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## As the Editor Sees It.

You are probably more interested in the coming Christmas dinner than you are in seeing things "as the editor sees them."

We frankly confess that our own thots are much along the same line, for on that festive day we make it a rule to forget the cares of the present and the sorrows of the past.

If there is one day in the year on which we should be joyful that day is Christmas. And since joys and sorrows do not make the best of companions we cast the sorrows aside.

Have you a little kiddie in your home?

Think of the time when you were of the same age—of how you looked forward to opening the stocking on Christmas morning, and to counting the things that Santa left for you during the silent hours of the night.

And do you remember how you slipped into the pantry, and climbed up onto a chair and hooked a piece of mother's cake, and possibly bit off a corner of her best pie—and how she laughed instead of giving you a good scolding?

It was Christmas, and she remembered the significance of the day. She could not put sorrow into little hearts on the day that only joy should reign.

Heed the lessons learned from the good mother who has possibly journeyed on.

Your own kiddie may want to hook a piece of cake, or set its teeth into your best pie.

Is there someone hereabouts with whom you are not on the best of terms? Has some little incident estranged you?

Christmas will be a good day on which to forget the incident and remember the friend and neighbor.

We do not come into this world of our own volition, and our leaving will be without regard to our wishes or desires.

Life is too short to be spent in squabbles and misunderstandings.

There is a better way.

Is there a stranger within our midst—one who has been with us but a short time, and is without close friends, and possibly with but a limited acquaintance?

Christmas may not be quite so merry for him, or her—unless we make it so.

The stranger within our gates should not be a stranger, at least on Christmas day.

Remember the poor and needy. Give of your substance, that there may be none without sustenance on the day of days. Christ gave His all that we might be enriched by his sacrifice. The unfortunate may be cheered by a slight sacrifice from us.

