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ada, Texas, under the Act of Congress of March 3rd, 1879. One Pear
Six Months Six Months-
Three Months In advance 45
 And among other taxes, remember
there is the highway license there is the highway license tax on
your Flivver. It will be unlawful to operate on the highways after January ary 1st unless you have a 1922 seal.
$\overline{\overline{0 a l} \text { payments should be made }}$ School tax payments should be made
eary, whether or not you feel able to pay all of your taxes before the last nowey badly for dada schools need the Your help now will current expenses. will help later on in the tax-paying
$\qquad$ The Randall County News aptly expresses a new thought about the wheat suggests that, since corn in the News belt has proven a tremendous loss this year that section has been planted to vheat this fall. A heavy crop will result in 40 cent wheat, while row crops might thus have a chance to bring a good price. "Seeming defeat may prove a victory to this secsoultry are added to the row crops in poultry are added to the row crops in
the right propcrtions the plains will grow rich from diversified farming. Otherwise, our section, like many others, will be a "one-crop" country rich on and broke the next.
$\qquad$ through the watermains into his bathtub a Ranger citizen thought sure he tub one night last week. Near-asphyxiations and several spoiled bathnains was discovered, into which the oil and gas were pouring from the
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The report that ex-service men through competitive examinations, to take jobs as mail guards in the ter-
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try, has been confiimed as contemplated by the Post Office Department. At present the Marines are doing the


## The Singer Sewing Machine Co.

HAVE TURNED THEIR BUSINESS BACK OVER TO ME.

And I just have a new shipment in. So hurry in and
Make Your Wife a Christmas Present of a New Singer
We have them in Birds Eye Maple, Ma hogany, Satin Walnut and Oak Finishes.

## 20 Per Cent Discount for Cash

Or small payment down and $\$ 3.00$ per month-3 years payment, no interest.

We also have a new shipment of Furni ture, Trunks, Suit Cases, all suitable for holiday gifts.:

## Sho <br> Say it with Gifts that Last

A SMALL PAYMENT WILL RESERVE ANY GIFT, MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS NOW. I AT YOUR CONVENIENCE, WE INVITE YOU TO INSPECT OUR LARGE STOCK, OF THE FOLLOWING:

## Gifts that Last--Jewelry

Baby rings, solid gold 85 c and up. Reconstructed Rubies, $\$ 3.80$ and up Golden Sapphires, $\$ 5.00$ and up. Baby Diamond rings, $\$ 3.00$ to $\$ 6.40$. Misses Diamond rings $\$ 8.00$ to $\$ 14.00$. Ladies diamond rings, in platinum mountings $\$ 35.00$ and up. Diamond bar pins $\$ 20.00$ to $\$ 150.00$. Wrist Watches in best movements $\$ 20.00$ to $\$ 56.00$. Gents Watches in Waltham, Elgin, Hampden, Illinois and Hamilton, $\$ 10.00$ to $\$ 75.00$, $\$ 2.50$ watches now $\$ 1.05$.

## Special Values in Clocks

We have a large assortment of Seth Thomas clocks, solid brass plate movements, in genuine Mahogany frame, priced right at $\$ 13.75$ to $\$ 20.00$. Also New Haven kitchen clocks at $\$ 9.45$. New shipment of Ansonia alarms for $\$ 1.50$. Big Bens for every one, just received a large factory shipment; why buy clocks that won't run?

## Gifts that Last---Ivory

Mirrors $\$ 3.50$ to $\$ 8.00$; Military brush sets $\$ 4.00$ to $\$ 7.00$; Hair brushes $\$ 3.00$ to $\$ 5.00$; Combs $\$ 1.00$ to $\$ 2.50$; Cologne bottles $\$ 1.30$ to $\$ 5.00$; Trays $\$ 1.00$ to $\$ 3.50$; Candle sticks 50 c to $\$ 1.10$; Picture frames $\$ 1.00$ to $\$ 2.00$; Shaving stands $\$ 3.50$ to $\$ 5.40$; Three piece Ivory sets $\$ 12.00$ to $\$ 15.00$. Electrolier $\$ 1.00$ and up.

## 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 65 c to $\$ 1.30$; Cologne 90 c 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 $\$ 4.50$; Universal vaccum bottle Iunch 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
$\$ 7.25$
Ice Tea Spoons, per set.
$\$ 6.00$
Hollow Handle Knives and Forks
$\$ 18.00$
CONKLIN FOUNTAIN PENS
Known to the commercial world as the most successful self-filling fountain pen, $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 7.00$.

## CHRISTMAS STATIONERY

A nice assortment of gift stationery priced from 40 c to $\$ 2.00$.
Nahogany smoking stands $\$ 2.00$ to $\$ 5.25$; Table ash trays $\$ 1.25$ and up. Solid leather, hand stamped, vanity cases $\$ 3.00$ to $\$ 10.00$; Manicure sets $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 12.50$; Gents Bill folds 90 c and up.

## Get Your Christmas Records Now <br> Come in and select your music for Christmas

$\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { ? } \\ 2\end{array}\right.$ day, make this a musical Christmas, but be sure you get the best; Victrolas and Victor Records.

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
PHONE 254
WILSON KIMBLE


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.
FIRST NATIONAL BANK floydada, texas


LeTtęRS TO SANTA CLAUS
Floydada, Texas DEAR SANTA CLAUS DEAR SANTA CLAUS: $\quad$ I am a little girl nine years old. I am writing you to tell you what 1 And will you please bring me a doll crackers, nuts, apples, oranges, and fruits and candy. I hope I haven't my stockings full of candy.
I have been making good grades asked for too much. From $\begin{gathered}\text { Frances Carpenter. }\end{gathered}$ I have been making good grades
ever sine school has started. Wish-
ing you a merry Christmas. ing you a merry Christmas.

Your little friend, \begin{tabular}{l|l|}
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| Floydada, Texas. |  |
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| little friend, |  |
| Adine Turnbow. | DEAR SANTA CLAUS: | <br>

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\end{tabular} Adine Turnbow. DEAR SANTA CLAUS: - I thought I would write you and Floydada, Texas. $\begin{aligned} & \text { tell you what I wish to have this } \\ & \text { Christmas. I will not ask for much }\end{aligned}$ EAR SANTA CLAUS: I EAR SANTA CLAUS: I am a little boy six years old. 1 all I ask for, because you have se Nish you would please bring me a

ittle French harp, a rubber ball, some little French harp, a rubber ball, some
ABC blocks and lots of nuts, apples
ABC candy.

> Your little friend,

Route 3, Floydada a, Tex., Dec. 2 , 1921

## 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

Muncy, Texas.
dear Santa claus:
It seems a long time since last
Christmas, but I have
Christmas, but I have been good.
Santa, I want a sleeping doll, a little


DEAR SANTA CLAUS
I want a doll buggy a
er and cap and lots of fruits and
eandy.

$\qquad$ DEAR SANTA CLAUS: Muncy, Texas DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
As it is very cold, I know As it is very cold, I know
for you to come again.
Santa, I have been very good.
Please bring me a rubber
Please bring me a rubber ball, set of
blocks, a tricycle, and some candy. Your friend,
$\qquad$
DEAR SANTA CLAUS: Muncy, Texas.
Mamel 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 crackers, and some candy.

Yourdy.
Yourie Your friend,
Lacy Green,
Floydada, Texas.
AUS:
DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I am a little girl nine years old and | will you please bring me a set of |
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| 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. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Your little friend, } \\ & \text { Yol }\end{aligned}$

Your little friend, Louise Thacker
DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please bring me a little electric
train and a toy air plane and bring
train and a toy air plane and bring
little sister a tricycle and a doll and bring us both some nuts and fruits. Please hurry

Your little friends,
Layton and Florine Dorrell 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 boo
and lots of candy, apples and nuts. and lots of
am as ever,

## 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

##  <br> Eat Cold Dinner

## Do your shopping before noon and get better ser-

 vice.
## 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. <br> FLOYDADA, TEXAS

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

## 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 15 th to 25 th 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.
KIRK \& SONS
NORTH SIDE SQUARE
FLOYDADA, TEXAS
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## An Ideal Combination Gift for Any Man or Woman Can be Had at Glad's

A Few Things for any Gentleman

A fur collar
A leather coat
Nigger brown leather vest An imported $V$ neck sweat-
Fur collared overcoats Newest models Pair Florsheim shoe Cuff links, stick pins A traveling bag or steamer trunk
Gold knife and chain
A velour hat and gloves
pair to box (in Xmas boxes. No gift appreciated more by the married men.
make a specialty in things
any gentleman would like as a gift.
Most any Lady Would Wish:
La Tausea Pearls
Keva Indestructible pearls A Diamond ring Lavalliers ew silk umbrellas Silk Holeproof hosiery (In holiday boxes)
Cameo brooches and Cameo brooches and Manicure sets Ladies traveling bag trunks
Other things in the newer
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## Glad's

"For Sensible and Useful Gifts" no christmas merchandise can be returned


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




## High School Program

Friday Night, December 16th, at 7:30
City Park Auditorium


| A. Drill .... |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| PART II |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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& \text { Select School for Young Ladies is located.-George and Tom } \\
& \text { ne } \\
& \text { CENE II.-Exterior of Miss, Brown's School.-"I'll see that girl } \\
& \text { and dont you forget it. Conspiracy. } \\
& \text { Study hour - } \\
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\text { Enter detective.-"They might be hidin" around here some- }
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& \text { detective.-Suspected of the burglary.-Arrest.-Gran }
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## Benefit Library and Annual FundF.H.S

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

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eriff of Foyd County, Texas, on the place of beginning, containing

70.5 acres of land. 10th day of November, A. D. 1921, | 2:30 o'clock P. M. levied upon and | to satisfy the above judgment of |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ill on the first Tuesday in Janu- $\$ 9202.72$, together with all interest and January, 1922, at the Court House Minor C. Keith, Charles H. Zehnder,

## 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
the said
Zehnder,
phelance, sif any, remaining, will be paid
bo the defendants in accordance with to the defendants in accordance with
the terms of the the terms of the order of sale.
Witness my hand at Floydada, Tex as, this 10 th day of November, 1921 . J. A. GRIGSBY,
38-4tc. Sheriff of Floyd County, Te 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 Detween seven and eight, favors us
betw with his beams for just a few hours, if the day be nice, and then turns in again some time between, four and leep! And it's because Old Sol insists on
going to bed before we're ready to that ge've had to develop the stuff called watificial light. From the earliest cave man, who had hunted all day and Who wanted to sit up most of the night corging himself on fresh killed, hali
cooked meat, we've all made considerable use of artificial light in one orm or another.
The neolithic gentleman doubtless used a pine knot, stuck in the wall of with oil that would burn and lamps to burn it in. More pine knots, then, ally the coal oil then candles and fiAhy here indeed was the and lantern. Artificial ilighting. Well, yes, the last
ard word until natural and artificial gas ' appeared and these in turn the last words until electricity for lighting be came an accomplished fact.
City and country alike have passed
through the successive lighting stens but the city, owing to denser population has been some years ahead lately. Now, however, thousands of farm farm electric plant, medium of the farm electric plant, are enjoying the
same bright electric light as their city neighbors.
Old Sol cango to bed when he likes in these days. Electricity is always ready with a light as bright and
strong as his strong as his own. latter part of last week for Wolfe City for a visit during the holiday
season with season with relatives and friends.
They will visit enroute with friends They will visit enroute with friends
at Wichita Falls.


