

"WHAT'S the matter—looking so all in? Been in a fight?"
"Naw. Just been in the bank trying to borrow some money—and I sure got Romfhd on!"

THERE'S one man who's stock goes into the hands of the receiver every year and he doesn't get discouraged—that's Santa Claus.

HOW to get acquainted in any Miami apartment house—the quick method.
Step out into the hallway and yell: "Anybody got a cork-screw?"

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EXTRA! Santa Won't Pass Up Miami!

DEAR LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS: You'll never know how near I came passing you by this Christmas and going right on to Havana where the little tots are cheerful. For you have been very, very bad little boys and girls all the past year and not at all deserving of my pretty playthings. Oh, if you could have seen the beautiful and most expensive toys I had laid out to bring you! But after getting my special investigator's report on your conduct I put them back in storage until you show improvement.

It was only after my friend, the editor of Miami Life, begged me, that I finally consented to visit Miami tonight. But I made him give me his leading space to tell you little rascals something.

You have all been naughty, every one of you. Don't point at one another—all of you have been bad. All of you have spent a year or more in pouting and complaining. You've been nasty about taking the medicine the doctor dosed out to you. And all the while little boys and girls from other towns, who were smiling and full of pep, grabbed your best playthings and refashioned them and then made them work so that they would produce amusement every day of the year. That hurts me, because I like little boys and girls to keep the playthings I give them.

What has changed you from the boys and girls you were a few years ago? Then you were bright and happy-go-lucky, and it was a pleasure to bring you pretty things and I always wanted to linger here to watch you romp and play. Of all the cities in the world, Miami was always my favorite. For play is my hobby, playthings my tools. Play is the greatest thing in our existence and the hardest to achieve—and that is why I spend a year to give the world playtime for one day. Health, wealth and happiness—all these you children had, and mainly through the playthings I brought from the north every Christmas.

SOME cities operate their hotels on the American plan, while others go in for the European. Miami sticks to the receivership plan.

Carrie Nation Carson

THE Hialeah Coursing Club, desirous of providing several thousand greyhound fans with races this winter in spite of the adversities the Jockey Club has suffered, has asked the federal court to restrain the Attorney General and the County Solicitor from interfering.

Up jump the opponents, the same who opposed and finally killed the Jockey Club. Among them is the brilliant and shrewd Jim Carson.

Jim seems to be "agin" betting because Jim, he says betting is "agin" the law. People who've known Jim for a long time ask why he doesn't go after other things that are agin the law, but which are tolerated. They seem to think Jim is showing favoritism toward betting and they advance all sorts of interesting theories about the situation.

This is unfair to Jim. Maybe this betting evil is only the first step in his vice crusade. Next will come Jim in the role of Carrie Nation, brandishing an axe before the rum runners, bootleggers, and ultimate consumers of these vile, miltous, vinous, and spirituous liquids. And after that we may expect Jim to do the undoable, to triumph where the stoutest hearts have failed—to eliminate the social evil and wipe it out from our midst just as effectually as he has the races.

When Jim gets through with Miami, it will be so pure that it will blush when a lily inadvertently unfolds its petals.

THERE are not nearly so many mortgages on property in Miami now as there were a year ago. Many of them have been foreclosed.

What Everybody is Asking Today:

—“Where Will I Get Enough Money For an Auto License?”

DEAR SANTA:
For me I don't want much; but would you mind informing those Hialeah distilleries to put a little more potash of mercury in my rye. The old lady thinks I've got hialeatosis. Do not give this no publicity.
R. Hammerhead Greeby.

DEAR SANTA:
I have several requests to make of you this year. I have had a hard time as you know this year and have had very few presents except the mayorship, the city advertising and publicity budget, a couple of trips to New York, and my way about everything in general.
The presents I would like to have you bring me are:
(1) The advertising budget

O-o-o-oh, Dear Santa, Don't Forget Us!

again. (Don't let that Chamber of Commerce take it away from me).
(2) More railroad tickets to New York and Washington.
(3) A convention hall and auditorium on the bayfront according to my own ideas.
(4) An increase in salary to \$2 a year.
(5) A muzzler for Cliff Reeder.
(6) A channel deep enough to accommodate the Leviathan and too wide for Carl Fisher's new causeway.
(7) More customers.
If you have time enough after delivering me those presents, I would like for you to visit the

homes of my supporters first.
E. G. SEWELL.

DEAR SANTA:
I think a pair of new suspenders (blue), a new umbrella top, and an oil well for my brother, J. N., would just about fill the bill for me this Christmas.
J. E. LUMMUS.

DEAR SANTA:
I want you to bring me an auditor who'll go through all the books of the city. If you're coming down through Iowa, Illinois and Indiana bring along some of those rich guys who'll buy some property in Venice and some first class first mortgages. Bring me a broom so I can do some house-

cleaning at city hall. And bring me a muzzler for Ev Sewell so I can do a good job of it.
CLIFF REEDER.

DEAR SANTA:
Bring me more deposits than the Bank of Bay Biscayne and I'll be satisfied.
E. C. ROMFH.

DEAR SANTA:
Bring me more deposits than the First National Bank and I'll be satisfied.
JAMES GILMAN.

DEAR SANTA:
I have one United Cigar Store coupon. Please bring me 50,000 more so I can get an 89 cent

alarm clock. And 14,538 more A. & P. gift coupons as I want an ash tray.
QUEEN OF KRESGE'S.

DEAR SANTA:
I'm just a poor boy trying to get along. Bring me lots of money, affiliations with some new corporations, and a good press agent like Ev Sewell and Ross Reeder have.
HARRY PLATT.

DEAR SANTA:
Don't bring me another frost tonight because all the Republican farmers out in the Everglades are already sending petitions to George Bean to have me removed. I got a bad enough

blow in the big hurricane and I can't stand any more weather presents, whether they are cold or hot. Instead, send me some strong nails so my instruments on top of the building won't blow off. And don't address them "Weatherman Gray," but "Meteorologist Gray." It sounds better.
RICHARD W. GRAY.

SANTA, OLD BOY:
All I need this Christmas is a compass to find my way home with.
ROGER NORDELLA.

DEAR SANTA:
Some more nice foreclosures for me, Santa, old dear. More business for institutions I'm

DEAR SANTA:
Another hundred Parisian handkerchiefs (you know the kind I adore) will just about enable me to see my season's engagements through. Don't bring me any more personality—I have too much of it already.
Thanks, Santa.
WARD MEAGHER.

interested in. And tenants who'll kick in with better commissions.
JOHN KNIGHT.

DEAR SANTA:
Listen, Santa, I'm an old-timer around these parts, and my checks are good. Will you kindly see that they get cashed and tell the other boys that I'm desirous of winning and not losing.
JIM FLOOD.
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Christmas

By DOROTHY PARMER

SHE will hardly survive Christmas," said the last great specialist; and he thought uncomfortably of the happy Yuletide awaiting him in England, as the inert small figure was wheeled away. "You might take her south"—but the shrug gave no unmeant hope to the despairing man at his side.

South they came. The gallant sun did its best to restore life to the slim little frame that lay patiently in the palm-fringed garden, the blue jade in the pool rivalled the cloudless sky in glory. But the blue eyes under the tired white lids lifted less often—less often.

December days sped swiftly. The man and the woman beside the little figure made endless holiday lists, and attempted gay laughter while they clutched helplessly at the stones that lay in the hearts.

"One thing, daddy, dear," said the child, shyly, one morning after he had begged her to think of something—anything, that might add to her happiness or pleasure, "could we go back—for Christmas? I—I love a white Christmas, daddy, dear—the snow is so soft and so—so peaceful—" And when he shook his head, a little tired tear trickled down the pale slim cheeks. "We'll arrange it, somehow," he cried, desperately, and the faint upward curve of lips blessed him . . .

THE sun, and the sea, and the palm trees were no less beautiful some miles away, where another child lay on a rude cot on a little ramshackley porch. The doctor had left, and a stricken mother sat alone. "Not much more than a week; not much more than a week"—why, that would be Christmas." Not that Christmas meant anything—after the hurricane, after the unbelievable hard luck that had pursued them. Not even a pretty rag to fashion a doll dress. The child's illness had deprived them of happiness, courage, strength, resources.

