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Christmas.

Every nation and every race from time immemorial have celebrated certain holidays. Some of these holidays have been elevated to greater importance than others, and have obtained an observance superior to others.

In all countries called Christian the Christmas holiday—or rather the Christmas holidays—are at present observed with more universality than any others—not excepting those peculiarly national. The cause of this is not to be found in any more general respect or reverence for the anniversary supposed to be celebrated but in the admirable principles which have forced, in the name of Christianity, the modern civilization.

Hence the unanimous assent to a recognition of at least one day throughout the whole civilized world, in several countries, but especially those under priestly control, the festivities are continued through many days. In all countries extravagance is encouraged because the popular substance is expended so lavish, at least in the support of those whose occupation it is to cater to the superstitious element of the human nature. It is not known whether those caterers are, or not, as essential to the requirements of modern civilization, as they are administer to the cultivated tastes, such as that for wine, Limburger cheese, or pickles. The fact remains the same. Some people do enjoy a good glass of wine now and then, in the odor of the cheese named, and a great many, especially young ladies inclined to coquetry, indulge in a vicious enjoyment of pickles.

This is all right and proper when the indulgence does not injure the health, deprive or destroy the original, or natural, appetites. So it is with holidays, or any other days for that matter. If there were no people who could read the comic Almanacs there would not be one living who could tell when either Christmas, or the Fourth of July demanded the purchase of fire-crackers, the giving of presents and the effort to induce indulgence by overeating stuffed turkey and sweetmeats. But, the stubborn fact exists that there are people who eat real almanacs, and that there are almanacs to raid. The greatest triumph of modern civilization finds its origin in the ready recognition of these facts and some six or seven others.

The EXPRESS, therefore, takes its hat off to the lively thankfulness, only regretting that there are not at least three hundred and sixty-five of them every year, and that the world had nothing more serious in hand than that of listening to sermons of pious men, putting money in the contribution box, and eating good dinners.

The railroad articles which have lately appeared in this paper have in some degree aroused the attention of the business men. They have got to talking about the matter and that evidences progress. Shall we be compelled to push them with a steel pan towards further action?

Hypocracy.—What is the meaning of this? This appears to be a good subject for a composition, either by a school boy or any other boy, on Christmas day. The amount which will be affect in the press and elsewhere to-morrow if it could be ascertained would astonish the world.

It is a matter upon which every one may congratulate himself that it is impossible to discover so what extent this vice under the veil of sanctity may be carried. And not under the veil of sanctity alone. There is nothing in the world that men, and women too, know more about than this character of deception, and at the same time, nothing in the world they are so loth to acknowledge. We expect to see it in form and irrational criticisms upon this Jesus. We shall recognize ancient notions not in modern language, in the comments provoked by the freedom with which we have written to-day.

The Future of Texas.

Texas is a remarkable State. This remark is not made for our home readers. Every Texan smiles when you say anything complimentary to his State, and surveys you with a look as much as to say, "well, do you suppose I don't know it?"

But we are getting into such a habit of boasting that we fail to acknowledge our own faults; to say nothing of the faults of the country. Texas is not perfect. It cannot claim every perfection which exists under the sun. It is sufficient for us to recognize what there is perfect here without claiming those things which do not exist. Now, we have before us a magnificent future, not on account of imaginations and false comparisons, but because of that which has been already placed here and is superior to any man's imaginations.

A New York paper contains a criticism upon the present fashions which prevail among the ladies. It is particularly hostile to low-necked dresses, and says the democratization in this respect has almost reached the degree of depravity which existed at the most corrupt period of French history. There is undoubtedly much in the present style that is objectionable to the soberness of reason and judgment; and the improper advances which we are told young men sometimes make toward young ladies may to some extent be traced to this evil. Party dresses are now entirely with a view to exhibit the round neck and well-developed bust to the eyes or the dresses should be cut high-necked. Ladies can not act up to a safer plan than that adopted by the traveler who wisely hides from view his most costly jewels just they tempt the cupidity of the robber on the plains.

A clever but wicked wag of Paducah returned to that city the other day, after traveling through the country between Eddyville and Princeton, and said that the people in that section had entirely misconceived the name of the railroad which intersects it, believing that E. and P. stood for Eddyville and Princeton, instead of Elizabethtown and Paducah. Whichever the editor of the Princeton Banner ruffles up his hair, sharpens his pencil, grits his teeth, takes a drink, and says:

"The Paducah bumper who was here the other day bilked our landlord, returned home and talked whilst the ignorance of our good people in regard to the points connected by the Elizabethtown and Paducah road, saying that we didn't know what E. and P. stood for. We will inform him that in Princeton, at least, it stands for Eat and Pay—an intelligent construction which we fear he will never learn."