## Greatest Animal Movies FRE to every family!

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# LEST WE FORGET 



\|\| 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.

## Valuable Suggestions

## for Christmas Shoppers



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.
C. SURGINER \& SON


You want the same feeling of
security concerning your opti-
cian, as you do your bank, your cian, as you do your bank, your
surgeon, or your lawyer. You
will only feel certain your glasses are right when you get them from an establishment that
enjoys the absolute confidence of the community. We have
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SOUTH SIDE SQUARE

## W. M. MASSIE \& BRO GENERAL LAND AGENTS (The Senior Land \& Abstract Business of Floyd County.) BUY, STLL LTASE OR EX cange land Axy size tracts through North- west Texas, especially through Moyd and other Counties of the beautiful Plains. Render and Pay Taxes, Furnish Abstracts, Perfect Titles Etc. RESIDENT LAN SPECALTY <br> MASSE \& BROTHE: <br> FLOYDADA, TEXAS

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30 years experience, with Floyd County land titles. List your and and town lots with me, if
or sale orvease; and give me your abstract of title work. Of
fice South East Corner Square.

ARTHUR B. DUNCAN


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## The Hesperian Want Ad Department

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| day night, December 22 nd the latest |
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| styles in hair dressing. |
| Load Santa's pack with our Christ- |$|$


$|$| Johnson Grocery Co. |
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| We have a car of Washington De- |
| licious, Winesap, Arkansas Black, |
| Rome Beauty and Spitzenberg apples. |
| Prices right. A. D. White Grocery |
| Company. |
| Another car of Smth's Best flour |
| just received. Sold with a guarantee. |
| You to be satisfied or your mones |
| back. S. D. Furguson \& Co. 41-tfe |



Oranges, all sizes, at Star Cash
Grocery.

| Let us fix that tube. We can and <br> will if its worthy, if not we'll tell you <br> so. Gullion \& Son. |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Bulk red pepper, bulk black pepper. |  |  |
| Brown Bros. |  |  | We sell the feed that makes milk,

eggs, and pork. S. D. Fürguson and
Campany.


Don't say "flour:" Ask Furguso
and Company for " "SMITH'S BEST
$\frac{38-\mathrm{tfc} \text {. }}{\text { If you have any Sudan Grass Seed }}$

$\left|\begin{array}{l}6 \text { Bars White Flyer Laundry Soap } \\ 25 \mathrm{c} ; 20 \text { Bars Cream White soap } \$ 1.00 \\ \text { Star Cash Grocery. } \\ \hline \text { Wright's Smoke for meat. } \\ \hline \text { Brown } \\ \text { Bros. } \\ \hline \text { We have quite a few meat bills yet } \\ \hline \text { unpaid }\end{array}\right|$


Successful cooks use SMITH'S
BEST. Furguson and Company. 38 -tfc An ideal combination gift for any
man or woman can be had at Glad's



## WARREN \& TUBBS

DEALERS IN FARMS, RANCHES
SEE US FOR BARGAINS. DISTRICT CLERK'S
COURT HOUSE, FLOydAdA, texas.

## FAWVER REALTY COMPANY

28 years in floyd county; 14 years exper ence in the land business
$\qquad$

Over First National Bank
Room 14

## BUY LAND WHERE ONE CROP OFTEN PAYS FOR IT

FOR SALE OR trade-Hupmobile tra tire and rack. Sell on time with
good note or trade. Phone 152. C. D.

Have nice income piece of property

SPECIAL-One lot ladies' high heel
s, brown and black, $\$ 8.50$ to $\$ 15.00$
any. $\$ 2.15$.
 After all-the best gift is a pho-
ograph. Wilson's Studio. $39-3 \mathrm{tc}$ sulk red pepper, bulk black pepper. Standard line cigars; Travis Club,
in box; $Y-B^{\prime}$ 's 50 in box. See our
gars for Christms Dorcas Jones Thursday night, DeFla
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W. R.Your photographs will solve the

ouble: "What shall I give this Chist | Seedless raisins, glace cherries and |
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| pineapples, citron, orange and lemon |
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We have it-Will get it-or-It's
net made. Floydada Drug Company.
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Gifts that are ever present wit
memories and personal thoughts
Jewelry, toilet sets of delicate desig
art pattern. See Fleydada Drug C
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night, Deeember 22 , how to make
love and gain a large fortune. $41-1 \mathrm{tt}$
Furniture bargain days December

## JUST RECEIVED-Shipment new

| and black kangaroo. Martin Dry |
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| Goods Company. |

 Improved farms from $\$ 25.00$ to $\$ 50.00$ per acre. Unimproved from $\$ 10.00$ to $\$ 20.00$ per acre. Easy terms. Standard Santa Fe Railroa

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Children a Specialty Office Phone No. 256 Res. 25

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Office Opposite Post Office

Floydada, Texas
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LAWYERS
Offices in
Willis Building
FLOYDADA - - TEXAS

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## Houston'S

a Good Place to Trade

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Dr. K. L. CLEMENTS

| OFFICE OVER MITCHELL HAR <br> MONDAYS, WEDNESDA TELEPHONE NO. 9 |
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Genuine Ford timers complete a
90 cents. Barker Bros., Ford dealers.
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# Christmas Presents 

TELEPHONE NO. 179

# Brown Brothers 



## A Merry Xmas

The time to make somebody glad. "A useful gift is the most appropriate surprise

## Surprise Her Xmas Morning

With a pretty Gold Band or Gold Decorated 42,50 or 60 piece Dinner Set;

A selection of cut glass or hand painted China; Silverware; Aluminumware;
Copper-nickled Percolator; Mantel Clock
Electric Iron, or Electric Washer.

## 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.

We have complete stock of dependable hardware.

## Santa Says:

That Christmas Dinner Won't be Complete

## Without Meats from our Market

We have all the fresh and cured meats, sausages Cheese, and everything you ought to find at YOUR Mar ket. Make that Christmas Dinner Complete with some of our fine meats

CITY MARKET
Next Door to Post Office.
Telephone 118

## CKARK-WOOD DRY GOODS COMPANY

## DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT OUR Pre-Inventory Clean-Up Sale <br> The store that serves you best all the year 'round will naturally serve you best during the "Holiday Season". Think of it, just one more

 week until Christmas. This store is ready with hosts of "Gift Things" that will reflect taste and wisdom of the giver. Here you will find useful gifts foryoung and old, making it easier for you to give "Better Things"-That owing to the downward trend in prices, assures you of the utmost in value-giving. It is impossible for us to mention every item in the store suitable for gift purposes, so merely a few suggestions.
## SILK SHIRTS

Give him at silk stiirt-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 $\$ 6.75$.
CHRISTMAS NECKWEAR, FOR THE MEN AND BOYS
This is your opportunity to fill in several name n your list with some of our tancy silk and knit ties.
An Overcoat makes an excellent gift. Big wrappy oats and neat dress models, all good styles. Our entire stock greatly reduced.

MEN'S AND BOYS' BELTS
Add them to your Christmas list and come and A HAT THAT WILL PLEASE HIM
They are of Stetson and Davis Quality. Every
at full of individual character, quality and durability, If you can not think of anything else to give hin think of a pair of Armor Plate silk or wool hose.

GIVE A SWEATER FOR CHRISTMAS Buy them, now at special prices. Men's all wool sweaters. Nothing could be more appreciated than a
Bradley Sweater. You have your choice of a large sweater assortment in combination and slipon styles that are most popular.
A gift most pleasing. An all wool shirt of the
Honest Abe" kind for men and boys. Be sure to get "Honest Abe" kind for men and boys. Be sure to get
our prices. our prices. BATH ROBING

We have received another shipment of bath rob ing in the same wonderful range of patterns and colors. Better come and select yours from this new and
beautiful assortment

BLANKETS AND COMFORTS
For Holiday Gifts of good cheer. Drop in and
see our line of Specially priced blankets and comforts. TOILET ARTICLES
Make Excellent Gifts. And our assortment includes all that is new in the Djer Kiss, Mary Garden
and Mavis lines

## GIFT BAGS AND PURSES

You will find here a very large selection of late
style Purses and bage Select

## NOTION GIFTS

Cutex sets, fancy hand made garters, chamies and covered tacum boxes, talcum and face powders in the
favorite brands, Mary Garden, Dier Kiss and Mavis. favorite brands, Mary Garden, Djer Kiss and Mavis.
Toilet waters, perfumes and face creams. Djer Kiss Toilet waters, perfumes and face creams. Djer Kiss sets, IVory combs and brushes, purses and bags, hand-
kerchiefs, bill folders, silk hose, for women, silk hose for men, men's belts, boys belts, ties for men and boys, and many other items that will make most excellent gifts.
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 DOWN THE SLIPPER PATH TO MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS
This big sale affords many who look forward to priced, $\$ 4.85$ to $\$ 5.25$.

## CLARK-WOOD DRY GOODS COMPANY

 SOUTH SIDE-


## COME AND SEE

We have a special lot of fresh Christmas Candieś, 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, orangus, grapes, celery, lettuce, coconuts. Our stock of Christmas supplies is fresh, clean and as nearly complete as we can make it.



## rLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN

## Further Reductions In Our Great Pre-Holide

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 F ductions still greater beginning Friday, December 16th, and lasting until Saturday night, December 24th. Besides offering thest big redu. tions we offer the largest selection of gifts for everybody that you will find anywhere. TWe 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. IT 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 oul 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


Give Her a Coat
A nice Coat will be appreciated an
will last a season or two after thi
Xlas All $\$ 27.50$ Coats are now $\quad \$ 16.75$ $\begin{array}{llll}\text { All } \$ 35.00 \text { Cats are now._._._ } \$ 24.75 \\ \text { All } \$ 40 \text { to } \$ 50 \text { Coats are now } & \$ 29.00\end{array}$ All $\$ 40$ to $\$ 50$ Coats are now... $\$ 29.00$
All $\$ 65$ to $\$ 75$ Coats are now... $\$ 49.00$
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pertunity. We are offering some exceptionally
fine values in Ladies' Dresses for the
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to us a few day to us a few days ago of the latest
creations out for Mid Winter wear
Poiret.Twills, Tricotines, Serges, Ft These Dresses wcuind easily sell else. Where for $\$ 35.00$ and we have made a
very special price on them that should move them in a hurry, here you
YOUR CHOICE AT $\$ 29.00$ You can't make a mistake by giving
handkerchiefs, we have a complete handkerchiefs, we whave a bomplete
stock of gift handkerchiefs for you to
choose from Give her Toilet Water and Per-
fumes. We carry the Jerghens line of
toilet. toilet articles and have a complete
assorttment of all' the wanted perfumes assortment of al the wanted perfumes
and toilet waters for the holiday shop-
per. Give her a nice Purse for Xmas and
olease her, every woman likes a nice and
Give her a Nice Wool Blanket, a pair of all wool Blankets are here for you in pretty piaids and solid colors.
Give her Table Linen and Napkins, every wo of beautiful linen, there's no nicer gifts than linen.
Give her a beautiful pair of towels, the a are a very nice
thing to have around the house and the wome Gg the kind hike we are showing.
Give her a pair of house shoes, she will surely be pleased
or house shoes are almost indispensible with a woman and so Give the Cher.
Gilden a Doll. We have some pretty ones that
cu wili be interested in. They are very reasonable in price. Give the baby a Knit see, consisting of Jacket, Cap and
Poottees to match,, made of all wool and beautifully embroidGive her Silk Hosiery, we have a fine assortment of beauti-
silk hosiery for Mi Lady that she will be very much pleased

HAND BAGS, SUIT CASES AND TRUNKS, Make mighty
e gifts, a gift that will last a long time and give lots of serREDUCED 20 PER CENT

Give her a Hoover Carpet Sweeper




Give a Phonograph for Xmas

 graph, the machine that tcok the highest awards for clear thone
at the Panama Pacific Exposition. Let us price you one of these

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


| All Men's Fine Wool Macki- |
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| naws, Leatherette |
| Lined |
| Over |
| Coats, Sheep |
| Vested |
| Vests and Mole and Corduroy |
| Suits have been farther re- |
| duced. |

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 appropri-
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 oppor-
tunity to purchase. We have grouped our entire stock into three and have made the reductions very drastic entire stock into three group

## GROUP NO. 1

ALL MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS, Hard finished worsteds, assimeres, finished worsteds, regular and young men's models, all the Regular $\$ 40, \$ 45.00, \$ 50.00$ and $\$ 55.00$ Suits, your choice ....................... $\$ 29.00$

GROUP NO 2
Every suit guaranteed to be
wool and as high class tailoring Regular $\$ 35.00$ to $\$ 37.50$ as any of the higher priced suits. 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 YOUR CHOICE, $\$ 17.95$

Give Him a Good Over Coat for Xmas
You will surely make Dad or Son or Father smile Xmas morn 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. further reduced prices that we have placed on them. All $\$ 25.00$ Overcoats, Holiday Specials All $\$ 30.00$ Ocercoats, Holiday Specials All $\$ 35.00$ Overcoats, Holiday Specials All $\$ 40.00$ Ocercoats, Holiday Specials All $\$ 45.00$ Overcoats, Holiday Specials $\$ 17.95$ $\$ 19.95$ $\$ 24.95$ All $\$ 50.00$ Ocercoats, Holiday Specials $-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad . \quad 29.45$

Give Him a Snappy New


## Buy Little Brother a Suit

nal call on the Boys Suits the fievent 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 ONEHALF PRICE.
$\$ 8.00$ Suits, ,now $\$ 10.00$ Suits now $\$ 15.00$ Suits now $\$ 20.00$ Suits now $\$ 25.00$ Suits now $\$ 4.00$ $\$ 5.00$
..$\$ 7.50$ $\$ 10.00$ $\$ 12.50$

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



 Golive him a pair of these nice Hose
rice eive himion handikeroniheff. They make fine gitits, all linen

are a mane ham a pait of of gloves, they are always appreciated an
tion to choose from. fion to choose from.
 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, ali izes and a big collection to choose from.
Give him a sweater and do him a favor fo
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. We have them in several qualities
Give him a Fur Cap. We

## THE FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN



# 4. A CHRISTMAS REUNION <br> By FRANK H. SHAW 

As the signal dropped, Lionel Cartwright sion crossed his young face He was no coward sion crossed his young face He was no coward,
but he was well aware that he had a bad half.
hour to look forward to when once the train hour to look forward to when ${ }^{\text {oncee }}$ the train
reached the platform whereon he was standing reached the platform whereon he was standing
He was thinking now of the oll soldier who was hastening to Manorford as fast as steam could
bring him; speeding homeward in time for ${ }^{\text {bring }}$ him
"Hello, Lionel-you look as glum as a fu-
He spun around at the challenge, and his
and face brightened
deeper gloom.
"Hello, Marian," he responded gruffly switching at hisian," boots with responded gruffly, cane he carried. "Expecting some one ?"
"Yes; there's a crowd coming for Christmas
you might have known if you'd only as you might have known if you'd only taken
the trouble to ask. Why haven't you been over 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' the heart to come, and thats like going to a dep part of
Mare
the river and drowning myself than visiting Narian.
the river and dorow,
-even old friends."
The girl-she was barely nineteen, and lovey with the radiant loveliness
stretched out an impulsive hand.
"I'm sorry, Lionel; I'm beastly sorry. I' "T'm sorry, Lionet; Pm beastly sorry. Yed
forgotten that your father didn't know yet.
But it's a pity you didn't send him word, it But it's a pity you didn't send , him word; it
would have made it easier noww,"
The lad squared his shoulders resolutely, and 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 I dayint the game to tell him when he was thousands of miles away, and escape the rag
ging. No, I'm going to face it." ging. No, Y'm going to face it.
"No," said the girl thully: "No," said the girl thoughtfully; "no, it
wouldn't be the square thing to do.,"m glad you've waited to face it out, Lionel." brely; "Ever sine there's been a Cartwrigh there's been one holding the King's commis-
sion. Im the first one to go under ; and the sion. man will be cut up abominably," Sud.
The train was almost at the platform. Suddenly train wirl's hand was laid on the lad's arm,
der and with a certain timidity in her voice, she "Promise me you won't do anything-des
perate. And if it- well, we know Colone
Cartwright is hasty; but-don't go away with "ut seeing me, wrill you?" ". That. P'd promise you a good deal more." But Marian had turned
away to scan the carriage windows and maybe away last words were not heard.
his
The single porter at Manorford was too oc
cupied with Christmas parcels to swee upied with Christmas parcels sweep th thick snow from the pattorm; and colone
Cartwright sprang from his well-warmed car Ciage into eight inches of chilly snow," he said
"Look after the luggage, Meredith., Look after the luggage, Meredith, he saic
curtiy to his man, who was standing like a
tatue at the door. The colonel always prided statue at the door. The colonel always prided
himself on maintaining military discipline, no himself on maintianing military
matter, what his environent might, be be
'"There'll be something to meet us, I expect. 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 clus-
ter of eager guests; but, catching sight of the ter 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. "Co
"Wen the colonel's side and held out her hand. "And the compliments of the season to you." our Christmas dinner with yourse, fatherl eat as
we've always done. Why doesn't that, boy we've always done. Why doess't that boy come? What tusiness hias he to stand taknimg
to other poople when his fatheres newly home after a year's absence?
But it was not Lione,
But it was not Lionel's fault in the least. He
had piunged into a knot of th sche 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 him on the back, telling him he had grown. Bu
he made an extra effort, and ploughed through he made an extra effort, and ploughed through
them. "Good afternoon, father," he said awkward-
y holding out t a hand that trembled in spite of "Welcome home Itelf-control
"Welcome home. It's good to see you again."
The Colonel climbed aboard and his s. 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 yord did Colonel Cartwright break the station ritably. "I told you that I should said from here. But when I inquired there was no wire You might have remembered that I was anx "There wasn't anything to wire about,", es said in a low voice. "I don't understand you. Good news is al-
ense." "t isn't good news." The lad's face was as
"Itite as a sheet, and his lips tremed
wher "You don't mean to say you have failed to have you been drinking?
"I am neither drunken nor dreaming, sir. was ploughed at the pass-out exam,; and
that's all there is to say about it. I did my best, and $I$ failed,
to arew himself up squarely, as if prepared
to meet an actual blow; but the Colonel seemed "Jove! but it's going to be worse than
thought",

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 heart, Lionel drove on in silence, until they
reached the gate of the Mano, The gate
keeper curtseyed. Her small son whipped off keeper 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 dismoune intod my study, "I shall be ready said, as the pain in two
minutes. No I don't want to wash; I don't minutes. No! I don't want to w,
want tea, I don't want anything."
The lad threw back his head
The lad threw back his head as he walked
along the corridor and knocked at an old oak door. "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 his coat-tails, monocle screwed firmly into place.
"I hope you have come to practical joke," he said sternly, as his son en-
tered. Lionel made his last tered. Lionel made his last appeal.
"Father, can't you understand me. It isn't a joke ; it's deadly earnest. Do you think
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 Tm not a coward, sir, and I can take, my
gruel; that's why $I$ waited until I saw you."
"You've failed "You've fariled, have you? I Iaw yous." said
you were deficient in brain power, but I never you were deficient in brain power, but I never
thought you were an abject noodle. Any thought you were an abject noodie. Any
school lad could pass out of Woolvich nowaschool lad could pass out of Woildich nowi
days with honor; but my son must needs fail.
You fool-you arrant yon 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 point. cub," grow take after your mother, you young
kno
Colonel.
"I might mave known that her son would have disappointed
me at every turn-and now -,
me at every turn-and now-",
Lionel was white to the lips, he took a hasty


