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Sing Alleluia, All Ye Choirs Of Angels.

IRVING'S OLD CHRISTMAS



"O F all the old festivals," says Irving in his "Sketch Book," "that of Christmas awakens the strongest and most heart-

felt associations. There is a tone of solemn and sacred feeling that blends with our conviviality, and lifts the spirit to a state of hallowed and elevated enjoyment. There is something in the very season of the year that gives a charm to the festivity of Christmas. At other times we derive a great portion of our pleasures from the mere beauties of nature. The song of the bird, the murmur of the stream, the breathing fragrance of spring, the soft voluptuousness of summer, the golden pomp of autumn earth with its mantle of refreshing green, and heaven with its deep delicious blue and its cloudy magnificence, all fill us with mute but exquisite delight, and we revel in the luxury of mere sensation. But in the depth of winter, when nature lies despoiled of every charm, and wrapped in her shroud of sheeted snow, we turn for our gratifications to moral sources. We feel more sensibly the charm of each other's society."

Irving's commentaries on the English Christmas have always been regarded as among the most graceful tributes ever written to the customs and manners of the holiday time in England. To a man fresh from the crudities of the United States seventy-five years ago the fine atmosphere of English country life made a special appeal, and Irving's pleasantly worded views regarding British conditions of rural existence made hosts of friends, not only for the author himself but for the country of his birth.

In his "Sketch Book" chapters devoted to Christmas Irving tells of the meeting with young Bracebridge; of his journey to the latter's home; of the habits of the household, and the doings at the festal season. Incident to these descriptions is his pen picture of the preparation: "Game, poultry and other luxuries of the table were in brisk circulation in the villages; the grocers', butchers' and fruiterers' shops were thronged with customers. The housewives were stirring briskly about, putting their dwellings in order; and the glossy branches of holly, with their bright red berries, began to appear at the windows. The scene brought to mind an old writer's account of Christmas preparations: 'Now capons and hens, besides turkeys, geese and ducks, with beef and mutton, must all die—for in twelve days a multitude of people will not be fed with a little. Now plums and spice, sugar and honey, square it among pies and broth. Now or never must music be in tune, for the youth must dance and sing to get them aheat, while the aged sit by the fire. The country maid leaves half her market, and must be sent again, if she forgets a pack of cards on Christmas eve. Great is the contention of holly and ivy, whether master or dame wears the breeches. Dice and cards benefit the butler; and if the cook do not lack wit he will sweetly lick his fingers.'"

Several paragraphs are devoted to Irving's companions in the stage coach, especial attention being given to three lads homeward bound for the holidays. "They were full of anticipations of the meeting with the family and household, down to the very cat and dog; and of the joy they were to give their little sisters by the presents with which their pockets were crammed; but the meeting to which they looked forward with the greatest impatience was with Bantam, which I found to be a pony, and possessed of more virtues than any steed since the days of Bucephalus."

It was at the inn where Irving was about to put up for the night that he met Frank Bracebridge, an old friend, who invited him to his father's home to spend the holidays. Here was a typical old-time house-party, "composed of the usual proportions of old uncles and aunts, comfortable married dames, superannuated spinsters, blooming country cousins, half-fledged striplings, and bright-eyed boarding school hoydens."

We read of the supper, "served up in a spacious oaken chamber, the panels of which shone with wax, and around which were several family portraits decorated with holly and ivy." Then came the festivities and dance of Christmas eve, when "an old harper was summoned from the servants' hall, where he had been strumming all the evening."

Christmas day is given a chapter to itself. It began with the author's awakening to the sound of a carol sung by three children; then came early service in the little chapel hall, followed by a hearty English breakfast. Then off go the household to church, where the country choir managed tolerably well.

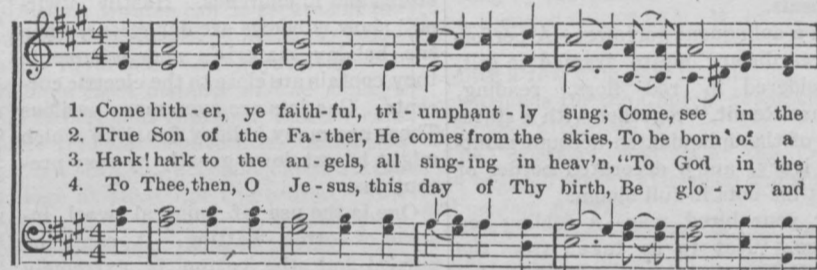
Finally comes the description of the dinner, "in the great hall, where the

quire always held his Christmas banquet. * * * The table was literally loaded with good cheer, and presented an epitome of country abundance." There was a pie, "magnificently decorated with peacock's feathers, in imitation of the tail of that bird," and when the cloth was removed the butler brought in the wassail bowl, containing a beverage that "might well make the heart of a toper leap within him, being composed of the richest and raciest wines, highly spiced and sweetened, with roasted apples bobbing about the surface."

