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On Campus with Max Shuman

"TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY

If you have been reading this column — and I hope you have; I mean I genuinely and sincerely hope so; I mean it does not profit me one farthing whether you read this column or not — I mean I am paid every week by the makers of Marlboro and my stipend is not altered in any particular by the number of people who read or fail to read this column — an act of generosity totally typical, you would say, if you knew the makers of Marlboro as I know the makers of Marlboro; I mean there are tobacco growers gray at the temples and full of honors who approach their art as ingeniously, as eagerly, as trustingly as the youngest and most innocent of practitioners; I mean the purpose of the Marlboro makers is simply to put the best of all possible filters behind the best of all possible tobaccos and then go, head high, into the market place with their product, confident that the inborn sense of right and wrong, of good and bad, of shoddy and meritorious, which is the birthright of every American, will result in a modest return to themselves for their long hours and dedicated labors — not, let me hasten to add, that money is of prime consideration to the makers of Marlboro; all these simple men require is plain, nourishing food, plenty of Marlboros, and the knowledge they have scattered a bit of sunshine into the lives of smokers everywhere; if, I say, you have been reading this column, you may remember that last week we started a discussion of what to give our friends for Christmas.

We agreed, of course, to give cartons of Marlboro to everyone. Do you know who is interested in American history? If so, he will surely appreciate a statuette of Millard Fillmore with a clock in his stomach. (Mr. Fillmore, incidentally, was the only one of our presidents who had a clock in his stomach. James K. Polk had a stemwinder in his head and William Henry Harrison chimed the quarter-hour, but only Mr. Fillmore, all of our chief executives, had a clock in his stomach. Franklin Pierce had a swing second hand and Zachary Taylor had seventeen jews and Martin Van Buren ticked, but, I repeat, Mr. Fillmore and Mr. Van Buren alone, had a clock in their stomachs. Some say that Mr. Fillmore was also the first president with power steering, but most historians assign this distinction to Chester A. Arthur. However, it has been established beyond a doubt that Mr. Fillmore was the first president with central heating. No wonder they called him Old Hickory!) But I digress. To get back to welcome and unusual Christmas gifts, here's one that's sure to please — a gift certificate from the American Chiropractic Society. Accompanying each certificate is a little poem:

"Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Jovius waro-alre. May your spirit forever shine, Blessings on your aching back, May your lumbar ne'er groan number, May your backbone ne'er dislodge, May your caudal never dawdle, JOVIES Noel! Headache massage!"

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