

My Dear Wife:-

This little book, already
widely distributed and therefore
made "common" is my Christmas
gift to you. I believe that
you will value it far more
highly than any costly "present"
that I might buy for you from
the shops of the dealers in "wares".

In a certain way this book is the product
of my hand and brain, the true mechanical
work, ^{not} genuine but the ~~thoughts~~
are and it was necessary that I should
have had the training of labor with my
own hands to fit me to give expression
to my thoughts that are here recorded.

I believe that all life and all labor
is one day to be made beautiful.
This little book is my contribution
to that harmonious that happy society
here on this earth - When we shall find
that the joy of living is in life rather
than in things. And may you of my
keen appreciation of the gratitude
you have been to me my beloved
helpmeet - I am faithfully
Yours Sam
Christmas. 1900