Now it was nearly over, and the mother waited till her weary husband came home. She moved about stolidly, but one hand sought to still the panic in her breast.

"No luck," he greeted her. "The doc here? Any news?" He steadied himself against the scarred table as her bleak eyes answered.

December days passed. The frail child in the cot grew white as the waves that beat, beat against the curving beach. "Christmas Daddy—tomorrow," she gasped, "could I have a new doll—one of those baby ones so real-like—" And his voice assented while a terrible fear crept through his veins. They owed the old doc—the food—the delicate costly food—that she ate so sparingly. He had spent everything for a little extra spread for Christmas and he had bought a few gim-cracks. They consulted each other out in the dim kitchen. Already it was late and the walk was long and he was nearly fagged. "Taint that," and he turned out his ragged pockets. "I don't just know where to go." "She wants it," flamed his wife. "She hasn't wanted anything for months." Her gnarled hands twisted from her apron into her eyes. He was gone.

CHRISTMAS morning dawned—a white Christmas! Ingenuity born of desperation had achieved a wintry panorama. The swimming pool was frozen to shining ice (what matter if the process had been artificial) and bordered deep about it were mounds of snow (box cars had sprung up in the night and beyond its bounds the green grass had sprung up in the night and beyond its bounds the green grass

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THE trouble with most politicians in Dade County is that they let the voters do their worrying.

The Delay in Law

MANY Miamians seem to have justifiable complaint regarding the length of time necessary to get court action on various legal matters. This state of affairs is not due to courts nor the state's attorneys' office, but rather to the procrastination of attorneys—and not all the blame attaches to the legal profession.

The truth of the matter is that many clients fail to pay fees or even court costs, and, as a result, lawyers are not enthusiastic about rushing cases through. Nevertheless, attorneys of good standing should not keep clients waiting over a period of one year before getting judgment. To us it appears that the ethical thing for an attorney to do, rather than to keep clients on the impatient seat, is to state the facts, and explain sufficient fees are necessary; otherwise public opinion obnoxious to the profession easily arises.

But this year I find you destructive, and not at all like the little folks I like to entrust my finest treasures to. And you haven't the health, wealth and happiness you used to have.

You shouldn't have allowed the five little boys who are playing county commissioners to keep you from romping over Baker's Haulover bridge for the last sixteen months. Why did you give them the nickels and dimes you could have spent more profitably on chocolate sundaes?

And the little boys on the city commission haven't taken such good care of the nice toys you children let them play with; and you have had to pay doll doctors and toy doctors an awful price to repair all the playthings that they have broken, and you will have to pay more doctors yet before they are finally fed up.

And here is this mischievous Little Nell, the little tomboy, whom you have allowed to play with all your pretty electric cars, and shiny lights, and cool water, and gas that burns a funny flame and has a funnier smell—she lets you enjoy your own playthings, of course, but she charges you for them! It makes me heartsick.

And what about the little toy dogs, and the ponies, and the funny little Jai-Alai Spaniards I've been bringing you every Christmas—who broke them up?

But, little folks, I can't hold a grudge against children whom I love so well, children who do not know any better than to let cruel little boys take their toys away. By this time I am sure you have been punished enough. But don't be naughty again. Try to be little play-boys and play-girls next Christmas and then perhaps Santa will bring all those rich presents he wanted to bring this year, and maybe he'll stay days and days with you—maybe, all winter.

Always your friend,
SANTA CLAUS

MIAMI seems to keep right in the Florida march for home industries. She keeps on sending skilled labor to work in the manufacturing centers at Raiford.

Miami Slighted!

STATISTICS at hand illuminate just a bit how the Republican administration and those who control the patronage throughout the state have found pressure too high to give Miami its dues.

The Federal court in Miami does a greater amount of work than either Jacksonville or Tampa; yet it is subservient to those cities and has no district attorney.

The customs office here does as much business as Jacksonville; yet it only has a deputy-collector.

The income department collected more money here than either Jacksonville or Tampa; yet it has only deputy-collectors.

The transaction of federal business in Miami necessitates trips to Tampa and Jacksonville for both clients and attorneys. Miami's statistics will show this to be an unwarranted situation.

Even Press Agents Can't Keep 'Em Away

FROM Bangor, Me., to Seattle hordes of sun-worshippers are preparing for their annual trek to Florida—to Miami, Miami Beach, Coral Gables, and the rest.

We can't help but admire their judgment. Probably more blather, if not downright falsehood, has been written about this state than all the others combined; but south Florida has at least one invaluable asset that even publicity mongers cannot injure—winter climate.

LOOKING BACK

Over Miami Life Files

(From MIAMI LIFE of January 10, 1925)

A Pugilist Who Doesn't Drink, Smoke, Flirt, Gossip

By STEVE HANNAGAN

MIAMI BEACH is being treated to an interesting novelty this season—a novelty that tears asunder the traditional belief that every pugilist must look like a safe cracker, talk out the corner of his mouth, wear caps at rakish angles, carry the history of fistiana on his tongue's tip and infest cheap hotels.

Gene Tunney is the novelty. He is light heavyweight boxing champion of the land. To meet him is to seek his friendship.

Tunney has been here several weeks, living at the Wofford Hotel, that intimate and hospitable inn, grandly situated so near the ocean that if it were a few feet nearer might be termed a houseboat.

When one meets Tunney he immediately imagines he is being introduced to a college boy of the higher type, a college man taking a bit of a vacation from his studies.

A SCHOOLBOY

With all his six feet one-half inch height and 185 pounds Tunney has the appearance of a school boy. His open, frank countenance inspires confidence—and deserves it.

Tanned to a June brown, he wanders about as an ordinary denizen, shunning the spotlight his ring popularity gives him.

His active interests are few. He trains a bit every day, plays a fitting club of golf, takes long walks and enters few conversational contests.

But at 10 o'clock in the evening he will be found in bed, beginning the nightly rest that he is sure will help him to attain the world's heavyweight boxing championship one of these sweet days.

He doesn't dance—at least not by desire—although now and then some forward missie will force him into tripping a few steps.

AND GIRL SHY

But for the most part Tunney is girl shy. And it is strange, too, for every girl who meets him is entranced, not with his people, but with his kindly disposition, wholesome demeanor and striking personality.

He is the kind of chap every girl in the world wants to take under her wing and mother. But none have been able to attach themselves to Gene as yet. His closest friends say no one will be able to, either, although it is evident that several have made up their minds to have a persistent try before giving up.

There isn't even a tiny speck of worldliness in Tunney's dark eyes. To talk with him for a few moments is to know he is the cleanest minded of clean men in a world that harbors few of his kind. To Tunney, women are on a pedestal. And there they shall remain. If they have foibles, he not only doesn't know about them, but isn't even trivially interested.

Gene's most passionate dissipation is searching for a plate of ice cream. It is a common joke at the Wofford that he is the champion ice cream consumer of the hotel.

NOT DISFIGURED

Although he has participated

in many strenuous fights in his climb to the championship crown, there isn't a mark of evidence on his face. He has been either clever or fortunate in protecting his face while dealing blows that win fights.

He is only 26 years old, was born in Greenwich Village in New York and his friends predict he will have Jack Dempsey's position in fistiana within two years.

During this year he is sure to meet Tom Gibbons, the other likely contender for Dempsey's crown. Most everyone in close touch with fistuffing believes Tunney will beat Gibbons and then have a clean slate for a try at Dempsey, which he wants very badly.

With his youth, the fact that he is on the up, while Dempsey is on the wane, it is believed that Tunney will make apple sauce of Jack the Giant Killer when the two meet in the ring.

Tunney has an excellent education, and is a devoted student to history, especially the ancient brand, in which he is well versed.

He began his fighting career while on tour of Kaiserland with the Marines.

Tunney will make a friend of you as soon as you meet him. You might just as well be warned now. But you'll never regret it. He is top-hole.

In The Editor's Mail

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU COMES BACK.

Mrs. Dingee:

(Copy to Editor Miami Life.)

