

YOUR FACE WILL TELL ON YOU EVERY TIME

Facial expression is the telltale of the Christmas shopper.

If you have ever noticed the variety of sad, cheery, grouchy, contented, etc., faces that people carry with them on their tour through the shopping district you can appreciate how true that is.

You can pick 'em out every time; the expression on the shopper's face, be they man, woman or child, is the best tip as to the sort of spirit he or she is carrying around under his or her hat. There is a different look for every one of this variety:

The person who is out to buy tokens of remembrance because they are chuck full of the REAL spirit;

The person who is buying up presents, regardless of cost (and ones that the recipient can never make use of), for her rich neighbors;

The person who has a house full of youngsters at home impatiently waiting for the big day;

The person who is buying any old thing for somebody whom they think is going to give them a present;

The young fellow who is going into debt to buy what "his best girl" wants;

The fair young lady who is out to get her "Prince Charming" an expensive gift—and have it charged on her dad's account;

And last, but far from least, the youngster who has saved pennies and is out to buy Mother and Dad some present, and the youngster who hasn't had any pennies to save, but is walking aimlessly about in the toy department, "just lookin' at 'em."

And we can't forget that "bargain sale" expression—but, then they all, more or less, have that.

The whole crowd belong to the same class—they are all Christmas shoppers.

But darn few of 'em have got the spirit that ought to be pushing the Christmas proposition toward a better end all the time. As it is now, a great many of the faces indicate a spirit that would push the Christmas proposition toward a BITTER end.

If people would just sidetrack the idea of having to give to those whom they think are going to give to them, and show that they have done the said sidetracking, by the expression on their face, it would push the general run of things a lot nearer the REAL SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS, the feeling that—

IT ISN'T WHAT YOU GIVE, BUT THE SPIRIT IN WHICH YOU GIVE IT.

Leavenworth, Kas.—Dan Carney, convicted member of gang of bank robbers, thought to have escaped from the state penitentiary Dec. 1, found within penitentiary walls.

Oakland City, Ind.—Chas. Waller, 20, accidentally shot and killed Mrs. Ora Risley when he shot at Everett Reed. Quarrel.

Mount Gilead, O.—Two trainmen injured when Big Four freight struck open switch.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Martin Timm, railroad man, shot and killed ex-fiancee, Elna Johnson, 24, and wounded self. Will recover.

New York.—State expects to rest case against Hans Schmidt, confessed murderer of Anna Aumueller, today.

Milwaukee.—A street corner "Santa Claus" lost his job watching poor box because he said "Oh, you spuah" to school girl.