

Holiday Items.
It is an old saying that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," and is very applicable to holiday purchases.

The wise select their Christmas presents before the stocks are cleaned; the unwise wait until the rush, and then take the cuttings.

During the holidays the happiest boy in Christendom will be the one who got a sled and a pair of skates on Christmas—if there isn't any snow or ice.

In buying Christmas presents, it is better for your reason to take the first thing that strikes your fancy, rather than to look at something else. To hesitate is to be lost.

On Christmas day the happy urchin of 2 will roll around on the nursery floor, and break the yellow eggs of the purple camel, and get sick from chewing too hard on his green head.

It is said that \$300,000 is annually expended in Christmas cards in this country. The Christmas card is worth cents but a \$5 Christmas present all to flinders—from the giver's standpoint.

As Christmas draws nigh this hint is thrown out to young ladies who have gentlemen friends—that slippers, to be comfortable and cozy, must be several sizes larger than the boots young men wear when they go to see their best girls.

An old negro while walking along the street was accidentally struck with a rotten orange, thrown by a fruit dealer. Stopping and picking up the orange, he held it for a moment, and then said: "Huh, dis smells like Chris-mas; dis smells like when I was a boy."

When you meet a man these days with a car-worn expression on his customarily happy face, do not mistake him by concluding that his business or domestic affairs are in a bad state. He is simply wondering what on earth he shall buy for Christmas presents this year.

We opened our safe this week and took out a lot of Christmas jokes and dusted them off and tried to fit them in this column, but they wouldn't fit. We are inclined to be a little more wary, warped by age. We will close them out to some country humorist at a great bargain.

"Are you going to present your husband with a Christmas dressing gown?" asks the *Detroit Free Press* of the ladies. Perhaps it is not pertinent, but there are a great many wives who will present their husbands with a Christmas dressing gown if they don't get what they want.

While courting the widow Curtis, George Washington was approached by the widow's pretty son, who clung to him on the good man's knees, and asked him who sent him so many beautiful Christmas presents the day before.

"My child," said the father of his country solemnly, "I cannot tell a lie—it was Santa Claus."

"Oh, I don't care whether I get anything in my stocking or not," said Adolphus, adding, with a look of undying devotion: "but Clara, I should like to have what is in your stocking."

"Oh, yes," replied Clara naively, "you mean corns. What a foolish boy." "This was love's young dream dispelled and hence it is that Clara is still called 'Miss.'"

A negro was arrested in the act of removing a fine Christmas fowl from a corner grocery store. When asked by the constable what he had to say why he should not be sent up, he replied: "I mean ter stole it, Judge. Ole 'niggers' ploys me ter feel de corns 'sakes for him ter see de fowl tender. I was jess 'bliged' so help me Lawd."

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Waldorf 6:45 "	Waldorf 2:00 "
Mattawoman 6:51 "	Mattawoman 2:06 "
Brandywine 6:58 "	Brandywine 2:13 "
Cheltenham 7:04 "	Cheltenham 2:19 "
Linden 7:08 "	Linden 2:23 "
Croome 7:15 "	Croome 2:30 "
Marlboro' 7:23 "	Marlboro' 2:38 "
Hill 7:28 "	Hill 2:43 "
Leeland 7:32 "	Leeland 2:47 "
Hall's 7:37 "	Hall's 2:52 "
Mullikin 7:41 "	Mullikin 2:56 "
Collington 7:49 "	Collington 3:04 "
Bowie 7:56 "	Bowie 3:11 "
Ar. Wash'n 8:40 "	Ar. Wash'n 6:55 "
Baltimore 9:10 "	Baltimore 6:30 "

LEAVE GOING SOUTH.	
Baltimore	Baltimore
4:15 p.m.	7:09 a.m.
Washington 4:40 "	Washington 6:36 "
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