After hearing some remarks that you have made, and on top of that, seeing your letter in the Miami Life, I cannot resist the temptation to write you a letter, a copy of which I am sending to Miami Life.

When we placed you at the Sip & Bite restaurant as cashier, I hoped that you would be a fixture, for we want any one that we place to be a credit to us, and not a reflection upon our judgment. You had only been there a few days when Mr. Levin came to me and told me that he could not keep you, for he wanted someone who would pay attention to business and not sit and paint and powder her face all day. Next thing I heard from three very reliable sources that you were going to give up your working during the holidays. You told this yourself to a woman whose integrity I know to be of the highest. I went to you and asked you if you were leaving and you seemed to be highly indignant. The next thing that I knew I saw a new cashier in your place, one whom we had nothing to do with in her getting the position. However, she is an excellent cashier, and we are just as glad that she has the place as we would be had we placed her. You worked at the Sip & Bite

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M. P. Tagg,
P. S.—It might be well to add that we do not place all the employees for the Sip & Bite. I wish that we could have that privilege.

DOESN'T WANT PINKS.

Editor, Miami Life:

I noticed in your last week's issue a reference made to bringing Pinkerton detectives down here. It will be a very nice vacation for them. They come here untrained and do no more good than winter than they did in the Sutton and Gibson case, and one or two others I happen to know they have worked on very unsuccessfully.

As you know, Mr. Burns enjoyed the esteem and confidence of the National Administration and was at one time the head of the National Intelligence Bureau. He is a large investor in Florida. They maintain men who are the heads of families who live here, and yet our City officials appear to want to bring down Pinkerton's to enjoy the winter. If they do, they should at least employ some of these experienced Miami men as a guide to discover their intelligence.

I happen to know some of the information possessed by the Burns Agency in the Sutton and Gibson matter, and all it appeared to need was a prosecution. Suffice it to say, there is no reason why we should send off to get strangers to come to Miami to investigate, at least my experience of more than a quarter of a century in the practice of the law does not indicate it. I have used many detectives in my experience, handwriting experts and other experts, and the plans upon which the Burns Detective Agency is conducted is the only ethical agency I have ever come in contact with in all of my experience, and I certainly congratulate you upon the article you wrote last week.

CLAUDE PAYTON

REGISTERS A KICK.

Editor, Miami Life:

It is a shame and disgrace that the sacred business men of Miami have forgotten the sacred days set aside by our government each year in memorial to our boys who gave their lives in the cause of liberty and American ideals.

Apparently they feared that a failure to open their stores on Armistice Day, even for a few hours, would mean a tremendous financial loss. Little thought was apparently given to the loss and sacrifices made by our boys "over there" previous to Nov. 11, 1918.

We can forgive them for breaking faith with the Miami Chamber of Commerce on the Wednesday half holiday question during the past summer season, which was scheduled to continue until October 15, but was cut short without preliminary warning and quite arbitrarily. But the breaking of faith with "those who sleep in Flanders fields" is not so easily passed over. Can the chain store moguls afford

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Miami Life, Miami, Fla., Att. Mr. P. C. Witwer

Gentlemen:

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With very kindest regards, we are,
M. O. FULLAM, Inc.

SUCH A BUDGET

Editor, Miami Life:

I think something should be done about these traffic lights downtown. At night, in the suburbs, the ringing of the traffic signal was a nuisance, but down town during the day I think we need them. I've come near being run over more than once because I didn't know the light had changed.

That reminds me—you know these dim red lights in apartment house halls? Yes? Well, this young hero, around whom your story centers, came home in a liquidated

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condition at 3 A. M. He stood in the center of the hall for ten solid (or liquid) moments. Finally, the feller across the hall, who had been watching him, said, "Anything I can do for you, Buddy?" "None, I'm just waitin' for that red light to turn green!"

He knew his traffic signals! They tell me that Billie asked a fellow the other night, "Am I the first girl you ever kissed?"

She was properly shocked when he replied, "No, but you are the first dumb enough to ask that!"

Our Mayor is getting up in the world. He called on Cal Coolidge, went to a dinner with Lindbergh, and gave a reporter an interview!

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These gents of leisure are bound for Miami on account of Ev Sewell saying through Pete Yodler the big stiff that this was a paradise and rates were steady and theyve built the finest hotel down here for misdemeanors and violators of capias that ever existed and that this hotel of great fame will be on the floor above the 19th in the new county court house and will have elevator service hot and cold water modern kangaroo courts and free telephone service if you can get a friend on the outside for a mere fifty cents to call up your pet lawyer or bondsman and say nevermind you big stiff Im living high and there's no danger of me going through the roof for this bulding is nonfooded.

The food in this modern sanitarium for tired easy livers will be of a class heretofore unknown by any scalled jailmen for the other tenants will object should corn wooly or cabbage or garlic be injected into the culnary dept anoup will make too much noise and thus Henry will have to feed steaks chops hearts of turkey and such food to which winter prisoners who are temporary guests are entitled.

With fast elevator service very few guests will have to use the stairway and should they so do they might object and get tired before they were ass'gned to their proper reservation and the view will be magnificent for they can watch out loaded boats come scurrying through while Perry tries to heave up the anchor of C G number 248 and gets tangled up with the Fisher island ferry while the pleasant little boat scurries like hell for the public wholesale markets and Biscayne Bay can be viewed and the Rose Mahony seen and the Prints Valdemar and the other choice relics which may be with us a long time as the man said when his motherinlaw arrived.

So it's up to you folks without any fifty dollars and no cents to me though heaven knows I need it as the old maid said looking under the bed to prepare to receive these winter guests and should you do so just tell them how to reach the Chase hotel and they will save bondsmens fees and barristers fees and the police can keep right on betting that Earl Hudson will wh'p Jimmy Sullivan and everybody will be in.

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THEY TELL ME

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THAT Sim was just washed out by a little lady
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THAT Wells ought to learn how to drive an Essex
THAT Inez returned to Miami alone.
THAT Big Ben of the Eleutherian is the smallest seaman afloat... he went to sleep on his watch
THAT Weimer still thinks he has money in the bank
THAT Dudley talks a lot after the second one
THAT Miami Beach is just as anxious for that season to open as Miami is
THAT Chief Quigg will make an announcement soon... and it will be some announcement
THAT Joe looked mighty queer with that big bulge under his coat
THAT Smithy certainly can drive a Studebaker... and how
THAT as long as George and Doc remain good friends George will pursue Pee Wee
THAT Virginia wants to get on the front page of Miami Life... and will do something sensational to get there
THAT there will be more headaches after Christmas than before... especially if the celebrants patronize home industries
THAT Nassauvians will have a great Christmas... and so will their guests
THAT Lelia's appointment was well received... although some hopefuls were disappointed
THAT Madge is to have a visitor from Gainesville for the Christmas holidays
THAT Margaret White is back

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THAT U. S. District Attorney Gober might be appointed to the late Judge Call's place.
THAT Chief of Police Quigg will announce himself for sheriff.
with the old bunch at the Frolics and how
THAT Nazeworth doesn't want a vacation
THAT Rose was on time once and the shock was too much for Sam
THAT Ruth had several sleeping dates this week
THAT Jessie W. is home for Christmas vacation
THAT Pat made a big hit in the Miami Beach Revue
THAT Barnes was too anxious to find out a number
THAT Jackie doesn't like the idea of a certain boy breaking a date with her
THAT "Buddie" isn't going "steady" after all
THAT Roger Kennedy is get-

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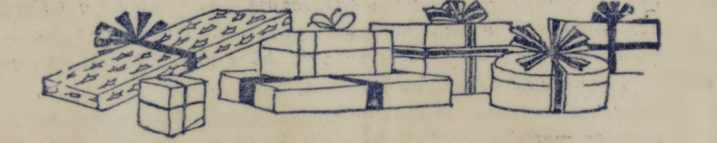
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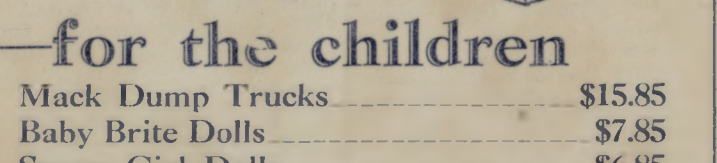
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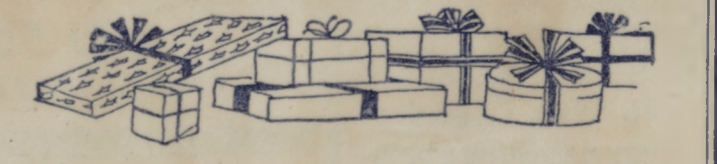
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CHRISTMAS

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and foliage made vivid contrast, but the roof was satisfyingly piled with snow and there were actual icicles hanging from the edge. A little red painted sleigh stood invitingly on the pool's surface and there were cold, round snowmen, grinning in anticipation.

