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FORT WORTH AND SOUTH PLAINS TOWNS WANT ROAD

Great Possibilities of Railroad to the School Poll Required Since 1876-South Plains and Fort Worth Pointed Out

The Fort Worth Chamber of Com- . Tax Collector J. A. Grigsby has business men of the town have de- law mentioned. The letter says: clared themselves in favor of going "From letters received by this Detion of the route.

ed to such a point that a meeting to same unless they intend to vote. be held in some plains point in the "Believing that, if all such persons early future, probably January, has clearly understood that the payment been agreed upon, the exact date and of a Poll Tax is not optional or deplace to be named later.

Floydada people have been intened, however, that citizens here would every Collector in the State. favor a movement which would make "A Poll Tax is not levied merely Mollie Crum, musician. ject for that system.

ments during the next twenty or whom it is levied desires to vote.

ew and thence to Clovis, opening up United States can vote. Lubbock main line.

### POULTRY SHOW AT PLAIN-

show will be open all day Sunday, him from the payment of a Poll Tax; TEXAS MASONS PLAN CAM-December 18, to permit business men and the amendment to Article 7354, . PAIGN FOR THEIR ORPHANS from other towns to see the grand dis- Chapter 6, Acts, Fourth Called Ses-

### WHITELEY RETIRES FROM

E. T. Whiteley this week sold his interest in the Olympic Theatre to W. with W. E. Hayes in the management

mas week to Florence, his former date, most of them residents of Floyd- tions among Masons was authorized. The announcements of downward price date, most of them residents of Floyd- tions among Masons was authorized. home, where he will make his home. Mr. Hayes is recently here from

Gatesville. He is a cousin of Mr.

JOINT RECITAL ANNOUNC-ED FOR MONDAY NIGHT

The classes of Miss Berta Nobles,

expression teacher, and Miss Naoma Harmonson, piano teacher, will be presented Monday evening of next week at 7:30 in joint recital.

The recital will be given at the City Park Auditorium it is announced.

ONLY 6 MORE

POLL TAX PAYMENT NOT NEW THING IN TEXAS

More Recent Enactments Add Voting Requirements

merce and the Chambers of Commerce made public a letter received the first of Lubbock, Crosbyton, Slaton, and of this week from Lon A. Smith Plainview have been busy the past State Comptroller, which, it is betwo weeks in the discussions of plans lieved, will relieve some of the conand possibilities for the projection of a fusion which exists as to the requirerailroad from some point on the south ments for the payment of the poll tax, plains to connect at Fort Worth. The and giving some information that will latter named place has become inter- prove of interest even to those who ested to such a degree that leading are not confused on the points of

into the matter without delay and ob- partment, it appears that many pertaining if possible the early construc- sons, subject to the payment of a Poll Tax, are under the impression they At present the plans have develop- should not be required to pay the

pendent upon their intentions with respect to voting but that it is a legal sely interested in the developments, obligation fixed by the laws of our and railroad talk has been the princi- State and that \$1.00 out of every Poll pal topic of discussion for several Tax goes to the Public Free Schools days. A dispatch from Floydada ap- to educate our children, no one would officers were chosen for next year: pearing in Monday's Star-Telegram desire not to pay his Poll Tax and, pointed out what appears to be the feeling that the information given be- E. S. Randerson, Adviser; Mrs. Ella AUTOMOBILES SHOULD BE ruling sentiment in Floydada, namely low will be of assistance to some Col- B. Starks, Clerk; J. D. Starks, Bankthat every effort to get the Santa Fe lectors, especially those who are new to make an eastward connection to in office in making clear to inquiring Mrs. Horrell Houghton, assistant atgiven all encouragement. It was stat- laws, we are sending this letter to

it plain the efforts of the citizenship for the privilege of voting. It is a in the towns affected would be con- tax fixed by law ,one-third of which January 4th. fined to getting the interest of the is for General Revenue purposes and Santa Fe officials in making the pro- two-thirds for Free School purposes, WIFE'S POLL TAX MUST BE and must be paid irrespective of That new and interesting dvelop- whether or not the person against

thirty days may be anticipated, goes "A person does not have to be a of the husband and wife is assessed without saying. Slaton business in-citizen of the United States to be liable against them along with community terests have suggested that the pro- for a Poll Tax. An alien is required property, the husband has not the ODD FELLOWS INSTALLATION posed route should tap the main line to pay a Poll Tax if he has been in right to pay the property tax assessed of the Santa Fe below Post City, the State since January 1st preceding such community property and leave while Clovis is anxious to get the ex- the Poll Tax levy, but only native unpaid the poll tax assessed against tension made to Floydada and Plain- born or naturalized citizens of the the wife, if the wife is in fact subject installed officers at their regular meet

he Amarillo Main Line and Slaton- Poll has been required since 1876. This an opinion written by Assistant Attor- ficers seated were: al Poll Tax of \$1.50, \$1.00 for the County, recently. VIEW WILL OPEN TODAY benefits of Free Schools and 50c for "Where the husband applies to the general Revenue purposes. It was tax collector to pay the property tax SANTA FE DIVISION Plainview, December 9.—Entries in not until the November election in against community property," conthe West Texas State Poultry Show 1902 that the present law, providing times the opinion, "and the tax colto be held here December 15 to 20 that a voter, who is subject to pay lector finds that no poll tax has been are coming from the far extremes of a Poll Tax, shall have paid the same assessed against the wife, and the ent and J. W. Walter, Division Engineering funds. the nation. Thirty bantams were enbefore he offers to vote, was enacted. wife is subject to the payment of a neer, of the Santa Fe Slaton Division, within ten or fifteen minutes of the A program of much merit has been tered in the show Friday by J. Frank Consequently, it can readily be seen poll tax for the year for which prop- were in Floydada Friday afternoon sounding of the alarm. Wilson of Mars Hill, Maine. His enthepaymnt of a Poll Tax was required erty assessment is made, it thereupon and night on an inspection trip. tries consisted of White Crest, White under the laws of this State long be- becomes the duty of the tax collector Polish and Light Brahamah Bantams. fore it was made a pre-requisite ne- to assess such wife with a poll tax Entries in the show were also received cessary to qualify a person to vote, and to refuse to permit the payment from Illinois and California Friday. but the obligation fixed by law, re- of such property tax without the payreceived by Secretary E. B. Miller is not conditional nor dependent upon against the wife.

to vote, or the fact that he is not horizing him or her to do so." Secretary Miller states that the a qualified voter, in no way relieves

### OLYMPIC PARTNERSHIP MANY HUNTERS' LICENSES

Many Floyd County hunters are

### PRODIGY WILL GRADUATE

finished the Seventh Grade at the age crops have been failures and the by two representative companies: of nine.

Under tutelage of her mother she had learned the multiplication tables MOTLEY COUNTY COUPLE when she was four, and between the ages of four and six she read the Bible through three times. When she R. W. Cudd and Miss Violet Cox, was five years old she wrote a com- Motley County, were wed in Floyda position on Noah's Ark, and ever since Thursday afternoon of last wee that time has had a passion for writ- Judge W. B. Clark officiating at t ing. Next year, unless she is barred ceremony in his office. on account of her age, she expects to

HEAVIEST CHRISTMAS SHIP-MENTS TURKEYS ARE OVER

raised in the county.

Starting out at 19 cents during the weeks prior to Thanksgiving the market gradually rose until the latter part of last week and the first of this dealers paid ashigh as 33 cents per pound at their coops.

The value of the turkey crop to Floyd County raisers has run up into the thousands of dollars, and has furnished the living expenses for the season for many families

### WOODMEN CIRCLE OFFI-CERS FOR YEAR ELECTED

Last week's regular meeting of

Mrs. Jennie Crum, guardian; Mrs. er; Mrs. Lola B. Hilton, Attendant; Mrs. Mabel Rippy, outer sentinel; Miss paid for before January 1st.

applicable to men and women alike." ther development of the Masonic week by Miss Lola Walling, County Home and School at Fort Worth, and Clerk, to: the better care of the orphan children R. W. Cudd and Miss Violet Cox. ISSUED BY GAME WARDEN of Texan Masons, the Grand Lodge of December 7th; Texas today voted to assess a fee of E. B. Johnston and Miss Katie Hart, \$10 against each candidate receiving December 7th. Atkinson who remains with the show from the old firm, will be associated to the county this year, Deputy Game to be remitted to the grand lodge TIRE PRICES NOW from the old firm, will be associated Warden A. D. White for Floyd Coun- by the blue lodges for the Masonic School fund.

lodges are in poor circumstances.

### WED HERE LAST THURSDA

enter the University of Texas and Mrs. D. L. Weaver and children a visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Avon was born June 28, 1908, at H. Shurbet this week. Mrs. Wear

STOCK LAW ELECTION

CARRIED 152 TO 22

The turkey season is practically Less than two hundred votes were closed. Local dealers cleaned up their cast in the Stock Law Election, held on The McDermett Post of the Ameripens the first of this week and except December 3rd, the canvass of the re- can Legion is to have a house warmfor a few head have sent out all of sults of the election made Monday of ing party in the new Legion Hall in these fowls on the Christmas market. this week, discloses, approximately the Barrow Building next Monday A lower market setting in this week half as many voters expressing them- night, December 19th, at 7:00 p. m. or next is anticipated by them. The selves at the polls as signed the pe- This is the regular meeting night. The highest prices of a number of years tition asking for the election. Four hall has just been enlarged by pro-

crop, which has been the largest ever The vote by precinct was as fol- ing a partition wall. The Legion now tific generalist-one who, could col-

| lows.   |            |      |     |
|---|------------|------|-----|
| Prect.  | For        | Aga  | ins |
| Floydada  | 61         | 20   |     |
| Starkey   | 6          | 0    |     |
| Allmon  | 10         | 0    |     |
| Sand Hill   | 9          | 0    |     |
| Providence  | 8          | 0    |     |
| Lone Star   | 11         | 0    |     |
| Center  |            | 0    |     |
| Baker   | 10         | 0    |     |
| Lakeview  | 10         | 0    |     |
| Harmony   | 12         | 0    |     |
| Cedar   | 7          | 2    |     |
| Meteor  |            | 1    |     |
| 100 to |            | _    |     |
| Totals  | 161        | 23   |     |
| The provisions  | of the law | will | ne  |

Floydada Grove of the Woodmen Cir- be effective until thirty days after a cle was election day and the following proclamation of the County Judge is

Automobiles, to run on the high-

This has been the law since the cre-PAID, TEXAS RULING of the general public with the provisions of the law, usually some thirty was made a penalty.

Odd Fellows of the Floydada Lodge to the payment of such poll tax, held ing at Odd Fellows' Hall Tuesday e rich territory now lying between "The payment of a \$1.00 School the attorney general's department in night of this week. The elective of-

> law was amended in 1882 by enactiney General W. W. Caves to A. J. S. T. Neeley, Noble Grand; J. M. Secretary; C. Surginer, Treasurer.

### HOME FROM RUMELY SCHOOL

Requests for entry blanks have been quiring a person to pay a Poll Tax ment of such poll tax as assessed territory, returned the first of the tion under the Civil Service rules, for sented as the second part of the profrom Canada and Old Mexico. Heavy whether or not such person intends to "Neither the husband nor the wife in a Rumely school for a week or in Floydada Saturday. They are Mrs. the first part as a chalk talk artist entries from all parts of Texas and vote in some subsequent election. has the right to pay the poll tax of more. He was accompanied on the C. D. Fowler, present incumbent, H. and a drill by high school girls will adjoining states continue to arrive "Therefore a person's intention not the other without a written order au- trip by two auto loads of Rumely Howard, formerly postmaster there be presented, as well as a song by owners who spent the time in school, and Jas. W. Simmons, who lives south the High School Choral Club.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

sion, 36th Legislature, makes this law- Waco, Texas, Dec. 7.-For the fur- License to marry was issued last iners.

## BELOW PRE-WAR LEVELS

According to his records Mr. White had issued 62 hunters' licenses to that tary campaign for individual donates and the same of this records Mr. White tary campaign for individual donates and the same of this records Mr. White tary campaign for individual donates and the same of this records Mr. White tary campaign for individual donates and the same of this records Mr. White tary campaign for individual donates and the same of this records Mr. White tary campaign for individual donates and the same of this records Mr. White tary campaign for individual donates and the same of the same o does not mean that there will be an motorist's heart. Leaving cord tires Floydada again. WILL GRADUATE

AT AGE OF FOURTEEN assessment against each Mason, but a voluntary campaign conducted for do
voluntary campaign conducted for donations, which will not be limited to is equal to about 50 per cent of the Avon Zahlten, who will graduate the foregoing sum, but in instances consumption of all tires, and the 34x4 from the San Antonio High School where benevolent persons wish to casing is a popular size for medium-

| le ! | -      | 1      |         |         | *       |       |
|------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
|      |        |        |         | —"A"    | -       | -"B"  |
|      | -      |        |         | Compa   | ny Co   | mpa   |
|      |        |        | 30x3 1- | 2 34x4  | 30x3 1- | 2 34  |
| Y    | Preser | nt     | \$10.95 | \$27.35 | \$12.55 | \$27. |
|      | Oct,   | 1921   | 13.95   | 30.40   | 13.95   | 30.   |
| f    | Nov.,  | 1920   | 17.85   | 33.50   | 17.85   | 34.   |
| a    | Mar.,  | 1920   | 23.50   | 40.10   | 23.50   | 40.   |
| Κ,   | May,   | 1919   | 20.00   | 34.10   | 20.00   | 34.   |
| le   | April, | 1918   | 21.35   | 36.45   | 23.00   | 40.   |
|      | April, | 1917   | 17.95   | 30.15   | 18.15   | 31.   |
|      | Jan.,  | 1916   | 15.60   | 26.20   | 14.70   | 24.   |
| e    | Feb.,  | 1915   | 14.20   | 23.80   | 13.35   | 22.   |
| J.   | Aug.,  | 1914   | 18.40   | 28.50   | 22.95   | 33.   |
| er   | Dec.,  | 1913   | 20.95   | 34.30   | 19.95   | 30.   |
|      | April, | 1912   | 94      | 7.90    | 25.00   | 37.   |
|      | 1000   | Winds. |         | × 200   |         |       |

### HOUSE WARMING TO CELE-BRATE ENLARGEMENT LEGION QUARTERS

have been realized for the turkey voting precincts did not hold elections. curing an additional room and remov- thur Dietrich saw the need of a scienhas the nicest and most commodious quarters it has had since its organi- ple scientific facts in language the zation. Every ex-service mn, whether people could understand. a member of the Legion ornot, is invited to come to the house warming popular and original interpretations party and inspect the new Legion Hall. of science, stripped of all tedious tech-The Legion at Lockney has been in- nicalities. For years Mr. Dietrick has vited to send a delegtion of its mem- been assembling the interesting data bers to this meeting, and several lead- which he uses in his lecture. While ing local citizens have accepted invitations to be present. There will British Museum, he gathered many of be music and some interesting talks, his famous pictures which he proand refreshments will be served. No jects on the "Balopticon." He obex-service man should miss this meet- tained other rare views from the Bos-

### M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL TO

under way preparations for their next, a microscopic view of a drop Christmas Tree and Program to be of/water; the next moment, perhaps, REGISTERED BY JAN. 1st held in the main auditorium of the there flashes a telescopic series of church on Christmas Eve.

The plans include an excellent pro-Fort Worh from this point would be persons the effect of the Poll Tax tendant; Mrs. Dora Tye, chaplain; ways of Texas legally should be regis-Mrs. Willie J. Copprell, inner sentinel; tered and new license tag for 1922 week, Supt. Ira D. Gamble stated Monday.

The new officers will be installed on ation of the State Highway Depart- vitation to all persons not planning ada at an early date. ment, but it has not been strictly ad- a Christmas Tree and program of ministered by officials of the various their own to join with them if they DRAMATIC CLUB'S FIRST EFcounties because of the unfamiliarity desire, and any other congregations who do not plan to have Christmas tree and exercises are also cordially gram theirs.

### OF OFFICERS HELD R. C. HENRY'S RESIDENCE

R. C. Henry's residence and furnishings on West Missouri Street, were home talent, under the direction of C. badly damaged by fire Saturday night. A. Shockey. The fire was discovered about nine o'clock by neighbors while the family HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM ment requiring the levy of an annu- Lewis, county attorney of Milam Woolsey, Vice Grand; J. R. Maddox, were away from home. It had apparently been smoldering some hours and much damage was done to furniture HEADS VISIT FLOYDADA amounting probably to several hun- night from the program to be rendered dred dollars.

### THREE APPLICANTS FOR

L. A. White, Rumely dealer in this Three applicants took the examina- "The Heavenly Twins," will be preweek from Dallas, where he had been the office of postmaster at Lockney, gram, Chauncy Garison appearing in of Lockney.

> The examination was conducted by GIRLS BASKET BALL TEAM N. W. Williams, Secretary of the County Board of Civil Service Exam-

### N. G. JACKSON TAKES

PLACE WITH FIRST STATE

years cashier of the First National Matador girls bested them. The cost of new tires is so large an with the First State Bank of Floyd-girls in the last half and Matador

This will be based upon \$5 per capita revisions by several of the leading and has a large number of friends. Good high school spirit was shown for each Master Mason in Texas. It manufacturers ought to cheer the who are glad to have him locate at on both sides by playing a clean game.

The railroad situation, especially next June, is only thirteen now. Four make a more liberal contribution this weight cars," The Wall Street Journal with reference to the proposed extenyears ago she was a student in the will be accepted and will make up presents in its news columns the following tabulation of price quotations will likely be the principal topic for discussion at tomorrow night's which meets at 7:00 o'clock.

The meeting will be the last regular session until after the holidays.

### BOYS' BAND CONCERT AND PROGRAM READY ing talk upon practice

The program for Boys' Band bene- ed and their method n fit to be given at the City Park Audi- Mr. Wester feels torium on Friday evening before twenty nine boys he Christmas, has been completed, and that will show up in t its presentation now only awaits ar- record. This ) are being held.

### DIETRICK HAS SUCCEEDED IN POPULARIZING SCIENCE

Lecturer—Scientist to Explain Wonders and Mysteries of Nature

Science has ever been cold. For lifty years scientific men have been delving into "ologies" and losing sight of the public. Naturally, the public has lost sight of science. Will Arlect, sort out and present to the peo-

His platform mission is to present doing special research work in the ton Scientific Society, and from the Mt. Wilson Solar Observatory. All the wonders of the universe are in-HAVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM cluded in his wonderful lecture. One moment his hearers are studying the The Methodist Sunday School have photo of the tongue of a butterfly; comets, star clusters, yes, even worlds, and the audience stays with Mr. Diet-

His great lecture, "The Immensity of the Universe," is attracting much The Sunday School has issued an in- attention. He will present it in Floyd-

### FORT NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT

The Floydada Dramatic Club will Austin, Dec. 8.—Where the poll tax days elasping before the requirement invited to make the Methodist Sun- present the first entertainment since day School Christmas Tree and Pro-, its organization, on Thursday night of next week, when "Brac, the Poer House Girl" will be staged.

The play will be presented as a DAMAGED BY FIRE benefit for the McDermett Post, American Legion

The cast includes nine persons, all

### TO INCLUDE PLAY

The High School Library and Anand theinterior work of the building, nual Funds will benefit tomorrow at the City Park Auditorium, the pre-

arranged, it is said, all school talent.

The opening address will be made by Rev. J. Pat Horton, but the re-LOCKNEY POST OFFICE mainder of the program will be given by high school students. A farce,

### VISITS MATADOR

The Floydada High School girls basket ball team visited Matador December 9th.

The team left Floydada about 3:30 Floydada's girls put forth one of the N. G. Jackson, for the past two greatest efforts of this year but the

Bank, of Ringling, Oklahoma, but Excellent playing was done by both prior to that time a resident of sides during the first half and the Floyd County, and who recently re-score was 8-4 in Floydada's favor. turned here, has accepted a position Luck seemed against the Floydada came out with the big end of the

Matador said that Floydada showed the best sportmanship of any team they had played this year. Miss MEETS TOMORROW NIGHT Haymes accompanied the team and officiated as referee.

### BALL MEETING MONDAY

Twenty nine boys trying out for the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, first team met in the Senior room Monday, December 12th for the purpose of organizing. It was decided not to elect acaptain now as her no certainty of who will team. Mr. Wester made

### The Floyd Co. Hesperian ed, it is stated

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And among other taxes, remember there is the highway license tax on ment of the boys. While some of your Flivver. It will be unlawful to the guests were engaged in examining ary 1st unless you have a 1922 seal.

early, whether or not you feel able to Velma Jackson, Gladys Covington, pay all of your taxes before the last Mary Childress, Evelyn Neil, Myra few days. Floydada schools need the Pack, Tommie Lee Awtry, Myrtle money badly for current expenses. Muncy, Margarette Grigsby, Jane Your help now will help more than it Thompson, Vera Thompson, Lorene will help later on in the tax-paying Carter. Messrs. Jeff Welbourne, Otis

presses a new thought about the wheat for their homes about 10:30 declaring situation on the Plains. The News they had had a most enjoyable time. suggests that, since corn in the corn belt has proven a tremendous loss this QUILTING CLUB MEETS year that section has been planted to wheat this fall. A heavy crop will result in 40 cent wheat, while row crops might thus have a chance to ada met at Mrs. J. H. Surbet's last bring a good price. "Seeming de- Thursday. A very busy day was spent feat may prove a victory to this sec- in making quilts and comforts. Eight tion" says the News. And if hogs and quilts were completed before five poultry are added to the row crops in o'clock in the afternoon. This is the the right proportions the plains will largest number of quilts completed in grow rich from diversified farming. one day since the club was originated. Otherwise, our section, like many oth- Seven quilts were completed at the ers, will be a "one-crop" country, rich home of Mrs. Boerner the last meeting one season and broke the next.

through the watermains into his bath- fifteen or sixteen who do not belong tub a Ranger citizen thought sure he to the club were also present. The had discovered an oil and gas well in visitors were: Mrs. W. O. Shurbet of tub one night last week. Near-as- Lockney, Mrs. Jess Shurbet of Lockphyxiations and several spoiled bath-reoms resulted before a break in the Mrs. Dickey, Mrs. Wooten, Mrs. Thommains was discovered, into which the as, Mrs. Weatherbee, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. oil and gas were pouring from gas Walling, Mrs. Carr Surginer, Mrs.

The report that ex-service men can. try, has been confirmed as contem- break the record. plated by the Post Office Department. guard work. An early announcement on business Saturday

The spectacular escape of Tom THE HESPERIAN PUBLISHING CO. Slaughter, the desperado, from the State Prison of Arkansas last week and his subsequent death at the hand of a fellow-convict, whom he had befriended, reminds one of the death of Jesse James, who also came to his death, after many hair-raising escaada, Texas, under the Act of Congress pades, at the hand of a traitorous friend and ally.

> MR .AND MRS. ELMER WOOD ENTERTAIN

A number of young people were enertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood Friday evening of last

The guests began to arrive about 7:30 and were put to work at once popping popcorn and making candy. After this was completed it was set aside to cool much to the disappointoperate on the highways after January Mrs. Wood's photographic collection the rest were playing various games.

