;  
Stir it up with laughter every minute,  
Season it with good-will toward every man.  
Set it on the fire of heart's affection,  
Leave it till the jolly bubbles rise,  
Sprinkle it with kisses for confection,  
Sweeten with a look from loving eyes.  
Flavour it with children's merry chatter,  
Frost it on a holly-garnished platter,  
And serve it with the song of Christmas bells.

## Christmas Banned for Sixteen Years

### Many Strange Customs Here Survived Through the Years.

(By Trevor Allen)

Parliament once banned Christmas for sixteen years. Three centuries ago the Puritans decided it was "superstitious, papistical and heathen," and resolved to have nothing to do with it. In 1644 the Lords and Commons accordingly ordered "so-called Christmas Day to be kept as a fast instead of a feast." But it survived, and many of its quaint, traditional customs have lasted into our own day.

Mari Lwyd, or Holy Mary, for instance, is still practiced in some Welsh villages. A party of villagers, chosen for their quick wit and aptitude at rhyming, dress up as mummers, the leader covering himself in a long white sheet and horse's head adorned with coloured ribbons.

Round the village they go from door to door—these have been shut and barred to them—begging for permission to sing, telling of cold, hard winter days, and asking for cakes and ale. Those inside lament in turn that they are poor and have little to spare and this leads to a merry contest in singing and rhyming, each party capping the other.

This may continue for half an hour until those inside fail to find a rhyming return; then the door is opened and the revelers are regaled with cakes and beer.

In the old days in Wales, when the festive Christmas company gathered round the flaming Yule log, you looked furtively at the shadows of your friends flung upon the wall. If the shadow appeared headless its owner would die within a year. If a hoop fell off the cash of cider on Christmas eve, someone in the house would die before next Christmas.

The west country has been rich in ancient customs. One of the most picturesque was that of visiting the principal orchards on Christmas Eve, saluting a chosen tree with an incantation, then sprinkling it with cider or dashing a bowl or jug of it against the trunk. This was to ensure plentiful bearing in the ensuing year. At Walleghan the trees were hailed with:

Here's to thee, old apple tree!

Hats full, packs full!

Hurrah! And fire off the gun!

Sugar cakes were often laid on the branches to propitiate the spirit of the apple harvest.

#### Cheery Cornish Custom

In Falmouth the poorer people always expected from the shopkeepers with whom they dealt a slice of cake and a glass of gin at Christmas. Some tradesmen still observe this custom. In other parts of Cornwall, it has been the custom to make a batch of saffron cakes for the household from ingredients presented by the grocer; but you were curating bad luck if you cut the cake before Christmas Day.

Wassailing, a custom of Scandinavian origin, is still observed by shepherds and farm laborers in some parts of the North of England. They go from door to door singing quaint rhymes and carrying "mazers" of wooden bowls decked with evergreens and ribbons for offerings. Some of these mazers, curiously carved, have been handed down from father to son for generations, and date from the reign of Charles I. One old rhyme they sing runs:

Crown the bowl full  
With gentle lamb's wool,  
And add nutmeg, sugar, ginger,  
And with store of ale too,  
And this ye must do,  
To make the wassail a swinger.

#### Burning the Ash

Another, deriving from Gloucestershire, goes:—"Wassail! Wassail! All over the town! Our toast is white, our ale it is brown. Our bowl it is made of the maple tree, We be all good fellows, I drink to thee! Burning the ash faggot on Christmas Day had its origin in the belief by gypsies that when Christ was hiding in the Garden of Gethsemane all the trees remained silent except the ash, which betrayed the hiding place. Another legend claimed was that the Babe was first washed and dressed in Bethlehem by an ash fire. The ashes of the log were taken to cellar or attic and preserved, and this was believed to keep the house and inmates secure from evil spirits.

There are still people in remote parts of Ireland who believe that on Christmas Eve Judas Iscariot is allowed to re-visit the earth and anyone who looks into a mirror that night will see either Judas or the devil peering over his shoulder.

Another Irish superstition is that on Christmas Eve the Holy Child is out alone in the dark and cold. To light him on his way, candles are placed in the windows. Once, the story goes, the candles in a peasant's cottage set the curtains alight. "Glory be" exclaimed the old peasant, springing out of his chair. "Is it the Holy Babe ye're lookin' afther, or the devil?"

#### Recipe for Making What is Termed "Bible Cake"

The following recipe and directions for making what she called "Bible Cake," was sent to the Wine and Food Journal, London, England, by Mrs. Jessop Hulston.  
It looks all right in view of the directions and the "key" to the ingredients given, but any lady reader of The Advance who has tried this "Bible Cake" recipe, or hereafter tries it, would be adding knowledge to the interest of the recipe by writing to say

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Here is the recipe:

1. Half pound of Judges v. 25.
2. Half-pound of Jeremiah vi. 20.
3. One tablespoon of I Samuel xv. 25.
4. Three tablespoons of Jeremiah xvii. 11.
5. Half pound of I Samuel xxx. 12.
6. Half pound of Nahum iii. 12, chopped.
7. Two ounces of Numbers xvii. 8, blanched and chopped.
8. One pound of Kings iv. 22.
9. Season to taste with I Cron. ix. 9.
10. A pinch of Leviticus ii. 13
11. A teaspoonful of Amos iv. 5

12. Three tablespoons of Judges iv. 19. (the last clause).

Follow Solomon's prescription for making a good boy. Proverbs xxiii. 13, and you will have a good cake.

How to make it: Beat 1, 2 and 3 to a cream. Add 4 one at a time, still beating. Then add 5, 6 and 7, and beat again. Next add 8, 9 and 10 and 11, having previously mixed them. Last of all add 12.

How to bake it: In a rather slow oven not less than an hour and a half.

#### Key to Bible Cake

1, butter; 2, sugar; 3, honey; 4, eggs; 5, Raisins; 6, figs; 7, almonds; 8, flour; 9, allspice; 10, salt; 11, baking powder (heaven); 12, milk.



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