Outside of the child's bedroom waited a little group. Over the father's arm hung an exquisite cape of snow white ermine. Raptly they listened, then glanced at the white splendor outside the windows. A white Christmas their baby wanted.

Slowly the nursery door swung open. They glanced beyond the cautioning, terrified figure to the small still one in the dainty bed. Smiles died away. Hope spread her wings and was gone. The knees of one man sagged as he buried his face in the white fur.

CHRISTMAS morning and a father and mother waited fearfully. The man had repeated his story a dozen times in a strained monotonous voice. "Seemed hours before I could borrow the money and then I ran. God, how I did run. Couldn't get a lift now. And when I got there—all closed. Went all over town, runnin', stumbin', hopin'. I'd a stole a doll. Couldn't even think of any neighbors with little girls or I'd stole theirs from under their noses. Yes, I would; yes, I would. Think she'll notice? Too much? Ain't noticed much of anythin' lately."

Christmas morning. "One car passed, stopped up a bit, but I was so tired running they finally drove on. Big house up the way. Plumb full o' toys. Heard they even was dumping snow in the yard. S-sh, she's awake. Merry Christmas baby! Here, give her the gimcracks. God, she won't look at em. She's crying. She wants that doll. Her eyes—God, get the doctor. She-she-won't mind—any more."

L. G. U. To Raise Bloomers

ON DECEMBER 28 the seventh annual 1927 meeting of the L.G.U. will be held in the Hotel Antilla. The other six annual meetings have been most successful, and a whole lot of officers have been elected. Every meeting has had its own special appointees—and some of them have held office for as long as two days.

On December 28, however, a long line of officers will be elected for the ensuing term. Principal among these will be: Arum Lily Artist, Tiger Lily Toner, Orange Lily Ornamenter, Calla Lily Contractor, Water Lily Waterer and a special minor office of valet, so that a Lily of the Valet can be appointed.

The lower order of perennials will include: Aster Adorner, Hibiscus Hijacker, Oleander Oiler, Daisy Decorator, Pansy Painter, Rubber Plant Masseur.

After twenty members have been duly signed, sealed and delivered, another branch of this Haughty Culture will be opened. This will include plants too delicate to become full-blown but will include no buds.

Santa Don't Forget Us

Dec. 20.—Better get ready for Miami; soon as my locksmith gets through with order I'll start; I'm taking a bunch of keys to several thousand of the folks there; then they can open their safety deposit boxes and get their money out; most of them lost their keys early in 1926. Not much use in carrying these hats, though; most of the boys would rather have cork-screws; these neckties look like the same bunch I carried two years ago, although the addresses are different.

Dec. 21.—Glad the weatherman put a little pep in the weather; last

year my reindeers got rheumatism from the quick change; I understand they have snow there now; going to be tough getting down into the new county building; can't spot a chimney anywhere; what I like about Miami is I don't get very sooty going down the chimneys; I nearly drowned out in Hialeah; went down a chimney and landed in a vat of Patzenhofer; Ev Sewell asked me to spend the whole year there; says I'll like the place as there is always something doing; will be if they get the Democrats along with the Shriners and Elks; guess the liquor boys will say there is a Santa Claus then.

Dec. 22.—My wife just warned me about Miami Beach; says to stay away from the swimming places, or if I go there, to take along a lot of new bathing suits, as the girls seem sort of out of them; Miami is somewhat different from other places—although its skyline reminds me of the North Pole—wonder if Joe Smoot is expecting me? Guess I could get some new members for the Committee of 1,000; still, the four now active believe they can handle the situation.

Dec. 23.—About ready to start; nearly forgot my optimism powders; got to put a shot in 10 or 20 thousand Miamians' coffee, that is, if they drink coffee; got all the toys for the kids; toys for kids are great; don't cost much, but aren't the kids happy, whether of rich or poor families; kids cause laughter; why can't grown folks laugh like kids? guess they get soured because when they laugh other folks laugh, too, and smiles seem to cause sparkling eyes, and then grownups feel that

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GOODNESS, mercy, heah tis December—why sumpin suahs gone wrong. Wid de flowers all a-bloomin' an' de birds all in song. But den, 'tain't neber been no winter down on dis little spot, kase de Lord, up in His heabens, sent down a special star to watch.

Now tis de night befo'e Christmas, but o'e King Night must soon close his eyes—kase de tidin's ob a new bo'n day am jes' about to rise. Too long de dark an' silent night hab held its lonesome sway. Now, listen to de bells a-ringin' on dis heah Christmas morn—ringin', kase 'tis Christ's bu'dday.

Now, joyous acclaims de sun, what a'n bu'stin' fo'th ag'in to tell de tidin's to de world dat Christ, de chile, was bo'n dis day to save us f'om all sin.

Mothers, does yo' hearts sob wid pity en dis heah Christmas morn, sob wid lobe an' pity fur de mother ob dat Chile, what was bo'n ober yonder in Bethlehem in dat mornin'—bo'n an' hay? Yes, sah! 'Twas sad, kase Joseph didn't have no place for Mary, de mother ob Jesus to lay.

But dat didn't mean nuffin to Mary, kase de engel ob de Lord had done tole hah she was b'lessed 'mong all de women ob de world fur to bring a little chile heah, to sot dis ole world free ob all its sin an' misery an' bring joy to you an' me.

So den, fur joy, didn't Mary sob: "My soul doth magnify de Lord, an' my spirit rejoices in my God."

Now, mothers, raise yo' eyes up to de throne on dis, our Christmas morn, kase de darkness ob de night had passed into a glorious dawn.

"Let thah be light" up in de heabens, de angels so ordain'd den a bu'et ob heavenly flame de tidin's come to dis ole uth sendin' peace to all God's chilluns in dat message of de Christ Chile's bu'th.

LELA SAUNDERS WALKER.

the other folks have had too much luck or sold a lot and they stop laughing, and then everyone gets grouchy; that is, everyone except the little tots; they just keep gurgling and clutching a bit of toy; funny what a ten-cent toy does, isn't it? Bet thousands of men would pass up a shot of gin and kick the money into my toy works if they knew the results: trouble is young fellows don't think enough about it to act; sure, they mean well, but their thoughts aren't concentrated enough; still, it took a Star to lead Three Wise Men to Bethlehem; maybe a bit of the glow will enter their hearts this year; for it's a tough job to lay all the work on me, and I'm getting old; sometimes I think they ought to keep me on an easier schedule: all they got to do is to think a bit and help me out by making a few calls; well, I must be going. Gee, it's 1927 years since the Christ Child put me to work, and although some times I've been a bit late, yet, somehow, I've managed to reach most places.

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(Continued from page one)

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If you can find time I would like to have a few more receiver-ships.

GEORGE MOORE.

DEAR SANTA:

Knowing the interest you take in poor little boys, us lads ask you to please get us more business.

GEORGE M. OKELL
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DEAR SANTA:

Please bring us higher freight rates and oblige.

F. E. C.

DEAR SANTA:

For the love of Mike, send me some clients.

HERMAN SWINK.

DEAR SANTA:

You must have heard of me, Kris; I'm the girl which has been above them all for the past few years. Forget my last marriage and bring my old business back.

INEZ (SCOTT) MEREDITH.

DEAR SANTA:

We have come down here for the winter season. Will you kindly tell the poor dumb-bells who stay here all the year to advertise in our papers? They may not get returns but they'll sure keep us going throughout the winter.