About 10 o'clock some of the boys remembered the popcorn and candy School tax payments should be made and the following were served: Misses Harris, Roy Holmes, Elbert Muncy, Bud Awtry, Leslie Surginer and The Randall County News aptly ex- Chauncy Garrison. Guests departed

WITH MRS. J. H. SHURBET

The ladies' quilting club of Floydand six were completed at Mrs. C. Snodgrass' the week previous. Over thirty of the regular members were When oil and gas began running present at Mrs. Shurbet's and some Smith, Mrs. Bartley, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. Dun-

would be given an opportunity, The club reports fine progress in through competitive examinations, to their work and the next meeting will take jobs as mail guards in the ter- be at the home of Mrs. P. M. Smith, minals and on the trains of the coun- where they say they are going to

At present the Marines are doing the Reese Gullett, of Matador, was here

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### **Cut Glass**

Large assortment of cut glass in the latest designs, in the deep cut glass or etching, come in and see our prices on 7 piece water sets, \$12.00 to \$18.00; Guest sets at \$4.50; Sugar and Creamers \$2.50 to \$5.00; Salt and Pepper \$1.75 to \$3.00; Candle sticks \$1.40; Bud vases 65c to \$1.30; Cologne 90c to \$3.50; Mirror Plateau \$5.00 to \$10.00; Bowls \$5.00 to \$7.50; Nappies \$1.30 to \$4.00.

Pyrex Casseroles \$7.35 to \$9.00; Pie plates \$6.00 to \$7.50; Stanley's Unbreakable thermos bottles \$9.00 while they last. Pint thermos bottles \$3.70 to \$4.50; Uni-

versal vaccum bottle lunch kits \$4.50 and up.

### Silverware for Gifts that Last

All Silverware in the community plate reduced from 25 to 35 per cent.

| Tea Spoons, per set            | \$3.75  |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Table Spoons, per set          | \$7.25  |
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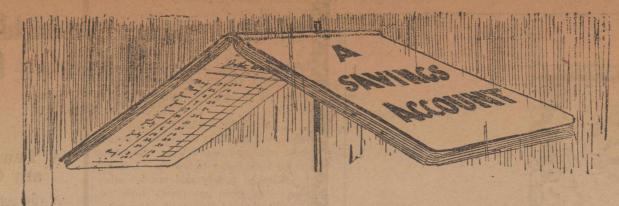
We have a plan whereby you can give a gift certificate for a perfectly fitted, comfortably adjusted glasses on Christmas day, and have the examination made afterward. Let us explain it to you.

SOUTH SIDE SQUARE

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# Are You Raising a Roof for a Rainy Day?

Longfellow said: "Into each life alittle rain must fall."

Are you preparing to shelter your loved ones when the storms come?

The wise man builds when the skies are clear, and a Savings Account opened today and regularly maintained and added to will solve your "Rainy Day" Problem.

FLOYDADA, TEXAS



### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Floydada, Texas., DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

crackers, nuts, apples, oranges, and fruits and candy. I hope I haven't candy. my stockings full of candy.

I have been making good grades ever since school has started. Wishing you a merry Christmas.

Your little friend, Adine Turnbow.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

wish you would please bring me a many to go to see. little French harp, a rubber ball, some ABC blocks and lots of nuts, apples and candy.

Your little friend,

Dear Santa Claus: , and lots of fruits and candy.

It is nearly Christmas. I am going to school. I am in the fourth grade. I have a good time at school. My teacher's name is Miss Gertrude Connor. She sure is a good teacher. I DEAR SANTA CLAUS: know more to write, so good bye, a cake in the cabinet so Bye Bye.

want for Christmas. I want some fire and little stove and story book and set of dishes, some fruit and some to see me. It is not long till Christ-once and then I was absent. asked for too much. From

Frances Carpenter.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: I thought I would write you and

Floydada, Texas. Christmas. I will not ask for much. I want a doll and some fruits. That is I am a little boy six years old. I all I ask for, because you have so

Your friend, Dollie Gilbreath.

Clifton Payne. | DEAR SANTA CLAUS: Please bring me a doll, a doll blank-Route 3, Floydada, Tex., Dec. 2, 1921 et, a little cedar chest, a doll buggy

> Yours truly Juanita Hatchell.

like her fine. I am 12 years old. I I am not going to ask for much will tell you what I want for Christ- this Christmas but please won't you crackers, and some candy mas. I want a doll with hair. I have bring me a doll, a doll buggy, some a little brother 5 years old. He wants fire crackers, some Roman candles and a' little wagon painted red. I don't lots of things to eat. You will find

Your little friend,

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Your friend. Juanita Bryant.

Floydada, Texas. DEAR SANTA CLAUS: I want a doll buggy, a pretty sweater and cap and lots of fruits and

Una Mae Jenkins.

Muncy, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: As it is very cold, I know it is time

for you to come again. Santa, I have been very good.

Floydada, Texas. Please bring me a rubber ball, set of blocks, a tricycle, and some candy. Your friend,

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: Mama said that you would visit all the good children this year, so I am trying to please her in every way. I want a ball, a cart, some fire-

> Your friend. Lacy Green,

Floydada, Texas. DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I am a little girl nine years old and will you please bring me a set of dishes, a doll, some fire crackers, Roman candles and lots of apples. Don't forget my little sister Evelyn and this is all I will ask for this Christmas. Good bye.

Your little friend. Louise Thacker.

Floydada, Texas. DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Please bring me a little electric train and a toy air plane and bring little sister a tricycle and a doll and bring us both some nuts and fruits.

> Your little friends, Layton and Florine Dorrell.

Floydada, Texas. DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I am a little girl ten years old. I wish you would bring me a doll, doll bed, some water colors ,a story book and lots of candy, apples and nuts. I

Your little friend,

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I am a little girl nine years old. Christmas, but I have been good brought up my lessons. I have been have been a good boy and have been nuts, candy and fruits. I hope you I am writing you to tell you what I And will you please bring me a doll Santa, I want a sleeping doll, a little a good boy and I hope you will come on the honor roll every time except find me. I came from Abilene to this

> horn, lots of fruits and candy and andy and a little train. Well good ed but one day in school since I start nuts. Well that will be all I want. Your little friend,

> > Grady Dunavant.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I wish you would bring me a bicycle, Christmas. Please bring me a sandy been a real good girl. Have not miss-

Your little friend, Melvin Slaughter

DEAR SANTA: It seems a long time since last I will write you today. Santa I have I will write you a little letter. I I want you to bring me a doll, some Now I will tell you what I wish for and leave my things here. I have

> Goodbye. Alice Davidson

# **Christmas Greetings**

We wish our many friends and customers a Merry **Christmas and Happy New Year** 

Now for the remaining part of this month, during holiday shopping, we will give to each and every customer who shops at our store a real Christmas Gift in Prices—only NINE more Shopping Days until Christmas.

These goods must go. We are going to sell regardless of cost. Come shop with us.

Buy useful presents. We will save you money.

"THE PRICE IS THE THING"

W. H. SEALE, Dry Goods

## After All---

THE BEST GIFT IS YOUR

# Photograph

We still have time to get your photographs out in time for Christmas.

We make sittings at night as good as day time.

Wilson Studio



# Eat Cold Dinner

Do your shopping before noon and get better service.

> Gifts Appropriate and Valuable Now on Display

# DECEMBER SALE

Prices will be continued to Saturday, December 24. All winter goods marked down to move. Store open to 8 P. M. all next week.

# C. R. HOUSTON & CO.

FLOYDADA, TEXAS

### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: Will you please bring me a purse, stockings I want candy and fruits. a hair pin clasp and a celluoid doll,

some fruit and nuts. Your little friend. Lola Kneirim.

Floydada, Texas. DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

or less. I have been a good girl and dishes for a dinner party and I will coaches, also some fire crackers, nuts of fun. I expect you to come to see me Christ- be so glad.

I want a doll and her eyes to open

Floydada, Texas, and close. I wish her hair to be curly. I wish a doll buggy. In my want you to please bring me a baby Your little friend,

Edurna Christian.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: I am a little girl just three years DEAR SANTA CLAUS: old and I want a sleepy eyed doll so Christmas will soon be here and I I will write you today being the bad I don't know what to do. Please wish you would bring me a French hope it snows on Christmas day so holidays will be here in three weeks bring me the doll and a little set of harp, little red wagon, train and we can play snowball and have lots

> Your little friend, Joyce Leonard Glass.

Floydada, Texas. DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I am a little girl four years old. I doll, a set of dishes, and a little doll bed and lots of goodies to eat.

Your little friend, Bonnelle Payne.

Floydada, Texas.

and fruits. I thank you, Santa./ Your little friend,

Charlie Owen, Jr.

### An Ideal Combination Gift for Any good little girl and studied hard. I have made very good grades. It is less than two weeks until Christmas Man or Woman Can be and I hope you will make me a visit also every other little boy and girl. I will tell you what I wish for Christ-Had at Glad's

### A Few Things for any Gentleman

A fur collar A leather coat

Floydada, Texas.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I will write you. I have a very

If you please, I wish a red doll buggy, a cabinet, lots of apples, oranges and nuts and negro toes. Now that

is all I am going to ask for. I do not

wish to be greedy and not let other boys and girls get pretty toys too.

I will promise to be sound asleep when

you come. Now I wish you a merry

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

every once in a while.

never do forget them.

mas is at hand again.

my ears and fingers.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

you to bring me.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

and a happy new year.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

lessons every day.

Your little friend,

I will write you a letter telling you

what I want for Christmas. I have

been trying to be good but I guess my

teacher thinks that I am naughty some

time for all little children are naughty

Well Santa Claus, I want you to bring me a little doll and bed. That

is all I will ask for but you may bring

me anything you want to bring. I

will not ask for anything in the way

of candy, fruits and nuts for you

Your little friend,

I will write to you today. I want to

tell you what I wish for Christmas. I have been a very good girl and I make

very good grades. When you come I will be sound asleep. I am expecting your visit soon. We are having many holidays now and I am glad Christ-

Your little friend,

I will write you a letter today. I

have made very good grades. I prom-

ise you I will be sound asleep when

you come. I am glad Christmas is

near again. I will tell you what I wish

Iwant a little toy piano, please.

Your little friend,

I will write you a letter. I have

Soon Christmas will be here. Il-

Please bring me a Noah's ark with

Your little friend,

I will write today and tell you what want for Christmas. I want a bi-

cycle and some story books. I don't wish many things for Christmas. I don't wish you to be loaded heavy. I have tried to be a good girl and want yo uto bring me something to

play with. Christmas is nearly here

and you will soon be here to fill my

stockings with toys for me to play

with. I wish you a merry Christmas

Your little friend,

I will write today. I am doing my

best in school. I have an awful nice

teacher, and her name is Mrs. Hicks.

I have been trying to be as good as I

can. My name has been on the honor

Now I wish to tell you what I want

Your little friend,

I will write you today as the holi-

For Christmas I wish for a doll that has curly hair and eyes that will open and close. I want a little doll buggy and a little stove and I also want

some candy, nuts and other fruits. Your little friend,

days will be here in two weeks or less. I have been a good little girl this year. I will be expecting you to come

E. Anne Hopkins.

Floydada, Texas.

Mildred Teeple.

for Christmas. I want a bicycle and a little machine if you please. I guess

oil ever since school started.

this is all for this Christmas.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Juanita Murry.

Floydada, Texas.

animals. Wishing you a merry Christ-

Mary E. Triplett.

Floydada, Texas.

Silas Duncan.

Floydada, Texas.

have been a very good little girl and year.

Flora May Cook.

Floydada, Texas

Vivian Evans.

Floydada, Texas.

Ruth R. Jenkins.

Floydada, Texas.

Nigger brown leather vest An imported V neck sweat-Fur collared overcoats

Newest models Pair Florsheim shoes Silk shirt or muffler Cuff links, stick pins Etc A traveling bag or steamer trunk

Gold knife and chain A velour hat and gloves Silk Holeproof hosiery, 3 pair to box (in Xmas boxes. No gift appreciated more by the married

I make a specialty in things any gentleman would like as a gift.

### Most any Lady Would Wish:

La Tausca Pearls Keva Indestructible pearls A Diamond ring Lavalliers New silk umbrellas (all colors)

Silk Holeproof hosiery (In holiday boxes) Cameo brooches and Manicure sets Ladies traveling bag Suit cases and steamer

trunks Other things in the newer and better things she would like can be had at

# Glad's

"For Sensible and Useful Gifts"

NO CHRISTMAS MERCHANDISE CAN BE RETURNED

Floydada, Texas. Will you please bring me a set of DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

and other playthings but I wish for have been a very good little girl. I what I want you to bring me for something to keep me warm. Some- have studied very hard. I make good Christmas. I have been a good little thing to keep Jack frost from getting grades. I know it is nearing Christ- girl and studied hard. Santa I do not mas and I am expecting a visit from want much but I do want a little baby you soon. I will promise you I will be doll that cries and a little set of

> I will tell you now what I wish for Christmas. I want a little baby doll and adoll blanket. Wishing you a merry Christmas nd a happy new

> > Your little friend, Mary H. Snodgrass.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I am a little boy, 8 years old. I But I want you to be sure and visit all want you please to bring me a footthe other little girls too. Wishing ball, a belt, tablet and pencil, some you a merry Christmas and a happy candy, nuts and fruit.

R. L. Stovall.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

doll clothes, a little set of dishes and and a tricycle and bring my brother anything else you have for a little Lynwood a gun. been a good boy and have studied my girl.

Charline Stovall.

Floydada, Texas. DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

furs. Good many others wish for dolls I will write you a letter today. I I will write you to let you know sound asieep at the midnight hour. China dishes. That's all.

> Your little friend, Frankie Doris Smith.

> > Melba Ruth Scott.

Floydada, Texas. DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Please bring me a Red Riding Hood doll in a white buggy. Bring little brother a little red wagon.. Brother Floydada, Texas. and I would like some candy and apples, too. With love, your little,

> Floydada, Texas. DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I have been a good little boy and carried in coal for my mamma. I Floydada, Texas. wash my face and pomp my hair every

Please bring me a doll and some I want you to bring me some candy

With best wishes. Horace Elliott, Route 2.

# Lest You Forget!

In your mad rush in shopping for the Holidays, we wish to remind you that we are offering some merchandise at prices that will justify coming to see us. Your extra steps will be amply repaid.

We have the most complete line of furniture we have ever had, having just unloaded more than a car of the latest patterns.

The price we paid was low and only a car load freight makes the price to you cheaper.

From December 15th to 25th we allow a nice discount. But you must come see for yourself. Three reasons for this:

1. To offer bargains to Christmas shoppers.

2. To reduce our stock before invoicing.

3. To convince all who doubt that furniture has done its bit in declining.

VISIT OUR STORE AND YOU WILL BE PLEASED.

NORTH SIDE SQUARE

FLOYDADA, TEXAS

# Christmas Dinner

We have in stock the fanciest and most complete line of Groceries to be found on the Plains.

We feature White Swan and Del Monte goods in all lines.

We have just received the largest line of Candies, Nuts, Oranges and Apples ever carried by this store at prices as low as the lowest.

Do your Christmas Shopping at this store, and save money.

## Star Cash Grocery

South Side Square

Floydada, Texas

### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Route 2, Floydada, Texas. |

want a little horse and a little wagon, gun, street car, oranges, nuts, candy a big red ball, some candy and fruits, and bananas. And Santa, J. W. is my and little brother wants some toys, a little brother. Be sure not to forget little hammer, some apples and candy. him, he wants a ball and some Please don't forget us.
Good bye,

Route 2, Floydada, Texas. DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

We (the boys of the Lakeview Primary Room) will write you a joint Dear Santa Claus: good lessons every day. Some of us from, want a carpenter set, some a toy airplane, some want construction blocks and some want an air gun. All of us want an orange, an apple, some candy Dear Santa Claus: and nuts. We try to be good boys.

Your little friends. Merrill, Elmo, Woodrow, Wilson, Horton, Carl, Aughen, Opal, C. L., Morris, Herman, Ira, James, Herbert Wayne, Dear Santa Claus: G. W., Richard, Homer, Arvin, Nelson.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

How are you? I am fine. I want a bicycle and a bathing suit, a set of furs, and that's all. Mother said I Dear Santa Claus: would look fine with my bathing suit I am trying to be a good little girl. on and going down the street on my When I am naughty I am very sorry. DEAR SANTA CLAUS: bicycle. But I will thank you for I'll try harder to be good if you will what you have given me. Well, I will pardon me. have to close.

Love to my Santa Claus,

and apples and an orange. Please would like some nuts and candy. bring these to me for I have been a | With much love, I am, very good little boy.

Yours truly, Raymond King

I want a big dell, some dishes, a cabinet, a safe ,some oranges, apples, would bring me a ball and a horn and candy, a stove, a table, a buggy, a cot, some apples and candy. an organ, a house. I want the ABC's. That is all I want. Good bye, from won't ask for any more. Elsie Glee Garrett.

Dear Santa Claus:

Here comes your two little boys. I | Will you please bring me an airblocks and other toys. We live one bloc keast of the Methodist Church. Johnnie and Walter Carathers. If you have anything else left over for boys, please bring it to us.

Lovingly, Arthur Earl Gamble!

letter. You are such a busy man. We I want a little doll with curly hair, are sure you will bring to us the best some dishes, a cabinet, a safe, some

Caleta May Garrett.

I want a little car, an air gun, a

string of trains, some oranges, apples Floydada, Texas. and candy. Good bye, from Judge H. Garrett.

Floydada ,Texas.

to Sunday School every Sunday, also my little bed over for her. If you a new dress for the last year dolly.

Your little friend, Anna Mary Baucom.

Dear Santa Claus:

I won't ask for much but I wish you

Being as you haven't much money

Dear Santa Claus:

We are the boys and girls of the first and second grades of Fairview School. We want you not to forget us this Christmas. We will be glad to have anything you can bring us. First of all, we want some apples, oranges and candy and we will be proud of anything else you think little folks

George Iris Shaw, Virdene Snodgrass, Louis Austin, Leoto Gordon, Fay Gordon, Lissie Mae Clendennen, Dennis Spence, Paul Brown, Bessie May Brown, Woodrow Wilson, Travis Burgett, Bernice Crabtree, Cecil Curry, Lois Neeley, Herschel Choate, Ernest Clendennen, Clyde Hinkle, Wilyou can. We are always glad when oranges, apples and candy. That is lard Pollan, Ramin Starkey, Joe Kim-Christmas comes. We try to have all I want, Santa Claus. Good bye, Curtis Pollan.

John Hoffman, who lives at Fair-Floydada, Texas. view ,has written Santa Claus in some foreign language. We can't make it Please bring me a pretty doll with all out but reading between lines we curly hair and a little cradle to rock tip Santa off to the fact that this William, Earnest, Emmett, Travis, her in. Bring Kenneth a train and a boy is very anxious to be remembered Willie, J. C., R. T., Roy, Floyd, Wayne, football. Please bring him a boy doll on Christmas Eve, and will not think Jean Bain. | about much of anything else until the time rolls around.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a little doll, I want some oranges, I want some apples, I want some candy. It is all I want. Santa Claus, good bye, from

Cenono Lee Garrett.

Route2, Floydada, Texas.

We (the girls of the Lakeview Primary Room) have decided to write Please bring daddy a nice tie and handkerchief, please bring mother a are sure you are very busy getting pair of hose and a handkerchief. Bring your pack ready. The most of us Miss Belle a pair of hose and an or-want a doll, some of us need a doll Floydada, Texas. ange. Miss Edith is not hard to please bed, others would enjoy a set of dishes, so bring her what you think best. I while there are some who need a tub I am a little boy 7 years old. I go would like to have a doll and paint and rub board. A few of us only need go to school. Please bring me a foot- have lots of things left when you have Some of the little girls would like a ball, a book, a toy car, candy, nuts seen all the little girls and boys I doll buggy and one in our midst would like a cradle.

If you have any nuts and candy we shall be glad to have some. Please remember all the little children everywhere. We are glad when Christmas comes. We have tried to be mothers' Floydada, Texas. comes. We have tried to be mothers'

> Your little friends, Pauline, Ellen, Bernice, Deota, Dessie May, Noma, Virgie, Helen, Ida, Claudia Myrle, Monamay, Lela, Bonnie C., Rachel, Pernie, Audrey, Myrtle,

## Millinery and Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

# Sacrifice S

We are going to close out everything in ladies wearing apparel, and hereafter have only a man's store.

# Beginning Saturday, Dec. 17th

|   | We will sell any ladies hat for   | \$1.00    |
|---|---|-----------|
|   | Choice of any ladies coat   | \$10.00   |
| 0 | Choice of any dress for   | \$10.00   |
|   | Blouses of silk and Georgette, choice                                   | \$2.50    |
|   | Petticoats, choice  | \$2.50    |
|   | I adjag house climare of all colors fur ton or goft gales priced \$1.25 | to \$2 00 |

Everything must go, so come and pick them out.

Special prices on all men's furnishings, Hats, Shoes, Gloves and work clothes.

We have some of the "REYNOLDS" shoes for men now, try them. Suits made to order, fit guaranteed.

Mr. Davy, formerly of the DO-U-RITE TAILOR has charge of our Tailoring department. We are prepaired to give you high class service in cleaning, pressing and repairing.

Don't throw that old suit away. Just call 66. We will send right up and get it, fix it up, and deliver it. Work guaranteed.

# Russell's Store

WEST SIDE SQUARE

PHONE 66



## FURNITURE

AND THE THINGS THAT GO TO MAKE UP A FURNITURE STOCK MAKE

## GIFTS

THAT ARE OF SERVICE (DAILY)

### BEAUTY, COMFORT and LUXURY

COME IN AND LET'S SEE HOW EASY IT IS TO SE-LECT A GIFT WORTH-WHILE

## F. C. HARMON

JUST RECEIVED A SHIPMENT OF ROCKERS, CHIF-FOROBES, DRESSERS AND CHILDREN'S ROCKERS.



# Christmas Greetings

We are reminded, with the aproach of the Christmas Season, that the fine business we have enjoyed the past twelve months has been due to a large extent to the patronage and good will of the

# People of Floydada

And we would express this appreciation on this occasion, wishing for each and everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

You will always find us "going the limit" to give you service. Our recent heavy expenditures on the Floydada "High Line" has had this in view. With this betterment of the transmission lines and the repairs and improvements made on the lines within the limits of the City of Floydada we feel that we are able to give our customers a service of which they will be proud.

Texas Utilities Co.

### ANDIED BERRIES AND PEEL FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT JARS

CRANBERRIES MAY TAKE THE PLACE OF CANDIED CHERRIES-GRAPEFRUIT, ORANGE, OR LEMON PEEL IS DELICIOUS IF JELLIED

always an ideal Christmas remem- the strips about 20 minutes longer, in spend very much money. The little sorbed; i. e., the time of cooking the week with his parents here. jars with screwed-on lids in which sal- strips in the sirup is 60 instead of 40 ad dressing is often sold make ad- minutes. simple designs in black.

lowing way of preparing them:

### Candied Cranberries

3 cups of large cranberries. 2 cups less tedious.

sugar. 2 cups water. boils, take the dish off the stove and water in which the peel is parboiled. Austin today.

or 4 minutes, and allow to stand for 2 hours or more. Then boil gently a third time for 5 minutes. Allow the berries to stand in the thick sirup over night; warm once more, so that the having beautiful weather nowadays. all children are infected with tubersirup will be thin enough to pour Brc. Orrick filled his appointment cle bacillus before they are 10 years easily, and drain the berries from the here yesterday. There were several of age. Whether the child succumbs

ed paper to dry. When dry, the ber-Sunday afternoon.

Jellied peel is another delicious con- Mrs. Nix visited Mrs. Irwin Sunection which can be made from ma-day evening. erials available practically every- Mr. Conner visited with Mr. Hoffwhere. Either grapefruit, orange, or man Sunday. emon peel may be used.

1 cup sugar for sirup.

