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Can't Go Home for Christmas.

The American Magazine has been offering prizes for the best letters entitled "Going Home for Christmas," and the prize-winning letters are published in the December number. Following is one of them. It is from a man who for reasons explained in his letter can never go home for Christmas:

"The black squares in the calendar of the year for me are the holidays, the days when everyone else is the happiest. And of all, Christmas is the worst.

"I reside in a great eastern city; all about me during December are Christmas preparations; Christmas feasts, Christmas dances. Christmas parties, succeed each other, the joyousness of the season for my friends who live at home. Sometimes I am visited by some big-hearted, whole-souled embodiment of the Christmas spirit who guesses at my loneliness. Not that I go; it would be only too vivid a reminder of the old days.

"But, most poignant of all, is to witness the bustle of preparations which accompanies the real home-going of those who are departing for the little towns of their boyhood, where Christmas can only be really kept for them. I can picture each homecoming vividly.

"Friends of the past will greet him at the depot, each genuinely glad. But more than these, more than brothers and sisters or nephews and nieces, will be his mother, her face shining with joy. But why cannot I go home for Christmas, you ask? That's where the answer comes hard. Let's have it over in a word. Long ago, in a frenzied moment, I took a step which made me stand forth in my own little town, a defaulter, an embezzler, a betrayer of my trust, whatever you may choose to call me. Whether I was a trusted employe, a banker, or a business man,

does not matter, the best the pitying friends of my family could say was the characterization, 'A good man gone wrong.' Arrested, tried, convicted, I served my time and moved a thousand miles away, to forget and be forgotten.

"Not that I, the physical man, have anything of which to complain. Finding employment in another line, I have succeeded in a quiet, unobtrusive fashion—found my place in a rut as it were. I have no hardships, no tale of persecution to recount. My pay envelope, while not plethoric, is still sufficient to give me the comforts of life. In a modest way I have made good, as any man of average intelligence and determination can.

"But, even at Christmas, I can't go home. The episode is a closed one and yet, rightly or wrongly, I am not forgiven or forgotten. My family, a good one, of position and standing, would not wish to have me. Even my mother, loving me as I know she does, for she remembers Christmas for me, would not desire my return. I am the black sheep. Did you ever read 'The Man Without a Country'? It is even worse to be a man who can't go home.

"Is it any wonder that the Twenty-Fifth of December is the blackest day in the year for one who has seen real Christmases?"

WILL COST YOU MORE TO COMMIT MATRIMONY

War Tax Stamp of 50 Cents Must Be Placed on Each License.

Even the little god Cupid must bear his share of the burden of war.

If you feel like getting married, perhaps you'd better postpone the event until hostilities cease, unless you are so eager to assume the bonds of matrimony that you don't mind the war tax.

Circuit Clerk Fondren has received notice in the future marriage licenses must bear a fifty cent stamp. The applicant, of course, must pay for the stamp. Ed. Fondren isn't going to do it, not even on bargain days at the circuit clerk's office.

In other words, it will cost you \$3.50 to get a marriage license, instead of \$3, as formerly. It's up to you to decide whether a wife is worth the extra money.

The managers of the two telegraph companies in Jackson have received the following instructions relative to the war tax on messages:

The recently enacted federal law

establishing an additional internal revenue tax provides that, beginning with December 1, 1914, we shall collect, on behalf of the government, from the senders of messages filed at any of our offices in the United States, a tax of one cent per message for each message transiting over our lines.

In conformity with this law a tax of one cent must be collected from the date mentioned on each sent paid or received collect messages of the under-mentioned classes. The tax on "collect" messages will be collected from the person who pays the tolls.

- Collect one cent tax on:
- (1) Full rate and night rate telegraph.
 - (2) Day letters and night letters.
 - (3) Cablegrams, full rate and deferred.
 - (4) Cable letters and week-end letters.
 - (5) Press messages (when the tolls amount to 15c, or more.)
 - (6) Money transfer messages.
 - (7) Messages forwarded under amended rule 8.
 - (8) Other line messages transferred at improper points.
 - (9) Messages of all classes received from automatic telephone pay stations, the charges for which quoted to the telephone operator for collection should include the one-cent tax.
 - (10) Received "collect" messages of all classes.
 - (11) Wireless or radio messages of all classes.

The tax is not to be collected on messages of the following classes:

Do not collect tax on:
Any of the above-described messages (except 7 and 8) filed at Western Union offices located outside of the United States.

Any of the above-described messages (except 7 and 8) filed originally at an office of some other telegraph company located with the United States.

United States government messages. Service messages and on company messages.

Dead head messages sent under complimentary franks.

Leased wire business. The tax applies on messages checked dead head which are sent over Western Union wires under railroad franks, but the tax on such messages will be collected from the railroads by the auditor of receipts at New York.

In the case of a prepaid message the tax is collectible by telegraph



Scene from "Fine Feathers" at the Yazoo Theatre, Friday, December 11.

company at whose office in the United States the message is filed by the sender. In the case of a "collect" message the tax is collectible by which ever telegraph company collects the tolls.—Jackson News.

Fine Feathers.

Ten years ago a play like "Fine Feathers," which H. H. Frazee will present for the second time here at the Yazoo Theatre on Friday, Dec. 11, could not have been successfully produced, because at that time it was generally believed that no drama could possibly succeed without love theme as its most important basis. Yet this play by Eugene Walter is acclaimed the most important dramatic work of the century.

In "Fine Feathers" the playwright has struck out along new channels. In his story the sex problem does not obtrude itself, not even by suggestion. There are no lovers except the husband and wife, and their love is of the human, every-day sort, which stumbles

over the small things as well as the big things of life, and far removed from the perfect romance and ecstatic bliss of the erstwhile drama. But the most significant feature of this play, in so far as it marks a new departure in playwrighting, lies in the author's treatment of the leading feminine role. Hers is not one of love-making. She is neither lover nor beloved. She is just a woman—the sort one encounters every day, with her faults and frailties, and her great strength in the hour of need. It is a sure sign of the times. A generation ago, a woman's only place was the home and the fireside—her only mission to love and be loved—and thus she was pictured on the stage.

In "Fine Feathers" Eugene Walter employs human beings for his characters—they err and are punished. The wife does not believe in the old "love in a cottage" idea. She prefers a real home and pretty clothes. She induces her husband to put his hand in the financial grab bag and dares him to

take a chance at the "system." This character shows the partial development of the modern woman along business lines, although that this development is not complete is shown by her ignorance of the principle involved in the action she urges upon her husband. It is by violating the principles that the final catastrophe comes, making the play really a big human document and a sign of the present times.

Great Britain has over a million of men in camp of instruction waiting the spring campaign, and is steadily recruiting with a view to putting at least two million troops in the field.

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