The wag smugly smiles and never said a word.

Australia is quite a country. It is 2,400 miles in length and 1,800 miles in width. The first settlement was made there in 1788—600 male and 250 female convicts, 100 soldiers, 40 women (their wives), and 37 officers. It is now divided into seven states. Of these Victoria is the most remarkable. It has three-quarters of a million of inhabitants; Melbourne, the capital, has 150,000. Victoria has 90,000 square miles of territory. Her savings banks contain \$5,000,000, and the assets of her various building associations are over \$6,000,000. A good many laws of Victoria are modeled after those of the United States, and her people are sometimes styled the Yankees of Australia. Mining is the principle industry, and the proceeds of the mines are increasing yearly.

The Nation, alluding to the failure of Bowles Brothers & Company, made an obvious remark of this kind:

"As a general rule, we may say that all bankers who, besides keeping your money, offer to run errands for you, and black your boots, and carry your parcels, and take you to the milliner's, and to the hair dresser's, and the tea-saucer shop, and find peanuts, squash pie, buckwheat cakes, and baked beans for you in Paris are so far dangerous."

An exchange tells us that "there were some things that even George Washington could not do." There certainly were. Lying is one of the easiest things to be done in the world, but George confessed himself that he couldn't do it. We fear, though, that he didn't try much.

"What do you call it?" indignantly asked a customer at a cheap restaurant, pointing at an object that he had discovered in his plate of hash.

"Wrist-band with sleeve-button attached, sir," said the waiter, briskly.

"Well, do you consider that a proper thing for a man to find in his hash?" asked the customer, in wrath.

"Good heavens, sir!" cried the waiter,

"would you expect to find a ten dollar silk umbrella in a fifteen cent plate of hash?"

The Richmond Enquirer believes that if the President were free to select his officers from among the most worthy, liberal and honest of the Southern people, without regard to their political views, only requiring fidelity to the country and a faithful discharge of their trusts, a very long stride forward would be made towards the restoration of peace in the South, and a return to a better state of feeling."

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Dr. J. used to relate that, on one of his visits to L'Hotel Dieu having asked a patient how he did, the sick man answered: "Ah, doctor, I am so ill, that if any one comes and told me I was dead, I should not be surprised at all."

Unpaid letters, as everybody knows are not delivered by the post-office authorities. Now it occurred to Mr. John G. Chapman, a New Haven grain dealer, that some of these letters would be of value to the parties to whom they are addressed, and that a chance was afforded to the said Chapman to advertise his business, so he went to the post-office just before the letter lists were to be sent to the papers, and affixed to each letter its proper stamp, together with another small label bearing his name and business address, with the added suggestion that he had paid the postage and would be happy to receive any return in the way of business patronage, in case the letter should be of value to the recipient. This practice has continued ever since last April, and he has profited largely by it. In nine cases out of ten his stamps have been returned to him, and have frequently been accompanied by more substantial favors.

Somebody says they have two skulls of Shakespeare at an abbey in Ireland—"one when he was a small boy, and the other after he got to be a man." There are several prominent men at Washington to-day who should each have made arrangements for furnishing his country with two of his skulls by having the first one prepared while a small boy. But if they will let us have their full-grown skulls now the country will be more than satisfied. Courier Journal.

A correspondent writes to inquire what the newspaper mean when they talk about "Prof. Tyndall's prayer-gauge." They mean simply that Prof. Tyndall is an educated English lunatic who proposes to test the efficacy of prayer. He wants a parcel of preachers to go to some hospital or other and see how many of the patients they can cure by prayer in one-half the wards, and how many they can pray to death in the rest of them.—Chicago Journal.

Mrs. Daniels, of Shawnee, Kansas, wrote Mr. Forster a note inviting him to meet her by moonlight alone, there or thereabouts. Mr. Daniels got hold of the note, but had it delivered, and then went and kept the tryst instead of his wife. Mr. Forster immediately sent for the doctor, who at once went to exploring that gentleman's anatomy in search of a lead mine. His official report of the exploration places the number of buck-shot at thirty-eight.

A St. Louis parent, who happens to be blessed with a prodigal son, "rejoices more over one boy that runs away than the whole family who sponge their living off him at home."

LIST OF LETTERS.

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Curry, Woodson
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Mackay, Colleen
Makovsky, Colleen
Manns, Catarina
Morgan, Miss Emma
Meissner, Ferdinand
Metzner, Fred
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Padilla, Marcial
Pais, Romana
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