2-3 cup water for sirup. 1-4 tea- house for Mr. Orsburne. spoon salt. 1-4 cup sugar for rolling There was a social at the Crabtree

Use strips of thick, soft peel free seemed to have a good time. from blemishes from bright colored, Xmas will soon be here and the heavy, smooth skinned grapefruit, Little Card Class in our Sunday was in Floydada Tuesday and Wedlemons, or oranges. Add 1 quart of school are looking for Santa Claus, strips should then be tender.

the sirup, in a small saucepan, add the Pollan, Joe Kimble, John Hoffman, C and cook rapidly for about 20 minutes, Ruth Cozby. then place an asbestos mat under the | We wish the many readers of The is all absorbed by the peel. Great our editor. care much be taken at this point that the sirup does not scorch, and the strips or peel much be turned frequently. Use a fork in turning the Center, December 12 .- Good crowds strips and in removing them from the attended all services Sunday.

Place the peel on waxed paper until day afternoon with his mother. hour or two, then wrap in waxed pa- town, as we reported sometime ago. per, and keep in tightly covered tin Wesley and Raymond Foster took containers until used. This confection Sunday dinner at the Jordan home. should keep in good condition for two L. D. Golightly started to school or three weeks if stored in a moder- a week ago. He had just gotten to

jellied, the process is slightly changed beginning last July. Of course, he has

**Holiday Rates** 

Mexico, and Texas.

Unusual homemade confections are tities of all ingredients used, and cook monthly trip to Turkey Sunday

mirable containers for gifts of this If 4 times the original quantity is kind if they are decorated with bright made, use 4 times as much peel and colored splashes of enamel paint or sugar, but in parboiling the peel use Foster at town Sunday afternoon. only enough water to cover it well. In Candied cranberries, are easily making the sirup, use 4 cups of sugar dren visited Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery round bales, counted as half bales; week. Mr. Kimmons is a nephew of made. The United States Department but only 1 1-4 cups of water; it will Sunday afternoon. of Agriculture recommends the fol- then be necessary to cook the strips in the sirup only for about 60 minutes, just as when doubling the recipe. Thus the "boiling down" process becomes

Candied cranberries and jellied peel Select large, firm cranberries. Make may both be used effectively for de- Montgomery. three small slits, each one-eighth inch corating Christmas cakes and cookies long, in each berry with the point of in place of cherries, citron, angelica, RAISING HEALTH STANDARD a penknife. Boil the sugar and water etc. Those who have preserved watertogether until clear. Allow this sirup melon rind on hand may like to tint to cool, add the berries and bring very it green with harmless vegetable colslowly to the boiling point. The cring, flavor it with a few drops of the standard of health among children saucepan should be large enough to pepperment, and use it in combina- and thus increasing their power of permit all the berries to float at the tion with the red of the cranberries resistance is a phase of anti-tubercutop of the sirup during cocking. If and the yellow jellied peel. Or the losis work which is receiving more the berries are heated too quickly, the jellied peel may be colored with harm- attention every year," stated D. E. skins will burst before the sirup soaks less vegetable coloring by adding a Breed, Executive Secretary of the into the pulp. As soon as the sirup small quantity of coloring to the last Texas Public Health Association at

Next day drain the sirup from the fruit peel instead of with peanuts or clinics make it easier for mothers to berries and reduce it to about half its almonds are interesting and new. bring their little ones around for regu original volume by boiling. Cool the When the date pit has been replaced lar examination and treatment. There sirup, place the berries in it, heat by a strip of the peel, the date is are 545 tuberculosis clinics and dis-

### FAIRVIEW BRIEFS

Spread them on a clean cloth or oil- Y. P. U. gave aprogram at Quitaque able to overcome the disease will de-

McAfee Sunday.

last Wednesday.

home Sunday.

J. L. Landrum is building a new

home Saturday night. Everyone

cold water, boil for one-half hour. as they have been good boys and Repeat this process until the strips girls and had good lessons. Their Mrs. W. T. Porter and children of have been parboiled 3 times, discard-names are Margaret Nix, Edith Crab- Wilson, Oklahoma, were visiting Mrs. ing the water after each cooking. The tree, Floyd Montgomery, Bernice J. W. Davy and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree, Don and Shaw Austin, Tru- H. L. Smith this week. Dissolve the sugar in the water for ett Austin, Ralph McAfee, Willard strips of grapefruit or orange peel, Cooper, Cleo Cozby, Travis Burgett,

pan, and continue the boiling about Hesperian a Merry Christmas and 20 minutes longer, or until the sirup Happy New Year. Best wishes for

### CENTER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. John Tivis spent Sun-

cool, and,, using the flat side of a. The new Mr. Tivis has moved to the knife, roll the strips in granulated Glad Snodgrass place northeast of sugar. Let the strips dry out for an Fairview, instead of southeast of

where it was safe for him to be away When larger quantities of peel are from home since his very sick spell been up quite a while but every week If twice this quantity of jellied peel for a very long time he would have is made at one time, double the quan- a very sick spell. The spells gradually

**Holiday Rates** 

got farther apart until now he hasn't LEGION HOUSE WARMING

een sick for several weeks. Miss Archer spent the week end isiting at home.

wells the past week.

Edgar Foster went to Lodge, Hall brance when one does not wish to order that all the sirup may be ab- County, Thursday, after spending a an informal general get-together

Mrs. Sims is right sick with some

hing like the grippe. Velma Sullivan is real sick.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Foster visited J. J.

G. C. Tubbs' Sunday afternoon.

Mesdames Austin and Johnston spent last Monday afternoon with Mrs.

### AMONG TEXAS CHILDREN

Austin, Texas, Dec 10.—"Raising

Dates stuffed with strips of grape- "Health centers and tuberculosis again slowly; boil very gently for 3 closed and rolled in granulated sugar. pensaries in the United States at the

"Investigations conducted by the National Tuberculosis Association in-Fairview, December 12.—We are dicate that more than 50 per cent of absent from Sunday school. The B. to this infection or whether he will be pend upon the power of his resistries should be bright, firm, plump, and Mr. Austin took dinner with Mr. ance, hence the wide-spread work among children as represented by clinics, health centers, open air schools and the Modern Health Crusade.

"All of these are parts of the statewide movement of education promoted 1 Mr. Jackson called at Mr. Bullard's by the Texas Public Health Association and its local organizations. This 5 ounces peel cut in thin strips 1-4 Mr. Carter and family and Barnie work is supported by the sale of Tuinch wide (grapefruit, orange or lem- Snodgrass took dinner at the Bullard berculosis Christmas Seals and the 14th Annual Christmas Seal Sale which is now being conducted will determine how much this work may be enlarged during 1922."

> E. S. Hill, of Fort Worth, who owns property in Cedar Hill Community,

meeting being planned.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Cotton ginned 22,058 bales of American-Egyptian, Mrs. Shurbet. Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Jordan called at and 2,915 bales of Sea Island, the Census Bureau announced today.

10,141,293 bales, includding 191,539 ghter.

round bales; 46,160 bales of American | TEACHERS' INSTITUTE PAY FOR ALL SERVICE MEN Egyptian and 965 bales of Sea Island.

Ginnings by States to December 1 McDermett Post's house warming this year were: Alabama, 575,310; North Carolina, 739,035; Oklahoma, been repealed. ginia, 14,952. All other States, 6,608. act was repealed when the code of

Revised total of the ginnings prior civil procedure was revised in 1911. 364 bales.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and chil- running bales, including 121,859 visiting the J. H. Shurbet family this stitutes throughout the State.

BORN-To Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Mr. and Mrs. Cozby were Floydada | Ginnings to Dec. 1 last year were Tubbs, City, December 10th, a day

### IS NOT CONSTITUTIONAL

Austin, Dec. 8 .- It was held today Messrs. Johnston and Montgomery party on Monday evening of next week Arizona, 25,715; Arkansas, 756,008; by the Attorney General's Department have been having trouble with their is being planned for all ex-service men California, 16,030; Florida, 11,724; that the act passed in 1905, authoriwho wish to come and make merry Georgia, 803,815; Louisiana, 275,197; zing the payment of school teachers Herbert Meredith made his semi- with their friends and former com- Mississippi, 790,326; Missouri, 66,130; while attending county institutes, has

No set program has been announced 470,532; South Carolina, 734,665; Ten- The act in question was passed by nessee, 281,251; Texas, 2,073,572; Vir- the Thirty-second Legislature. This

TEXAS GINNINGS 2,073,572 BALES to Nov. 14 was announced as 7,276,- The effect of this opinion, according to officials in the State Department of Education, is to greatly deter the prior to Dec. 1 amounted to 7,640,870 Bonnie Kimmons of Fort Worth is holding of these county teachers in-

nie Webb Blanton, State superintendent of public instruction.

P. J. Wooldridge, of Plainview, was in Floydada Tuesday on business.

### THE FLOYDADA DRAMATIC CLUB

PRESENTS

# Brac, the Poor-House Girl

AT THE

# City Park Auditorium

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1921, 7:30 P. M.

BENEFIT OF

### THE AMERICAN LEGION

PRICES: ADULTS 35c; CHILDREN 25 CENTS. TICKETS ON SALE AT BOTH DRUG STORES

This is a drama consisting of 3-acts and one tableau, with specialties between each act. There will be a special six-piece orchestra. The proceeds of the play will be used for the purchase of equipment for the Dramatic Club andfor fitting up the new hall of the American Legion.

# In Choosing a Gift for a Man or Boy

You want it to be appropriate. Here are some suggestions for men and boys according to their types. You want it to be correct and at the same time a little apart from the ordinary—here you can choose with assurance, for this store is his store full of unusual things—the kind of things he would appreciate, because they are the kind of things he would buy himself.

THIS IS THE STORE OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR MAN OR BOY

### If He Appreciates Comfort

Heavy Wool Hose, Heather Mixtures Plain Cashmere Hose Wool Underwear Wool-Lined Street Gloves Fur Caps-Beaver, Seal and Muskrat Shirts of Imported English Broadcloth Flannel Heavy Flannelette Night-Shirts and Pajamas House Slippers Suspenders

### If He Owns a Car

Wool and Fur lined Gloves and Gauntlets Automobile Patrick Coats Patrick Mackinaws Sport Coats Sweaters Fur Tie Top Leather Caps Auto Rubber Boots Overshoes Angora Mufflers

### If He Is Very Practical

Initial Handkerchiefs Rain Coats Overcoats **Business Suits** School Suits Traveling Bags and Trunks Wardrobe Trunks Madras Shirts Collars Lisle and Silk Hose Cuff Links A Pair of Florsheim or Walkover Shoes

Plain Linen Handkerchiefs

Plainview, Texas **Correct Dress for** Men and Boys

### If He Is Particular About His Dress

Fancy Knitted Neckwear Imported and Domestic Silk Ties Plain and Fancy Mufflers Fine Velour Hats and Fur Hats Kid and Suede Gloves, in Popular shades Clocked Half Hose Fancy Silk Shirts, and Silk Underwear Fur Coat Collars Spats Full Dress Suits

### HOLEPROOF HOSE

-for-

LADIES, CHILDREN AND MEN

### Tickets on sale between points in Texas December 21st in addition to above dates.

Dates of Sale, Dec. 22, 23 and 24, 1921

Low Round Trip Excursion Fares from all Points in

Texas and New Mexico. to Various Destinations in Arkan-

sas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, New

imit January 4, 1922. For Particulars Final Return see any "SANTA F Agent.

ment issued by the bureau and which emption, the act provides that the reof provisions of the new tax bill which \$2,500, by more than the net income filed on or before the fifteenth day of materially changes income tax re- in excess of \$5,000. quirements.

The first one follows:

act of 1921 also provides for each come exceeds \$5,000. person dependent upon the taxpayer age or incapable of self-support betive to the surtax rates. a married man with two dependents surtax rates on incomes for 1921 range of internal revenue at Baltimore. whose net income for 1921 was \$5,000 from 1 per cent on the amount of net This year as last the tax may be

as defined by present Treasury regu- net income exceeds \$200,000. lations, is "a person who actually supcise family control and provide for and every married person living with prosecution. these dependents is based upon some husband or wife whose net income moral or legal obligation."

on the first \$4,000 of net income above \$5,000 or over must make a return the exemptions, and 8 per cent on the regardless of the amount of net inremaining net income, remains un- come. This requirement was not conchanged. This applies to citizens and tained in the revenue act of 1918. residents of the United States. Alien Every married couple living together non-residents are taxed the full 8 per must make a return, either separate cent on income received from sources or joint as desired; if their aggregate

Chalk Talk

Geo. W. Barton

for Young Ladies

Miss Sophronia Brown, her sister...

Tom Jackson

Helen Clark

Lou Brighton

Miss Jennings

Miss Johnson

Clara Cole

Janitor

Detective .

Adele DeCourcy

within the United States. Non-resi- net income was \$2,000 or more. Revenue regarding charges in revenue, the lower \$2,000 exemption, the other the act. legislation are contained in a state- being just within the higher \$2,500 ex-

1921 act a married man with a net \$120.40. Under the benefits of the year basis on or before June 15. income of \$5,000 and less is entitled above provision, however, his tax is The Commissioner of Internal Reve-

Surtax Rates

Returns Required

was \$2,000 or over. Every person The normal rate of tax, 4 per cent whose gross income for the year was

Maurice Burke

Rosa Jones

Virgie Price

Ona Bagwell

Lena Thagard

Ora Slaughter

Mozelle Viles

Joyce Hopkins

BENEFIT BY NEW TAX REGU- dent aliens are allowed only a single Gross income includes practically LATIONS BEING ISSUED personal exemption of \$1,000. To over- every dollar the taxpayer received

come the disparity in the amount of during the year 1921. Net income is Replies to the hundreds of quesnormal tax in the case of two taxgross income less the exemptions and tions put to the Bureau of Internal payers, one of whom is just within deductions specifically provided for by

The period for filing returns is will be followed by others written at duction of the personal exempt on from Jan. 1 to March 15, 1922, when the direction of Revenue Commission- from \$2,500 to \$2,000 shall not oper- made on the calendar year basis. If er David H. Blair and which are de- ate to increase the tax, which would the taxpayer makes his return on the signed to inform the American public be payable if the exemption where fiscal year basis, the return must be the third month following the close of For example, a married man or head the fiscal year. Non-resident aliens of a family has a net income for 1921 must make return on or before the Probably the most important change of \$5,010. Assuming that he has no fifteenth day of the sixth month folaffecting the man of moderate in- dependents his tax, if he were allowed lowing the close of the fiscal year, or, come is in the exemptions. Under the only the \$2,000 exemption would be if the return is made on a calendar

to an exemption of \$2,500. Under the \$110, 4 per cent on the amount of nue may grant a reasonable extenrevenue act of 1918 this exemption his taxable income of \$2,500, or \$100, sion of time for filing returns. Exwas limited to \$2,000. The revenue plus the amount by which his net in- cept in the case of taxpayers who are abroad, no such extension shall be for a period of more than six months. The if such person is under 18 years of Many inquiries are received rela- return must be filed with the collector cause mentally or physically defective Taxpayers in the preparation of which the taxpayer lives or has his -an exemption of \$400. The exemptheir returns should be careful to note principal place of business. If the taxtion under the revenue act of 1918 was that the surtax rates for the calendar payer has no legal residence, the re-\$200 for each such dependent. Thus, year 1921 remain unchanged. The turn must be filed with the collector

will pay this year a tax of \$68, com- income between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to paid in full at the time of filing the pared with \$104 on the same income 65 per cent on the amount of net in- return, or in four quarterly installcome in excess of \$1,000,000. For the ments, due on or before March 15, calendar year 1922 and each calendar June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15. If any also to the head of a family whose year thereafter, the surtax ranges installment is not paid when due, the net income for 1921 was \$5,000 or from 1 per cent on the amount of net whole amount becomes due and payless, an increase of \$500 compared income between \$6,000 and \$10,000 to able upon notice and demand from the with the 1918 act., A head of a family, 50 per cent by which the amount of collector. The penalty for failure to file a return or pay the tax within the time prescribed is a fine of not more ports and maintains in one household Returns are required of every sin- than \$1,000. For "willful refusal" to one or more individuals who are close- gle person whose net income for 1921 make return or pay the tax on time ly connected with him by blood rela- was \$1,000 or over, every married the penalty is a fine of not more than tionship, relationship by marriage or person not living with husband or \$10,000 or one year's improsonment, by adoption, or whose right to exer- wife whose net income was \$1,000, or both, together with the cost of

> CUMBERLAND PRESBY-TERIAN CHURCH

Preaching Sunday 11 a. m. Subject-"Fruit Bearing." Préaching 7:15 p. m. Subject "Sins" Sabbath school at 9:45 a. m.

Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m Prayermeeting Wednesday 7 p. m Bible Training Class and Choir Practice Friday 7 p. m.

Our church extends a hearty welcome to any stranger or visitors in town or country that has not a church home that might wish to co-operate with us in any way-Christmas program-tree or otherwise.

Yours for a merry Christmas.

O. N. BAUCOM, Pastor

### AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Next Sunday at 11 a.m., our theme Rev. J. Pat Horton is to be, "Jesus, the business man" High School Choral Club and at night, "Jesus at a wedding Chauncy Garison feast." You are extended a cordial son, various contests and games were trip. invitation to be with us at all services. used as entertainment.

Robert Eubank extend a cordial invitation to the Canning, Saunders, Gamble, Miller, young to be with us.

C. B. MEADOR, Pastor.

### CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Program for December 18, 6:15 p. m. Subject—Conscience.

Leaderless Meeting. Scripture reading.

Quartette.

Discussion topics.

Why does ones conscience allow Elna Eubank them to engage in questionable things Beth Carruth while others conscience will not-Miss Roy Holmes Della Campbell. Otis Harris | What is the value of the sensitive

conscience?-Anna King. How may we harden the conscience

?-Roy Baker.

What is conscience ?- Bro. Bolding. Does the conscience ever change -Thelma Teeples. How can we test our conscience t

conscience ?-Lela Barton.

SCENE II.—Exterior of Miss Brown's School.—"I'll see that girl Song "More about Jesus."—Mr. and Mrs. Pierce King.

### C. E. SOCIAL

o'clock, the members of the Christian Thomas. Mr. Snyder is widely known were shopping here Tuesday. SCENE II.—Street.—"In the lexicon of youth there's no such Endeavor were entertained by Mrs. in this county having at one time been Ona Mitchell and Miss Julia Adams connected with the H. J. Willis Hardat the home of their sister, Mrs. John- ware and Furniture Co. of the evening. Refreshments con- a resident of Lockney, but of recent sisting of hot chocolate and cake years of Fort Worth, was here Tuescom, Glad Snodgrass, Elmer Frede; two farms in this county.

Misses Flavic Baker, Anna King, Wilma Sparks Stanford, Helen King, Raymond Teeple returned home Pat Jenkins, of Matador, was in Hall, Mamie Watson, Lillian King, last week, where he had been visiting Floydada Monday.

Messrs. O. N. Baucom, Pierce King, Baker, Alpha King, Battey.

O. E. Kimmons and son Bonnie left Floydada Monday for Fort Worth, The Wesley Girls' Class was enter- their home. Mr. Kimmons is a brother Get Results Try One ained Thursday, December 8th, by of Mrs. J. H. Shurbet.

Mrs. J. D. Jenkins and Mrs. O. S. Miller at the home of Mrs. Jenkins. Chas. W. Culp, of Fort Worth, was After a short business meeting call- in Floydada Tuesday and Wednesday ed by the president, Mrs. Edd John- enroute to New Mexico on a hunting

cial life of our young people and I Johnson, Davy, R. E. Fry, Porter,

Allen, Shockey, Snell. The next social meeting of the class ness Saturday. will be given in the evening, and the husbands will be entertained at the

### Fun, good time and a frelic was the

esult of a social given at the home of Miss Gladys Hilton, Saturday night, twenty boys and girls took part in va- business. rious games played until a late hour. About 10:30 refreshments consisting to the following:

Misses Gladys Evans, Mary Lou Crane, Faye Hatchell, Jane Thompson, Joyce Hopkins, Lucille Montague, Gar- Tuesday night in Floydada on businet White, Belle Cannaday, and Myr- ness. tle Henry. Messrs. Macyl Burke, Mark Duncan, Lorraine Nelson, Lor- C. W. Whittaker and wife of Whiteraine Britton, Kenneth Henry, Clark flat were buying holiday goods here Meador, Stanley Johnson and Bill Tuesday.

was here from Saturday to Tuesday Tuesday. visiting with his sister-in-law, Mrs.

J. R. Vandergriff, for many years Mesdames Pierce King, O. N. Bau- ness affairs. Mr. Vandergriff owns O. P. Rutledge spent last Saturday

friends and relatives.

marketing wheat Tuesday.

of Matador, were in Floydada on busi- shopping list to visit this bazaar

Bill Sparks returned home from WANTED-To trade fordisc han home of Mrs. Fry, at a date to be Abilene Thursday where he has been row. Phone 920-F3. E. T. William attending Simmons Business College. son.

G. H. Miller and son, James, of LOST-Poland China pig, about GLADYS HILTON ENTERTAINS Bovina, were here Saturday to Tues- weeks old. W. H. Seale. day of this week on business.

Rev. C. D. Pipkin and H. F. Pipkin December 10th. Some eighteen or of Matador were here Tuesday on

BORN-To Mr. and Mrs. M. W. of hot chocolate and cake was served Nettles, of Campbell, December 8th, a daughter.

Jnc. T. Lemons, of Tulia, spent

T. R. Browning and wife of White-Will Snyder, of Durant, Oklahoma, flat were here Christmas shopping

Dave McMahan and wife of White-

J. A. Clark and wife of Whiteflat

flat were here Tuesday trading.

J. H. Reagan mace a business trip to Quitaque Tuesday.

in Amarillo on business.

Mrs. Geo. A. Lider and children are Glad Snedgrass, Elmer Frede, Roy J. D. Morris of Whiteflat was here visiting this week in Amarillo with

### As we near the Yuletide we are reminded that our. great business this year has been due to the fact that we live in the best county of West Texas and that the Farmers of this section have recognized the leadership of the

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

FOR TILLAGE AND HARVESTING PURPOSES ON THEIR FARMS.

And we take occasion to say to these hundreds of good customers scattered over this territory, we hope each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas.

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FULL LINE INTERNATIONAL DEALERS FLOYDADA, TEXAS

## Hesperian Want A

Saturday, December 17th the man's Missionary Society will I their last bazaar and at the Barro Building northwest corner square Door opens at one o'clock. This beir We are always glad to have the young people of our town meet with us in service, but Sunday evening I will have much to say about the so
Those present were: Mesdames Edd

Refreshments consisting of hot chocolate with whipped cream, cake ales, New Mexico, were visiting the T. C. Russell family Thursday and Friday of this week.

Wr. and Mrs. A. J. Peppers of Portales, New Mexico, were visiting the T. C. Russell family Thursday and Friday of this week. cakes, including fruit cake, and home Claude Pipkin and Grover Frier, who are interested in a Christmas made candies. We cordially ask all the above named place.

# Electricity for

### Cheaper than Gil Lamps to Operate

"Our Delco Light is cheaper than oil lamps. We formerly used 5 galions of oil a month for lamps. With Delco Light, 5 gallons of oil used for fuel will last two months, giving electric light and electric power."-Fred Engelke, Watertown. Wis.

WRITE FOR CATALOG

B. C. BLACKMON DEALER

FLOYDADA, TEXAS



A CHILD CAN RUN

SYNOPSIS OF PLAY

Girls in Miss Brown's

School

High School Program

Friday Night, December 16th, at 7:30

\_AT THE\_

City Park Auditorium

FARCE—"THE HEAVENLY TWINS" CAST OF CHARACTERS

) Both students at Yale

"The Twins"

Miss Samantha Brown, principal of Miss Brown's Select School

Mrs. Prof. Barton, mother of George and friend of Miss Brown

Girl Chums in School

PROLOGUE Student's Room at College.—Arrival of George's mother.— "Uncle John's country air be hanged!"