TEMPORARY PUBLISHERS.

DEAR SANTA:

Bring a bomb so we can wreck Miami Life and stop it from publishing liquor prices. They are ruinin' our trade.

Hialeah Cutters' Association.

DEAR SANTA:

Please don't bring me that capias from Jacksonville until the new federal judges are appointed.

J. E. COURTNEY.

DEAR SANTA:

Please bring me some carrots. I never asked you for any before.

ED C. FARIS.

Christmas Greeting

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY
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Miami Life's Happy Family

HELLO! Boys and girls! Here you see Miami Life's happy family, all grouped about their Christmas tree enjoying the festivities provided by R. Hammerhead Greeby, prop. of the Greeby-Jeeby Inn.

In the upper left-hand corner you can see a real lady tourist unpacking her trunk for the winter season. Below her is Isa Seeker, Miami Life's star investigator, interviewing the "Lady of the Evening" about the bum check she received from a Miami Beach resident.

Next comes Conchie Joe, of Nassau, dressed in the clothes he got from the Red Cross six months after the September, 1926, hurricane.

In the lower left-hand corner may be seen Ev Sewell and Sheriff Henry Chase, who thought it was a masquerade party and consequently dressed up for the occasion.

Above, directly under the Christmas tree, are Father John, Lydia Pinkham, and the lady from Fulford who suffered from Constipation before she tried Fleischman's yeast.

In the right-hand upper corner is Miami Life's business manager, in Dutch with the bank as usual. You can't see the bank because there isn't any. Below him are Absolutely and Positively, Greeby's two twin sons. (Absolutely the eldest twin is at the left).

Next you will see Kent Watson, of the Miami Beach Beacon, leading South Beach "gangmen" into the paths of righteousness.

And last, but not least, you will see Little Geraldine herself, who is enjoying the party immensely, declaring she never had so much fun with her clothes on.

And they each and every one wish you a very Merry Christmas and a most frolicsome New Year.

Mr. Wren R. Phillips, Editor, Miami Life: As the representative of Lester Al Smith, and on my own behalf also, may I be allowed to thank you and your associates for the kindness and liberal treatment we have received from you and your paper during our short stay in Miami. Although I did not have the pleasure of meeting you, I did enjoy the friendship of several of your associates, and I appreciate their courtesy and fairness very much, indeed. One at least of the daily papers might take a lesson in business courtesy from the gentlemen of the Miami Life.

Wishing you and yours a very happy and prosperous New Year, I beg to remain,
Yours very truly,
DONALD S. GREGORY,
Director, Lester Al Smith Players.

A DIME TOO MUCH.
Editor, Miami Life: I have wintered in the past in California, and have traveled extensively, but never have I, in all my travels, attended

public band concerts in city parks where they charged for reserved seats. And had the greatest portion of the park reserved. I heard before coming here that the leg-pulling days were over. I can't say that they are.

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THINGS I'D LIKE TO KNOW

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Greeby Denies All

JUST as we were going to press, R. Hammerhead Greeby, prominent and respectable church-going philanderer of Miami Beach, stoutly denied that he gave any "lady of the evening" a bad check.

Newsboys to Eat

NEWSBOYS of the Herald, News and Miami Life will be treated to a turkey dinner on Christmas Day. The boys, 150 in number, will march down to the Leamington Grill after assembling at the City Hall.

Newsboys to Eat

The dinner will be given by Walter M. Wilson, former newsboy, and now manager of one of the city's financial institutions. Mr. Wilson has left the arrangements in the hands of Joseph Michael, street circulator of the News, and Paul Hurt, night street circulator of the Herald.

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Why Howard wanted to see Laura so badly? If Ted and Ken will take that trip to Cuba?

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If Mae will be at the Temple Saturday night? If Doc enjoyed himself Wednesday night?

THINGS I'D LIKE TO KNOW

Why Johnnie prefers blondes? Why Louise R. came back to Miami and does she intend to stay?

THINGS I'D LIKE TO KNOW

Why two certain girls always dodge Dammette? Why Russell has a cold and where did he get it?

THINGS I'D LIKE TO KNOW

If "Boots" is still mad at a certain girl for breaking a date with him? Where Cleo is spending most of her time lately?

THINGS I'D LIKE TO KNOW

Where Pete and Fred have disappeared to? Whom M. T. was with at the Casino Saturday night?

THINGS I'D LIKE TO KNOW

Who sent Effie the candy and flowers while she was in the hospital? If liquor is higher on Miami Beach than it is in Miami on account of the distance from Hialeah?

THINGS I'D LIKE TO KNOW

Who Pat wants to please so badly? Why Boots hangs around the first drug store so much lately? How Irene S. learned to roll her big brown eyes?

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Why Santa Claus was so generous in filling Little stockings? THAT Elizabeth Stern, who was operated on for appendicitis days ago, has been voted popular patient the Vistal ever had.

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GREEBY informed a Miami Life reporter... person would offer homage to the occasion by opening the famous Gilbey Gin banquet hall in the Greedy-Jeaby Inn...

"I do not desire no publicity in this matter, as you know," the Governor Catts' supporter shyly said, "but in case your paper would ask me, I shall tell you that I have even invited Colonel Lindbergh to the event. He is that young fellow who flew to Mexico. Of course I cannot offer him the opportunity of viewing any bull fights, but he'll probably find as much bull at my place as anywhere in the world."

"I have had most of the firemen at the beach washing the Inn windows the past week, their chief, Mr. Stevenson, giving me permission, as he wants the boys to have plenty of exercise in case a fire breaks out. Then I have had all the windows frosted, so that outsiders cannot look in, and the insiders won't care to look out anyway, after distribution of Yuletide spirit is made. The motif—whatever that means—is in honor to the two Gilbey boys. They are London men and have suffered serious loss of trade since those Hialeahians quit work and embarked in the Everglade Rye and Gin Co., Inc. The Gilbeys frosted their bottle and made it so hard to imitate that them fellows in Hialeah won't be able to make any such bottles for at least two weeks."

"I shall give all the poor people a luxurious banquet, especially those which have money. Virgin Ector and that fellow Spatz have tipped me off to a place which they aim to close this week on account of canned goods, and I can get the stuff easily by merely waiting at the incinerator. Mickey McGee has promised to loan me his second chef, the one which is fast on hot dogs, and every one can be taken care of."

"But will you have a Christmas tree, Mr. Greedy?" asked the reporter as the former society editor of the Hialeah Herald selected a choice and but slightly-used Hav-a-Tampa from his large collection. "I will see if Bill Burbridge stays away from home a couple of nights, and I shall have log-burning contests and Christmas games like faro, blackjack, roulette, and dice; that is, if Kent Watson, the old editor of the Beacon and the new editor of the Sun, quits the police force."

"This will be a merry party and the ladies will all be given souvenirs, I expect to get quite plenty of souvenirs to pass out, as I've retained the checking privilege myself. And for the children I've planned several clever things. I shall have the bathtubs filled with the best oil the Gulf Company has, and they can play in it to their heart's content. They should be quite slick after a few games, and even their parents will be surprised at the entertainment."

"Say," hurriedly supplemented Greedy, as the reporter edged toward the door. "Do you want to act as Santa Claus? I can make a pretty good agreement with you if you do."

"No," answered the reporter. "I've got to take care of my Christmas bonus which the editor gave me."

"What is that?" inquired Mr. Greedy.

"Two weeks off without pay," replied the reporter. And the interview was over.

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LOTS of the boys have gone duck hunting during the last few weeks. They buy all the ammunition they can afford, tie a trailer behind the flivver to carry a small boat and outboard motor, and start off in the general direction of Cape Sable.

There are plenty of ducks there and millions of coots. There are some silly coots, too, who go there to shoot. The other day a party went into the southern wilderness, placed men in the mangrove swamps where they were eaten up by mosquitoes, and proceeded to clean up on the duck situation.

They brought back one flivver running on the rims, two shattered blue bills, a broken outboard motor, and a week-long grouch.

If you must go duck hunting go to West Lake. The lake, which is really a sea marsh, is only about two feet deep. As many of the shooters fall overboard this two feet of water is considered an advantage.

