

EMPLOYERS' CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Money and Turkeys Distributed by Chicago Business Firms.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—There has never been such a lavish distribution of Christmas money and presents by employers to their employes as this year.

The Crane Elevator Company and the Chicago and Eastern Illinois made their distributions early in the week, and the American Express Company distributed its gold to-day as already reported. Turkeys and cigars will go to those who have labored for the Adams Express Company. Every married man and every boy living at home receives a turkey.

A. O. Slaughter, the broker, gave his office force \$5,000. Other brokers who will give presents of money, turkeys, or other remembrances for the holidays are John H. Wrenn, E. L. Brewster & Co., and C. A. Whyland & Co. The Fair Department Store will distribute \$15,000, Siegel, Cooper & Co. will give away quite as much, if not more, and A. M. Rothschild & Co. will dispose of about \$10,000.

The Illinois Central, the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, the Northwestern, and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul will give presents in the shape of money, turkeys, or other remembrances to their employes.

Employes of The Hub received their Christmas presents on the co-operative plan, profits of the firm being divided pro-rata among the clerks.

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