SCENE I.—Street in town of South Hanford, where Miss Brown's see if it is true?—Mrs. Bain. Select School for Young Ladies is located.—George and Tom What course of conduct strengthen on the way to Uncle John's waiting for the stage.

and don't you forget it!"-Conspiracy. SCENE III.—Grounds of School—Young ladies promenade— Study hour.

SCENE I .- Interior of School .- Miss Samantha receives letter On Thursday evening at seven H. J. Willis and family, and with J. J. from "Twins" applying for admission.

SCENE III.—School Room.—Arrival of "Twins." Burglary.— NE III.—School Room.—Arrival of "Twins." Burgiary.—
Enter detective.—"They might be hidin' around here sometests and music were the diversions

SCENE I .- Grounds of School. "Twins" in Clover .- Watched by were served to the following guests: day of this week looking after busidetective.—Suspected of the burglary.—Arrest.—Grand

### Climax.—Happy Dedoument. Benefit Library and Annual Fund F.H.S.

ADMISSION 35c AND 20c. NO RESERVED SEATS BUY A TICKET AND GET A VOTE IN THE ANNUAL BEAUTY CONTEST

ein the sum of \$9202.72 with in- to-wit: adged to be owing to the plaintiffs as follows, to-wit:

d to be secured by a first vendor's

heriff of Floyd County, Texas, on the 70.5 acres of land. January, 1922, at the Court House Minor C. Keith, Charles H. Zehnder,

fourt on the 2nd day of Novem- and claim which the said Fred L. Lam the terms of the order of sale. A. D. 1921, in a certain cause and C. M. Owen or either of them bered 1853, on the docket of the or any person claiming by, through rict Court of Floyd County, Tex- or under them had on the 14th day of Sixty-Fourth Judicial District, April, 1916, or at any time thereafter 38-4tc. Sheriff of Floyd County, Tex. rein Minor C. Keith, Charles H. and still have in and to the following under and Hugh R. Partridge, Trus- described land and premises lying and , are plaintiffs, and Fred L. Lam being situated in Floyd County, Tex-C. M. Owen are defendants, as, known and described as follows,

thereon from the 4th day of Being all of the A. J. Sams Homeber, 1921; at the rate of 10 per stead Survey, and a part of the Edgar per annum and costs of suit was Holland Homestead Survey, described

Beginning at a half brick at the upon the property herein des- southeast corner of the M. J. ibed, that amount being the amount Thurman Homestead thence west, the judgment recovered by the said 950.5 varas to a 3-4 inch iron pipe for aintiffs against the said defendants the northwest corner of this tract; ith foreclosure of their vendor's lien thence south 240.7 varas to a rock; otes against the said defendants, thence east 230.4 varas to a half brick red L. Lam and C. M. Owen, and all in the road; thence south 234 varas ersons claiming by, through, or un- to a half brick in the road; thence r them, as hereinafter more fully east 721.8 varas to a half brick in public road; thence north 475.2 varas I, J. A. Grigsby, the undersigned to the place of beginning, containing

10th day of November, A. D. 1921, The above sale will be made by me at 2:30 o'clock P. M. levied upon and to satisfy the above judgment of will on the first Tuesday iin Janu- \$9202.72, together with all interest and ary, 1922, the same bing the 3rd day costs of suit in favor of the said

door in Floydada, Floyd County, Tex- and Hugh R. Partridge, Trustees, and as, within the legal hours between 10 the proceeds of said sale will be apirtue of a certain order of sale o'clock, A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. plied in satisfaction thereof and the out of the District Court of proceed to sell for cash to the highest balance, if any, remaining , will be paid County, Texas, by the Clerk of bidder all of the right ,title, interest to the defendants in accordance with

> Witness my hand at Floydada, Texas, this 10th day of November, 1921. J. A. GRIGSBY,

### THESHORTEST DAY

December twenty-first (or is it the twenty-second—well, no great matter) is the shortest day in the year. Old Sol rolls out of the hay somewhere between seven and eight, favors us with his beams for just a few hours, if the day be nice, and then turns in again some time between four and five in the afternoon. Quite a night's

And it's because Old Sol insists on going to bed before we're ready to that we've had to develop the stuff called artificial light. From the earliest cave man, who had hunted all day and who wanted to sit up most of the night gorging himself on fresh killed, half cooked meat, we've all made considerable use of artificial light in one form or another.

The neolithic gentleman doubtless used a pine knot, stuck in the wall of his cave. Later someone came along with oil that would burn and lamps to burn it in. More pine knots, then, and tallow dips, then candles and finally the coal oil lamps and lantern. Ah, here indeed was the last word in artificial lighting. Well, yes, the last word until natural and artificial gas appeared and these in turn the last words until electricity for lighting became an accomplished fact.

City and country alike have passed through the successive lighting steps but the city, owing to denser population has been some years ahead lately. Now, however, thousands of farm homes, through the medium of the man of Lockney was a business visitfarm electric plant, are enjoying the or in Floydada Monday. same bright electric light as their city

Old Sol cango to bed when he likes in these days. Electricity is always ready with a light as bright and strong as his own.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bethel left the latter part of last week for Wolfe City for a visit during the holiday season with relatives and friends. They will visit enroute with friends

# Turkeys

We are paying the highest market prices and give you the advantage of any advances. on't forget to see us before you sell.

# Floydada Produce Co.

EAST SIDE SQUARE



right in your home today, tomorrow, for weeks to come-FREE to Every Family! Jungleland Jass Boys will tickle little folks and big folks most to pieces! And—all FREE!

Kellogg's Jungleland Moving Pictures are HERE TODAY ready to give you and the kiddies the heartiest of fun! And all free-ALL FREE!-this Jungleland joy-book of Kellogg's -the cleverest, happiest, most entertaining animal aggregation you ever heard of! It would cost 50 cents to buy it in a store!

Kellogg's Jungleland Moving Pictures tell you the joys of eating Kellogg's Corn Flakes! A band of happy, light-hearted jungle-folk who come directly

Jungleland Moving Pictures glad package of KELLOGG'S ght in your home today, to- Corn Flakes! Get KELLOGG'S from the nearest grocery store and you get KELLOGG'S Jungleland Movies-FREE. Jungleland is inside the Waxtite wrapper on the package!

QUICK to your grocer's at the break of day! QUICK as the doors open say "KELLOGG'S Corn Flakes with the Jungle-land Moving Pictures!" And, you'll get the big RED and GREEN Waxtite package that holds the most delicious Corn Flakes any boy or girl or big folks ever ate! KELLOGG'S ARE NEVER LEATHERY! Never hard to eat!

BE Quick! Get your package bright and EARLY, for today is JUNGLELAND DAY!





# LEST WE FOR



As a busy world pauses at this glad Christmas time to bring its gifts to those whose hearts will glow in the thought of being remembered, may each of us, thankful for the good things that have come to us during the year that has gone, think of the unremembered ones and be ready to help share the burdens of those less fortunate.

We hope sincere that the holiday time may hold in store for you the realization of your dreams—and happiness supreme.

# Clark-Wood Dry Goods Co.

C. A. Wofford, prominent business

Editor Ben F. Smith, of Lockney, was in Floydada for a short time Mon-

John Callihan, of the McAdoo country, visited here with his father, J. A. Callihan, the first of the week.

# Valuable Suggestions



At our store there are many useful articles, in a wide range of prices, suitable for CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Perhaps the most appropriate gift you could think of is one for the home. Why not make her happy with—

- —A Majestic or Round Oak Range
- —A New Home Sewing Machine
- —A Rocker or Davenport
- —Or Suite of Furniture

A large stock of the very best aluminumware to choose from. If it is a simple little useful remembrance you desire, see this ware and get the prices on it.

## For The Kiddies

WE HAVE KIDDIE CARS, PIONEER COASTERS AND EXPRESS WAGONS.

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> pany. Folger's White Swan, Maxwell

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TURKEY SEASON about over. We ook for decline in price. Price of chickens, we think, will advance and

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Notice is hereby given that by mutual consent the firm of C. T. Stevens 4-tfc. and L. H. Dorrell, operating the F. F. F. Service Station, a retail concern, has been dissolved, said C. T. Stevens retiring from the firm and L. H. Dorrell assuming control of the business. 38-tfc tion are due and payable to L. H. Dorrell and debts due by the same are Picture framing—as it should be payable by him. Mr. Stevens will con-39-3tc tinue the wholesale business, all orders being taken care of as usual.

L. H. Dorrell, C. T. Stevens.

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# Brown Brothers

### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: Mama says it is about time for you

to come again. Santa, I have been yery good, so please bring me an air gun, a little car, some firecrackers and some sparklers.

> Your friend, Glenn Carroll.

Muncy, Texas.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: again for it is very cold. I am try- dishes and some candy. ing hard to be good.

Santa please bring me a sleepy doll, a doll bed and buggy, some candy and

> Your friend, Jewell Green.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

This is my first letter, and I will bed and some candy.

Santa, I want a ball, a harp and ome candy and friut.

Your friend,

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I am sure there are many little children waiting for Santa, so I will not ask for too much. I have tried to be a good little girl and I want you to please bring me a little tub and rub DEAR SANTA CLAUS: board and a doll's trunk and a picture

Lovingly, your little friend, Wanda Teeple. P. S. Please remember my little brother, Oliver Leighton.

Muncy, Texas.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: It seems a long time since last Christmas, but I have been very good. Santa I want an air gun, a harp, and

some fruit and candy. Your friend, Ralph Tubbs.

Muncy, Texas. DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

will try hard you can read it. Santa, I know it is time for you to come I want a sleepy doll, a little set of bring me a little wagon, a ball and

Your friend, Doris Sandefur.

Muncy, Texas. DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

It seems a long time since you came to see me, but mama says you will Muncy, Texas. soon come again. Santa, I want asleepy doll, a doll harp, and candy and friut.

Flossie Ferguson.

Harley Workman. DEAR OLD SANTA:

Please bring me a small baseball it is nearly time for you to come. and some candy, apples andnuts. W. A. Amburn, Jr. Floydada, Texas.

Floydada, Texas.

Your friend,

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

trying to be good.

doll bed and buggy and some fruit. Your friend, Espaneeta McDonald.

Muncy, Texas.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: Some say that I am too little to Please bring me a little car. This is my first letter, but if you write a letter ,but I am going to try. I am trying to be good, so please

> Your friend, Doyle Sandefur.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Christmas, but I have been very good. time, Santa, as our daddy said you

Your friend,

Muncy, Texas. just alike. Floydada, Texas. DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

It is very cold now, and mama says Floydada, Texas. bat, some fireworks, a Shetland pony Please bring me a rubber ball, a set MY DEAR GOOD SANTA CLAUS: of blocks, a tricycle, and some candy. Your friend, Leamon Bryant.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Will write you a few lines. Please I am a little boy 3 years old and and lots of good things to eat. And bring me a drum, some candy, apples, won't ask for much, but please bring don't forget mother and Daddy, Santa, oranges and some other things. I me a little gun, and rubber ball, and and Grandma and Grandpa, too. want a blackboard, too. Will close. fruits and candy and some fireworks. Much love. From

Harold Carpenter.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: As it is very cold, I know it is about This is my first letter and my pen- It will soon be Christmas and I time for you to come again. I am cil doesn't seem to want to write it. I know you have lots of toys for little children. I am a little girl, seven am trying hard to learn how to read girls, so please bring me a cedar chest years old. I go to school. Now, Santa, tricycle, and some candy.

Your friend. Clarence Allen.

John Eudy.

Floydada, Texas. mas. DEAR SANTA CLAUS: Your little friend,

Floydada, Texas DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

We are writing you to tell you what we want to bring us. Will you please Muncy, Texas. bring us two little pistols with caps, and some fire crackers, fruit, nuts, and It seems a long time since last candy? We will not ask for much this Santa Claus, I want an air gun, a lost most of your pretties when you crossed the Colorado River.

> Santa, you will find the cake and Shirley Sandefur. pie in the cabinet. We are little twin boys, so be sure and bring our pistols

Floyd and Lloyd Murry

Abernathy, Texas. I am a little girl, 5 years old. I want you to bring me a kewpie doll, a little signet ring, a locket chain and lots of good things to eat. And Santa Lockney, Texas. bring little brother some big ABC blocks, a little wagon, a picture book

> Your little friend, El Louise Lowrance

Flovdada, Texas. DEAR SAINT NICHOLAS:

to have any more candy until Christ- a gun, a French harp, and Santa, if

won't peep if I do. Lovingly, Laura Blanche Hilton. DEAR OLD SANTA CLAUS:

Floydada, Texas

We have been pretty good little Please bring me a sleeping doll, a and write. Please bring me a ball, a for my doll clothes and a set of doll please bring me a Kewpie and some furniture. I would like to have a long colors. If you think of anything else balloon, too. My stocking is so little, nice for me I will thank you, too. My so please fill it full. I am not going brother wants you please to bring him you think he needs a drum you can I hope it comes a good snow so you bring that, too. Baby sister wants can drive your reindeers and maybe something pretty, too. We would like I will hear their bells, but honest I to have some candy and fruits. With love to you, Santa,

Your little friends, Anna Laura and J. G. Martin.

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# Surprise Him Xmas Morning

With a nice pearl handle pocket knife; Safety razor and razor blades; Father cup and saucer; or A good alarm clock.

### TELL SANTA CLAUS

About those pretty Child's China sets, ABC plates, Silver spoons, tricycles, kiddy carts, buddie bikes, spring coaster wagon, for the kiddies.

While we are only making a few suggestions we have numerous other things that will make appropriate presents. For the few remaining days before Xmas we are making some attractive prices.

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### SILK SHIRTS

Give him a silk snirt-A wonderful collection of silk shirts, made of Crepe de Chine, Jerseys and Pussy Willow Silk with Satin stripe, and a value out of ordinary, our prices are from \$4.50 to \$6.75.

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This is your opportunity to fill in several names on your list with some of our fancy silk and knit ties. Just received a beautiful assortment.

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For a practical gift. Give a trunk, suit case or bag. Our stock is complete in this line and our prices are greatly reduced for your benefit.

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This big sale affords many who look forward to "What to Give" relief. We have our oxfords specially priced, \$4.85 to \$5.25.

## CLARK-WOOD DRY GOODS COMPANY

SOUTH SIDE.

FLOYDADA, TEXAS

easy victory over Slaton December 9, at Slaton. The team left Floydada ball to two yard line. Floydada holds Slaton attempted to hurdle Brit and Slaten about four.

started with Floydada defending the on the two yard line. Score 13-0. south goal. Slaton kicked. Floydada Third quarter: Floydada kicks de- about the middle of third quarter. carried ball down field with three fending north goal. Slaton fails to The Slaton squad said Floydada returns ball ten yards. Floydada er. Score 20-0. holds them for downs. Colville car- Fourth quarter: Slaton kicks. Floydries ball around end for touchdown, ada goes down field. Moore goes

line. Score 13-0.

DA DEFEATS SLATON Colville kicks goal. First quarter ends through line for touchdown. Moore IN POST SEASON GAME with Slaton on ball at twenty yard fails to kick goal, Floydada kicks. Slaton returns ball ten yards. Floyd-The F. H. S. football squad won an Second quarter: At the beginning ada holds them for downs. Game ends.

about 12:30 and the game started at them for downs. Neither side scored the result was a Slaton sub got to during the second quarter which ended play. Colville was exchanged for Eu-First quarter: The first quarter with the ball in Floydada's possession bank at end of second quarter and Eubank was exchanged for Colville

downs. Green carries ball through make downs. Burke makes fake end was the first "real" team they had line for touchdown. Burke fails to run for touchdown. Burke kicks goal. played this year. The Slaton boys kick goal. Floydada kicks. Slaton Ball stays in mid field rest of quart- complimented Floydada's team on their clean playing. Several visitors from Lubbock as well as from Floydada witnessed the game.

### RECOVERED LAND NOT

FOR SALE BY STATE

Austin, December 10.-Land Commissioner J. T. Robinson was advised Saturday by Assistant Attorney General E. F. Smith that none of the 60,000 acres of land recovered in the Capital Syndicate case is on the market or is subject to sale or settlement. It cannot be filed upopn until a final decision is had and when the Legislature makes provision for its sale, provided the State obtains a final victory in the case.

Since last Wednesday when the Third Court of Civil Appeals affirmed the decision of the District Court of Travis county in awarding this land to the State, the general land office has been flooded with applications to buy the land. The case is to be appealed to the Supreme Court, and perhaps to the United States Supreme Court for final adjudication.

### LAWTON BANK CLOSED

Lawton, Oklahoma, Dec. 8.-The First National Bank of Lawton closed its doors today thirty minutes after opening for business. No announcement was made, but it was indicated that a statement would be issued later

B. M. Gamble who has been spending the past few weeks at Matador and Roaring Springs, returned home the latter part of last week.

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# A Very Merry Christmas

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FLOYDADA, TEXAS



### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Your little friend, Ethna Green.

Floydada, Texas. DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

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We are writing you to let you know what we would like for you to bring us. I am a little girl nine years old. I want you to please bring me a real DEAR SANTA CLAUS: big doll with long curly hair that can Am writing to tell you what Blann, go to sleep. My little brother, J. Q., Thelbert and Vivian want for Christseven years old, wants a bicycle and mas.

Your little friends,

I will write you and tell you what I As Christmas is so near at hand I want. Please bring me a bicycle, a am going to write you a letter. I am some books. I would like some candy, bring me for Christmas. If you please I have tried to be a good little girl and a testament and a sweater to to tell you what I want you to bring Sunday night. and studied hard. Do not forget the match my cap. I hope you will visit me. A little Cornet a little drum and merry Christmas.

Your little friend, Bessie May Menefee.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

grades. I am expecting your visit nine miles northwest of Lockney. Mary Ann Kimble. | soon, I will be sound asleep when you get here. We are having lots of holi-

Iwill try to tell you what I wish I want a sewing machine and a vol- you to bring me. Please bring me a DEAR SANTA CLAUS: is near again. Well Bye Bye.

Your little friend, Thelma Covington.

Mildred, J. Q., and Verne Jackson. riage. They all want fruit, candy and cate here possibly.

nuts, if you can bring them. Now, Santa, please bring as many of these

Blann, Thelbert and Vivian Porter. Sunday evening.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: Iwant you to bring me afountain pen you that I am good in my books and ed the young folks with a singing

teachers and bring pretty things to the other children too. Wishing you a Iguess that will be all this Christiting her cousin, W. C. Wright.

L. V. Shurbet.

Floydada, Texas. DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Please bring me a doll and set of I want you to bring me a doll, a set of I will write you today. I have been dishes and a storybook and fruits and lene, are visiting their folks furs, and a little machine and two a very good little girl and studied my nuts. And Santa, we have moved Miss Jewel Howard, of Mt. Blanco strings of little doll beads. Bring my lessons very hard and made very good since last Christmas. We now live visited with Misses Corda and Anye

> From Helen Carpenter.

Floydada, Texas. McMurray.

ley ball, and Santa, be sure to fill my big sleeping doll and a doll bed. I will write you a letter as Christstocking. Well I had better close. Please bring me a wheel too. And mas is near at hand and tell you what bring every good little girl many pret- I want for Christmas. I wish for a a Xmas tree. Golden Louise Steep. ty toys. I am very glad Christmas basket ball and a set of furs, and you

Dear Santa, I wish you a merry to Bovina. Christmas after working so hard try-Floydada, Texas. ing to get to all the girls and boys ed with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. F.

Your little friend, Maggie M. Graves.

our baby, Verne, wants a rattler and Blann wants a tricycle, Thelbert Wood Duncan, who has been living please don't forget to bring us plenty wants a tricycle, too. They also want in British Columbia for several years, of apples, oranges, bananas, candy a little wagon, if you have money to has sold his interests there and is as Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, Tetter or Cracked Hands, and Old Sores. The visiting with his brother, Arthur B. Gracked Hands, and Okt better being visiting with his brother, Arthur B. first application relieves that terrible Vivian wants a doll and doll car- Duncan and family here. He will lo- itching.

LAKEVIEW ITEMS

Lakeview, Décember 14.—The Sun- which one will get to ride in it first. Your loving children, day school was very well attended

Bro. T. A. Dunn filled his appoint- and family.

I will write you a letter and tell Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Willis entertain- with her sister.

Mrs. Maud Wright of Ralls, is vis-

Price Scott and family and Misses Belle and Edith McClure, visited W. Ford. N. Jones and family Sunday.

Mary Tinney Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sparks, from Abi

Bell Sparks Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. A. J. Shipley, from Lusk, Texas, is visiting her cousins, the Misses

The people of Lakeview community met here Saturday night to appoint

Mr. Jim Miller, of Bovina, is visitare so good I know you will bring a ing in the community this week. This lot of fruits without asking for them. was formerly his home before moving

> Miss Mattie Hall, of Floydada, visit-Hall, Saturday and Sunday.

> STOP THAT ITCHING

Use BLUE STAR REMEDY For all forms of skin diseases such WOODY DRUG COMPANY

Wylie Anderson has bought a new OAK CLIFF AND BRYAN TO Buick. All the girls are wondering

Floydada, Texas. ment here Saturday and Sunday morn- Mrs. H. J. Wiley left this morning December 17th.

Thursday from a visit to Shamrock. T. J. Hooser has recently purchased

a span of mules from W. I. Norman. W. N. Jones has purchased a new

Brc. Moody, the new Methodist days of this week. Sunday evening.

BATTLE FOR STATE HON

Mr. Hawkins, of Goodleen, Texas, Oak Cliff and Bryan High Schools is visiting his brother, J. H. Newberry will battle for high school gridiron supremacy of Texas next Saturday,

The former defeated Abilene at Abilene by a decisive score Saturday S. D. Bunch and son, came home and Bryan took Austin High into

> COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION The Commissioners' Court of Floyd County was in session the first three

Miss Clara Patton visited with Miss preacher, filled his appointment here Routine business of the county was

GIFTS FOR OLD AND YOUNG

Santa's Headquarters

ARE AT

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SOUTH SIDE, FLOYDADA, TEXAS

# COME AND SEE

We have a special lot of fresh Christmas Candies, good quality, at only 25 cents per pound. Walnuts, pecans, Brazilnuts, filberts, almonds, and jumbo peanuts. Fruit cakes, fruit cake ingredients, bottled cherries, canned fruits and dried fruits of almost every description. Washington Apples, grapefruit, bananas, oranges, grapes, celery, lettuce, coconuts. Our stock of Christmas supplies is fresh, clean and as nearly complete as we can make it.

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# Further Reductions In Our Great Pre-Holida

This Great Pre-Holiday Sale means a big saving to all who make any purchases from now until Xmas. We have decided to make the b ductions still greater beginning Friday, December 16th, and lasting until Saturday night, December 24th. Besides offering these big reductions we offer the largest selection of gifts for everybody that you will find anywhere. We give you an idea below as to the reductions an offer a big lot of gift suggestions that will be of interest to you, come in and let us help you choose a gift if you are undecided what to buy He or Him. We can only offer a few suggestions here, maybe you won't find the thing mentioned here that you have in mind, but if it is in our line come in and ask for it. This store is brim full of appropriate gifts for every member of the family. Shop early and have advantage of a well assorted stock to choose from.

# To the Man who has a Woman's Gift on his Mind



Surprise the Wife or Daughter Xmas morning and present her with a Coat Suit. We have made big reductions on ladies ready to wear and you can save to buy now and here. You couldn't buy anything that she would appreciate more if she hasn't a Coat Suit or a Coat and maybe she needs a new one. She will get lots of good out of a gift of this kind.

