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THE ART OF MAKING PRESENTS.

With the advent of Christmas comes the desire to give, to please, to make happy. The whole Christian world—and a good part, too, that is not Christian—resolves itself into a grand shopping aggregation, bent upon selecting some gift for somebody.

It is to be feared that to a great many persons the selection of Christmas presents is a great burden. To such the letter part of the pleasure that is offered in the annually recurring practice is utterly lost.

There was hope that the Cuban resolution might pass until the London press advised us against it.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

There appears to be no good reason for the innovation, proposed by Postmaster General Wilson, of having letter carriers peddle postage stamps from house to house.

QUIGG'S LOST CHANCE.

Certain members of the House of Representatives yesterday cast insinuating reflections on the eminent prelateship of Lemuel Eli Quigg. They pretended to see an ulterior and personal motive behind his desire that the Library Committee be given power to remedy alleged incompetencies by having control of the 187 positions in the bag bookery.

every man is under suspicion and the depth to which we have fallen is measured by the distance from the rest of us to Quigg. The disinterested legislator is a working proposition only on a basis of so much per disinterested. In spite of the new ventilators, suspicion, disbelief and scrutiny is everywhere in the air in Congress, and no man may escape the Duckerys, Bingham and Stotes.

At any rate there should be a monument to the Maceo death rumor.

Mr. Hill still declines to over-advertise his intentions.

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WHERE HE HESITATED. Mr. Quigg said that he had observed that statements of the present day know much more about the Constitution than did the framers of it. He read a resolution of the sixth Congress creating two offices under Congress and directing the purchase of books.

Mr. William A. Stone suggested that under Mr. Quigg's substitute the appointment of the librarian was by the President with the consent of the Senate.

The bill made no approval by the Senate necessary. He wanted to know if Mr. Quigg desired the Senate have this power over the library beyond that conferred by the House.

Mr. Quigg was not zealous to retain that provision. He went on to explain the needs of control by a library committee and said:

"Now, I conceive that that state under which the condition of the library has become absolutely chaotic, and under which a serious abuse has arisen, is due to the lack of specific power to the joint committee on library. The librarian informs the committee that he had named his force, and spent the money appropriated without any control whatever, and he made no careful report to Congress.

This ought to be changed by being more specific in delegating powers to the committee."

Mr. Cannon, interrupting, rehearsed the provisions of the substitute, and wanted to know why control of patents, similar to that over copyrights, should not be given to the committee also.

Mr. Bingham asked how it was proposed to fill the positions in the library. Mr. Quigg replied that when technical knowledge was a necessity and experts were required, examinations would be held. They were colleges now who prepared men for library work, and the best they turned out would be secured.



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Advertisement for Saks' Standard of Suit Values, Overcoats, and Boys' Clothes. Includes illustrations of various clothing items and price lists.

Table listing various clothing items and their prices, such as 'Special line Smoking Jackets, \$4.48' and 'Special line Xmas Umbrellas, \$2.98'.

Saks and Company, "Saks' Corner."

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"We don't know who will be appointed under the substitute as director of the library," he explained, "but we do know that under the bill the present librarian will be continued, and we know that the present condition of the library is not ideal."

Mr. William A. Stone asked where Mr. Quigg got the idea that under the bill the present librarian would be reappointed. Mr. Quigg said he did not know what was the purpose of the committee, but he knew the effect would be to give the library the same management with its inefficiency.

At this moment Messrs. Bingham, Dockery and Stone were on their feet at once protesting, and Mr. Quigg exclaimed, waving his hand:

"Now, I can't talk against three men at once! There is nothing in the bill," answered Mr. Stone, "that retains the present librarian in his place. The President could dismiss him tomorrow. A new man may be appointed March 5."

POWER OF REMOVAL. Mr. Draper said he thought some provisions should be made under which an employee could not be removed except for cause.

Mr. Quigg replied that the committee could be trusted for this as fully as could any librarian.

When Mr. Quigg's time had expired Mr. Dockery said the debate must be continued Monday, but he had a few words to say at once.

