

CURIOS & ANTIQUES

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WE TRIED TO DISCOVER THE AUTHOR OF THIS BIT OF RHYME. It was written some three or four years ago by one of our college acquaintances but we couldn't find which one. It is printed here as expressing a thought still existent among some of us not affected by Christmas bonuses and dividends and with full credit to the unknown author:

A man of words and not of deeds
Is like a garden full of weeds;
The phrase is old but it applies
Until this darn depression dies.
I'd like to send you something nice
But—cross my heart—I've not the price.
Since words are free and gifts are dear,
Why, Merry Christmas—Glad
New Year.

Help Wanted ad in a state paper: "Are you a salesman? If you can sell an intangible you can make \$5 to \$10 a day. Apply—".

THE GRAND OLD GAME OF CHECKERS is not yet passe. Harold Strohm, Ada high manual training instructor, informs. The room used by his classes for finishing work (which includes no small number of checkerboards) also is used sometimes as a study room. Strohm entered a few days ago and found a half-dozen high school girls busily occupied with some inlaid boards and improvised checkers. . . . We also hear that Music Director Wyatt C. Freeman once taught shop. . . . The work of the boys at Ada high is worthy of recognition. . . . Jerome Caudle has almost completed an excellent three-quarters size bed. . . . Houston Laughlin is doing a fine job on a large cedar chest. . . . Jack Diddie is making a clock stand from pieces of mahogany salvaged from a discarded cash register. . . . There are numerous pier cabinets, end tables, taborets, etc., that will be welcome additions to many Ada homes.

The number of shopping days now left are commensurate with our finances.

SIMPSONIA: — J. M. Ballantyne in Shawnee News observes: "Let George do it," said the king. . . . The Blackwell Tribune says: "Wally shouldn't feel too much swell'd up. Of course a king swapped his throne for her, but one of Edward's predecessors once offered to swap that same kingdom for a horse" A New York writer hints Edward might have begun his farewell speech: "Friends, Romance and Countrymen" Advice Gratis: If

Edward is considering that reporter's job offered him by Guthrie Daily Leader news staff, we might suggest a newspaperman is no better off than a king.

Santa Claus last week received the following letter from an Ada young man:
Dear Santa:
Please bring me a blonde.
(Signed) C. R.

THE ADA NEWS files for December, 1919, are source of the following excerpts from letters to Santa Claus: "Bring me a little red wagon and a spotted horse and a bugle and train and also a pink ice cream cone, Ollie Coleman" "I want a wagon and a soldier doll and some nuts, John Harold Criswell" "I want a choo-choo train and a rocky horse with a long tail. I ain't been a bad boy at all. Guy Meaders" "Please bring me a flexible flyer sled, a football and lots of candy and nuts, Mack Braly" "Please bring me a drum, horn and a sand puller. * * * I have been a real good boy, especially in the last two weeks, Isham Lester Cummings, jr." "I have been a good boy all year almost, so bring me please a harp, a horn, a drum and a tool box, Howard Newcomb" . . .

A stamp of approval on selection of names for the new college dormitories; no more suitable choices could have been made, we opine, than those honoring Miss Kate K. Knight and Dad Fentem.

SOMEBODY ASKED the society editor the other day: "What makes Deering so radical?" Well, she couldn't answer the question, so she passed it on to us. We can't answer it either. In fact, it never had occurred to us that we might be classified as a "radical." The question did inspire a bit of contemplation, however, as to what constitutes a "radical." We considered those whom we have defined as radical, those we know to be held as radicals by others and examined our own opinions. The conclusion was that it all depends on the relationship, something like our conception of the Einstein theory, and that if we appear radical to somebody else, they probably appear just as radical to us. Of course, the element of tolerance enters into it—but that's too complicated a subject. Maybe we are radical. Are you?

Ambrose Sextette claims he has discovered how women make up for the time lost powdering their noses before going out. They do it by running red signal lights at downtown traffic intersections.

THERE HAVE BEEN few, if any, occasions in the history of Ada when there were more people downtown than Saturday, and most of them were loaded down with bundles of purchases made in Ada stores.