All \$100.00, \$110.00, \$125.00

| Coat Suits, now                  | \$67.50 |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| All \$75.00, \$80.00, \$85.00    |         |
| Coat Suits, now                  | \$49.50 |
| All \$60.00, \$65.00 Coat Suits, | \$39.75 |
| All other suits are now          | \$19.50 |

### Give Her a Coat

A nice Coat will be appreciated and will last a season or two after this Xmas has gone by.

| All | \$27.50 | Coats are  | now | \$16.75 |
|-----|---------|------------|-----|---------|
|     |         | Coats are  |     |         |
|     |         | \$50 Coats |     |         |
|     |         | er Costa   |     |         |

### YOU CAN GIVE ANYTHING IN THE READY TO WEAR LINE

And be sure that it will be appreciated and while we are offering such big reductions as these you shouldn't hesitate to take advantage of the opportunity.

We are offering some exceptionally fine values in Ladies' Dresses for the Holiday Sale. 'A shipment just came to us a few days ago of the latest creations out for Mid Winter wear. Poiret\_Twills, Tricotines, Serges, Etc.

These Dresses would easily sell elsewhere for \$35.00 and we have made a very special price on them that should move them in a hurry, here you are, YOUR CHOICE AT \$29.00

You can't make a mistake by giving handkerchiefs, we have a complete stock of gift handkerchiefs for you to choose from.

choose from.
Give her Toilet Water and Perfumes. We carry the Jerghens line of toilet articles and have a complete assortment of all the wanted perfumes and toilet waters for the holiday shop-

Give her a nice Purse for Xmas and please her, every woman likes a nice purse and we have selected a line of very beautiful ones for you to choose

Give her a Nice Wool Blanket, a pair of all wool Blankets will be appreciated by almost every member of the family, they are here for you in pretty plaids and solid colors.

Give her Table Linen and Napkins, every woman feels proud of heaptiful linen, there's no piece ciffs they live.

Give her Table Linen and Napkins, every woman feels proud of beautiful linen, there's no nicer gifts than linen.

Give her a beautiful pair of towels, they are a very nice thing to have around the house and the women delight in hav-

ing the kind like we are showing.

Give her a pair of house shoes, she will surely be pleased for house shoes are almost indispensible with a woman and so

comfortable for her.

Give the Children a Doll. We have some pretty ones that you will be interested in. They are very reasonable in price.

Give the baby a Knit set, consisting of Jacket, Cap and Boottees to match, made of all wool and beautifully embroid-

Give her Silk Hosiery, we have a fine assortment of beautiful silk hosiery for Mi Lady that she will be very much pleased to receive.

HAND BAGS, SUIT CASES AND TRUNKS, Make mighty fine gifts, a gift that will last a long time and give lots of service all through the years.

REDUCED 20 PER CENT

### Give her a Hoover Carpet Sweeper

Help to make the drudgery around home as light as possible on that good wife and make her happy this Xmas by presenting her on Xmas morning with a HOOVER Sweeper. When you spend your money for house cleaning appliances be sure that you are getting the best that your money will buy. When you buy her a HOOVER you may be sure that you are buying the very best SWEEPER made. Let us Demonstrate it to you.

### Give a Phonograph for Xmas

Make the whole family happy Xmas and the rest of the year and buy a Phonograph. The whole family will enjoy many evenings at home where there's a phonograph. We have four (4) machines left and we are discontinuing the sale of talking machines. We sell the SONORA CLEAR AS A BELL phonograph, the machine that took the highest awards for clear tone at the Panama Pacific Exposition. Let us price you one of these machines.

### TO THE WOMAN WHO HAS A MAN'S GIFT ON HER MIND



We don't know of a better place than this to spend your Xmas money and make it go farther and make the recipient happier and bear in mind too, that you will find a most complete stock of gifts that is very appropriate.

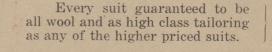
Surprise Father or Husband or Son Xmas morning with one of the Suits we are offering. Here's the last call and undoubtedly is your opportunity to purchase. We have grouped our entire stock into three groups and have made the reductions very drastic.

### GROUP NO. 1

ALL MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS, Hard finished worsteds, cassimeres, finished worsteds, regular and young men's models, all the latest checks and new stripes.

Regular \$40, \$45.00, \$50.00 and \$55.00 Suits, your choice \$29.00

### GROUP NO 2



Regular \$35.00 to \$37.50 Suits, your choice \$23.45

### **GROUP NO 3**

This lot is a good bunch of suits, some in the lot were priced as high as \$40.00. We have forgotten the former price in this instance and in order to have three groups of suits we put several of this character in this lot.

YOUR CHOICE, \$17.95

### Give Him a Good Over Coat for Xmas

You will surely make Dad or Son or Father smile Xmas morning present him with one of the fine Overcoats that we are offering and still have some money left after you have bought it for him. Note these further reduced prices that we have placed on them.

| All \$25.00 | Overcoats, Holiday | Specials | \$16.45 |
|-------------|--------------------|----------|---------|
| All \$30.00 | Ocercoats, Holiday | Specials | \$17.95 |
| All \$35.00 | Overcoats, Holiday | Specials | \$19.95 |
| All \$40.00 | Ocercoats, Holiday | Specials | \$24.95 |
| All \$45.00 | Overcoats, Holiday | Specials | \$29.45 |
| All \$50.00 | Ocercoats, Holiday | Specials | \$33.95 |

### Give Him a Snappy New Hat for Xmas

All Men's Fine Wool Macki-

naws. Leatherette Lined

Over Coats, Sheep Lined

Vests and Mole and Corduroy

Suits have been farther re-

duced.

Every No Name and Vanity Hat from the line has been reduced for quick selling and you can give a hat for a present and save money yourself.

| All | \$5.00 Hats are now | \$3.65 |
|-----|---------------------|--------|
| All | \$6.00 Hats are now | \$4.65 |
| All | \$7.00 Hats are now | \$5.65 |

STETSONS NOT INCLUDED

Have just received a shipment of Stetson Velours and 3xBeavers for the Holiday trade. See them.



# Buy Little Brother a Suit

We have decided to make the final call on the Boys Suits for this event and give you a chance to purchase him a suit before Xmas and save lots of money too. ALL BOYS' SUITS IN THE HOUSE AT ONE-HALF PRICE.

| \$8.00 Suits, | ,now  | \$4.00     | ALC: NO.   |
|---------------|-------|------------|------------|
| \$10.00 Suits | now   | <br>\$5.00 | - Contract |
| \$15.00 Suits | now.  | <br>\$7.50 | A SPERIOR  |
| \$20.00 Suits | s now | \$10.00    |            |
| \$25.00 Suits |       | \$12.50    |            |
|               |       |            |            |

### HERE'S A LIST OF FINE GIFT SUGGESTIONS FOR HIM

Give him a nice belt, we have them with neat buckles that are detachable, also the nice all leather straps already to attach the buckle to.

Give him a nice belt buckle, we have them in a neat little leather case, the Kum-A-Part belt buckles also the silver buckle ready for the monogram.

Give him a Safety Razor. We have them all put up in a little silver case that can be carried in the vest pocket. One dozen blades free with every razor.

Give him a pair of these nice Hose Supporters in the neat Holiday Boxes, single and double grip.

Give him handkerchiefs. They make fine gifts, all linen, nice embroidered initials, silk.

Ties always make nice gifts, we have a fine stock of gift ties in nice silks and silk knits, some with cuff button sets put

Give him a pair of gloves, they are always appreciated and are a man's best friend in the winter. We have a good selection to choose from.

Give him Hosiery. We sell the Phoenix Hosiery, we think these's none better and he also will smile and say to you after you have presented them that they are the best. He will be pleased.

Give him a shirt, you know shirts are indispensible and a man always appreciates a pretty shirt. We sell the No Fade line of shirts. We have them in fine madras and Silks, all sizes and a big collection to choose from.

sizes and a big collection to choose from.

Give him a sweater and do him a favor for a sweater will surely be in favor these cold snappy mornings.

Give him a pair of House Shoes if you would wish him to be pleased for a man surely enjoys a pair of house shoes these winter days and nights.

Give him a Fur Cap. We have them in several qualities and we have reduced them in price so that you can be sure that they are in reach of your pocket book.

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# A CHRISTMAS REUNION

By FRANK H. SHAW



As the signal dropped, Lionel Cartwright caught his breath sharply, and a strange expression crossed his young face He was no coward, but he was well aware that he had a bad halfhour to look forward to when once the train reached the platform whereon he was standing He was thinking now of the old soldier who was hastening to Manorford as fast as steam could bring him; speeding homeward in time for Christmas.

"Hello, Lionel-you look as glum as a fu-

He spun around at the challenge, and his face brightened momentarily, only to assume a deeper gloom.

"Hello, Marian," he responded gruffly, switching at his boots with the cane he carried. "Expecting some one?"

"Yes; there's a crowd coming for Christmas, as you might have known if you'd only taken the trouble to ask. Why haven't you been over lately? You seem to have given us the cold shoulder entirely of late."

"Hadn't the heart to come, and that's a fact, Marian. Felt more like going to a deep part of the river and drowning myself than visiting -even old friends."

The girl—she was barely nineteen, and lovely with the radiant loveliness of youthstretched out an impulsive hand.

"I'm sorry, Lionel; I'm beastly sorry. I'd forgotten that your father didn't know yet. But it's a pity you didn't send him word; it would have made it easier now.'

The lad squared his shoulders resolutely, and there was a flash in his eyes when he replied: "I don't intend to funk it, Marian. It wouldn't be playing the game to tell him when he was thousands of miles away, and escape the rag-

ging. No, I'm going to face it."

"No," said the girl thoughtfully; "no, it wouldn't be the square thing to do. I'm glad you've waited to face it out, Lionel."

"It'll break the father's heart," he said sombrely. "Ever since there's been a Cartwright there's been one holding the King's commission. I'm the first one to go under; and the old man will be cut up-abominably.

The train was almost at the platform. Suddenly the girl's hand was laid on the lad's arm, and with a certain timidity in her voice, she

"Promise me you won't do anything—desperate. And if—if—well, we know Colonel Cartwright is hasty; but—don't go away without seeing me, will you?" .

"Right. I'll promise you that. I'd promise you a good deal more." But Marian had turned away to scan the carriage windows and maybe

his last words were not heard.

The single porter at Manorford was too occupied with Christmas parcels to sweep the thick snow from the platform; and Colonel Cartwright sprang from his well-warmed car-

riage into eight inches of chilly snow.
"Look after the luggage, Meredith," he said curtly to his man, who was standing like a statue at the door. The colonel always prided himself on maintaining military discipline, no matter what his environment might be. "There'll be something to meet us, I expect. I wired Mr. Lionel—and he ought—ah! there

he is." There was a small crowd on the platform by now. Marian Moraine was enveloped in a cluster of eager guests; but, catching sight of the tall, soldierly figure, she forced her way to the Colonel's side and held out her hand.

"Welcome home, Colonel," she said. "And the compliments of the season to you."

"Yes, yes; many thanks-of course, we'll eat our Christmas dinner with your father, as we've always done. Why doesn't that boy come? What business has he to stand talking to other people when his father's newly home after a year's absence?"

But it was not Lionel's fault in the least. He had plunged into a knot of old school chums, who would not let him go, despite his protests; they clustered round him, gripping his hand, summoning up ancient reminiscences, clapping him on the back, telling him he had grown. But he made an extra effort, and ploughed through

"Good afternoon, father," he said awkwardly, holding out a hand that trembled in spite of all his efforts after self-control.

"Welcome home. It's good to see you again." The Colonel climbed aboard and his son flicked the restive colt, which promptly sidled perilously into a string of waiting motors.

Not until they were well out of the station yard did Colonel Cartwright break the silence. "I expected a wire out at Boma," he said irritably. "I told you that I should said from there. But when I inquired there was no wire. You might have remembered that I was anxious to know the result of the examination."

"There wasn't anything to wire about, sir," he said in a low voice.

"I don't understand you. Good news is always worth a wire, no matter what the ex-

"It isn't good news." The lad's face was as white as a sheet, and his lips trembled.

"You don't mean to say you have failed to enter the army! You're dreaming, or-orhave you been drinking?"

"I am neither drunken nor dreaming, sir. I was ploughed at the pass-out exam.; andthat's all there is to say about it. I did my best, and I failed.

He drew himself up squarely, as if prepared to meet an actual blow; but the Colonel seemed

stunned by the intelligence. "Jove! but it's going to be worse than I thought," said Lionel to himself. "I didn't expect he'd take it so hardly." Alor "I'm sorry, father; no one cou he said:

"Silence, sir! Don't say a

will tell you what I think of your infamous

conduct presently."

Thoroughly miserable, chilled through to the heart, Lionel drove on in silence, until they reached the gate of the Manor. The gatekeeper curtseyed. Her small son whipped off

his cap; but the Colonel had no eyes for them.
"Come into my study," he said, as the pair
dismounted. "I shall be ready for you in two
minutes. No! I don't want to wash; I don't want tea; I don't want anything."

The lad threw back his head as he walked along the corridor and knocked at an old oak

"Come in." He entered, to find his father in his old judicial position before the roaring fire, legs wide apart, hands clasped beneath his coat-tails, monocle screwed firmly into place.

"I hope you have come to apologize for your practical joke," he said sternly, as his son entered. Lionel made his last appeal.

"Father, can't you understand me. It isn't a joke; it's deadly earnest. Do you think I wouldn't have wired if I'd passed? I thought the fact that I didn't wire might have prepared

"You should have wired in any event." "I'm not a coward, sir, and I can take my gruel; that's why I waited until I saw you."

"You've failed, have you? I always said you were deficient in brain power, but I never thought you were an abject noodle. Any school lad could pass out of Woolwich nowadays with honor; but my son must needs fail. You fool—you arrant young fool!"

Lionel was holding himself in check remarkably well; but he possessed something of his father's fiery temper, the terrible Cartwright temper; and it was already almost at boiling

point.
"You take after your mother, you young cub," growled the Colonel. "I might have known that her son would have disappointed me at every turn—and now—' me at every turn-nad now-"

Lionel was white to the lips, he took a hasty

hands. He knew that fiery Cartwright temper of old. He and the Colonel had indulged in a lawsuit that lasted for fifteen years before peace was restored.

"But you'll stay here. Where else should you

"I can't. My father's your friend, and he wouldn't come here if he knew I was with you. Besides, you seem to forget. I'm practically penniless; I have to find for myself now. I'm off at once."

Sir John excused himself abruptly, and, instead of reappearing immediately, sent a deputy. When Marian entered the room Lionel caught his breath sharply. It was evident the girl had heard something of the state of affairs, for her face was concerned; her eyes seemed suffused with tears. She was very lovable, but Lionel gritted his teeth hard at the thought that she was not for him. He was an outcast, a pauper to all intents and purposes, whilst she was the daughter of a wealthy man.

"Lionel, is it too late? I mean, can I not persuade you to go back to your father?"

He shook his head sadly. "It's no use, Marian. He struck me. But for that I'd have borne everything. The wonder is that I did not strike him back. We're hot-tempered folks, we Cartwrights; but I was kept back from that."

Neither knew how it happened; but somehow the girl was in his arms, and he was stammering out mad incoherents, kissing her rich hair passionately, urging her to look up into his face and read the story written there. Then

he came to his senses, with her mouth on his.
"Im a cad," he said. "I'm nothing better than a cad. Marian, I'm a pauper. I'm leaving my father's home in disgrace; I'd no right to tell you that I loved you.'

"You had every right," she told him. "Doesn't love give you the right? I'm glad you told me, because I'll be able to send you away with hope in your heart."

They talked for a little while as lovers will, but Lionel's mind returned to his position, and presently he put her from him.



"Leave My House, Sir. Call Yourself a Son of Mine No Longer!"

step forward, unable to control himself longer, for there had been a vast contempt in his father's tone.

"Leave my mother out of it," he said curtly. "She's not to blame; she never was to blame. You drove her to her grave by your devilish temper!—"

"Leave my house, sir. Call yourself a son of mine no longer!" blazed the Colonel. "Go, you disgrace your name! Don't stand there like an ass, but leave my sight at once."

'Father-you're beside yourself with rage. Take time; don't do anything in haste.' Colonel Cartwright struck his son a fierce blow in the face with his clenched fist, and

the ring on his finger cut the lad's lip deeply. He staggered and recovered himself. "Don't ask me to come back to you again, that's all!" he said.

"I never shall. This place is not entailed. Not a penny do you receive from me, sir-beyondthis." He groped in his pocket and produced a pocketbook. From it he took a few notes, which he flung in Lionel's face; then he turned

his back and stared into the fire. Without another look at his father, Lionel went from the room. The notes were left lying on the carpet; he disdained to touch them. Up to his room he went, heavy of heart; but with the hot fire of the Cartwright anger keeping him upright as a lance. His evening clothes were laid out, a fire crackled on the hearth. But

he wasted no time. The next train was not until eight, and three hours still remained. He looked down the road and up it; then, with a growing need for sympathy upon him, and with a memory of the words spoken to him by Marian an hour or so before, he struck up the hill.

"Sir John, I must tell you fairly, before I come in any farther, my father has kicked me

"Bless my soul, boy! Bless my soul! What a silly thing to do, and on a night like this, The baronet's ruddy face showed concern. "Come in, lad; we've got a spare room. You'll stay here, of course, until matters are mended. I'll go over and see your father tomorrow—Christmas spirit and all that. He'll listen to me, and you'll be all right."

"No, sir; there's no hope of that. He's disinherited me, and he means it. He struck me." Lionel's face darkened. Instinctively his hand went up to his cut lip, and Sir John marked ie movement. He made a gesture with his

"But I shan't hold you bound to me," he said. "I love you, and I'll always love you, Marian; but it will be many years before I can claim you. Look at me! I was brought up to be a soldier; I'm not fit for much else. I've to make my own way in the world, but I'll do it. Yes,

"If you are fifty years, Lionel," she assured him solemnly, "in making out, you'll find me waiting here for you the same. I shan't change.

They celebrated Christmas Eve in boisterous fashion at Munro Camp. Sullivan, the saloonkeeper, had kept a couple of huge plum puddings in a secret place, despite the hunger that attacked the camp, and it was whispered here and there that Christmas day would mark high revels. Already, and it was but early on Christmas Eve, the miners had assembled at the drinking den, the spirit of the season working strongly in their hearts. It had been a hard winter, and it promised to be a harder one; but they did not care for that. Most of them had done well before the awful Arctic frosts closed down. Their sacks were still well supplied with dust. They swore one to another that they would make 'the town hum.

Jake Kelly, the most furious gambler in the camp, had already lost ten thousand dollars' worth of dust, that he had dragged flake by flake from the iron-hard ground. Mad passions were fuming.

"Well, Cartwright, ain't you goin' to chip in?" It was a bearded miner, gruff of voice, truculent of manner, who put the question, and as he spoke he slapped the shoulder of a lonely figure near the stove.

Lionel Cartwright lifted a haggard face to his questioner and slowly shook his head. He had altered much in the five years that had elapsed since he left England.

He had lost touch with England, he had deliberately severed himself from Marian; for what did England want with a failure? That was what he was—a failure—the product of his age. He had failed in the wider field of the world. By this time Marian would be married to some one who deserved her love.

The bitterness of defeat submerged him, clawing at his heart with icy fingers. His hand stole to the side pocket of his coat. An ancient revolver reposed there; it was valueless as an article of commerce. It would not buy him a meal, and even if it possessed any marketable value he was saving it up for just such a mo-

ment as now.

Stealthily he drew the weapon out and examined it; it was loaded in three chambers, and one bullet would do the work. He smiled wanly. Even in death he promised to be a failure, and, hidden by the stove, he raised the muzzle to his forehead. A sudden clamor at a distant table, a volley of fierce oaths, the crash of splintered glass, and the pistol dropped back to the pocket from which it had been withdrawn. A man's cry of pain had checked the suicidal impulse, and a moment later Lionel was on his

At a table at the far end of the room a man was wrestling fiercely with five others, men whom Lionel at sight named for crooks. One other man was wiping liquor from his face, the red blood mingled with the smoky spirit. He cursed fluently, bidding his companions make a finish of it once and for all. Lionel recognized the one man, a poor, struggling fellow enough, one who possessed no vice—a weakling indeed.

None of the onlookers interfered, for it was said to be more than a man's life was worth to interfere with Klondyke Tom when his dander was up. But Lionel Cartwright remembered on the instant that once he had been a gentleman, understanding that it was his plain duty to side with the weak against the strong.

He forgot everything else and made a spring

"Hands off, there!" he cried, and the Cartwright temper blazed out in all its fury. "You cowards! Five to one!"

A man snarled at him and aimed a blow, but Lionel was a man who understood how to handle himself. He dodged and countered, and the man went down with a crash. The chair descended on the lad's shoulder; he winced, but a moment later the one who had struck the blow was seized by the throat and hurled on top of his companion.

The single man was lying still and moaning, but his attackers turned on the newcomer with one impulse. They fastened on him like rats to a terrier. Lionel laughed happily. He might have failed as a soldier, but he was a

Trenchant blows swept down those who opposed him. He straddled the still body and defied the attackers to come on. They did come on, to be met by furious blows. One crept behind the lad and aimed an evil blow at him with a knife. He caught the glitter of steel with the tail of his eyes and swung about in time. He took no thought of the pistol in his pocket. He would have disdained to use it, indeed, but his fists served him well.

"Down him an' kill the other skunk!" roared one man, reeling from the press with blood streaming from his face. Lionel caught a man by the waist and hurled him full at the one who had shouted, struck another couple of blows, and found that the attack had died

"If any of you want any more you know where to find me," he gasped, and lifted the helpless form of the weakling to his shoulders. He stood for a moment as though inviting another attack, but the toughs had had enough. Not a finger was lifted to oppose his exit. He strode through the falling snow, with the keen cold causing his wounds to smart as if burnt with fire, and reached his own miserable shack up the hill. Here he laid his burden down. He had no spirits, but there was a bucket of water near the stove and though the stove was out for want of fuel the water was still unfrozen. He did what he could and after a little while Toomey, for such was the weakling's name, opened his eyes.

"Say, I'm eternally grateful to you, English," he stuttered. "Gee! You just about sailed into them toughs like a-blowed if I know what it was like! Guess they'd ha' killed me right off otherwise. They meant it." "You've only yourself to blame for getting

into such a mess," said Lionel shortly. "Haven't you more sense than to call Klondyke Tom's gang cheats?" "Wall, ain't they cheats? 'Bout time someone told 'em so, pard. I seed Bavenhoe slip

an ace from his sleeve, an' I'd lost steady all day."
"You were a fool to play at all with that crowd. You were a bigger fool to cry out

about it." "Help me up!" commanded Toomey quickly and imperiously. "Give us a lift down to my place. Come on! Ask no questions."

By way of humoring the man, who seemed a little light-headed, Lionel obeyed, and in ten minutes found himself in the man's cabin. It was a miserable place enough, but Toomey foraged in a cupboard and set the materials for a meal before the lad.

"Pitch in!" was his terse command, and there being no power in him to resist the appeal of the food, Lionel obeyed, eating temperately at first, until his hunger enforced itself, and then devouring the coarse, plentiful fare greedily. Toomey kept him company.

"I ain't askin' if I might trust yer," he said. "I knows I kin. Look at this." And from the mouth of the unlaced sack he poured a trickleof gold-dust and nuggets onto the table. Lionel stared. The gold was of finer quality and the nuggets were bigger than any he had seen up

in the diggings. "Where did you get that?" he asked. "Not

"That's my secret," said Toomey. "I.found it myself. Got this with thawin' the ground. Yer can shake it outer the roots o' ther grass. This is only a sample. There's tons of it whar this came from. An' thar ain't a soul knows of it but me.