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

step forward, unable to control himself longer, ther's tone. "Lheave my mother out of it," he said curtly. "She's not to blame; she never was to blame.
temper!-" "Leave my house, sir. Call yourself a son of mine no longer!" "lazed the Colonel. "Go, you disgrace bour neame. sight tat once."
"Father-you're beside yourself with, rage.
Take time; don't do anything in haste." Take time: don't do anything in haste,
Colonel Cartwright struck his hat blow in the face with his clenched fist, and the ring on his finger cut the lad's list leeply.
the the
He staggered and recoured himelf He staggered and recovered himself.
"Don't ask me to come back to you again, that never she ll a penny do you receive from me, sir-beyond-
this." He groped in his pocket and produced a pocketbook. From it he took a few notes, Which he flung in Lionel's toe then he turned 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
ne he wasted no time.
The next train was not until eight, and three
hours still remained. He looked down the road hours stit; thaneed. He looked own the road pathy upon him, and with a memory of the
words spoken to him by Marian an hour or so words spoken to him by Mar
before, he struck up the hill.
"Sir John, I must tell you fairly, before I
come in any farther, my father has kicked me
"inless my soul, boy! Bless my soul! What a silly thing to do, and on a ningt like thisis,
too!" The baronets ruddy face showed concern, "Come inn lad; wed've got a shaved room.
You'll stay here, of course, until matters are mended. Thll go over and see your father tolisten to me and yonll he all "No, sir; there"s no hope of that. He's dis-,
inherited me, and he means it the struck me."
Lionel's face darkened. Instinctively his hand Lionel's face darkenean. Instinctively his mend
hent up to his cut lip, and Sir John marked
hands. He knew that fiery Cartwright temper of old. He and the Colonel had indulged in a
lawsuit that lasted for fifteen years before "Bute was restored.
"But youll stay here. Where else should you
go. '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 Besides, you seem to forget. I 'm practically
penniliss; I I have to find for myself now. I'm
off at off at once."
Sir John e
Sir John excused himself abruptly, and, in-
tead of reappearing immediately, sent a deputead of reappearing immediately, sent a depu-
ty. When Marian entered the room Lione caught his breath sharply. It was evident the girl had heard something of the state of affairs, for her face was concerned; her eyes
feemed suffused with tears. She was very semed 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 a and purposes "Lionel, is it too late? I mean, can Inot peraade you to go back to your father?" "Ho ian. He struck me. But for that Id have orne every thing. The wonder is that I Idid not trike him back. W'ere hot-tempered folks, we Cartwrights, but I was kept back from that.'
Neither knew how it happened; but some
how the girl was in how the girl was in his arms, and he was stam-
mering out mad incoherents, kissing her rich mering out mad incoherents, kissing her rich
hair passionately, urging her to look up into his face and read the story written there. Then "Im a cad," he said. "I'm nothing better than a cad, Marian I I' dis a pauper, I'm leaving my father's home in disgrace; I'd no right to
tell you that I loved you." she told him. "Doesn' love give you the right? I'm glad you told me,
because IIIl be able to send you away with hope in your heart. but Lionel's mind returned to his position, and resently he put her from him.
"But I shan't hold you bound to me," he said lot it will always love you, Marian but wou many years before I can clain soldier; I'm not fit for much else. I've to make my own way in the world, but Ill do it. Yes "If you are fifty years, Lionel," she assured him solemnly, "in making out, you'll find m, waiting,
They celebrated Christmas Eve in boisterous fashion at Munro Camp. Sullivan, the saloonkeeper, had kept a couple of huge plum pud-
dings 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 a he drinking den, the spirit of the season work-
ing 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 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 lake from the iron-ard ground. Mad pa "Well, Cartwright

Cartwright, ain't you goin' to chip
was a bearded miner, gruff of voice truculent of manner, who put the question, and as he spoke he slappod the shoulder of a lonely 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
He had lost touch with England, he had deiberately severed himself from Marian; fo
what did England want with a failure? 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 mar ried to some one who deserved her love.
The bitterness of defeat submerged clawing at his heart with iey fingers. His hand stole to the side pocket of his coat. An ancient
revolver reposed there: it was valueless as an revolver reposed there; it was valueless as an
article of commerce. It would not buy him a
meal. and even if it possessed any molketable
value he was saving it up for just such a moment as now
Stealthily he drew the weapon out and ex amined itt it was loaded in three chambers, and one bullet would do the work. He smiled wanly. 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 splin-
tered glass, and the pistol dropped back to the pocket from which it had been withdrawn. A pocket from which it had been withdrawn. A man's
pulse,
feet.
At a table at the far end of the room a man
was wrestling fiercely with five whom Lionel at sight with five others, men 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 rall. 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 was up. But Lionel Cartwright remembered
on the 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 forward.
"Hands off, there!" he cried, and the Cart-
wright temper blazed out in all its fury. "You cowards ! Five to '"' A man snarled at him and aimed a blow, but Lionel was a man who understood how to hanman 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 op-
posed 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. be-
hind the lad and aimed an evil blow at him with a knife. He caught the glitter of steel with
the tail of his eyes 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, reelin
streaming from his face. Lionel caught a man
by the waist and hurled him full at the one by the waist and hurled him full at the one
who had shouted, struck another couple of
Whe away. and found "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 an-
other attack, but the toughs had had enoult 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 misertht burt up the hill. Here he laid his burden down. He 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. ". "eee! You just about sailecint into
them toughs like a-blowed if I know what it them toughs like a-biowed if 1 know what it
was like! Guess they'd ha', killed me right off otherwise. They meant "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"
one told 'em 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 abouelp me up!" commanded Toomey quickly and imperiously. "Give us a lift down quickly
place. Come on! Ask no questions" place. Came on! Ask no questions, a little light-headed, Lionel obeyed, anid in ten minutes found himself in the man's cabin. It was a miserable place enough, but Toomey for-
aged in a cupboard and set the materials for aged in a cupboard and
2 meal before the lad
"Pitch in!" was his terse command and ther being no power in him to resist the anpeal of the food, Lionel obeyed, eating temperately at
first, until his hunger enforced itself, and then 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" "I knows I kin. Look at this." And from the mouth of the unlaced sack he poured a trickle of gold-dust and nuggets onto the table. Lionel
stared. The gold was of finer quatily 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," "Wish you luck. If that's what you
"Well, i wanted to talk about, I wish you luck. But
wis.

# CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS 

By J. H. LOWRY

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 th very condition I had long believed I wantedIn my misery I reflected and asked mysel In my misery I reflected and asked mysel "in the Christmas tides of long ago." And what was it that made me happy then? Surely not material things, for they were few and of little value. There were all the drudger-
ies that little folk encounter in the farn ies that little folk encounter in the farm coarsest sort and most of it was decorated coarsest sort and most of was decorated allowance of confections and fruits that Santa left in the stocking. And yet I was happy thought of me and Ithought of and as liberal ents 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 and perhaps to bestow some little gift. But
I was happy largely because the spirit of I was happy largely because the spirit of
kindliness and unselfishness lived in me. The kpirit 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 send or tions the and confections among my playmates, and 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 other times I was stingy and selfish-and
miserable in the possession of the few little miserable in the possession of the few little
trinkets I claimed as my own. And why this trinkets I claimed as my own. An wot be ex-
season of unselfishness? It can not season of unselfises or by season. It was the
plained by figures or
spirit of the Christ child come back to earth, spirit of the Christ child come back
and the child life received it glady.

The flickering embers in the grate last Christmas eve told me that I was miserable
and lonely because I was spending the glad and lonely because 1 was spenamg the child would be
time all to myself. Even the miserable at Christmas time if alone. What
joy could pretty things give if there was no 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 fire crackers, or shooting toy guns if there
is no one to join in hearing the noise. Once is no one to
I remember, I went in in swimming by my myself. Other boys, were with me the day before and
the sport was great. I thought the fun was the sport was great. I thought the fun was
in the swimming, and so I stole away the in the swimming, and so myself. How the waters mocked me, and what a poor diver
sion! In two minutes I was tired and ready sion!
to go.

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 otherswe would never sing a song. Others 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 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, ness ever soothe our ears. In the great business and industrial world we are dependen every day upon others. Others are our em-
ployers, our patrons, our associates, our servants. Others rejoice with us in seasons o rejoicing, others weep with us when we weep.
Others prepare the banquet hall, others make the shroud, others minster whe. wreath
and sickness come, others place a upon the mound under which our bodies finally repose.

The great message of Christmas is "oth-
ers." It tells us again of our great obligaers." It tells us again of our great obliga-
tions 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 o glory, that He might minister, the the He might
kiss away sorrow's tears, and that, by givkiss away sorrow's tears, and that, by giv-
ing all, He might save, even to the uttermost. ing all, He might save, even to the uttermost,
Not every person will receive the Christmas message, but happy and thrice blessed are skies burst upon the hilis of old Judea two shousand years ago when the brilliant tstar
cut loose from its moorings and held its cut loose from its moorings and held its
radiant torch over the hallowed scene- not radiant ore heard the glad song of peace on every one heard the gad song and 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 battleships.

## A dull Christmas is a calamity. Perhaps it is as great a tragedy as an unhappy salva- tion. Soon we will all be asking whether we

 are to have a dull Christ mas. The first was dull to Herod, whose shriveled soul filled with envy and prompted him to say, but itwas not dull to the wise men who brought was not dull to the wise men who brought
gifts. It was dull, no doubt, to those who refused
and the babe, but in the inn for the mother shepheds who rejoiced or the angels that chanted the glad refrain of peace on earth
and good will among men. Christmas was and good will among men. Christmas was
dull to Old Scrooge, who sat in his chilly dull to old Scrooge, who sat in his chilly
banking house and planned for greater gairss banking house and planned for greater gairss
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 al-ready-possibly they have retained the spirit
and have had Christmas all the year are not anticipating any social joys, neither
are they expecting any gifts of value. They are they expecting any gifts of value. They
are anxious, but not for themselves--the are anxious, but not for themselves-the
Christmas spirit has no connection with self Christmas spirit has no connection with self
and no thought for self. They are working
not avery night-working until eyelids are heavy
head. They are making and reviewing lists, they are making forgotten. The pretty thing have much value,
and may not be highly appreciated, but they are the breathings of love for others, the de-
sire to make others hapy, and they are
building in the hearts of the makers a Merry sire 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 selfish foreboding, spoil a Christmas season.
The commercial enfine, which ran at double 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 thi slowed up. According to man's standard thi
has not been a good year. The fields did no has not been a good year. The fields did
yield abund antly, because the fruit was sto by ravenous insects. Prices are disappo
ing, and we have as the legacy of two ing, and we have as the legacy of two
of unprecedented prosperity many debts extravagant ideas and tastes prompted us $t$ make. The stores have more goods than cal cannot find profitable employment, and professional men find collections very slow.
With these conditions staring them in the
foce face, and tax paying time at hand, it is very 1921 of the charge of being a bad year. Truly, the year has its lessons for us, and we should we let the conditions spoil Christmas. Wisdom, as well as necessity, urges arainst
spending as much as we have spent in flusher times, and a aainst losing as much time as was lost when we could better afford it, bu 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 thankfuness, appreciation, good Christmas is thankfulness, appreciation, good
wishes, and a desire to give that others may be happy. A dull Christmas is worry ove
what has been lost, and a selfish craving to what has been lost, and a se
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
别 the hovel may he who has lost may sha alike the spirit which makes man like unt
his Creator and his Redemer his Creator and his Redeeme
How glorious it would be if capital and
labor could cateh the Christmas spirit wishing of each other well, and each laboring for the happiness of the other, would solv
our threatening industrial problems in a day
How glorious if all the nations of the world ing Christmas and let its law of justice and love drive their fears and envyings and the
cunning, cruel diplomacy from the cunning, cruel diplomacy from the
Then would the "Star Spangled Bann
"God Save the King "t "W "God Save the King," the "Watch on the Rhine," the "Marseillaise" and all the an-
thems of all the nations be blended into the glad refrain that came to earth on the fust

