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FROM A WOMAN'S STAND-POINT.

A Pessimistic Essay on Christmas—Woman Must Have the Ballot if She Wants Office.

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"An effluence of love and time," when we were so prodigal with the hours, so careless of the passing months! But, almost imperceptibly there comes a consciousness that we are wasting our inheritance.

"It is so long till Christmas," cry the children. "It is Christmas already here!" exclaim the parents. It seems but yesterday that the holly wreaths spoke in poetic language of the happy anniversary; that the chorus of busy shoppers and bright-faced children proclaimed the approach of the festival; that the bells rang out a jubilee, kind wishes and tokens of love were exchanged and everybody tried to contribute to the general happiness.

"What has become of the spring with the scent of its blossoms, the balm of its air, the new life breaking forth from the winter snow? Where is the bright summer, luxuriant with the promise of fruitful harvest? Whither has gone the autumn with its glare of torches and blaze of trumpets and torrents of oratory? Christmas means the ending of another year, the closing of the record, the sealing of the books.

We cannot imagine a perfect Christmas in a home without children, and without the presence of the pretty drama. Engrossed in our various occupations, we would be tempted to let the day pass by unnoticed if they did not make it the chief topic of our conversation.

The youngster of to-day is a reasoning, thinking, inquisitive little creature, who in a house devoid of books, registers or maps, and with no one to go to for information, is bound to know something about the present day and the dimensions of both and prove to you by the length of his day that he is a grown-up man.

The lavish and extravagant spirit of the age has taken hold upon the grown people, and we are inclined to think that the Christmas holidays have come to be a season of boundless expenditure, and each year it requires a larger amount of money to meet the requirements of the day.

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