"Well, I wish you luck. If that's what you wanted to talk about, I wish you luck. But

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# CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

By J. H. LOWRY





are not reflections of today. No one can think seriously about Christmas when Christmas is ten or twenty days away. If I were to express my feelings on Christmas right now I would probably say it is a great

economic waste. I am not thinking of Christmas now, but of crop failures, boll weevils, business conditions and taxes. Last year at this time I was thinking of profiteers, and wondering whether the necessities of life would ever drop to a price that people could afford to pay for them. Three years ago I was thinking of the world war, and wondering when the baptism of blood would be over and the war drums would cease to throb. There's nothing good or sensible in Christmas if you look at it from a distance of twenty or thirty days. If you view the great day at such a distance you will find yourself an "Old Scrooge," raving against the waste and foolishness of Christmas time. You will wonder if there is going to be the usual waste of money this year, when times are so hard and evershould be hoarded. You will wonder whether the women folk are going to work themselves into a state of nervous prostration, making things without value, for people who will care nothing about them, and will cast them aside after giving them the one-over and reading the name on the card inside the package. You will wonder whether the children are going to make as much noise as usual, and if you are to be bothered by company during the holiday season. Twenty or thirty days before Christmas most of us are philosophers, or believe we are, and philosophy cries out for order, economy, thrift and quietude. Christmas does not come within the pale of philosophical interpretation. The same cold philosophy which inveighs against the liberality and hilarity of Christmas time sees no good in shedding tears over the death of a friend or loved one or in the celebration of Independence or and why? The answer is "others." Others

These reflections are nearly a year old. I had last Christmas eve all to myself. There was a chilly room and a cold hearth when I reached home from work. There was no noise to disturb, no useless gifts or their wrappings scattered over the room, no collars with greetings, no anything—just a house to myself, with no evidence of waste or hilarity. The tired man, the philosopher, could not have asked for anything better. But what a Christmas! Surely it was a great time to read, but after trying for a time I found I did not want to read, and could not. Finally the fire burned low, and then the embers in the grate turned from flaming red

to a dull gray, and then I gazed into the dead and dying embers and reflected.

I acknowledged myself as miserable as any man ever was, notwithstanding it was the very condition I had long believed I wanted. In my misery I reflected and asked myself when I was happiest, and the answer came, "in the Christmas tides of long ago." what was it that made me happy then? Surely not material things, for they were few and of little value. There were all the drudgeries that little folk encounter in the farm homes of the poor. Clothing was of the coarsest sort and most of it was decorated with patches. A few cents would buy the allowance of confections and fruits that Santa left in the stocking. And yet I was happy ents were gentler and kindlier, and as liberal thought of me and I thought of others. Parents were gentler and kidlier, and as liberal as their scanty means would permit. Little friends came to join in games and to cheer, and perhaps to bestow some little gift. But I was happy largely because the spirit of kindliness and unselfishness lived in me. The spirit of Bethlehem's babe was on earth again and I had opened my heart and invited it to come in. I served my parents, not grudgingly but gladly, and found joy in the service. I divided my little store of fruits and confections among my playmates, and urged them to take more. I even permitted them to spin my top and pop my fire-crackers, if I had any. And I was happy. At other times I was stingy and selfish—and miserable in the possession of the few little trinkets I claimed as my own. And why this season of unselfishness? It can not be explained by figures or by season. It was the spirit of the Christ child come back to earth, and the child life received it gladly.

The flickering embers in the grate last Christmas eve told me that I was miserable and lonely because I was spending the glad time all to myself. Even the child would be miserable at Christmas time if alone. What joy could pretty things give if there was no one to show them to or to comment on their loveliness? There is no fun even in popping fire crackers, or shooting toy guns if there is no one to join in hearing the noise. Once, I remember, I went in swimming by myself. Other boys were with me the day before and the sport was great. I thought the fun was in the swimming, and so I stole away the next day and went in by myself. How the waters mocked me, and what a poor diversion! In two minutes I was tired and ready

I find, as you have also found, that for everything good that comes to us in this life we are indebted to others. But for others we would never smile. Nothing that we can say or do touches laughter into our hearts or wreathes our faces in sunny smiles. But for others we would never sing a song. Others wrote the songs that make melody in our hearts, and from other voices we learned the tuneful lays. But for others we would never play, for the lonely heart never prompts the

hands or feet to play. But for others no song of gladness would ever rejoice our hearts, neither would a word of sympathy or kindness ever soothe our ears. In the great business and industrial world we are dependent every day upon others. Others are our employers, our patrons, our associates, our servants. Others rejoice with us in seasons of rejoicing, others weep with us when we weep. Others prepare the banquet hall, others make the shroud, others minister which p and sickness come, others place a wreath upon the mound under which our bodies fin-

The great message of Christmas is "others." It tells us again of our great obligations to others, and shows us that the road to happiness does not lead through self, but is lined with others. We read again the story of the Christ who left the courts of glory, that He might minister, that He might kiss away sorrow's tears, and that, by giving all, He might save, even to the uttermost. Not every person will receive the Christmas message, but happy and thrice blessed are they who will. When the magazines of the skies burst upon the hilis of old Judea two thousand years ago—when the brilliant star cut loose from its moorings and held its radiant torch over the hallowed scene—not every one heard the glad song of peace on earth and good will among men. The glad song is still falling in sweetest cadence on earth, but the nations have not heard it, and grim-visaged war is still stalking through the land, and the wealth that should go to make the people comfortable and the world beautiful is going into armies and navies and battleships.

'A dull Christmas is a calamity. Perhaps it is as great a tragedy as an unhappy salvation. Soon we will all be asking whether we are to have a dull Christ mas. The first Christmas was a dull Christmas to many. It was dull to Herod, whose shriveled soul filled with envy and prompted him to say, but it was not dull to the wise men who brought gifts. It was dull, no doubt, to those who refused to make room in the inn for the mother and the babe, but it was not dull to the shepheds who rejoiced or the angels that chanted the glad refrain of peace on earth and good will among men. Christmas was dull to Old Scrooge, who sat in his chilly banking house and planned for greater gains and larger interest, but it was joyous to his nephew, who went out to give and to smile.

While Christmas is yet twenty days in the distance I can safely predict that I have seen some who will have a merry Christmas. They have caught the spirit of the coming day already—possibly they have retained the spirit and have had Christmas all the year. They are not anticipating any social joys, neither are they expecting any gifts of value. They are anxious, but not for themselves—the Christmas spirit has no connection with self and no thought for self. They are working every night-working until eyelids are heavy and sore, and eyestrain sends a pain to the

head. They are making and reviewing lists, lest some one be forgotten. The pretty things they are making will not have much value, and may not be highly appreciated, but they are the breathings of love for others, the desire to make others happy, and they are building in the hearts of the makers a Merry Christmas.

It is an easy matter to spoil Christmas. Just as a drop of ink will darken a glass of crystal water, so will a touch of envy or a selfish foreboding, spoil a Christmas season. The commercial engine, which ran at double speed during war time and for some months after peace was declared, has back-fired and slowed up. According to man's standard this has not been a good year. The fields did not yield abundantly, because the fruit was stolen by ravenous insects. Prices are disappointing, and we have as the legacy of two years of unprecedented prosperity many debts the extravagant ideas and tastes prompted us make. The stores have more goods than car be sold, many factories are idle, many workers cannot find profitable employment, and professional men find collections very slow. With these conditions staring them in the face, and tax paying time at hand, it is very easy for men to convict the year of our Lord 1921 of the charge of being a bad year. Truly, the year has its lessons for us, and we should learn them well, but it will be a calamity if we let the conditions spoil Christmas. Wisdom, as well as necessity, urges against spending as much as we have spent in flusher times, and against losing as much time as was lost when we could better afford it, but there's as much unselfishness in the giving of a smile as in the giving of a dollar, as much of the Spirit of Christmas in a good wish, a kind word, a good thought or a feeling of thankfulness as in a princely gift. A merry Christmas is thankfulness, appreciation, good wishes, and a desire to give that others may be happy. A dull Christmas is worry over what has been lost, and a selfish craving to obtain, and hold, and enjoy.

A Merry Christmas is not merely an altruistic hope and dream. It is attainable. The dweller in the mansion and the dweller in the hovel may have it alike. He who has prospered and he who has lost may share alike the spirit which makes man like unto his Creator and his Redeemer.

How glorious it would be if capital and labor could catch the Christmas spirit. The wishing of each other well, and each laboring for the happiness of the other, would solve our threatening industrial problems in a day.

How glorious if all the nations of the world would bow in lavish homage before our coming Christmas and let its law of justice and love drive their fears and envyings and their cunning, cruel diplomacy from the world. Then would the "Star Spangled Banner," the 'God Save the King.' Rhine," the "Marseillaise" and all the anthems of all the nations be blended into the glad refrain that came to earth on the frist Christmas two thousand years ago.

# WHO AND WHAT IS SANTA CLAUS

By Thomas L. Masson.



Santa Claus is com-

A great many industrial plants have been shutting down recently, discharging their men, in some cases taking them back in reduced numbers and wages, and in other cases declaring for a 'vacation."

This is hard luck for a lot of people, but we mustn't be too much

alarmed about it. We are suffering in large measure for our past sins—sins of carelessness, of extravagance and waste. We are going through a necessary period of readjustment, and the process is extremely inconvenient and hurts considerably. But we must not be too much alarmed or frightened. We are going to get over it, and it will do

And so the skeptic and the cynic have both come to the front and are beginning to get off their old line of talk about there being no real Santa Claus, because you know, if there were he would treat everybody alike. And some of us are beginning to wonder whether Santa Claus is coming this year at all. If he comes in an auto, will the machine break down before he even gets started? And if he is still using reindeer, as some old-fashioned folks are ready to believe, will the reindeer go out on strike, or will Santa Claus himself, in view of the expense of running his plant, just shut down his plant and throw up his hands?

No. Santa Claus is not going to do this. He is coming just the same as ever. Like all really great men, his aims and purposes are not fully understood. Indeed, this perennially jolly old gentleman-who, in spite of his difficulties. still manages to retain his youth—is perhaps more generally misunderstood than almost all the other great men who have ever lived. And having observed him very closely for a long

period of time, it is my humble purpose to do what I can to set.him right with the public. And so I assure you that Santa Claus is coming; and I am going to tell you what my own idea is about the purposes of these annual visits of his:

I onee overheard one of the richest men in the world—if not the richest—remark that Santa Claus was good to him every day in the year. He had become so accustomed to money or perhaps I should say that he had become so accustomed to overlooking it—that it didn't disturb him any more. It was there in such quantities that he didn't have to bother much about it. But he hadnt' forgotten about Santa Claus. In spite of the fact that he was very rich, he still believed in that rubicund saint. Quite possibly among rich men he was an exception.

And this is the main ponit: That the reality of Santa Claus, indeed, lies largely in what he doesn't give you. You don't believe that? Wait a moment. When he comes around every year and tumbles upon you everything you could possibly wish for, it seems to become very easy to forget him. From this state of affairs develop cynicism and ultimate distrust. The measure of one's actual faith in Santa Claus seems to depend upon what he withholds.

It is highly probable that Santa Claus knows this. He showers his gifts on pampered folks as a kind of punishment for their blindness. It is as much as if he said:

'You haven't the slightest idea of my real mission in life; you value me only for the material baubles I bestow on you. In your ignorance, you can never see that the toys I give are in themselves only illusions—symbolic of the hidden spirit back of them. In proportion as you have come to think of them as realities, have you come to think of me as an unreality.

Santa Claus thus insures his immortality by withholding too many of his illusive joys from those who continue to preserve their faith in him. But he always gives them something. It may be a flower, just a little token of his presence. It may indeed only be a thought—a sense of his presence that renews your faith in him, even if he has done apparently so little for you in gifts that you can see and handle. The old rag doll has a well-developed soul, acquired through countless batterings and much individual suffering, that is missing in the loftier and more stylish sister who—among many other dolls of high degree-becomes during the Christmas season the tolerated companion of

Santa Claus has, therefore, come to be a reality, and has taken on immortality, because he has had the courage not to yield to temptation. From a laughing, plum-pudding sort of person, whose sole function it was, like any village master of ceremonies, to please the eye and cater strictly to the senses, he has sternly repressed those material impulses and—in spite of the cynics—has gradually grown into a guardian and yearly representative of those deeper, invisible impulses of love and sentiment that, unseen, evolve the power to free the souls of human beings from their earthly bondage.

He might easily have yielded to the ridicule and contumely of the pampered few who, just because he has seemingly given them so much, treat him with chronic indifference and declare that he cannot be real, who even go so far as to assert, with the sophistry of selfishness, that he is a worldly minded as they are and therefore cannot exist. Santa Claus at this lays his finger on the side of his jolly nose, and simply winks in reply; for he has done more than be true to humanity—he has kept his temper

He knows by experience that the chimneys he doesn't visit bodily are the important ones, for where he doesn't live so completely in stockings, he lives in hearts.

There is an old drawing of a ragged boy and girl who stand together hand in hand (for the man who made the drawing was an artist) looking through a plate glass window at a splendid Christmas party of rich children inside, with their bountiful supply of giftsmany of them already cast aside.

And where is the real aSnta Claus in this picture—inside or or ?

know that he is inside of the boy and girl. They have made him their own.

The only realities are what we create. The

poor have created the real Santa Claus. Inasmuch as the poor we have with us always. And if you still don't believe that the poor

have created Santa Claus and that he is dependent upon them for his continued existence, all you need do is to consider what would have happenned to him if he had nobody but the rich to fall back upon. They would destroy him in time, not because they don't like him or have anything particularly against him, but through indifference and thoughtlessness and selfishness. As they view him quite generally from his material side, as a cheerful, and possibly vulgar person who distributes toys, and as they can always go out and buy with money all the toys they want, it naturally follows that he has no deeper meaning for them than this.

And after all, Santa Claus is a good deal of a human being. He has a remarkable sense of human. You can see that in his eyes.

He is able to keep up his weight and his spirits because he has had experience, because he knows his own power. He knows that underneath all people are about the same, the only difference being that some have more than it seems they should have, and others have less, but that even the very rich are often nor so bad as they seem. What Santa Slaus withholds from and gives to the poor is something that they get glimpses of occasionally, and makes them quite like everybody else.

So then when the pampered little girl with her flossy doll, rigged up in the latest style meets the poor little girl with her battered ra doll, she may look superior and she may a superior. But she knows that the old rag do' mething over hers. The flossy do e. She may be put out of busine hasas notice. But the rag doll has be atar up a



# Cadet Howard's Christmas Order

STORY OF WEST POINT MILITARY ACADEMY

Poor Joe! It was a terrible disappointment to him that, after studying so hard, Standiford should be sent up a section, while he remained in the third, to which he had fallen a month after entering the academy. Every cadet in the section thought that Joe would be transferred up, for his recitations during the past two weeks were so much butter than any one's

No one thought because Standiford had correctly solved the test problem a few days before, and which all the other cadets had failed on, that it would at all effect Joe's standing.

How disappointed the folks at home would be! and they had all sacrificed so much to send him to West Point, and the poor, widowed mother wished so strongly to have her boy follow the footsteps of his father, and go through the academy with honor.

If there was any cadet in the fourth class t the United States Mliitary Academy who as under special obligations to Joe Howard, was Harry Standiford. Joe had helped him with his lessons many a time, and Harry promised time and time again to do a good turn for Joe. And now the opportunity had occurred, and Harry had said nothing to Joe about the problem, which he had found already worked out in a little book given him by his predecessor at the academy.

As the cadets marched back across the beautiful parade ground after the evening parade, Joe's heart was indeed heavy, for there was now no chance of going up before next term

After the ranks were broken, Walter Brown, his classmate, said, while they were taking off their guns and equipments, preparatory to going down to the roll-call for supper:

"I say, Joe, that was a mean trick of old Gory to keep you down in the third section, while he sent Standiford up. Your marks have been the best right along for the last month, and you ought to go up. I'd like to know how Standiford got the pull on old Gory.'

Old Gory, as he was thus familiarly termed by the cadets, was a captain in the army, and an instructor in mathematics. He was not liked by any of the cadets.

"Oh, it was all right, Walter," replied Joe, bravely. "Gory said in giving out the problem that it was a test, and would satisfy him better than anything else as to how much we had thoroughly learned this term, if we worked it out. Of course, I feel pretty bad over it, but I didn't get the problem, and Sandiford did, and that is all there is to it."

"Well, I'm willing to bet a good deal that Harry Standiford never worked that problem out himself. He got some one to show him," said Walter.

"It may be, but how are you going to prove it?" asked Joe. "He said he had worked it out, and he certainly explained it all to the complete satisfaction of old Gory.'

Just then the drum beatnig the call to supper put all end to the discussion, and the boys

After supper was over and call to quarters had sounded, Joe, who was a member of the guard that evening, found himself posted as a sentinel in the sixth division.

Harry Standiford lived in a room on the ground floor of this division, so Joe, in pacing up and down, passed his door, and thus happened to hear his own name mentioned.

He would have paid no attention to it, but that he heard at the same time the words:
"Stuck up prig! Thinks, because his father

was a friend of Supe's, he can do anything he pleases. He expects a corporalship next spring, but he won't get it. I'm glad he did not go up today. It'll teach him a lesson not to presume on his superiors."

Joe could hardly believe his ears, and quickly walked down to the farther end of the hall, but he could not stay there long. He had to walk where he had been ordered to and so back he went. And again, through the open transom over the door, he heard Jim Bates, Harry's roommate, say to him:

"Oh! I've torn u pthe original that Dana gave me and the explanation of it he sent me. It was lucky he chanced to be here last week."

Joe heard no more, as the relief came in just then and relieved him of duty; but he understood it all now.

Lieutenant Dana of the army was on leave of absence, and the week before had spent a few days at the Academy. As his plebe, or successor, Standiford had obtained permission to



"I've Sprained My Ankle and in Falling Have Cut My Head on a Stone."

see him, and Joe knew that Dana had given him a lot of his old text-books, and doubtless this particular problem, all worked out, and with full explanations. And it was in that way he had got the problem.

He could not possibly have worked it out himself. It was no better than out-and-out cheating and dishonesty, and if he should report it, it would undoubtedly send him down and Joe up. Should he do it?

He was angry beyond measure, and as he started off towards his room, he had determined he would, when the thought of the dear mother at home who would rather her boy should never graduate than that he should win a place by any cowardly means, arrested

"No, that would be mean. I will not. Mother will approve, when I tell her all," he said to himself, and went into his room determined to work only the harder and keep the secret

About a week after the event related, at midnight, when the whole barracks were wrapped in darkness, and silent with the sleep of health and hard work, Joe was suddenly awakened, and found his room-mate, Walter Brown, shak-

"Wake up, Joe, I heard some queer noises down in the area. There is something going on. Let's see what it is."

It took Joe but an instant to get into his clothes and at the window. Peering out through the gloom, they were able to distinguish indistinctly several forms in the darkness, and there was a mumbling going on, that was interrupted every now and then by a yelp

"I'm going down, Walter, to see what it all

is," said Joe, suiting the action to the word. He had just reached the area, and was close to the group when he heard one call out, "here's a 'Tac' coming, fellows," upon which they all scattered and fled, one of them coming close by him, whom Joe recognized as

Joe at first turned to flee also from the tactical officer, whom he saw coming, when he noticed in the gloom where the group had just been, a form rise partly up and then fall down again, and utter a slight moan, as if in great pain. Heran towards it, and found it was Har-

ry Standiford.
"Is it you, Standiford?" he asked, in a

"Yes," answered Standiford, with a groan. "We have been to Highland Falls having a supper, and I'm done for if I'm caught."
"Why don't you run then?" naturally asked

Joe. "Can't do it. I've sprained my ankle, and in falling, I've cut my head on a stone. Oh, my head! my head!" he groaned again.

"Hush! don't make so much noise. There's a Tac coming. He can't see us now, but will find us out if we are not quiet. Can you get up and walk if I help you?"

"No, no, I can't. I have hurt my ankle, and can't stand on it. What shall I do? I will be found out and dismissed."

He groaned in an agony of pain and fright. "I'll help you, but you must keep perfectly

quiet," and suiting the action to the word, Joe lifted Harry up and carried him quickly to the porch and deposited him just inside the hall.

"Now geep quiet for a couple of moments, and then crawl up to your room," he said, decidedly. "I'll mislead the Tac."

Joe knew that the "Tac" would head for the hall, and Harry would be found out, and of course be dismissed.

There was one thing that would prevent it, and that one thing he did, though he knew also it would be at considerable risk to himself. He darted off the porch through the darkness of the area, making considerable noise.

"Halt!" called out the "Tac." "Who are you? Mr. Howard, it is you, is it? What are you doing out here at this time of night?"

Joe looked him square in the face. He could not tell him what he was doing there, for that meant dismissal to Standiford. If even an untruth was justifiable, it was now; but he could not tell a falsehood, as the image of his dear mother's face came suddenly to him. So he said:

"I prefer not to answer, sir."

"Very well," was the reply; "go to your quarters in arrest.'

Joe did so, and it is needless to say that he slept but little the remainder of the night. What his thoughts were can better be imagined than told. He had got himself in trouble to save a comrade, and that comrade one who had injured him extremely. He told Walter all about it, and that warm-hearted youth vowed he would go to the superintendent and tell him the entire story; but Joe protested urgently.

The next morning Joe was called up before the superintendent, and questioned closely, but he would not reveal why he was in the area or who the other cadets were. The tactical officer declared he heard several voices.

"Very well, Mr. Howard; I understand your desire to shield others; but you are wrong in this case, sir. And until you come to a proper feeling in the matter, you will be confined in the light prison."

Before the day was over, the order was issued confining Joe to light prison, as the room in the barracks is called where cadets are locked in for any severe offense.

To make matters worse, he had received a letter, just as he was going to the prison, from

He did not read it until after he had walked up and down the small floor several times and somewhat composed himself. It was from his sister, loving and comforting him for not going up the section, but urging him to keep trying and success would surely come. It told of all going on at home, and ended by saying:

"And now, Joe, for a piece of news that will cheer you: Uncle Tom has invited mamma and me to visit him in New York this winter, and by the time this reaches you we will be on the way, and after stopping at Cousin Kate's awhile, we will go on to West Point, so as to be there on Christmas day with you. We have got lots of nice things for you, and we will have the best kind of a time together. Now, my dear brother, let this hold you up till we arrive. With loads and loads of love,

"From your affectionate As he finished the letter he groaned aloud. To be in prison when they were here, of all times! What would his mother say to him and think of him? She was so proud of him, and to find him in prison!

It would be but three days before Christ-

mas. How he hated Standiford for not helping him out of this trouble!

But Standiford—what of him? He was obliged to go to the hospital early the next morning on account of his ankle, and it was not till the day was over that he heard of Joe's arrest. He had fully expected to be put in arrest himself as soon as he got off the sick report and out of the hospital.

But this put a new light on it all, and that night, as he lay awake and tossing, he saw how noble had been Joe's conduct in all.

Perhaps the good Christmas angel had come to him in advance, and whispered the beautiful words, "Peace on earth, good will toward men," or maybe the thought of a dear mother now in her grave, and what she would have him do, touched a nobler chord in the boy's nature, and set it ringing with a determination to do right.

However, it was the next morning he told the surgeon he must see the superintendent. He received the permission necessary, and that very morning the "supe" knew not only all about Joe's sacrifice, but also of the stolen problem; and before night the whole corps of cadets knew something of it, too-for, as the battalion was paraded at sunset, and the bugles had sent their last upward notes echoing away to wish the sun good-night, the cadet adjutant read the following order to the astonished ca-

Headquarters U.S. Military Academy, December 24, 187—

Special Orders No. 143. I. Cadet Private oHward, Fourth Class U. S. Military Academy, is released from confinement and restored to duty.