## WHO AND WHAT IS SANTA CLAUS

## By Thomas L. Masson



Santa Claus is com${ }_{\text {ing. }}^{\text {A great many indus- }}$ trial plants have been shutting down recent-
ly, discharging their men, in some cases
taking them back in reduced numbers and
wages, and in other wages, and in other
cases declaring for a cases declaring for a
"vacation."
This is This is hard luck for mustn't people, bot we we
much
are suffering in 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 frishtened.
us god.
And so Arrd 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 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 einder, 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 runing his plant, just shut down his plant No. Santa Claus is not going to do this. He
is coming just the same as ever. Like all really Is coming just the same as ever. Like all really
great men, his aims and purposes are not fully great men, his aims and purposes are not fully
understood. Indeed, this perennially jolly old
Indentleman who in spite of his difficulties,
still manages to retain his youth-is perhaps, more generally misunderstood than almost all
period of time, it is my humble purpose to do what I can to set.him right with the public. 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 Ihe onee overheard one of the richest men in Santa Cluas was god to him every day in the
year. He had become so accustomed to moneyyear. He had become so accustomed to moneyor perhaps I should say that he had become so
accustomed to overlooking it -that it didn't disaccustomed to overlooking it--that it didn't dis-
turb him any more. It was there in such quanturb him any more. It was there in such quan-
tities that he didn't it. But he hadnt' forgotten about Santa claus.
In spite of the fact that he was very rich, he
still still believed in that rubicund saint. Quite possibly among rich men he was an exception.
And this is the main ponit: That the reality 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 in that? Wait
d moment. When he comes around every year and tumbles upon you everesything 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
It is highly probable that Santa Claus knows
this. He showers his gifts on pampered folks this. He showers his gifts on pampered folks
as a kind of punishment for their blindness. It as a kind of punishment
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 matemission in life; you value me only for the mate-
rial baubles I bestow on you. In your ignorance, you can never see that the toys I I give are in
you
themselves only illusions. den spirit back of them. In proportion as you
dem
her 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 withholding to many of his illusive joys from
those who continue to preserve their faith in
him. But he always gives them something. It him. But he always gives them something. It
may bea flower, just a little token of his pres-
ence. It may indeed only be a thought-a sense of his presence that renews your faith in him,
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 hish degree - becomes
Curing the
Christmas season the tolerated companion of luxury.
Santa Claus has, therefore, come to be a realhas had the courage not to yield to temptation. rom a laughing, plum-pudding sort of person, whose sole function it was, like any village mas-
ter of ceremonies, to please the eye and cater ter of ceremonies, to pease trictly to the senses, he has sterne y repressed
ste those material impulses and-in spite of the -
cynics-has gradually grown into a guardian cynics-has gradually grown into a guardian
and yearly representative of those deeper, inand yeary representative of hisibe impulses of love and sentiment that, unseen, evolve the power to free the souls
man 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, reat 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 finger on the side of his jolly nose, and simply
winks in reply; for he has done more than be 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 knows bexperene the important ones,
he doesn't visit bodily are there he doesn't live so completely in stockngs, he lives in hearts.
There is an old drawing of a ragged boy and
girl who stand together hand in hand (for the girl who stand together hand in hand (for the man who made the drawing was an artist splendid Christmas party of rich children in a
side, with their bountiful supply of gifts-
know that he is inside of the
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 th have created Santa Claus and that he is devendent upon them for his continued existence, all ou need do is to consider what would have hap-
penned to him if he had nobody but the rich to fall back upon. They would destroy him in anything particularly against him, but through anything particulary against him, but through ness. 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 foilows the
no deeper meaning for them than this
And after all, Santa Claus is a good deal of human being. He has a remarkkable
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 h
knows his own power. He knows that underneath all people are about the same, the on iference being that some have more tha sems they should have, and others have
but that even the very rich are often nor s as they seem. rom and gives to the poor is something that them quite like everybody else. So then when the pampered little girl wit
her flossy doll, rigged up in the latest styl
meets the poor little girl with her battered ra
doll, she mor lot meets the poö, rittle girl with the latest styll
doll, she may look superior and she shered ra ra
day a ant, she may look superior and she may
uperior. But she knows that the old rag
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## Cadet Howard's Christmas Order <br> STORY OF WEST POINT MILITARY ACADEMY

Poor Joe! It was a terrible disappointment hould 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 transwo weeks were so much butter than any one's

No one thought because Standiford had corfore, and which all the other cadets days beon, that it would at all effect Joe's standing. How disappointed the folks at home would 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
vith his lessons many a time, and Harry prom-
ised time and time sed time and time again to do a good turn for
Joe. And now the opportunity had occurred, 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 beau-
tiful parade ground after the tiful parade ground after the evening parade,
Joe's heart was indeed heavy, for there was now no chance of going up before next term in January.
After the ranks were broken, Walter Brown,
his classmate, said, while they were taking off their guns and said, while they were taking off ing 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 better than anything else as to how much we
had thoroughly learned this term, if we worked out. Of course, I feel pretty bad over ift, but
didn't get the problem, and Sandiford did, 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 Harry Standiford never worked that problem
out himself. He got some one to show him, 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 and he certainly explained it all to the complete Just then the drum beatnig the call to sup-
per put all end to the discussion, and the boys hurried downstairs to get in ranks.
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
Harry Standiford lived in a room on the up and down, passed his door, and thus hap pened to hear his own name mentioned.
He would have paid no attention to it, but He would have paid no attention to it, bu
that he heard at the same time the words: that he heard at the same time the words. 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 superiors."
Joe could hardly believe his ears, and quickly walked down to the farther end of th
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 transom over the door, he hea
Harry's roommate, say to him:
"Oh! I've torn u pthe original that Dana gave 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 few days at the Academy. As his hlebe spent few days at the Academy. As his plebe, or suc
cessor, Standiford had obtained permission to

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as. How he hated Standiford for not helping him out of this trouble
But Standiford what of him? He was obiiges to go to the hospital early the next morning on account or his ankle, and at was no rest. He had fully expectee to to pe put in arrest hest. He had and ane hected oft the sick report
hind out of the hosnita and out of the hospital.
But this put a new li
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 beautifu words, "Peace on earth, good will toward men," her grave, and what she would have him do her grave, and what she would have him do set it ringing wtih a determination to do right.
However, it was the next morning he told the surgeon he must see the superintendent. very morning the "supe" knew not only al about Joe's sacrifice, but also of the stolen problem; and before night the whole corps o cadets knew something of it, too-for, as the
battalion was paraded at sunset, and the bugles had sent their last upward notes echoing awa to wish the sun good-night, the cadet adjutant
read the following order to the astonished ca dets:
Headquarters U. S. Military Academy, Special Orders No. 143.
I. Cadet Private oHward, Fourth Class U. S nfinement and restored to duty
II. It having come to teh knowledge of the took punishme that Cadet oHwara the goo name of a comrade, he is hereby appointed corporal in the corps of cadets, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly. S. Military Academy, is hereby transferre from the third section to the section in mathe matics. By command of

## Superintenden

When the ranks broke, what a roar greete Joe, and how his classmates crowded around him and carried him on their shoulders to the
To be made a corporal while still in the fourth class! It was something unheard of and $r$ Poor Joe hardly could realize it, and when Harry Standiford came up, holding out hi gnig his pardon what could he do but and beg gnig 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 tomor row come to the hotel with me, and meet my
more
mother and sister, and we wlil have a merry And how proud the mother was to see the hining gold stripes on her son's arms, which cold of his new rank, and prouder yet when old story himself, and insisted upon her whole and Joe and Tarry all coming to Christmas dinAnd oJe oHward and Harry Standiford the and there became the closets of friends, an cademy, and in the army afterward But the ever forget Chris and "P 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 followdey huntsmen with boar-spears and drawn chions and pages carrying mustard, bore the deposited at the head of the table. The head was garnished and garlanded with rosema and laurel, and a lemon, symbol of plenty, wa placed between its grinning ch
To the end of her life, Queen Victoria retained the ancient custom; also in many of the public the great dish of the Christmas banquet. such occasions every diner rises and joins in the turies. The words are set to the common chant of the prose version in cathedrals.

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING <br> A CUSTOM OF OLDEN TIMES <br> OLDEN TIMES

The term carol appears originally to have requently used jined with a dance, a union It was, however, applied to o oyous ceremonies thus to festive songs; and as these became hus to festive songs; and as these became more
frequent at Christmas it has for a long time ast designated those sung at this feast. In the earlier times music, both instrumenal and vocal, was introduced into religious cere-
lonies and was a necessary accompaniment to 1onies and was a necessary accompaniment to
11 the religious games and feasts In the rec 1 the religious games and feasts. In the rec
ds of the Greeks, Romans, Egyptians and ds of the Greeks, Romans, Egyptians and
her great nations of antiquity, $y$ find de-
rintions which show the close

song of Miriam and her companions on the over-
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 might of the nativity,
and then solemnly sang the angels' hymns. In and then solemnly sang the angels ${ }^{s}$ hyms. In
the fourth century the chant was introduced into religious ceremonials. In the twelfth cenreciting of legends and verses and the singing
of Christmas hymns.
King John, in 1201 gave $25 s$ to the clerks who chanted Christus sinctit before her on Christ-
mas ; and these spiritual songs were gradually mas; and these spiritual songs were gradually
introduced into palace and private homes. to-
cether with
> 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 record of a plague at Goidsberg, 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 gradcarly joined by others to excite each other to ually 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 collec-
tions 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 grathe widest usage. famous of the old English One of t
carols is:

## God rest you, merry yentlemen, Leet noth'ng you dismay,


Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,
For Jeesus charist, our Saviour, was born on Christmas
day.