"I don't want to be understood as sanctioning the present condition of the library. If the present librarian is not competent, and I might not take issue on that point, the responsibility is with the President."

"That's where the gentleman usually likes to leave responsibility, I believe," said Mr. Quigg.

"That's where I want to leave this," was the answer. "It's an executive department, or bureau, and should be so managed. It's a misnomer to call it a Congressional library. It is a national library. It belongs to the whole people and ought to be for their use." To this there was a round of applause.

"The gentleman suggests that appointments have been made in the library under influence," said Mr. Dockery. "That is true. They are so made in all the departments, and the gentleman from New York has been."

"I haven't had an opportunity yet," said Mr. Quigg.

"Well, you will get there after the 4th of March. However, you may not if you get these 187 places for your committee to dispose of. There is a pressure for places on the Ways and Means Committee and on Appropriations; but this will not be a circumstance compared with the Library Committee, if all this patronage is given it."

"The gentleman from Pennsylvania," continued Mr. Dockery, referring to Gen. Bingham, who sat near, red in the face with laughing, "says he has already applied just on the chance."

NEWS FROM ALEXANDRIA

Police Asked to Look After a Demoted Washingtonian.

Government Wants Permission to Build a Sewer—Colored Driver Seriously Injured.

Mrs. Gray, of 31 K street northeast, Washington, has requested the police of this city to look out for a demoted man, who is represented to be forty-five years old, with dark hair, gray moustache, five feet, seven inches tall, and wearing a black derby hat and blue coat. The name of the missing man was not given.

The committee on poor of the city council has awarded the contract for supplying wood to the poor of the city to Mr. J. A. Marshall, of Alexandria, at \$2.25 per cord.

Miss Lillie Boyd, the young daughter of Mr. John Boyd, died at her father's home, on Queen street, Friday night. Mr. Boyd was called to Philadelphia on Friday to attend the funeral of his sister, who died in that city.

The Christmas celebration of the Presbyterian Sunday-school will be held on the 29th instant.

The funeral of the late John L. Boyer will take place this afternoon and will be attended by Osceola Tribe, No. 1, Red Men.

The steamer Dennis Simmons has cleared for Wilmington, N. C., loaded with brick. A special meeting of the city council will be held tomorrow night for the purpose of considering a request from W. E. Curtis, Acting Secretary of the Treasury, for permission to lay a private sewer from the custom house, at the corner of Prince and St. Asaph streets, to King street.

The government desires to lay an eight-inch sewer on St. Asaph street to connect with the sewer on King street. At the last meeting of the council the request was refused, and a proposition made that the petitioners build a twelve-inch sewer, the city to pay the additional cost and assume control of the sewer, keeping it in order permanently. The city would then be in a position to allow the residents along St. Asaph street to tap the sewer. The city council has begun a system of public sewerage and has refused to allow private sewers to be laid in the streets.

Mr. James Swart, with his daughter, Miss Nellie, of Aberdeen, Md., is visiting his sister, Mrs. I. W. Rudd, on Fairfax street.

Rev. Thomas E. Locke will conduct the services in St. Paul's Church this morning, and Rev. T. E. Simpson will preach at both the morning and evening services in the Second Presbyterian Church.

The next meeting of Mount Vernon Council, Daughters of America, will be held on January 15. On this occasion the council expects to confer degrees upon fifty candidates. They will be assisted by a degree team from Washington.

James Jackson, colored, is in a precarious condition at his home, near the Episcopal High School. Jackson is the driver of the two-horse team in which the students of the high school are brought to this city. He drove in as usual yesterday, and when near the corporate line, on a highway home, in the evening, his horse ran away. When the team reached the bridge, at Hooff's run, they came in contact with an iron railing. The vehicle was demolished and Jackson thrown over the bridge into the run.

Postmaster C. C. Carlin has gone to Columbia, O.

On account of the approaching Christmas holidays the Southern Railway announces that tickets for its line within a radius of 300 miles. Tickets for the general public on sale December 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 to January 1, with final limit January 4, 1897, and for students at the various schools tickets will be on sale in addition to above dates from December 18 to December 25. 6113,20-2