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FIRST CHRISTMAS CAROLS SUNG 2000 YEARS AGO

could just know what people want, and think. A little serious, careful tive girl. Who knows what agonies it would save a lot of worry, of thinking hurts no one. | she endures? We are impatient guessing, wondering and searching. And think right straight at the with her. The weakness of her self-How can you tell what to get for point in the whole business. That pity irritates us. She sees slights your boy Fred? You think over his is, think what it is that everybody where none is intended, and such a needs, and finally decide on a dozen wants most. Deep down one's in- one is difficult to live with. handkerchiefs. You buy them, feel- side, what is it everyone is hungry But, did it ever occur to you that ing all the while that it isn't a bit for, everyone craves, as a monkey the thing this child craves most bit-Christmassy, and that somehow the loves sugar or a cat likes fish? | terly is appreciation? Give it to surprise and joy and wonder of Why, everybody most of all wants her. Find this or that about her The greatest Christmas gift in Christmas is not fulfilled by laying to be appreciated. the world is appreciation.

You cannot give anything that will you do? and acquaintances—more than that, and Aunt Jennie, and grandma and husbands who beat them, but to live It will be worth the pains, just to If you do not give that, all your the baby. By the time your list is with a man who neglects and ig- find out how rare and sweet and other gifts will amount to nothing. complete and you have some gift for nores, that is intolerable. There is hardly anything it will each one you are in the rags of de- And the husband. Of course, it's sensitive, isolated heart. do so much good to realize as this spair, your nerves are frayed and his duty to provide for his family, In truth we all like appreciation. fact. It will not only save us from gone, and your pocketbook, your and when he gives you food and Call it flattery, if you will. We all heartaches, but it will operate as a poor "Christmas allowance"—where shelter and clothing he's done no

soul, if you will, long before Christ- ation?

saving sauce and a redeeming favor has it gone? | more than he ought. But do you to all our other gifts. Now, it may save you a bit of realize how fierce and gnawing the And the day after it will leave us money, and it certainly will spare hunger sometimes grows within him with a real Christmas taste in the you a deal of trouble and tearing of for a little happy, smiling appreci-

Let us look up the matter. If we mas buying fever sets in, sit down And the children. You load them down with good things. They have boots and ribbons, school books and playthings, so that at Christmas time it seems impossible to imagine! anything new for them. But do you know what your boy wants more than anything else? He would like your time, your interest, your companionship. He wants you more than anything that is yours.

And you can't give yourself to him in a minute. If you try it, it will seem very awkward perhaps, and you will give up the experiment in disgust. He is shy. You are

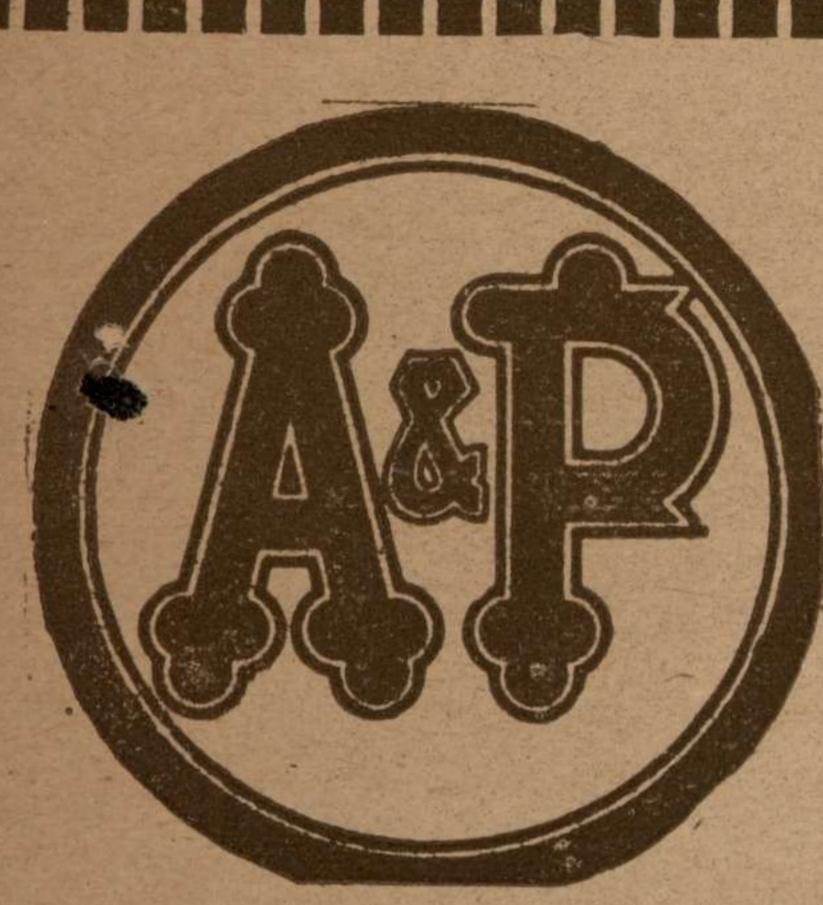
One of the most tragic things in the world is that unspoken estrangement that grows up between father and son. To break it down, to become good chums, to get nearness and friendship with your own child is hard to do, but it is worth doing. And it can be done if you keep at it determinedly.

So, along about Christmas time, make up your mind to cease finding fault, criticizing and regulating, for awhile at least; and try to see what you can find in your boy to compli-

ment, to admire and commend. Then there is the diffident, sensi-

that you can approve, and speak of in a lot of clothing. Yet—what can The worst crime against a wife is these things. You will find that her not to abuse her; it is to neglect her. nature will unfold like a flower unplease everybody—relatives, friends, Then there's Susie, your cousins, Women have lived right along with der the sun of your consideration. passionate is the devotion of the

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mouth.

## THE A&P WISHES

TO EXTEND TO ITS

MANY PATRONS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

EWEET APPLE CIDER,		
NUTS.		
Brazils		
Mixed		
Almonds		
Walnuts		
Sun Maid Seeded or Seedless Raisins Pkg. 121/9c		
Smyrna Figs		
CHRISTMAS NECESSITIES		

CHAINTAS NECESSITIES.	
. & R. Plum Pudding	No. 1 Can 29c
itron Peel	
on or Orange Peel	
berries	
pre's Cel. Mince Meat	
P. Currants	Pko 20c
Baba Dates	Pkg. 20c
nedary Dates	
ter Raisins	
ed or Seedless Raisins	15-oz. Pkg. 11c
aschino Cherries	Bot. 15c & 25c
or Thyme	Pkg. 8c
s Poultry Seasoning	
t or Sweet Mixed Pickles	10-oz. Bot. 23c
Olives	Bot. 16c-30c
ed Olives	Bot. 23c-40c
Pack Pumpkin	Can 12½c
Sauerkraut	Can 12½c
Cocoanuts	Each 10c
a Extract	1-oz. Bot. 17c
ard Chocolate Sauce	
onte Fruit Salad	

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