II. It having come to teh knowledge of the superintendent that Cadet oHward heroically took punishment upon himself to save the good name of a comrade, he is hereby appointed a corporal in the corps of cadets, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. Cadet Private Howard, Fourth Class U. S. Military Academy, is hereby transferred from the third section to the section in mathematics. By command of

Colonel-Superintendent.

When the ranks broke, what a roar greeted Joe, and how his classmates crowded around him and carried him on their shoulders to the barracks!

To be made a corporal while still in the fourth class! It was something unheard of and reflected honor and glory on the entire class.

Poor Joe hardly could realize it, and when Harry Standiford came up, holding out his hand, and told Joe the whole story, and beggnig his pardon, what could he do but take the hand and tell Harry he was one of the best boys he ever knew!

"Say no more, Harry," he cried; "but tomorrow come to the hotel with me, and meet my mother and sister, and we will have a merry Christmas together.

And how proud the mother was to see the shining gold stripes on her son's arms, which told of his new rank, and prouder yet when old Colonel —, the "supe," told her the whole story himself, and insisted upon her and Jess and Joe and Tarry all coming to Christmas din-

And oJe oHward and Harry Standiford then and there became the closets of friends, and remained so all the years of their life at the academy, and in the army afterward. But they never forget Christmas, and "Peace on earth, good will toward men," is practiced by them all the days of the year.

### AT THE CHRISTMAS BANQUET

In medieval England it was customary to commence all grand Christmas feasts by the solemn ceremony of bringing in the boar's head as the initial dish. The master-cook, preceded by trumpeters and other musicians, and followed by huntsmen with boar-spears and drawn falchions and pages carrying mustard, bore the smoking head aloft on a silver platter, which he deposited at the head of the table. The head was garnished and garlanded with rosemary and laurel, and a lemon, symbol of plenty, was placed between its grinning chops.

To the end of her life, Queen Victoria retained the ancient custom; also in many of the public schools and universities the boar's head is still the great dish of the Christmas banquet. On such occasions every diner rises and joins in the "Boar's Song," which has been sung for centuries. The words are set to the common chant of the prose version in cathedrals.

# CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

The term carol appears originally to have signified a song joined with a dance, a union requently used in early religious ceremonies. t was, however, applied to joyous singing and thus to festive songs; and as these became more frequent at Christmas it has for a long time past designated those sung at this feast.

In the earlier times music, both instrumenal and vocal, was introduced into religious cerenonies and was a necessary accompaniment to I the religious games and feasts. In the recds of the Greeks, Romans, Egyptians and ther great nations of antiquity, wa riptions which show the close tion of usic and festivals. The Druid t use song of Miriam and her companions on the over-

throw of the Egyptians.

The first Christmas carol, of course, was that mighty "Gloria in Excelsis," sung by the angels to the shepherds on the night of the nativity. In the second century, the Christians celebrated public worship on the right of the nativity, and then solemnly sang the angels' hymns. In the fourth century the chant was introduced into religious ceremonials. In the twelfth century the monks celebrated Christmas with the reciting of legends and verses and the singing of Christmas hymns.

King John, in 1201 gave 25s to the clerks who chanted "Christus Vincit" before him on Christmas; and these spiritual songs were gradually introduced into palace and private homes, toome purpose, but of a lighter vein, which were found acceptable; and thus the carol had its origin. In the fifteenth century the lowlands had their carols similar to the English. There is a story on record of a plague at Goldsberg, in 1553, which carried off about 2,500 persons, leaving not more than 25 housekeepers alive in the place. The plague having abated, one of the few survivors went out on Christmas eve and sang a carol, according to an old custom. He was gradually joined by others, to excite each other to Thanksgiving; and thence arose a custom for the people to assemble in large numbers on Christmas morning to sing carols, beginning with "Unto us this day a child is born."

In France the custom of carol singing was of very early date, and there are many collections of them. They are called "Noel." All these early carols were crude, and some of them sound almost grotesque to us of today. But these have been replaced by modern carols and anthems that express more thoroughly the spirit of the season. But the custom is a gracious and a pleasing one and well worthy of the widest usage.

One of the most famous of the old English

God rest you, merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Was born upon this day, To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray.

A CUSTOM OF OLDEN TIMES

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas

## HOLLY AND MISTLETOE

ROMANCES OF CHRISTMAS GREENS

Even the most prosaic of us have some romance in our natures. Especially is this true at Christmas time, when all the world is glad.

The romances that have surrounded the Christmas greens come to us through the centuries. They date as far back into the dim distant land of long ago as history can lead us. And these romances are really fascinating when we consider the antiquity and the simple folk that believed in them.

The mistletoe, or Mistl-tau, as it once was called, means "different twig." And so it was —different in every way from the oak on which it grew. It had no doubt been brought to its lofty hiding place by some bird who ate the berry and left the seed.

Our holly in this country was found growing in the New England hills by the Pilgrims. They must have welcomed it as a bit of the landscape from home. Perhaps it was among the very few cheerful things they had that first winter.

In the language of the flowers, mistletoe means "I surmount difficulties." Surely a worthy sentiment, even if not quite Christmassy. The holly means foresight. Equally worth while, don't you think?

The legends of the holly date as far back as the time of Zoroaster, when his pupils, one old book tells us, held it in great reverence because they believed the sun never cast a shadow from

The lovely tree, with its shiny leaves and brilliant berries, has in some countries in the past become almost an object of worship. And here in America, while we do not worship it, surely we love it. Our arms are never too heavily-laden with bundles to reject a bunch of holly.

The Hindu women even now are said to sprinkle their new-born babes with water steeped in holly wood. For surely, they reason, it will keep away evil spirits and invite the visitation of those of good omen. The peasants of Ireland in the days of long ago used to decorate their cabins with holly and mistletoe in the winter to propitiate the fairies and gain their

In England they had what they termed "he" and "she" holly. The "he" holly was thorny and the "she" holly smooth and not scratchy. Then, according to the roughness or smoothness of the holly bark brought into the house at Christmas could be told whether man or wife would be the ruler for the coming months.

In ancient times the holly was considered a symbol of the "life of nature." It was gathered in pagan temples to comfort the sylvan spirits during the general death of winter. A charming thought, don't you think?

The Swedish people are a people surrounded with an atmosphere of folk lore and legends. They wear a ring of mistletoe to ward off illness. This is an up-to-date custom still in evidence. An outcome of an old legend, assuring the peasants that when out with a golden hook, the wood of this parasite would cure poison.

In Austria, so an ancient book on superstition tells us, a sprig of mistletoe was laid at the bedroom door, so that the inmates would have sweet sleep and beautiful dreams.

In England, a few centuries ago, when none of these parasites could be found in any of their mighty oaks in the locality, the people became thoughtful for this was a sure sign of dire calamity about to overtake them-usually in the form of famine or pestilence.

One old story tells us that the mistletoe berries were created by the falling of the tears of Venus, when she had inadvertently been wounded by one of Cupid's arrows. Further on in the same book we are assured that Cupid's arrows leave no wounds. The warriors of old thought the holly an effective remedy for wounds and a sure bringer of unusual success in hunting.

And now for those in doubt as to the outcome of their affairs of this last month of the fast-fading year of 1920. 'Be not discouraged. but read, mark and follow this advice, but do, if you want your testers of al wishes to come true, make your circle in a draft.

First, solemnly and thoughtfully make a circle in front of your fire. Oh, yes, your fire may be merely a prosaic radiator. Next take two perfect leaves of the Christmas mistletoe. name one yourself and place it in the circle. The other name after your sweetheart and place it outside the circle. If the fates decree that he is to marry you, then he will immediately be lifted into your circle, and let us hope all will be well.

The Druids loved and reverenced the mistletoe. If an arch-Druid, while cutting this muchcoveted parasite, accidentally let his golden knife fall outside of the white sheet held by faithful followers, great calamity would follow. You see, they worshiped the mistletoe because it was the crowning point of the sturdy oak, the favorite tree of their god, Tarranus.

### CHRISTMAS PLANT LORE

The legend of the Glastonbury thorn is that after the death of Jesus, Joseph of Arimathea came over to England. Shortly before Christmas, he rested on the summit of Weary-all hill, Glastonbury. There he thrust into the ground his staff, and on Christmas eve it was found to be covered with white blossoms. The bush is said to have continued blooming thus each Christmas eve until during the civil wars, when it was cut down. Cuttings from the original thorn are said to bloom in this same wonderful

The Sicilian children put penny-royal in their cots on Christmas eve, believing that at the exact hour and minute when Jesus was born it will blossom.

There is a cherished legend in the east that the Rose of Jericho first blossomed at the birth of Jesus, closed at the crucifixion, and opened again at Easter, from which comes its name of Resurrection flower.

Many plants, trees and flowers are believed to owe their peculiarities to their connection with the birth or the childhood of Jesus. "The Star of Bethlehem" is so called because its white star-like flowers resemble the pictures of the Star of the East.

"Our Lady's Bedstraw" received its name because it was believed that the manger in which the Babe lay was filled with this plant.

An old account tells the story in this manner: "The broom and the chick-peas began to rustle and crackle, and by this noise betrayed the fugitives. The flax bristled up. Happily for her, Mary was near a juniper; the hospitable tree opened its branches as arms and enclosed the Virgin and the Child within their folds, affording them a secure hiding place. Then the Virgin uttered a malediction against the brooms and the chick-peas, and ever since that day they have always rusted and crackled. But later the Virgin pardoned the flax its weakness and gave the juniper her blessings," which is said to account for the use of the juniper as Christmas decorations in some countries.

### SANTA'S VISIT TO AN AFRICAN MISSION

An amusing story of how Santa Claus frightened the black children at a mission station when he first appeared to them a few years ago, is told by the wife of a missionary stationed at Bailunda, Africa. They had celebrated Christmas at Bailunda before, but they never had had Santa Claus, so Mr. Stover, the missionary, dressed up as good Saint Nick.

"He had been padded and powdered and packed until his own mother would not have known him," Mrs. Stover afterward related. "Presently we gave the signal, the door flew open and in walked Santa Claus. But, dear me! What consternation! He was greeted with shrieks and groans and cries of 'Let me out! It is the evil one. It is the day of judgment!"

"The urchins, catching the infection ror from the older black people, fled to their bedrooms, fell down upon their faces, crept under chairs and tables—anywhere to hide themselves. Poor old Santa Claus never had such a greeting before. As soon as he realized the panic he had caused, he tore off his tall hat and white cotton beard. Then from bags on his back he began to throw gifts right and left and to tell who he was.

"Reassured once more, everyone was soon laughing and chatting, munching the great 'red breads' (doughnuts), tasting their fruits of nibbling at the sweets from the familiar little bags. One man wondered which end he was to hold the fork Santa Claus had given him. Another immediately tried on his new shirt. The girls arranged their bright-hued handkerchiefs into turbans, while others sought to find some place about their scanty clothing where they could stow away their bunch of bread, as well as the paper of needles and cake of soap given to each.

"It seemed as though everyone tried to talk louder than his neighbor as they examined the costume of Santa Claus, whom they now no longer feared. One man said that he thought it was John the Baptist, another that it was Elijah returned. Yet another thought it was Satan himself, 'and all my sins confessed, 'My only thought was to rose up before me'; while a fourth hide myself'.'

CHRISTMAS MASSACRE AT NICOMEDIA

While Christmas to us is a season of rejoicing, it behooves us at times to stop and remember those brave pioneers in Christianity who suffered so at the hands of the pagans.

About the fourth century there occurred one of those horrible acts of brutality which throughout all ages have disgraced humanity. A large number of Christians assembled in the Temple at Nicomedia, in Rithynia, to celebrate the Nativity; the tyrant Diocletian had it enclosed and set on fire, when about 20,000 persons were said to have perished.

LEGEND OF THE CHRIST CHILD

Elise Traut relates the legend that on every Christmas even the little Christ-child wanders all over the world bearing on its shoulders a bundle of evergreens. Through city streets and country lanes, up and down hill, to proudest castle and lowliest hovel, through cold and storm and sleet and ice, this holy child travels, to be welcomed or rejected at the doors at which he pleads for succor. Those who would invite him and long for his coming set a lighted candle in the window to guide him on his way hither. They also believe that he comes to them in the guise of any alms-craving, wandering person who knocks humbly at their doors for sustenance, thus testing their benevolence. In many places the aid rendered the beggar is looked upon as hospitality.

### A CHRISTMAS SERMON

To be honest, to be kind—to earn a little and to spend a little less, to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence, to renounce when that shall be necessary and not be embittered, to keep a few friends but those without capitulation-above all, on the same grim condition, to keep friends with himself-here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy. He has an ambitious soul who would ask more; he has a hopeful spirit who should look in such an enterprise to be successful.

There is indeed one element in human distiny that not blindness itself can controvert; whatever else we are intended to do, we are not intended to succeed; failure is the fate allotted. It is so in every art and study, it is so above all the continent art of living well. Here is a pleasant thought for the year's end or for the end of life. Only self-deception will be satisfied, and there need be no despair for the despairer.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

### BURN A CANDLE IN YOUR WINDOW

Old, very old, in England is the custom of setting lighted candles in the windows on Christmas eve to give holiday greeting to the passerby, but little use has been made of this charming idea in our country, says a writer in the Woman's Home Companion. Baltimore, however, has had a city-wide lighting of candles which was so successful that it is repeated every

Weeks before Christmas, when plans were being made for the community tree, it was suggested that each household set lighted candles in the parlor windows to wish "Merry Christmas" to their fellow townspeople, not even the most enthusiastic supporter of the candle greeting expected to see half the number of windows that were so lighted when Christmas

Scarcely a city block in any section of the city was without at least one illumination, and it was not rare to see every house in a row brightened by this evidence of "peace on earth, good will to men." It warmed the very cockles of one's heart to walk through street after street with these silent Christmas greetings everywhere, and no one who has gone through such experience could ever want to know another Christmas eve without them.

### CHRISTMAS IN OLD RUSSIA

One cannot but wonder what Christmas will be like in Russia under present conditions. Before the war, Russian customs at Yule-tide were many and varied. One was the singing of their ancient kolyada songs, composed centuries ago by writers whose names have not come down with their songs.

On Christmas eve the people fasted until the first service in church. Then they always hastened home and got to bed early in order that they might have the pleasant Christmas eve dream, which was sure to come true.

A pretty custom was the blessing of the house and household. The priest visited each home in his district, accompanied by boys bearing a vessel of holy water. Each room was sprinkled with water and each person blessed. Thus was each home sanctified for the coming year.

The greeting in Russia was not "Merry Christmas," but rather "Greetings for the Lord's Birth," to which was replied, "God be with you."

No Christmas or New Year's dinner was considered complete unless pork in some form was

### ANCIENT CUSTOMS.

Christmas revels form a phase of Christmas celebration that comes largely from pagan observances. These were, in earlier days, accepted as a sort of compromise with ancient customs. The Roman festival to Saturn, to mark the winter solstice, the turning point of the year, and the Greek festival to Bacchus, correspond in dates to the Christmas season, while the custom of exchanging gifts, of decorating buildings and lighting tapers, was common to

### THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS.

Christmas has but one meaning—the Nativity, writes Calvin Coolidge, Vice President of the United States, in the New York Evening Post. The goodness, the justice, but also the mercy, the helping hand of God. This, the greatest event in human history, has a spiritual meaning. The Saviour came to minister to the spiritual nature of man. He showed the true glory and importance of man—and helping him showed the duty of helping one another. Endowed with the power, yet He did not bestow material blessings or set up an earthly kingdom. But to follow Him gave the power to command all those.

To get the world to see the true meaning of things, that is the redemption. The creation was all declared good. It can be perverted. The enemy forever strives "out of good still to find means of evil." The material welfare of men does not come first-to make it first makes it to be destroying and destroyed. Christmas is not instituted for the purpose of earning the reward of gifts, but for giving them in their true significance. "The wages of sin is death, eternal life is the gift of God."

### SUGGESTIONS FOR TABLE DECORATIONS

Surely no Christmas table need go unadorned, for often it is the simplest decoration that is the loveliest. Here are a few that anyone might use, so simple are they:

A simple bowl of fruit around which trails moss or pine.

An every-day dining room fern dish with a gay scarlet covering of crepe paper.

A tiny toy Christmas tree in a flower pot. A popcorn pie which is nothing more than a large dish of popcorn in which are buried small gifts to which are tied red ribbons by which to draw them forth.

A Brownie made of two rosycheeked apples, four skewers and a pointed white paper cap. A miniature yule-long represented by a lichencovered bit of old bark filled with fruit.

A dull brown basket would be a charming background for the gold of oranges and the blue white of bayberries.

Colored glass is so popular just now that a ruby-colored filled with ferns and white narcissus would be most attractive.

A silver dish heaped with attractive looking candy, around which is arranged a wreath of pine and holly.

For those who would like something more elaborate, why not a make-believe winter land-scape? This is easily made with a small table mirror, tiny evergreen trees, stones, moss, toy rabbits, squirrels and a Santa Claus. When arranged sprinkle snow dust over the whole scene.

### ORIGIN OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

An old legend makes Saint Winfred the originator of the Christmas tree. Winfred was one of the early missionaries to Norway who helped to convert the ancient Scandinavians from their pagan beliefs. These people had been taught to worship trees as if they were living gods. Winfred undertook to show his newlymade converts that the objects of their worship were not gods, but trees—and nothing but trees. So on Christmas eve he chopped down a mighty oak in the presence of a great crowd of men, women and children. The Christian miracle that followed is described by an ancient

"As the bright blade circled around Winfred's head, and the flakes of wood flew from the deep ening gash in the body of the tree, a whirling wind passed over the forest. It gripped the oak from its foundations. Backward it fell like a tower, groaning as it split asunder in four pieces. But just behind it and unharmed by the ruin stood a young fir tree pointing a green spire toward the stars.

"Winfred let the ax drop and turned to speak to the people.

"This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of the fir. It is a sign of endless life, for its leaves are ever green. See how it points upward toward heaven. Let this be called the tree of the Christ-child; gather about it, not in the wildwood, but in your own homes, there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts and rites of kindness."

### SALTED ALMONDS.

Take 1/4 pound shelled Jordan brown skin. If skin does not come off easily, drain and scald Sprinkle with salt and lay on idea occurred to him to make a Mr. Dobson's card so pleased of shopwindows. or paper napkins.

On the whole, however, a good many of us have carried this Christmas giving to an absurd extreme. We have assisted in the degeneration of a very lovely custom. We have put Christmas gifts on the basis of formal calls—you tip me and I'll tip you.

There is nothing mercenary about the true spirit of Christmas, and of all things it is the last to be put on a material basis.

### THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CARD.

occasionally until light brown. mas greeting than the benevolence.

almonds, pour over them enough scalding water to cover, set aside a few minutes, then remove the a few minutes, then remove the late W. C. T. Dobson, an English glasses to the health of absent ample, and the circle sending out painter. In December, 1844, a friends. Underneath were the Christmas cards grew wider and date, earlier than that given to words "A Merry Christmas and wider until an enterprising printa second time. Put nuts in iron pan in moderate oven with one to send some more novel Christ-while on each side was a smaller business, and within a few years to send some more novel Christ-while on each side was a smaller business, and within a few years tablespoon olive oil and shake mas greeting than that of a let-sketch representing an act of from its birth the Christmas

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## THE STAR OF BETHLEH

the star of Bethlehem which chronicled the coming of the Messiah and from which also dates the beginning of our present measure of time. All efforts to associate or identify it with any known body in the heavens at that period have failed. The planets Jupiter and Saturn are known to have been in view in the evening sky at that time, but they were not "new" stars. They were well known heavenly bodies, Jupiter being worshiped by many in these eastern countries, so it is not possible that it could have been either one of them.

identify it with Halley's comet, but this has been effectually disposed of by the remarkable tables of the appearances of that comet prepared by Messrs. Crowell and Crommelein of the Royal Observatory, England, in which they

Astronomy at this period was in an advanced state. There was a wide and general knowledge of the stars among the Egyptians, the Chaldeans and the Greeks. They lived out of doors or on house tops and studied the heavens. Probably they knew more of the appearance and phenomena of the heavens than we do.

Hipparcus, the father of astronomy, established the fact of the procession of the equinoxes that is that the sun crosses the equator about one minute further westward each year) 150 years before Christ was born, and it is consequently believed that he knew the earth was spherical in form. He catalogued 1,000 stars and invented an instrument for calculating latitude and longitude.

For centuries the Chaldeans had forecast day. eclipses of the moon upon a principle which is the basis of the method used by astronomers

Astrology was an accepted science and played an important part in every walk in life. Kings J. Cannon of Harvard college observatory.

No data exists as to the actual appearance of and queens as well as the humblest herdmen consulted the astrologer to learn if the stars were favorably or unfavorably situated for their various undertakings. He was the arbiter as to the declaration of war between nations as well as the everyday affairs of men and maidens.

The influence of the stars for weal or woe was universally acknowledged. What then was more natural than that the ruler of the universe should have turned to the azure pages of this open book as a medium through which to proclaim that the hour was at hand for the com-Some effort has been made to associate or ing of "the new-born King of the Jews."

Fifteen hundred years before Balaam had prophesied that "there shall come a star out of Jacob and a scepter shall rise out of Israel."

When this new and strange light—a star, a comet, a pillar of fire, we know not which-apshow that its nearest appearance to the dawn- peared to the wise men, it brought a revelation ing of the Christian era was 12 years prior to of Balaam's prophecy. It beckoned them on and they at once prepared to follow, to pay homage to the divinely ordained King. As they journeyed it preceded them until they reached Jerusalem, when it disappeared for a time, to reappear when they resumed their journey, to pause at last over the lowly cot of Jesus, who was destined to have the greatest influence over mankind of any individual the world has ever

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In 1866 there was one of the second magnitude, and in 1886 one of the sixth magnitude was seen, and a dozen or more have been discovered within the past few years by Miss A.

## HRISTMAS REUNIO

(Continued from Page 2.) you're a lot of a fool to show all that stuff to a

starving man, Toomey."

"I'm showing it to a gentleman," said the miner impressively. "An' what's more, I'm at him blankly, but his heart was slugging furiously at his ribs.

"What do you mean?" he asked breathlessly, thinking that he must faint at the prospect.

"What I say. I can't run this alone, an' I'm durned if I asks any o' them white-livered skunks for ter stand in wi' me. I've been getting ready this many a day, an' I'm startin' as soon's Christmas is over. It's a long ways from here. There's rough work ahead, but winter's the on'y time to make a start, an' I reckon we'll make that start right along."

"But—I don't understand," said Lionel wearily, passing his hand over his forehead. "If what you say is true, there's a monstrous fortune in this strike you've made, and-and-"

"And I'm askin' yer ter come in, that's what. By way o' showin' grateful. My life mayn't seem much ter you, English, but it means a durn lot ter me, 'cause thar's a kid waitin' back East, an'-look here. I ain't got a pile o' words, but yer'd confer an obligation on me by acceptin' this offer. Mind, it means a tarnation lot o' hard work.'

"I'd slave my fingers to the bone for half of what's in that sack," said Lionel in a suffocated voice.

"Gee! Then that settles it. Say, English, ain't this shapin' to be suthin' almighty like a merry Christmas?"

old familiar room, and his face contorted. Memories were crowding thickly upon him, principally memories of that day six years ago. It seemed to him that he could see his son's erect figure shrink back from the blow that had been

aimed at him. Mortgage after mortgage had been raised on the property, bank balances had vanished into thin air; he was a ruined man.