## HOLLY AND MISTLETOE <br> ROMANCES OF CHRISTMAS GREENS

Even the most prosaic of us have some ro-
nance in our natures.
Especially is this true at mance in our natures. Especially is this true
Christmas time, when all the world is glad. Christmam ronces that have surrounded the

 hat believed in them.

 it grew It had no doubt been brought to its
oftry hiding olpeob by some bird who ate the
berty and left the seed berry and left the seed.
Our holly in this country was found growing
in the New England hills by the Pillorims They in the New Enland hills by the Pilgrims. They
must have welcomed it as as bit ot the landscapee
from hem
 In the languase of the flowers, mistiter.
 massy. The holly means foresight. Equally The legends of the holly date as far back as book telll us, hald it in treant tereverne, becanase
they believed the sun never cast a shado from The lovely tree, with its shiny leaves and past become almost an object of worship. And hare in America, while we do not tworship it, surely we love it. Our arms are never too heav-
ily-laden with bundles to reject a bunch of holly. The Hindu women even now are said to ed in holly wood. For surely, they reason, it
 tion of those of good omen. The epeasants of
Ireland in the days of long ago used to decorate theirir cabins with holly and misiltotoe in int he
winter to propitiate the fairies and gain their favor
In England they had what they termed "he"
Ind Ese" and "she" holly orthe "he" holly was thorny
and the "she" holly smooth and not scrathy.
and Then, according to the roughness or smoothness
of the holly bark brought into the house at Christmas cour be bord whether man orse wite
would be the ruluer for the coming months.
 symbol of the "life of nature". It was gather-
ed in pagan temples to comfort the sylvan spir
. ed in pagan temples to comfort the sylvan spir-
its during the general death of winter. charming thourht, onerat teath thint? Whe Swedish people are a people surrounded

 hook, the wood of this parasite would cure
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 the bedroom door, so that the inmates
have speet slep and beatutrid reams.
In Envila
In Enyland, few centuries sea, when none of these parasites could be found in any of their
mighty oaks in the locality, the people became
 colagittu about tis overtake heme
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. 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 come 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. name one yourself and place it in the circle.
The other name after your sweetheart and place The other name after your sweetheart and place
it outside the circle. If the fates decree that 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 much-
coveted parasite, accidentally let his golden
knife fall outside of the white sheet held by faithful followers, great calamity would fol-
low. 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, Josenh of Arimathe came over to England. Shortly before Christ-
mas, he rested on the summit of Weary-all hill, Glastonnury. There he thrust into the ground
his staff, and on Christmas eve it was found to his staff, and on Christmas eve it was found to
be covered with white blossoms. The bush is said to have continued bloming thus each
Christmas eve until during the civil wars, when Christmas eve until during the civil wars, when
it was cut down. Cuttings from the original it was cut down. Cuttings from the original
thorn are said to bloom in this same wonderful way even yet. The Sicilian children put penny-royal in the cots on Christmas eve, believing that at the ex act hour and minute when Jesus was born it
There is a cherished legend in the east that the Rose of Jericho first blossomed at the birth again at Easter, from which comes its name of
Resurrection flower. Resurrection flower.
Many plants, trees and flowers are believed with the birth or the child tod of Jesus. "Th with the birth or the chilahood of Jesus. The
Star of Bethlehem" is so called because its white star-like flowers resemble the pictures of the
Star of the East. Star of the East. "Our Lady's Bedstraw" received its name be "Our Lady's Bedstraw" received its name be the Babe lay was filled with this plant. "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 her, Mary was near a juniper; the hospitable
tree opened its branches as arms and enclosed 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 and the chick-peas, and ever since that day they
have always rusted and crackled. But later the
Virgin pardoned the fla its. weakness and gave Virgin pardoned the flax its weakness and gave
the juniper her blessings," which is said to the juniper her ase ofsings, which is said the use the thiper as Christmas
account for
decorations in some countries. decorations in some
SANTA'S VISIT TO AN AFRICAN MISSION An amusing story of how Santa Claus fright-
ened the black children at a mission station ened the black children at a mission station
when he first appeared to them a few ane, is told by the wife of a missionary station-
ed at Bailunda, Africa. They had celebrated Christmas at Bailunda before, but they neve had had Santa Claus, so Mr., Stover,
sionary, dressed up as good Saint Nick.
"He had been padded and powdered and pack-
ed until his own mother would not have known ed until his own mother would not have known
him," Mrs. Stover afterward related. "Present. him, we gave the signal, the door flew open and
in walked Santa Claus. But, dear me! What 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 and groans and cries of 'Let me out! It is the
evil one. It is the day of judgment!' "The urchins, catching the infection of terbedrooms, fell down upon their faces, crept under chairs and tables-anywhere to hide them-
selves. Poor old Santa Claus never had such a selves. Poor old Santa Claus never had such a
greeting before. As soon as he realized the
panic he had caused, he toreoff his tall hat and panic he had caused, he tore off his tall hat and
white cotton beard. TThen from bags on . .
back he began to throw gifts right and left and tell who he was.
"Reassured once more, everyone was soon laughing and chatting, munching the great 'red
breads' (doughnuts), tasting their fruits of nibading at the sweets from the familiar little bags. One man wondered which end he was to hold the fork Santa Claus had given him. An-
other immediately tried on his new shirt. The other immediately tried on his new shirt. The
girls arranged their bright-hued handkerchiefs into turbans, while others sought to find some place abouts their scantry clothing where they
could stow away their bunch of bread, as well could stow away their bunch of bread, as well
as the paper of needles and cake of soap given "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 Elijah returned. Yet another thought it was
Satan himself, 'and all my sins confessed, ${ }^{\text {My }}$ only thought, was to
a fourth hide myself?

CHRISTMAS MASSACRE AT NICOMEDIA
While Christmas to us is a season of rejoicWhile Christmas to us is a season of rejoic-
ing, it behooves us at times to stop and remem-
ber those orave pioneers in Christianity who
suffered so to the affered so at the hands of the pagans.
About the fourth century there occurred one About the fourth century there occurred one 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 en-
closed and set on fire, when about 20,000 per-

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 country lanes castle and lowliest hovel, through pold and
storm and sleet and ine this holy child 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 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 who knocks humbly at their doors for suste-
nance, thus testing their benevolence. In many
places the aid rendered the begrar is looked places the aspid relity
upon as hospit

A CHRISTMAS SERMON
To be honest, to be kind-to earn a little and to spend a hine less, hap hat presence, to whole a when that shall be necessary and not be embit-
tered, to keep a few friends but those without tered, to keep a few friends but those without
capitulation-above all, on the same grim con-
dition dition, to keep friends with himself-here is ${ }^{2}$ delicacy. He has a a ambitious soul who would
ask more; he has a hopeful spirit who should ask more; he has a hopeful spirit who sh
look in such an enterprise to be successful. There is indeed one element in human dis thatever else we are intended to do we are not invended to succeed; failure is the fate allot ted. 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 fothe end of life. Only selif-deception will be
satisfied, and there need be no despair for the
despairer.- Robert T despairer.-Robert Louis Stevenson.
BURN A CANDLE IN YOUR WINDOW
BURN A CANDLE IN YOUR WINDOW
Old, very old, in England is the custom Oltt, very old, in Englann is the castom
Christ lighted candles in the windows on setting igne ve to give holiday greeting to the
Christmas
passerby, but little use has been made of this passerby, but little use has been made of
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 year. Weeks before Christmas, when plans were being made for the community tree, it was sug-
gested that each household set lighted candes gested that each household set lighted candies
in the partor windows to wish "Merry Christ-
thas" to their fellow townspeople, not even the man" to their fellow townspeople, not even the
most enthusiastic supporter of the candle most enthusiastic supporter or ene cande
greeting expected to see half the number of
windows that were so lighted when Christer windows that were so lighted when Christmas
eve came. eve came.
Scarcely
Scarcely a city block in any section of the
city was without at least one illumination, and
it ct was not rare to see every house in a row
it
brightened by this evidence "p brightened by this evidence of "peace on earth,
good will to men." It warmed the very cockles good will to men.". It warmed the very cockes
of oneds heart to walk through street after
ant street with these silent Christmas greetings everywhere, and no one who has gone through
such experience couid ever want to know ansuch experience couid ever want to
other 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 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 with water and each person bessed. Thus was The greeting in Russia was not "Merry Christmas," but rather "Greetings for the
Lord's Birth," to which was replied, "God be Lord's Birth," to which was replied, "God be
with you." No Christmas or New Year's dinner was con-
sidered complete unless pork in some form was sidered
served.

ANCIENT CUSTOMS
Christmas revels form a phese
Christmas revels form a phase of Christmas
celebration that comes largely from pagan observances. These were, in earlier days, accept--
ed as a sort of compromise with ancient cuss-
toms. The Rome festiva to toms. The Roman festival to Saturn, to mark
the winter solstice the turning point of the spond in dates to the Christmas season, while
the custom of exchanging gifts, of decorating buildings and lighting tapers, was common to
both.

## the meaning of christmas.

 Christmas has but one meaning-the Nativ-ity, writes Calvin Coolidge, Vice President of
the United States, in the New York Evening
 greatest event in human history, has a spiritual
meanin spiritual nature of man. He showed the true glory and importance of man-and helping him
showed the duty of helping one another showed the duty of helping one another. En-
dowed with the power, yet He did not bestow material blessings or set up an earthly king-
dom. 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 thei reward of gifts, but for giving them in their
true signifcance. "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 An every-d
An every-day dining room ferin dish with a A tinn toy Christmas crepe paper. in a flow pot.
A popory pie which is nothing more than A popcorn pie which is nothing more thran
a large dish of popcorn in which are buried
small gifts to which are tied red ribbons by small gifts to which are
which to draw them forth. A Brownie made of two rosycheeked apples,
four skewers and a pointed white paper cap,
A miniuture yule-log represented by a lichen-
coveren aite of old covered 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 berries 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 cand, and hound
pine an those
For
elaborate who would like something more scape? This is easily made with a small table
mirror, tiny


## ORIGIN OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

 An old legend makes Saint Winfred the orig-inator 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 poople had been
taught to worshin trees taught to worship trees as if they were living
gods. Winfred undertook to show his newly-
made 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 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 miracte that followed is described by an ancien
histrian: "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 spiit asu unharmed by phe ruin stood a young fir tree pointing a green spire toward the stans.
"Winfred let the ax drop and turned to speak
to the people. to the people.
"This little tree, a young child of the forest,
shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the woo
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 Christ-child; gather about it, not in the wild-
wood, but in your own homes, there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts and sheter
rites of kindness.