Among the millions of coots a few ducks hide themselves. On the average day there is not more than ten thousand blue bills, canvas backs and red heads. You hire a boat and a navigator. He takes the boat in the direction of the ducks and then stops the motor. When the ducks start flying around you start shooting. Unless there are several parties on the lake you will have to shoot your bag at 70 to 100 yards—which calls for the super-x brand of shells.

And after spending a day there, netting about 25 to 50 ducks, you still have to drive 85 miles back to Miami.

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looking girls in black at the Capitol Saturday night

If Riner ever got his stockings back

How Mary and Beans will celebrate Christmas

If Max can still draw a voucher for a million

and when he will take over the president's job

If Jack will give Ann the wrist watch for Christmas

If the two big cave men ever

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THINGS I'D LIKE TO KNOW

Why J. H. W. always picks Georgia for a good hunting trip and always reports a good kill? If Mary is missing John very much? Why Doctor took so long to say "good night"? The names of the two lonesome

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pitch a "show" in their "Bird's Nest" apartment

If Alex has sense enough to learn some things that he must learn

Why the M. O. & N. G. Co. don't get busy and finish that hole out Tamiami Trail way

If Daisy can "tell" how many people are in love with her

even if Daisies are not supposed to tell

If Ray and F. B. have both agreed to stay away

much to someone's regret

If Irene will enjoy riding her little horse

If Harry and Johnnie are really proud of the fact that they are from Georgia, and why

If Lou thinks his little friend is too cold natured

and if that is the reason he gave her such a gift

Why so many girls hang out in Jack's tailor shop since Ann left

What Margaret White means when she says that she is full of Vim, Vigor and Vitality

Where Wardy was dashing with the Christmas tree tucked under his arm the other day

If Faris has bought one of the baby farms

and will he grow carrots

Where a good Christmas necktie can be exchanged for a well-done hamburger

If Livingston will have to do any refereeing at the 60 Club

Will Frankie Madden open up

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the Night Club and have nests for swallows

If Joe Copps will again be official entertainer at the Wofford and for the ladies

If Steve Hannagan has high blood pressure

or what makes him act that way

Why Ohmer is so considerate of one who does not return his friendship

Why the girls who attend the ten-cent dance halls think they are movie queens

and if they aren't about the only ones who think so

If Jim Cherry has perfected

BISCAYNE PLAZA MIAMI BEACH Christmas Program Extraordinary FEATURING "Music Master" David Belasco's Masterpiece A PLAZA REEL "Jerusalem the Holy City" Stage Presentation "The First Christmas" Frank Stanton Playing Christmas Overture A Plaza Comedy and Aesop's Fables CHILDREN! LOOK! Santa Claus 5 o'clock Matinee—A Gift for Every Child ADMISSION—35c and 20c

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his formaldehyde cocktail and if it is ready for guests? Why Albert stayed at Kiki's so late and why Bus and Bob did not return? If it's Anne that the sheik is interested in... or the other party? If Phillips of Navarre Ave. wasn't having a good time with the girls last Saturday night? Who's going to send Isa Seeker or R. Hammerhead Greedy presents? If Jim got his \$300 check cashed? If the \$200 advanced to Hudson proved profitable as a bet?

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OLYMPIA SUNDAY - MONDAY - TUESDAY ROD LAROQUE in "THE FIGHTING EAGLE" WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY MILTON SILLS in "VALLEY of the GIANTS" FRIDAY and SATURDAY Marie Prevost in "ON TO RENO"

The TELL-TALE TOURIST

MIAMI will soon have to enlarge its docking accommodation. At the present time every berth in the city docks is taken; the Royal Palm docks are full, and Miami Beach is getting its quota of pleasure boats. Already there are more boats here this year than came down during the whole of last winter. And what is more, dozens are coming down and will want a berth somewhere near Miami. Last year the hurricane stopped a whole lot of yachtsmen from visiting this part of the world. Boats were laid up in the north and their owners went to California. This year they are coming to Miami. And the boats are coming as well. Seeing that there will be so many here it would be well, taking into consideration the lack of racing and other attractions, for the boat owners here to hold several regattas during the winter season.

UP TO the present time those center lamps in Biscayne Boulevard have not been removed. Last Monday night two of them were run into, one at Fourteenth street and the other at Fortieth. At the latter one a roadster was overturned and three persons hurt. The car ran over the curb, struck the standard, and then turned completely over pinning the occupant underneath. The car had to be piled over to get them out. Do we have to wait until someone is killed with these useless and unornamental standards before any action will be taken? Throw them in the bay.

ON another page this week is reprinted an article from the facile pen of the one and only Steve Hannagan, one-time special writer for N. E. A. and now with the Fisher interests at Miami Beach.

One of Steve's pet aversions is anything more than two sticks long, but he evidently spread himself on this particular article. In it he shows that Gene Tunney is a novelty in "pugs." He is good looking, well educated, and girl shy. He doesn't drink, smoke, flirt, gossip and only cusses on rare occasions.

Seeing that Steve indited the screed in January, 1925, it shows that he was hep to the coming champion. At the present time, now that Gene is a visitor with us again, it is well worth reading.

From the Press Box

Attracting the largest crowd of the season and displaying the best brand of fistie festivities so far viewed, the bouts of last Monday night at the Coliseum are worthy a bit more than passing comment.

Featured by a return match between Jimmy Sullivan of Eau Gallie and Earl Hudson, the fighting police officer of Miami, the 40 rounds of boxing found not one dull moment.

Hudson succeeded in getting himself a terrific beating. His backers, intent on having him remain for ten rounds, evidently had some strong threats to cause him to arise from his usual place on the canvas, for Sullivan averaged a flooring about once each round. But Hudson didn't last. Once Jimmy was on the verge of hearing the little birdies sing, but he weathered the music and, although battered himself, managed to keep enough in reserve to floor Hudson at will. Hudson was game, but he was whipped early in the fight.

Frankie Nancie, although losing to Andy Bowen, gave a good account of himself and kept Bowen extended at all times. Nancie is showing improvement. He should keep that jaw of his better protected, though. Bowen is one of the best junior lightweights in these parts.

The other bouts were all full of action. Even Jimmy Ell's came to life and thoroughly whipped Young Paulson who had old Jack Dillon in his corner; Cherokee Kid the game Oklawaha Indian fought a good draw with Jimmy Cox, while the Alpine Kid and Dick Oates did the same.

Johnny Conley, with 7 1-2 pounds weight advantage over Billy West, besides height and reach, proved too much for that tough Key West bird. A clever exhibition between two young babies, sons of Hickson of Palm Beach, delighted the Tunney-Dempsey throngs. They collected quite a bit of Christmas coins.

Friday night a benefit all-star show takes place. The proceeds go for the poor, and Coral Gables Post of the American Legion will act as Santa Claus.

The new boxing commission of Coral Gables was introduced. This looks like five more passes from Messrs. Martin and Armstrong.

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the \$60,000 saving in the city lighting contract with the Florida Power & Light Company—
and the \$50,000 Justice of the Peace Penney got out of Wen Phillip—
and the bum checks the "lady of the evening" got out of the beach business man—
and the commission Small & Small got on the Miami Beach bulkhead bonds—
and Abe Aronovitz's \$350,000 in liabilities—
and the assets of the Miami Athletic Club and the Miami Beach Club and the Royal Palm Club—
and the million dollars' worth of Dade county estreated bonds—
and all the interest and principal paid in on \$20,000,000 in first mortgages—
and the revenue I got out of my \$40,000-a-front-foot property on Flagler street—
and the profits of the Miami Studios, Inc., for the last three years—
and the rent from the Roosevelt hotel and the Urmev Apartments—
and the dividends I got from my stock in the Motor Marts, Bimini Red & Gun Club, Biscayne Bond & Mortgage Company, (and Miami Life, so far as that's concerned)—

AND—
I managed to buy my dog a present. But he bit me when I offered it to him.