The night was falling, and some venturesome waits stole up the avenue and struck up the opening bars of a carol beneath the one illuminated window of the house. The Colonel rang his bell, and the butler appeared. 'Simms, what does that noise mean?"

"Beg pardon, sir, the waits."
The Colonel lifted his head with ineffable weariness, and stared vacantly at the man.

"The waits! Then is this Christmas?"

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but because a newcomer did not advance into

the room, he spoke curtly:
"I did not ring, Simms. You may go." Who else would intrude upon his solitude in these. evil days? But there was no sound of retreating footsteps, and finally he glanced up. A askin' yer to come in an' share." Lionel stared moment later he was on his feet, white, shaken, holding out palsied hands as if to ward off an apparition.

"Father!" It was no vision of his overtried senses, then! This man was real flesh and blood. He advanced with hands thrown out and

the beginning of a smile on his face.
"Lionel—Lionel! My boy—my boy!" It came in an agonized cry, and the old man tottered forward. But as his son held out his hands afresh, Colonel Cartwright evaded the clasp.

"Lionel, you would have done better not to come here to a ruined home. There is nothing left.'

"I couldn't keep away longer, father. It seemed to me that you needed me. I've stared death in the face many times since I—we parted; but I learned from it. I learned a lot. I was hasty that-other night. I was sullen: I refused to think of the pain I'd caused you. Where I've been I've seen that which showed me my place was near you. I've come back to be forgiven-to ask your forgiveness, father." "It is I who should ask, Lionel, for I've—I've

been a fool!" "Let's forget the past and start afresh. It's Christmas Eve-a good time to turn over new leaves." He gripped his father's hands in a tight clasp, and his heart ached as he saw the change in that once proud face. Care had

drawn many lines.

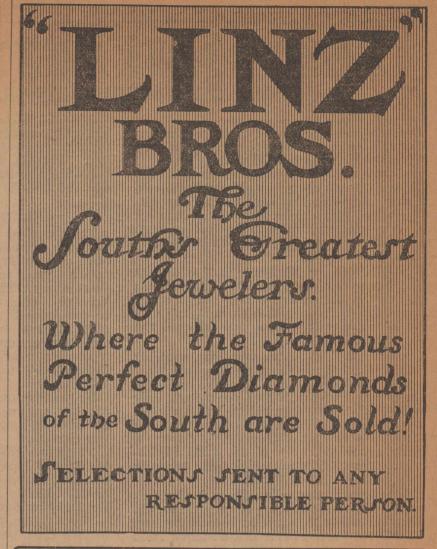
"You don't understand, Lionel. I'm a ruined man. This isn't any home for you longer; it's a stranger's. It may be sold even now. There have been letters from the lawyers, but I have Colonel Cartwright looked wistfully round the never opened them lately. I hadn't the heart,

somehow." "It is sold, father. I saw Merton before I came here. It's sold, and I've bought it. Here's my Christmas present to you, father-your old estate back again, lacking nothing.'

He thrust forward a bundle of documents, which the Colonel took in trembling fingers.

Lionel stepped back to the door and opened it. "Marian!" he called; and when he came towards his father again his arm encircled the slim waist of Marian Moraine.

"Here's Marian, father," he said proudly. "She told me all about it in her letters, for after I'd made good I wrote to her again and found that-that she'd been true to her word! And so I came home in haste when I heard that the Manor was to go, and Marian met me and told me a lot more, and there you are. I'll tell you the story in detail later, but meanwhile, aren't He never looked up as the door opened softly, you going to wish us a Happy Christmas?"



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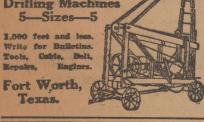


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### BOYS AND GIRLS CHRISTMAS STORIES



### TWELVE O'CLOCK MIDNIGHT

"O girls, listen to that!" exclaimed Theresa Downing, as the wind howled around the little cottage beside the river. They all drew up a little closer to the blazing fire in the enormous fireplace and pretended to shiver although they

could not be really cold beside such a fire.

They were the six members of the Half Dozen Club who had been invited up to the charming little cottage by the river to watch the old year out with their beloved teacher and friend, Miss Jeannette Silver. Miss Silver was their drawing teacher in high school and had always been an object of their adoration. She was so beautiful, and charming and young, it was no wonder they loved her. And then she was so enthusiastic about her work that her classes found themselves working hard to please her, and even those who had no talent for drawing were able to do passable work because they were so earnest in their efforts.

Miss Silver had owned for years this lovely little cottage perched on the banks of the river fifty miles from town. It was to this little cottage that she went every spring as soon as the school year was over, and it was here she painted and worked the whole summer through. In the fall and winter her pupils viewed with awe her pictures in the exhibitions in town. There was nothing they liked better than to be invited to spend a week-end with her in her charming little house, and Miss Silver was generous with her invitations. She loved to make people happy.

This was the last night in the old year and the girls and their hostess were sitting up to watch the old year out and welcome the new one in. "It's about time, I think," said Miss Silver, glancing at the clock on the mantel, "to make our New Year's resolutions.'

"Pshaw!" exclaimed Molly Dix, "who wants to make New Year's resolutions! No one ever keeps them anyway!"

"We do so!" protested Becky Bayley. "Didn't I resolve last year not to borrow anything from any one, and haven't I kept it faithfully?"

"Yes, they have, and that's a fact," returned Molly generously, "but how about all the other resolutions that are made and never kept? I think it's a waste of time to make them and I won't for one."

'I have something else to suggest then," said Miss Silver, tactfully. She knew from experience that it was never wise to argue with Molly, who had decided opinions, and a way of sticking to them. "I suggest that we make New Year's wishes instead. Surely it won't hurt us to wish for all the lovely things we want or

would like to have happen.' This appealed to all the girls and they were silent for a minute while they looked into the

year from Irene Mason. The one I nearly lost, you remember, at the Christmas party.'

"And which caused you to make the New Year's resolution about never borrowing," Molly added to finish the little story. They all remembered that almost tragic episode and the fright that Becky had.

Alice Walters was the next to make her wish. "I wish," she said, "that father would let me go to an art school when I graduate, so I can be an artist like Miss Silver."

Miss Silver glanced at her affectionately. "I hope that wish comes true, my dear, for I believe you will make good."

"Martha and I both wish the same thing, I know, said Dorothy Canning, glancing at her chum. "We wish we could go to New York next year to study music, but we know that wish will never come true." She sighed, and Martha echoed it, for both girls were too poor to look forward to anything so delightful as a musical

Theresa wished that she could have \$100 right off to spend for clothes, and then they all looked at Molly to hear her wish. But instead of giving it she turned to Miss Silver.

"Mine can wait. Let us hear what yours is,"

Miss Silver laughed. "We most of us want to go some place or do something, don't we? The thing I want most of all, is to win that foreign scholarship I have tried for, which would give me two years' study abroad. I can think

of nothing more delightful." There was a little silence and then a protest from the girls. "But if you went abroad you wouldn't teach us any longer, would you, Miss Silver? That would be too dreadful to think

Miss Silver laughed. "Yes, that is true, and yet you would find you could get along without me very well indeed. I would be coming back some day and we could all meet again. But I haven't gone yet, girls. Of course, I have entered the competition, but I haven't heard yet whether I have won it or not. I don't even know whether I have a ghost of a chance, but I will go on hoping until I heard that I have lost."

With that they all turned to Molly and some one gave her a little poke to bring her out of the dream into which she seemed to have fallen.

Molly laughed, stretched herself and looked about the little circle with a little gleam of mischief in her dark eyes. She dearly loved to play up to her reputation of doing and saying

things unusual. "I wish that some time soon, say by 12 o'clock midnight, that we girls could become the owners of this little cottage. We would keep it as a club house as long as the Half Dozen Club exists, and come for week-ends whenever convenient and for our long summer vacations."

Every one was silent for a minute and then

they all exploded with laughter.
"Molly! Of all the cheeky things I ever heard you say this is the worst! To virtually tell your hostess you would like to turn her out and own her house instead! O Molly, for shame!"

"I don't care," returned Molly stubbornly. "Miss Silver said we could wish all the lovely things we would like to happen, and, of course, I wouldn't want to turn her out of house and home, but you know how we have always loved this little cottage and I thought while I was wishing for something I might as well make it as impossible as I could."

Miss Silver laughed and gave her hand a little pat. She understood Molly very well, even better than the girls, and she knew what she meant by lots of her queer little speeches.

"I wish another wish, girls. I wish that every one of your wishes would come true, even to the funny one that Molly has just made, for if I ever give up this little house it will be because my own wish has come true, and if I go abroad I would rather you girls had my house than any one else I can think of.

"Now, if we are all going to stay awake until midnight I think we had better stir around and get something to eat, don't you?"

The girls were soon busy with the refreshments. Molly was an expert at toasting cheese sandwiches, and it was always Dorothy who proved herself the only one capable of moking the chocolate over the hot ashes without burning her face or upsetting the pan in the fire.

The girls ate and talked, and fed the fire. The wind continued to howl about the little house, and the hands of the clock slowly moved around to 12. In ten more minutes the old year would be gone and a new one commenced. A little silence fell upon the group and they sat gazing into the fire, each occupied with the thoughts of what the new year would bring.

Suddenly they all jumped, for the silence of the little house was rudely broken by the sound of the telephone. They looked at each other in some alarm, for the sound of the phone at that hour of the night seemed ominous; it gave them the same sensation of fear that the sight of a telegram usually gives those to whom, it has, at one time or another, brought a sad mes-

But that fear was soon dispelled at the sound of Miss Silver's voice. They listened as it rose to a crescendo of happy surprise. "You don't mean it!" they heard her exclaim. "Are you perfectly sure? I can't believe it! Yes, if you will, please," and then a pause as a short letter was evidently read aloud by the person at the other end of the wire. "I never was so happy "I wish," said Becky suddenly, "that I had a in my life, Mary, and thank you a thousand topac ring exactly like that one I barrowed last times for calling me."

As she turned from the phone she was more beautiful and adorable than she ha dever been in her life before. The girls never forgot how she looked at that moment.

"Girls," what do you think!" she exclaimed "I have won the Europeon scholarship. Isn't that too wonderful to believe? A special delivery letter had been delayed and has just arrived at my room, and Miss Hodges knew what it must be, so she called me up about it, and read it to me over the phone. I simply can't believe it is true."

She came and knelt by the fire, while the girls poured out their happy congratulations. The first stroke of 12 sounded from the clock above them on the mantel.

"Miss Silver," said Molly suddenly, "your wish is the first to come true. Do you realize

Something in Molly's dark, wistful clever face pulled at Miss Silver's heartstrings. She remembered Molly's unhappy home and the fact that very few of her wishes ever came true. A sudden impulse came over her and before the old clock had got half through its solemn announcement she turned to the other girls, although it was Molly's hand she reached out to clasp lovingly.

"Yes, my wish has come true, and because of that I am going to make another wish come true. I give, to the Half Dozen Club, this little house for their very own, with the only proviso that they elect Molly its caretaker, and allow me to come and visit here when I come home from abroad."

And as she finished speaking, the old clock sounded its last note, and the new year had come, bringing with it a great deal of happiness for those about the blazing fire.

### UNDER THE MISTLETOE.

In some places in Oxfordshire, every maidservant had the privilege and frequently exercised it, of asking a man for ivy to decorate the house. If the man assented, well and good; but if he refused, the maid stole a pair of his breeches. The next day they could be seen nailed to the gate of the highway. But a worse punishment than this was sometimes meted out to him; he was deprived of the privilege of the mistletoe.

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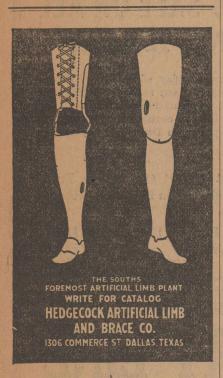
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Of course, the good old standbys like plum pudding, fruit cake and mince meat should be got ready right away. In addition to these are many things which can be bought now and which will keep perfectly.

By following this plan of real preparedness for the holiday season, we housewives not only can count upon having a good time ourselves, but even more—giving every one around us a good time. And to have a good time at Christmas is a very necessary thing in life.

Not only the plum pudding, fruit cake and mincemeat can be made in advance, but the cranberry jelly can be made at any time and put into jelly glasses, china or glass bowl. Cover and put into cold place until Christmas, then remove from mold. It may be served in mold shape, or if put in jelly glasses remove and cut into rounds or dice and pile in a glass or individual dishes.

If there are no home canned vegetables or fruit on hand, lay in extra canned goods, vegetables and fruits-peas, corn, asparagus, tomatoes, peaches, pears, cherries, apricots, evaporated milk, two or three cans of a good brand of soup of choice; but the different kinds of sugar which will be needed in baking, icing and home-made candy. There is granulated, brown, powdered, maple and cut. Put in jars on supply shelf until needed.

Baking chocolate or extra cocoa is a Christmas essential for cakes, cookies, icings, candy and sauce for ice cream. See that there are enough spices on hand, salad oil (and salad dressing for mayonnaise), vinegar, table sauce and poultry seasoning, nuts of choice or mixed nuts, raisins, dates and figs or mix with fresh fruit or to serve separately as a dessert, an extra bag of flour and extra baking powder. Do not forget to have extra bag of salt on hand. So often the small, everyday essentials are over-

Be sure the pie plates, cake tins, measuring cups, cookie cutter and other utensils are in good condition. Perhaps a new egg beater is needed. Get whatever is needed; do not wait until you are ready to use it and then worry because it was forgotten.

Look over all kitchen utensils at once; make a note of what is needed, and the first shopping trip you make let these be the first things bought. If you will follow the above instructions in regard to staples and utensils, you will find that it will make your Christmas preparations very much easier than ever before.

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WARM MILK BISCUIT.

2 cups flour.
2 teaspoons baking powder.
1 level teaspoon salt.

teaspoons shortening. Milk to make soft dough.
Sift the flour, salt and baking powder together into bowl; rub in shortening lightly with tips of fingers; add just enough milk to make soft dough. Roll out dough 1 inch thick on board floured with straight flour; cut with biscuit cutter; brush tops of biscuits with milk and bake in hot oven until nicely browned, but do not bake too dry. Serve at once. This amount makes sixteen medium-sized biscuits.

Oyster Stuffing.

Mix 3 or 4 cups stale bread crumbs with ½ cup melted butter, 1 teaspoon onion juice, salt and pepper, and 1 pint well-cleaned oysters. Moisten if necessary with a little turkey liquor.

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Pick over and wash 1 quart cranberries and put them, with 1 cup water, over quick fire, and cook about 5 minutes, or until the berries burst. Press through coarse sieve, add 1 pound sugar, stir until sugar is dissolved, and pour into small glasses or molds to cool. Do not allow to boil after sugar is added.

Corn Bread Stuffing.

Mix 4 cups corn bread crumbs with 1 tablespoon or more of onion juice, 1 cup melted butter, pepper and salt to taste, 1 or 2 slightly beaten eggs and hot water enough to moisten. Add poultry seasoning to taste.

A Fruit Pudding.

One-half cup butter, ½ cup sugar, 1 cup milk, ¼ cup currants, 2 cups chopped figs, ½ cup molasses, 3 cups flour, 1 egg, 5 teaspoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, ½ teaspoon nutmeg, ½ teaspoon salt.

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Plum Pudding. Plum Pudding.

One pound seeded raisins, 1 pound currants, 1 pound beef suct, ¾ pound of sugar, 6 eggs, ½ cup of fine bread crumbs, 1½ cups flour, 2 tablespoons orange peel, 2 tablespoons of lemon peel, 2 tablespoons citron peel, nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves and salt.

Mix together all ingredients, adding a little milk if necessary. Dip the pudding cloth in boiling water, then flour the inside and put in the mixture. Tie loosely, and boil fast for four and one-half hours.

Plum Pudding Sauce.
Three yolks of eggs, 2 tablespoons powdered sugar,

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1 cup grape juice.

Whip the egg yolks and sugar to a creamy consistency, then add the grape juice. Cook in double boiler for one minute, and serve at once. Any other fruit juice may be used instead of grape if preferred.

Walnut Raisin Cake.

Mix the following ingredients in their order and bake in two medium sized loaves in a moderate oven: One cup sugar, ½ cup butter substitute, ½ cup corn syrup, 2 eggs, 1 cup sweet milk, 2½ cups flour, ¼ teaspoon grated nutmeg, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon

cloves, 5 level teaspoon baking powder, 1 cup walnut meats, 1 cup raisins. Flour the raisins and nut meats.

Snowdrift Cakes.

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Half cup butter, ¾ cup sugar, 2 eggs, 1 tablespoon cream, 1 teaspoon vanilla, ½ cup flour, 1-3 cup cornstarch, 6 ounces of dried cocoanut, 8 crushed macaroons, 1 teaspoon baking powder. Mix in the usual order, adding the eggs, beaten without separating, before the flour, cocoanut and macaroons, crumbs are added. Bake in small tins. Ice and decorate with candied fruit; when cold the centers may be removed and filled with whipped cream for a holiday dessert.

Christmas Coffee Cake.

One cup scalded milk, ¼ cup sugar, 2 cakes compressed yeast ½ teaspoon salt, ¼ cup water, 1 egg, flour for sponge, grated lemon rind, 1-3 cup melted butter. Flour. Mix together the yeast, softened in water, the sponge and the milk; when light other in readients with flour fore stiff better. gredients, with flour for a stiff batter. Beat thoroughly when light again, spread in a dripping pan and let rise. Brush with beaten egg, dust with cinnamon and sugar

COOKIES.

Cookies fill a long felt want among all members of the family. They can be served at all times—between meals and during meals.

Grandma's Cookies.

One and one-half cups of sugar, one-half cup of butter and one-half cup of lard or substitute, one cup of sour milk, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in hot water, nutmeg to flavor. When these cookies are mixed and ready to lay in the pan they should be sprinkled with coarse granulated sugar.

Ginger Cookies. Ginger Cookies.

Cream together one cupful of sugar and one cupful of shortening. Add two tablespoonfuls of molasses, one teaspoonful of ginger and a whole egg well beaten. Stir two tablespoonfuls of soda in half a cupful of boiling water. Sift in a teaspoonful of baking powder with enough flour to make a soft dough. Roll out and bake far apart so they will not run together.

Fruit Sticks.

Chop fine or put through a food chopper equal quantities of figs, dates and nut meats. With a little tart jelly, like currant or grape; work this into a thick paste. Stir into the well beaten whites of two or more eggs and spread on the whites were little pulsarized warrant to stiff on the whites were little pulsarized. seem to stiffen the whites, use a little pulverized sugar

SANDWICHES.

Sandwiches for parties during the holidays are popular with old as well as young folks.

Marshmallow Whip and Cocoa Sandwiches. Bran or whole wheat bread, ½ cup marshmallow whip, 1 tablespoon cocoa. Cut day old bread into this slices, then remove the crust, spread each slice with marshmallow whip and sprinkle lightly with cocoa, press the two slices together; cut into finger shapes.

Honey Nut Sandwich.

Honey, chopped English or black walnuts, day old wheat bread or bran bread. Cut the bread thin and even; butter lightly and spread with honey not quite to the edge; then sprinkle with chopped nut meats (any nut can be used.) When pressing together the honey will come to edge. These sandwiches take the place of cake. Cut into fancy shapes.

Cream Cheese and Peanut Butter Paste.

1 cream cheese, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon chopped parsley, ¼ cup peanut butter, dash white pepper, dash paprika. Mix all ingredients and add milk enough to it so it will spread easily. Spread on thin slice of bran bread and press together, or spread with just peanut butter. Most persons are fond of peanuts or peanut butter.

Peanut Butter and Apple Sandwiches.

1 loaf whole-wheat bread, one day old, 4 mellow apples, ½ glass peanut butter, pinch salf. Cut the bread into thin slices and with plain cookie or biscuti cutter cut into rounds. Spread with peanut butter. Wash, pare and core the apples; cut in this rounds as near the size of bread as possible. Put a slice of apple between the bread; sprinkle a few grains of salt on the apple and press together. No butter is used with these sand-

Raisin Paste Sandwiches.

1 cup seeded raisins, ½ cup English walnuts or peanuts, 2 tablespoons lemon or orange juice, ¼ teaspoon salt. Wash and dry the raisins; put the raisins and nuts through the food chopper, add salt and orange or lemon juice and mix well; this should make a smooth paste, but if it is too dry add a little more fruit juice. Spread between thinly sliced whole wheat or white bread; cut in finger shapes or with small cookie cutter. Cheese and Red Jelly Sandwich.

Mix one cream cheese with just enough milk or cream to make a smooth paste; add a pinch of salt. Spread one thin slice of bread with butter and the currant jelly, the other slice with the cheese, and press together. Cut the bread into triangles.

CANDIES.

Christmas without candy would seem almost as strange as Christmas without Santa Claus, so interwoven with each other are thoughts of the holiday season and the sweets that give it a festal touch.

All the candies for which recipes are here given will keep well throughout the holidays if carefully packed in boxes and put away in a cool, dry place. Walnut Bonbons.

1 cup of fondant, ¼ cup of grated cocoanut, English walnuts. Put the fondant into top of double boiler over hot water. When soft remove and add cocoanut. Mix well. Take a teaspoon, roll into oblong balls, then press 1/2 English walnut on each side; sprinkle with

Creamed Dates. Dates are cut in half, stone removed, and filled with the same kind of fondant, then rolled in powdered sugar. Figs, raisins, prunes and dried apricots are prepared

the same way.

Plain fondant is molded and dipped in melted bak-

Chocolate and Honey Nut Candy. 1 cup strained honey, 4 squares melted chocolate, or ½ cup cocoa, 2 cups finely chopped nut meats, 1 teaspoon powdered cinnamon. Mix ingredients, put into saucepan and boil slowly until it spins a thick thread or has reached the hard ball stage when dropped in cold water. Dust bakeboard with 1 teaspoon of confectioner's sugar and put mixture on. When cold roll out one-half inch thick and cut in one-half inch squares. Place in warm oven to dry.

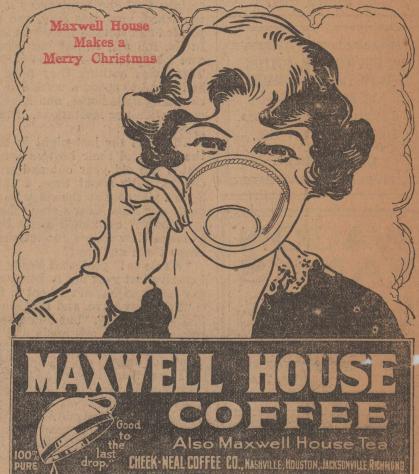
Chocolate Peanut Butter Fudge.

2 squares of chocolate, 2 cups of granulated sugar,

½ cup of milk, 2 tablespoons peanut butter, 2 tablespoon syrup, butter. Cook together the ingredients in
the usual manner of fudge with a piece of butter the
size of a reliable. size of a walnut. When done beat well and pour into

Cocoanut Fudge. 2 squares chocolate, 2 cups sugar, 1 tablespoon butter, ½ cup fresh grated cocoanut and cocoanut milk. Put all the ingredients into saucepan and boil until when tried in cold water, a soft ball is formed. Remove from the fire, add a pinch of salt and stir until smooth and creamy. Pour into buttered pan and, when





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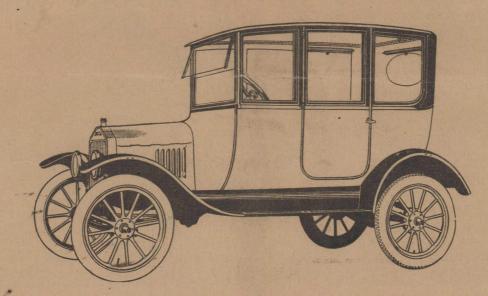
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