## SALTED ALMONDS.

Take $1 / 1$, pound shelled Jordan
lmonds, pour over them enough almonds, pour over them enough
scalding water to cover, setaside
a few minutes, then remove the a rewn minutes, Iten remove the
brom does not
come off easily, drain and scald a second time. ealy, drain and scald Puts in iron
pan in moderate oven with one pan in moderate oven with one
tablespon olive oil and shake
occasionally until light brown. Sprinkle with salt and lay on
bloting paper, tissue toweling
or paper napkins. or paper napkins.
many of us have carried this
Christmas giving to an Christmas giving to an absurd
extreme. We have assisted in
the deen the degeneration of a very love-
ly custom. We have put Christ
mas gifts on the basis of formal mas gifts. on the basis of formal
calls-you tip me and I'll tip

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

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS little sketch symbolizing the THE FIRST CHRISTMAS
CARD. The honor of the Christmas ard is ascribed frequently to the Christmas dinner table raising painter. In December, 1844, a friends. Underneath were the date, earlier than that given to words "A Merry Christmas and
nny other claim, he was anxious a Happy New Year to osend some more novel Christ- while on each side was a smaller mas greeting than that of a let- sketch representing an act of dea occurred to him to make a Mr. Dobson's card so pleased
he its recipients that the following year he designed another card,
of which he sent lithographed
copies to copies to a large circle of friends
Other artists followed his ample, and the circle sending out wider until an enterprising printer saw there was money in the business, and within a few years
from its birth the Christmas card was to be s
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## THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

No data exists as to the actual appearance of
the star of Bethlehem which chronicled the coming of the Messiah and from which also dates the beginning of our present measure of time 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, Jupi ter being worshiped by many in these eastern countries, so it is not possible that it could have been either one of them.
Some effort has been made to associate identify it with Halley's comet, but this has been effectually disposed of by the remarkable ables of the appearances of that comet pre the Royal Observatory, England, in which they show that its nearest appearance to the dawn-
ing of the Christian era was 12 years ing of the Christian era was 12 years prior to that date.
Astronomy at this period was in an advanced
tate. There was a wide and general knowled state. There was a wide and general knowledge
of the stars among the Egyptians, the Chal of the stars among the Egyptians, the Chal-
deans and the Greeks. They lived out of doors or on house tops and studied the heavens. Prob ably they knew more of the appearance and ohenomena of the heavens than we do Hipparcus, the father of astronomy, estab noxes that is that the sun crosses the equato 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 latiFor centuries th clipses of the moon upon a principle which the basis of the method used by astronomer today. Astrology was an accepted science and played

## A CHRISTMAS REUNION

Continued from Page 2 . you're a lot of a fool to show all that stuff to a tarving man, Toomey.
"I'm showing it to a gentleman," said the miner impressively. "An' what's more, I'm askin' yer to come in an' share." Lionel stare riously 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 $0^{\prime}$ 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 way 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 for tune 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' seem much ter you, 'English, but it means 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 accept-
bin' this offer. Mind, it means a tarnation lot o hard work." "I'd slave my fingers to the bone for half of slave my fingers to the bone for hal "Gee! Then that settles it. Say, English, ain't this shapin' to be suthin' almighty like a IV.

Colonel Cartwright looked wistfully round the ories 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 ba
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 il luminated window of the house. The Colone rang his bell, and the butler appeared.
"Beg pardon, sir, the waits" mean?"
Beg pardon, sir, the waits. eariness, and stared vacantly at the man.
"The waits! Then is this Christmas?"
He never looked up as the door opened softly
and queens as well as the humblest herdme consulted the astrologer to learn if the star were favorably or unfavorably situated fo their various undertakings. He was the arbi ter as to the declaration of war between na tions as well as the everyday affairs of me and maidens.
The influence of the stars for weal or wo was universally acknowledged. What then wa more natural than that the ruler of the uni this should have turned to the azure pages of this open book as a medium through which procaim that the hour was at hand for the co ing of "the new-born King of the Jews." Fifteen hundred years before Balaam had Jacob When a scepter shall rise out of israel. omet, a pillar and strange peared to the wise men, it brought a revelation of Balaam's prophecy. It beckoned them on and they at once prepared to follow, to pa homage to the divinely ordained King. As the ourneyed it preceded them until they reached Jerusalem, when it disappeared for a time, t eappear when they resumed their journey, 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 eve
The phenomenon of a star appearing in th heavens for a brief period and then disappear instances in comparatively recent years. Th most remarkable instance was in 1572, when Tycho Brahe, the famous Danish astronomer aw a star blaze forth in one half hour, and day. 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 dis-
covered within the past few years by Miss A covered within the past few years by Miss
J. Cannon of Harvard college observatory.

## but because a newcomer did not advance into

but because a newcomer did not advance into
the room, he spoke curtly: "I did not ring, Simms. You may go." Who evil days? But there was no sound of retreat ing footsteps, and finally he glanced up. A en, holding out palsied hands as if to ward of an apparition. "Father!" It was no vision of his overtried "Father!" It was no vision of his overtried
senses, then! This man was real flesh and senses, then! the beginning of a smile on his face.
"Lionel-Lionel! My boy-my boy!"
It came in an agonized cry, and the old ma It came in an agonized cry, and the old man
ottered forward. But as his son held out his tottered forward. But as his son held out his
"Llasp. come here to a ruined home. There is nothing
"I couldn't keep away longer, father. It seemed to me that you net led me. I've stared death in the face many times since I-we parted; but I learned from it. I learned a lot. I refused to think of the pain I'd caused you. me my place was near you. I've come back to "forgiven-to ask your forgiveness, father." "It is I who should ask, Lionel, for I've-I'v "Let's forget the past and start afresh. It' Christmas Eve-a good time to turn over new leaves. He gripped his father's hands in change in that once proud face. Care had "Youn many lines. man. This isn't any home for you longer; it a stranger's. It may be sold even now. Ther have been letters from the lawyers, but I hav never opened them late." "It is sold, father. I saw Merton before I my Christmas present to you, father-your old estate back again, lacking nothing." He thrust forward a bundle of document which the Colonel took in trembling fingers. "Marian!" he called; and when he came to slim waist of Marian Moraine.
"Here's Marian, father," he said proudly She told me all about it in her letters, for afte '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 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 you going to wish us a Happy Christmas?"


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## BOYS AND GIRLS CHRISTMAS STORIES



TWELVE O'CLOCK MIDNIGHT "O girls, listen to that!" exclaimed Theresa owning, as the wind howled around the littl cottage beside the river. They all drew up a
ittle 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 They were the six members of the Half Dozen
Club who had been invited up to the charming Club who had been invited up to the charming
little cottage by the river to watch the old yea out with their beloved teacher and friend, Miss out with their beloved teacher and friend, Mass
Jeannette Silver. Miss Silver was their draw ing teacher in high school and had always been an object of their adoration. She was so beau-
tiful, and charming and young, it was no wonder they loved her. And then she was so en-
thusiastic about her work that her classes found thusiastic about her work that her classes found themselves working hard to please her, and
even those who had no talent for drawing were even those who had no talent for drawing were
able to do passable work because they were so able to do passable wor
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 the school year was over, and it was here she
painted and worked the whole summer through 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 he
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 waten 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 silver, glancing at care cresolut on the mantel, "to "Pshaw "" exclaimed Molly Dix., "who wants to make New Year's! resolutions! No one ever
keeps them anyway!" 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 "Yes, they have, "and that's a fact," returned resolutions that are made and never kept?
think it's a waste of time to make them and I
won't for one." "T have something else to suggest then," said "I have something else to suggest then," said
Miss Silver, tactfully. She knew from exper ience that it was never wise to argue with Molly, who had decided orinions, and awa make New Year's wishes insted. Surely it won't hurt us
to wish for all the lovely things .we want or 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 fire and thought.
"I wish," said Becky suddenly, "that I' had a topac ring exactly like that one I barrowed last
year from Irene Mason. The one I nearly lost, year from Irene Mason. The one I niearly lost, you remember, at thed yru to make the, New Year's resolution about never borrowing," Mol-
ly 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 To to sh, she said, "that father would let me be an artist like be an artist like Miss silver. affectionately: "I hope that will make good,
lieve you
"Martha and I both wish the same thing, I know, said Dorothy Canning, gTancing 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 wil never come true. . She sighed, and hor to look echoed it, or ornthing so delightful as a musical
forward to anyther education.
right of to 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 looked at Moily to hear her wish. But instead
of giving it she turned to Miss Silver. she said.
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 forThe thing I want most of all, is to win that for-
eign scholarship I have tried for, which would give me two years' study abroad. I can think give mething 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 wouldn't teach us any longer, would you, Miss
Silver? That would be too dreadful to think of." 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 hatk me very well indeed. I would be coming back some daven'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," 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. the dream into which she seemed to have fallen.
Molly laughed, stretched herself and looked Molly laughed, stretched herself and looked
about the little circle with a little gleam of misabout the little circle with a little gleam or mis-
chief in her dark eyes. She dearly loved to
年 play up to her reputation of doing and saying
things unusual. "I wish that some time soon, say by $120^{\prime}$ 'lock
midnight, that we girls could become the own-
a club house as long as the Half Dozen Club exists, and come for week-ends whenever con-
venient 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 your hostess you would like to turn her out and
own her house instead! O Molly, for shame!"
"I "I don't care," returned Moily stubborrly.
"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 come, 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
Miss Silver raushed and gave her hand a little par. She understood Molly very well, even bet
ter than the girls, and she knew what she meant by lots of her queer little speeches "I wish another wish, , irls.s. I wish that every one of your wishes would come true, even if the evnny one that Molly has just made, for
if Iever 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.
Midnow, if we are all going to stay awake until get something to we had better stir around and The girls were soon busy with the refresh-
ments. Molly was an expert at toasting cheese sandwichors and it was al expert at toasting cheese proved herself the only one capable of moking he chocolate over the hot ashes without burnThe 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 year would be In ten more minutes the old yar would be gone and a new one commenced gazing into the fire, each occupied with the houghts of what the new year would bring. the little house was rudely broken by the sound the littlie house was rudely broken by the sound 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-
sage. that fear was soon dispelled at the soun
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 cant believe it Yes, if you was evidently read aloud by the person at the
other end of the wire. "I never was so happy ther end of the wire. "I never was so happy imes for calling me.", beautiful and adorable than she ha dever bee in her life before. The girls never forgot how he looked at that moment.
"Girls," what do you think!" she exclaimed, 1 have won the Europeon scholarship. Isn
that too wonderfut to believe? A special del ivery 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
Selieve it is true."
She came and knelt by the fire, while the girls She came and nert by the fire, while the girls
poured out their happy congratulations. The
first stroke of 12 sounded from the clock above first stroke of 12 sounc
hem on the mantel. 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 heartstrin pulled at Miss Silver's heartstrings. She renembered 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 an-
nouncement she turned to the other girls, alnouncement she turned to the other girls, al-
though it was Moly'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 me to come and visit here when I come home And as she finished speaking, the old clock And as she finished speaking, the old clock come, bringing with it a great deal of happi-
ness for those about the blaring fire

## UNDER THE MISTLETOE.

In some places in Oxfordshire, every maidcised 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 nailed to the gate of the highway But a wors 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 o the mistletoe.
The first $m$
The first maid to pass under this evergreen on Christmas day was sure to be married withIn the year, and equally sure of being kissed-
for that was the penalty, if it can be called such to be paid by any maid who passed under it.
After each offense a berry was plucked, while the privilege was supposed to end with the last