WHY THE BAND SEATS COST 10 CENTS

MANY people are complaining about the "cover" charge made by the city at the Bayshore Park band concerts. This charge is made to take care of the cleaning and placing of canvas covers on the benches and is gladly paid by those wearing light, or easily soiled clothing. This part of the business is all right and is not in any way open to criticism. But, since the advent of the Scotch Highlanders a change has taken place in the attendance. The band concerts have become very popular. The covered seats number just exactly half of the total number of seats, and they get filled up just as soon as the free seats are occupied. People are evidently willing to pay ten cents to see a few vaudeville turns and hear a band.

Consequently the city is making money on the deal. In fact, the money collected for the covered seats pays for the vaudeville, keeps the seats in order, buys new forms, pays the ticket seller and collectors—and leaves a little over for the treasury. In other words, the city buys a band for the amusement of visitors and the seat charge pays for the other entertainment. Concerts start at 3 o'clock and 8 o'clock. Thus they interfere with the city's many movie theatres. The afternoon concerts butt into the matinees and the evening concert throws a monkey wrench into the last performance. Consequently, the city is giving a cheap show that is hurting all the other shows in the city, shows that are paying taxes, rents and keeping a large number of families in three square meals a day.

While it is considered necessary to have a band concert twice each day it hardly seems necessary to ruin the business of all the theatres in the city. Nothing much can be done about the afternoon performance but the evening concert should end at 8:45. This will allow the park audiences to take in a movie before going home. In

fact, it will help the theatres to some extent. Theatre owners in this city have been fighting against the poorhouse trail all year. Now, when they might have a change to come back, the city takes a hand and cuts into the profits. City commissioners please take notice.

The splendid attendance at the park concerts shows that the free seat and the ten cent covered seat are within the means of a large portion of the population. Theatre owners in the city might learn a lesson from this. Many theatres run vaudeville in with the pictures. As a rule the vaudeville is nothing to write home about and the program would be a good deal better without it. Most people go to a picture show to see a picture. They do not want second-rate vaudeville thrown in. If the extra turns are cut out the theatre will save money and could charge less for admittance. If some of the theatres started charging 25 cents admission they would do four times as much business and no one would expect a big orchestra or a lot of indifferent turns thrown in.

One hundred and fifty new seats, enough to seat 1,500 people, are being added to the band stadium. Many of these will be ten centers. More might be added soon. The city should pay for the whole band as well before the season is over.

Miami Life is read—not skimmed

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Verse or Worse

NOTHING IN IT
Mary had her stockings filled,
And Mary's very prim;
She got no presents Christmas Day—
So filled it with her limb.

Sue, who's been a naughty girl,
Got neither froit nor buns;
But in her stockings boris principal and interest.
Found twenty-seven runs. L. T. O.

WHAT DRINK?
We're lucky in Miami.
No snow to spoil our play;
And we can jump into the surf
Most any Christmas Day.
While others slide about on ice,
Or fight 'gainst rain and sleet;
The sun is tanning us our skin,
And burning up our feet.
The ocean rolls upon the shore,
We sit about and think—
The only ice we see down here
Is in the stuff we drink. KATE.

PAID ON ACCOUNT.
Uncle Sam has received \$69,544,880.88 from eight foreign governments in semi-annual payments on their indebtedness. These were on account, not in full, and represent both principal and interest. Great Britain paid \$2,575,000, and the remainder was scattered in comparatively small amounts among the countries of Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Lithuania and Poland.—Herald, Dec. 18.

WHAT THE ———?
Displayed as news, I saw today,
Upon an editorial page,
An item that provokes dismay,
And throws accountants into a rage.
"Paid on Account," was caption head,
To Uncle Sam on foreign loans,
Sixty-nine millions, so it read,
Which, we admit, are some few "bones."

Yet, in the self-same paragraph
We're told that, of this vast amount
Great Britain's share was more than half—
Ninety-two millions on account.
From other debtors, in meanwhile,
Hungary, Poland and Finland,
The balance of the gifted pile
In scattered lots, had come to hand.
Now, take away from sixty-nine
The tidy sum of ninety-two,
And what is left, I must opine,
Will leave of scattered lots, but few.
While at subtraction I'm no goose,
For mathematics I've no love,
And, in no way, can I produce

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Gene Will Be There

Gene Tunney, champion of them all, fatically speaking, will enter the ring at the Miami Coliseum on Friday night for the monster charity show arranged by the Coral Gables Post, American Legion, promoters of boxing in these parts.
This will be Tunney's first appearance in a ring since the memorable battle with Jack Dempsey in Chicago this summer, and the champion has announced that this will be his only public appearance while here.
In addition to Tunney's appearance, the mat-maker has got together 36 rounds of boxing to entertain the fans, using practically every boy in this vicinity in four and six-round fights—not exhibitions. Regular prices will prevail; the first bout starting at 8:45 o'clock.

CORRECT SOLUTION TO ABOVE
So author of that bit of news,
Even though you write for aroid pelf,
In future say: "I do not choose."
In other words, please "be yourself." IMA DUB.

HIGH COST OF LOVING.
I can manage to love where the loving is good.
But I love where I can, and I love where I should.
Where the living is good I have plenty of jack.

I can buy something in silk to put on her back.
We can eat, now and then, at a fairly good place
And do all of our loving with much better grace;
I can purchase some gin to help her keep thin—
She can get all my jack—I get none of it back!
J. J. T.

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NOW LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENED!

I'VE always been a strong believer in the rights of women. I think they look perfectly adorable crooning over a washtub or fugging crockery in a 2x4 kitchen. I firmly think they should be allowed a bit of spending money, say 35 cents every week, whether they need it or not. I'm liberal that way.

Now take the girl with the red hair. Miss Lelia Russell is her name. She's just the right size to become a perfect housewife and appears capable of managing even an obstreperous husband. But what has happened?

They, meaning the powers behind the Republican strongholds of Florida—and there must be at least 132 of the tribe in Miami, have inaugurated her as assistant district attorney for the Southern District!

What does that mean to you and I?

Well, brothers of hard luck, it means tough sledding. She will appear before U. S. Commissioner Spittler when some honest rum-runner gets nailed for bringing in a couple of hundred sacks of cheer from Gun Cay. She will say to the judge that these men are smugglers and as such should they be allowed to run at liberty any more? No, sir, they should stay in jail from now on, and they should be placed under heavy bonds. Can the judge refuse the appeal of that red-headed attorney?

Brothers, woman's place is in the home. Let's get Miss Russell removed!

REWARDING CANDOR

WE were gathered around a long table at the casino the other night. Everyone was having a jolly and hilarious time, but she was the life of the party. You could see that immediately for all eyes were centered on her all during the evening. She was tiny and chubby and just the right fit for dancing. In fact, if her partner was the least bit too tall, she was so accommodating. She would just stand on the tips of her toes and cling to his neck so comfy. But all of a sudden everything was quiet. As before, all eyes were centered on her, but in wonder. Her eyes were on the gentleman across from her with whom she had just danced. She asked me for my ginger ale (which surprised me, for her glass was full); slowly she raised it to her lips and then, without seeming deliberation, she emptied it in the face of the gentleman across the way.

The brute! He told her while dancing that she felt as though she weighed two hundred pounds. You should have heard him apologize.

HE CAME BACK

I KEPT wondering where Frank Madden had disappeared to but he arrived in the office the other day—just as long and thin as as ever. He tells me that he is now dispensing music at the Club Venice—which night club is just one mile nearer Miami than Hialeah is—and that he will be glad to meet all his old friends.

Frank can sure make a lot of real musical noise with that orchestra of his and that alone should make the Venice a good place to spend the evening, and a few dollars. Here's hoping he does all the business he'd like to.

SHE'S SEEN SOME SERVICE

THE Miami-Nassau steamship, now known as the Princess Montague, formerly was the Collier County. During her palmy days she was a scout cruiser, both in the Spanish-American and World Wars. She has seen her way around the world many times, and has had many notables tramping her decks.

Now, under the command of Captain Sondahl, a skipper who has served some 25 years on the seven seas, the Princess Montague beats the time of all other passenger boats to Nassau, and as such a speed wagon, carries the Royal mail. Captain Sondahl is an inter-

The Low Down on the Weeks Happenings

ADVENT of frozen tourists causes cold snap in Miami ... Governor Martin announces candidacy for U. S. Senate ... Yacht Esmeralda sinks again ... but in 50 fathoms of water ... City prepares to move Prins Valdemar ... Miami to go after Democratic National Convention ... Imperial potentate of Shrine visits Miami ... as does Gene Tunney ... Pompano to have races (auto) Christmas ... Good Fellows busy getting out Christmas gifts for poor ... U. S. steamship inspectors arrive ... they'll find plenty to do ... Sheriff Anderson of Knox county, Tenn., arrives with some alleged Florida rum-runners ... Lelia Russell appointed assistant U. S. district attorney ... Agitation strong for making Miami headquarters for its own Federal offices instead of a hitching post for Jacksonville ... Air service between Florida cities improves ... Another new bridge ordered across Miami river ... which makes three in prospect ... Rough seas hinder rum-runners ... and also coast-guard ... Autoists continue to hit posts on Biscayne Boulevard ... Folks want a fountain in center of new circle leading to county causeway ... President Coolidge to visit Miami next month ... Sydney Catts' friends continue organizing for his governorship fight ... Ev Sewell continues good work for a greater Miami channel ... Commander Lauriet of the coastguard says he is trying to educate personnel to behave themselves ... Shrine initiates 100 ... Child's opens new restaurant ... Auto accidents increase ... New Fords arrive ... Miami U. plays Louisiana College tomorrow ... George Ade arrives for holidays ... Cold weather reported to have damaged growing vegetables ... It's hard to keep a good man down ... look at M. O. Fullam ... Golfers are getting as thick as binder boys used to be ... they're after the fat purses ... And wishing all a Merry Christmas ... we sign off ... MORE NEXT WEEK.

esting character. Norwegian by birth, he still retains the characteristics of his race—men of the sea. The boat, operating under the management of Linton and Collier, sails regularly from the P. & O. docks, where Saunders & Mader are agents.

WAS IT YOURS?

NAMES in this story will not be related. Even a reporter sometimes comes in contact with governmental men, and I want no income tax collectors on my trail.

This fellow, a faithful Republican by the way, needed a car to aid him in his search for one of Uncle Sam's tardy taxpayers. He suggested to a brother worker that, as he had to travel some would the brother let his car for a couple of hours?

The brother said yes, and further that the car was on Bayshore Drive. Three hours later the car owner wondered what happened, especially as the borrower phoned in and said he couldn't get the car started. The owner went to the place where he had parked his car and discovered it there. He jumped in, stepped on the starter, and the engine purred beautifully. Back to the office.

There was his fellow worker. "Say," said the car thrower, "I had a tough time getting your car started. I finally had to take it to a garage and left it there."

"When was that?" "An hour ago."

"Well, you better go get it and put it back where you found it. My car is still on Bayshore Drive."

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MASTER'S SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of the final decree of foreclosure rendered by the Hon. H. D. Clayton, one of the judges of the District Court of the United States, for the Southern District of Florida, on the 22nd day of December, 1927, in that certain cause pending in said Court on the Equity side thereof, in which Morrow, Becker & Ewing is plaintiff, and G. W. Sawyer, and his wife, Mabel Sawyer, W. Dewey Smith, and United States of America are defendants, being cause No. 92-M-Eq., the undersigned Special Master, appointed by the Court in said decree under and by virtue of the premises therein, will offer for sale and will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the south front door of the County Court House of Dade County, in the City of Miami, Florida, on Monday, the 6th day of February, 1928, between the hours of eleven o'clock A. M., and two o'clock, P. M., the same being a legal sale day and the hours legal sales hours, the following property described in said decree, situate in Dade County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 25, Block 10, of FEDERAL WAY, a subdivision in the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 53 South, of Range 42 East, as per plat thereof made by Hobart Crabtree, C. E., and recorded in Plat Book 14, at page 16, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Dade County Florida; to satisfy said decree and all costs.

NORRIS McELVA, Special Master.

HUDSON & CASON, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 830 Seybold Building, 24-31-12-7-1-14-1

Xmas 1927

'Twas the night before Christmas

And all down his spine Came shivers and quivers From Burgundy wine.

'Twas the night after Christmas And all around his corpse Came bootleggers, drinkers, And friends in remorse.

—B. C.

Now all the real shippers are beginning to tell the world about it.

Banks, Inc., 19 N. E. 1st St., have a watch sale on that you want to watch out for. They're selling genuine Elgin and Waltham watches at a price that it will pay you to buy one, rather than get your own out of work.

The Blue Ribbon restaurant, on N. E. 2nd Ave., near 1st St., has flung wide its doors again and the same management is ready to take care of the crowds that used to fill the place and fill themselves with good food last year.

We understand a lot of people are going to give themselves, or others, a much-needed pair of shoes this Christmas. Among the pretty window displays of footwear in town is the one at the Miami Shoe Store, 201 N. Miami Ave.

The season is here. We saw a real northerner smoking a cigar and sunning himself on the beach within the portals of the Ocean Drive Casino yesterday.

The Princess Zoraida, Miami's premiere secesses of the occult, is back in town with an entirely new idea. She is opening an Egyptian cafe, where lunches and meals will be served with Turkish and Egyptian delicacies. With each meal she gives a short palm reading free. With her special dinners goes a crystal gazing. Princess Zoraida says straight reading, such as she used to do, was too strenuous and tiring.

And now, there's the Prolet, Remembrance of the occult, is back in town with a much-needed pair of shoes this Christmas. Well, it's the same place, with a different name. There's a little girl named Margaret White who does the mistress of ceremonies stuff. And there's a specialty dance couple who speak only French. They can't speak a word of English, but they don't have to. At any rate, the new Prolet will open up with a bang on Christmas Eve—tonight—and we predict a record gate.

A brand new night club opened up this week right on Flagler street, in the heart of town. It's the Ponce de Leon Club, located on the ground floor of the Ponce de Leon Hotel. There, the young are invited to come and stay that way, while the old can attend and regain their youth.

THE BEST SANTA CLAUS JOKES The one about why he has no babies. The one about him getting into an old maid's room. The one about the Jewish boy who said Santa had left a pony in his stocking but the pony MUST have got away.

Good name for a night club, at that.

While Adolphe Menjou is giving that nasty sophisticated wink to the edification of the audience who sees him at the Olympia in "Serenade" tonight, the Miami Civic Opera Company will bring the entertainment into a more seasonable mood. Sixty-five people will join in a stage rendering of selections from the "Messiah."

Sunday will see the beautiful dining room of the Ocean Drive Casino, overlooking the water, filled with Christmas diners enjoying themselves. From Christmas day on the Casino will serve regular table d'hote dinners every day. The Casino is going to be a popular

hang-out this winter, and it is a spot well worth seeing. The Christmas tree effect of the lighting arrangement outside at night is attractive.

At the Saturday afternoon matinee of the Biscayne Plaza Theatre, at South Miami Beach, Santa Claus will personally hand out a gift to every child attending. The gifts have been on display at the theatre this week, and there has been a crowd of kids around the display nearly all the time. There'll be a tree 'n everything!

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CAP'S COLUMN

SANTA CLAUS has been working overtime these days on Burdine's roof. The kids wait in line all day long to see him and whisper in a ready ear what they want for Christmas. One little tot crept up on Santa's knee this week and whispered "Just bring me any little inexpensive toys on Christmas, Santa Claus; I understand you're poor this year!"

We didn't know how many real, honest-to-goodness Miami fruit dealers there were until we wrote an editorial recently warning people to be careful where they bought fruit. So many complaints came in to Miami Life about gyp fruit firms that we were constrained to take action.

SPEND CHRISTMAS at the SEA SHORE

THE management of the new Ocean Drive Casino announces that a Special Christmas Dinner will be served Sunday at noon and from 6:30 until 9 o'clock in the evening. The noon dinner will be served for \$2.00, and the evening meal for \$2.50. Dancing during dinner and until 1 o'clock. Cover charge from 9 until closing, 50c. This will inaugurate regular table d'hote service, with regular dinner served every evening between the hours of 6:30 and 9 o'clock at \$1.50.

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