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## Christmas Menus and Recipes

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If you really want your Christmas to be a
happy one for yourself and all other concerned,
you will shop early.
You will begin right now to select not only your gifts, but your good things for Christmas and the holiday season. Of course, it is not to be expected that you will plan every meal this
far ahead, but there are certain things in the far ahead, but there are certain things in the
food line which every one has at Christmas, and it is a great deal easier to get these before the general rush sets in than to wait until every
one else is trying to get them. of course, the good old standbys like plum pudding, fruit cake and mince meat should be many things which can be bought now and By following this pertly.
By following this plan of real preparedness for the holiday season, we housewives not only 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 put into jelly glasses, china or glass bowl. Cover and put into cold place until Christmas, then shape, or if put in jelly glasses remove and shape, or if put in jelly glasses remove and
cut into rounds or dice and pile in a glass or If there are no home canned vegetables or fruit on hand, lay in extra canned goods, vegetables and fruits-peas, corn, asparagus, toma toes, peaches, pears, cherries, apricots, evap-
orated milk, two or three cans of a good brand of soup of choice; but the different kinds o sugar which will be needed in baking, icing and home-made candy. There is granulated, brown,
powdered, maple and cut. Put in jars on powdered, maple and cut. Put in jars on supply shelf until needed.
mas essential for cakes, cookies, icings, Christ and sauce for ice cream. See that there ar 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 looked. Be sure the pie plates, cake tins, measuring 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 worr 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 shop-
ping trip you make let these be the first thing ping trip you make let these be the first things tions in regard to staples and utensils, you will
find that it will make your Christmas prepara find that it will make your Christmas prepara
tions vuch easier than ever before.

RECIPES FOR HOLIDAY COOKERY.
Biscuit making is one of the fine arts of good cookery. If you want to get close to men's The Christmas dinner would be better with frequent serving of dainty biscuit. Try this recipe
for warm milk biscuit:

2 cups flour. WARM MILK BISCUIT
1 leavel teasspoon salt.
${ }^{2}$.
teaspoons shortening
Milk to make soft dough.
Sift the flour, salt and baking powder together into Sift the flour, salt and baking powder together into
bowl; rub in shortening lightly with tips of fingers;
add just inough milk to make soft dough. Roll out ough 1 inch thick on board floured with straight flour;
cut with biscuit cutter; brush tops of biscuits with milk
and batke in and bake in hot oven until nicely browned, but do not
bake to dry. Seve at once. This amount makes six-
teen medium-sized hiscuit. teen medium-sized biscuits.
Oyster Stuffing.
Mix 3 or 4 cups stale. bread crumbs with $1 / 2$ cup
nelted butter, 1 teaspoon onion juice, salt and peper, nelted butter, 1 teaspoon onion juice, salt and pepper,
and 1 pint well-cleaned oysters. Moisten if neeessary
with a little turkey liquor.

Cick Cranberry Jelly,
Pick over and wash 1 quart cranberries and put
the, 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 smal dissolved, and pour intound small glasasses or molds to coo
Do not allow to boil after sugar is added. Mix 4 cups corn bread crumbs with
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 slighly beaten eggs and hot water
enough to moisten. Add poultry seasoning to taste.
A Fruit Pudding.
One-half cup butter, $1 / 2$ cup suar, 1 cup milk, $1 / 4$
cup currants, 2 cups chopped figs, $1 / 2$ cup molasses,
 spoon cinnamon, 1, teaspoon nutmeg, $1 / 2$ teaspoon salt.
Rub the shortening and sugar together and beat un-
til creamy. Add the beaten egg, milk, molasses and 21/ creamy. Aps of the flour sifted with, spices, baking powder
and salt. Beat well. Mix the chopped fruits with $1 / 2$
cup cup of flour, gradually add to otherer ingredients. Pour
into a mold and steam for three hours.
 peel, 2 tablespoons of lemon peel, 2 tablespoons citron 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.
ly, and boil fast for four and one-half hours.
Plum Pudding Sauce.
Three yolks of eggs, 2 tablespoons powdered sugar 1 cup grape juice. Whip the egg yolks and sugar to a creamy con-
sisteny, then add the grape juie. Cook in double
boile for one minute, and serve at once. Any ouher
fruit juice may be used instead of grape if preferred. Walnut Raisin C Mix the following ingredients in their order and
bake in two medium sized loaves in a moderate oven One cup sugar, $1 / 2$ cup butter substitute, $1 / 2$ cup corn
syrup, 2 eggs, i cup wweet milk, $21 /$ cups flour
spoon grated nutme, tea- 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon
cloves, 5 level teaspoon baking powder, 1 cup walnut
meats, 1 cup raisins. Flour the raisins and nut meats. Half cup butter, Snowdrift Cakes Haif cup butter, $3 / 4$ cup sugar, 2 eggs, 1 tablespoon starch, 6 ounces of dried cocoanut, 8 crushed macaroons teaspoon baking powder. Mix in the usual order,
hading the eggs, beaten without senarating before
he flo the flour, cocoanut and macaroons, crumbs are added. fruit; when cold the centers and decorate with candied cream for a holiday dessert.
Christmas Coffee Cake.
One cup scalded milk, $1 / 4$ cup sugar, 2 cakes com-
 outer slour. , grix together the yeast, softened in
water, water, the sponge and the milk, when light other in
gredients, with flour for a stiff batter. Beat thoroughly
when light again spread in dring when light again, spread in a dripping pan and let rise
Brush with beaten egg, dust with cinnamon and sugar
and bake.

## COOKIES

Cookies fill a long felt want among all mem bers of the family. They can be served at
times-between meals and during meals
One and one-half cups of sugares.
One and one-half cups of sugar, one-half cup of bu sour milk, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in ho
water, nutmeg to flavor. When these cookies are mixed water, nutmeg to flavor. When these cookies are mixed
and ready to lay in the pan they should be sprinkled
with coarse granulated sugar. .
Cream together one cupful of sugar and one cupful
of shortening. Add two tablespoonfuls of molasses, Stir two tablespoonfultor of soda a in hale egg a cuptul of of boil ing 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 quan-
tities of figs, dates and nut meats. With a little tart Chop fine or put through a food chopper equal quan-
tities 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 ar more paste.
and spread on long salted wafers. Ift the jelly does not
seem to stiffen the whites, use a little pulverized sugar seem to stiffen the whites, use a little pulverized sugar
also. SANDWICHES.
Sandwiches for parties during the holiday

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& \text { are popular with old as well as young folk } \\
& \text { Marshmallow Whip and Cocoa Sandwiches. }
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Bran or whow Whea and Cocoa Sandwiches.
bread, $1 / 2$ cup marshallow
hip, 1 tablespoon cocoa. Cut day old bread into this slices, then remove the crust, spread each slice with
marshmallow whip and sprinke lightly with cocoa,
press the two slices together; cut into Honey, chopped Honey Nut Sandwich. wheat bread or bran bread. Cut the bread thin and
even ; butter lightly to the edge; then sprinkle with chopped not quite any nut can be used.). When pressing together the
honey will come to edge. TThese sandwiches take the place of cake. Cut into fancy shapes.

Cream Cheese and Peanut Butter Paste.
cream cheese, $1 / 2$ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon chopped parsley, $1 / 4$ cup peanut butter, dash white pepper, dash
paprika. Mix all ingredients and add mill enough to it so it will spread easily. Spread on thin slice of bran
bread and press together, or spread with just peanut
utter. Most persons bread and press together, or spread with just peanut
butter. Most persons are fond of peanuts or peanut
butter.

Peanut Butter and Apple Sandwiches.
loaf whole-wheat bread, one day old, 4 mellow 1 loaf whole-wheat bread, one day old, 4 mellow
apples, $1 / 2$ glass peanut butter, pinch salfo Cut the bread
into thin slices and with plain cookie or biscuti cutter 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
he bread; sprinkle a few the bread; sprinkle a few grains of salt on the apple
and press together. No butter is used with these sand-
wiches.

## Raisin Paste Sandwiches.

1 cup seeded raisins, $1 / 2$ cup English walnuts or pea-
salt. Wash and dry the raisins; put the raisins and
nuts through the food choper, add salt 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 mare fuit paste, but if it is too dry add a little more fruit juice.
Spread between thinly sliced whole wheat
bread; cut in finger shapes or with small cookie cutter. Chese and Red Jelly Sandwich. Mix one cream cheese with just enough milk or
cream to make a smoth pats a add a pinch of salt.
Spread one thin slice of bread with butter and the Spread one thin slice of bread with butter and the cur-
rant ellly, the other slice with the cheese, and press
together. Cut the bread into triangles rant jelly, the other slice with the che
together. Cut the bread into triangles. CANDIES.
Christmas without candy would seem almos as strange as Christmas without Santa Claus, so interwoven with each other are thoughts of the holiday season and the sweets fest
All the candies for which recipes are here if carefully packed in boxes and put away in

1 cup of fondant, 1 anut cup of gons. grated cocoanut, Engliser hat wats. Put the fondant into top of double boile
Mix well. Take soft remove and add cocoanut. press $1 / 2$ English walnut on each side; sprinkle with
sugar. Creamed Dates.
Dates are cut in halft 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 bakPame way.
Plain fondant chocolate.
Chocolate and Honey Nut Candy
1 cup strained honey, 4 squares melte
or $1 / 2$ cup cocoa,, cupsey, 4 squely cuares melted chocolate,
cut meats, , tea-
poon powdered spon powdered cinnamon. Mix ingredients, put into
saucepan and boil slowly until it spins a thick thread
ar has reached the hard ball stage water. Dust bakeboard with 1 teaspoon of confection er's sugar and put mixture on. When cold orollout oun-
half inch thick and cut in one-half inch squares. Place
in warm then to n warm oven to dry.
Chocolate Peanut. Butter Fudge.
2 squares of chocolate, 2 cups of granulated sugar, $1 / 2$ cup of milk, 2 tablespoons peanut butter,
pooon syrup, butter spoon syrup, butter. Cook together the ingredients in
the usual manner of fugde with a piece of butter the
size of a walnut. When done beat well and pour into
buttered pans. Cocoanut Fudge.
2 squares chocolate, 2 cups sugar, 1 tablespoon but ter, squares crocolate, cups sugar, 1 tablespoon but-
cup fresh grated ocoanut and cocoanut milk
Put all the ingredients into sauuepan and boil until
when tried in cold water, a soft ball is formed. Re-
move from the fire, water, a ponch of on salt and stir until
mooth and creamy. Pour into buttered pan and, whe
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