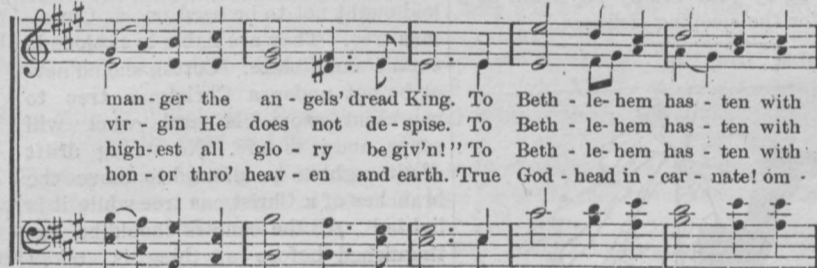
For little children everywhere A joyous season will we make, We bring our precious gifts to them Even for the dear child Jesus' sake.

—Phoebe Cary.

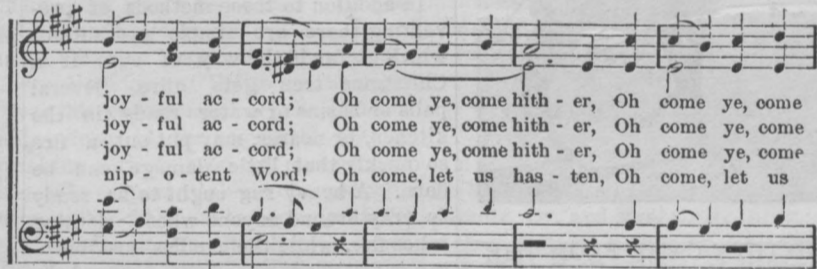
Adeste fideles, læti triumphantes,
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.



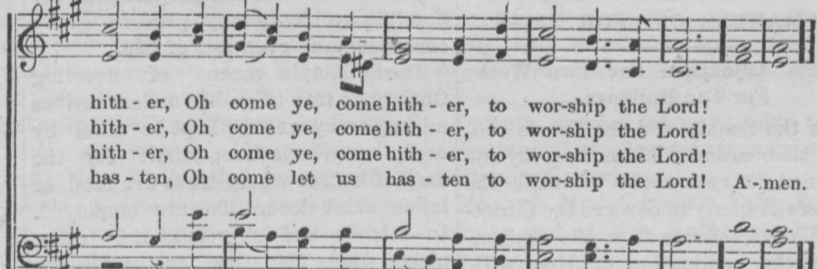
1. Come hith-er, ye faith-ful, tri-umphant-ly sing; Come, see in the
2. True Son of the Fa-ther, He comes from the skies, To be born 'of a
3. Hark! hark to the an-gels, all sing-ing in heav'n, "To God in the
4. To Thee, then, O Je-sus, this day of Thy birth, Be glo-ry and



man-ger the an-gels' dread King. To Beth-le-hem has-ten with
vir-gin He does not de-spise. To Beth-le-hem has-ten with
high-est all glo-ry be-giv'n! "To Beth-le-hem has-ten with
hon-or thro' heav-en and earth. True God-head in-car-nate! om-



joy-ful ac-cord; Oh come ye, come hith-er, Oh come ye, come
joy-ful ac-cord; Oh come ye, come hith-er, Oh come ye, come
joy-ful ac-cord; Oh come ye, come hith-er, Oh come ye, come
nip-o-tent Word! Oh come, let us has-ten, Oh come, let us



hith-er, Oh come ye, come hith-er, to wor-ship the Lord!
hith-er, Oh come ye, come hith-er, to wor-ship the Lord!
hith-er, Oh come ye, come hith-er, to wor-ship the Lord!
has-ten, Oh come let us has-ten to wor-ship the Lord! A-men.

WHAT XMAS IS TO NATIONS

A T this period of the year, writes Dr. Joshua W.



Herring for the Christmas Telegram, when the whole Christian world is celebrating the joyous festival of the Christmastide, in recognition of the nativity of the Founder of the Christian religion, it is not inappropriate to consider some of the effects of Christianity upon the nations of the world. When the angels sang the glorious Christmas song upon the plains of Bethlehem the world was almost entirely wrapped in Paganism. Rome exercised universal dominion, and her legions were everywhere regarded as the embodiment of supreme national power.

No event in the history of the world was so important, and held in it so much of significance to the nations of that time, and of the future, as the coming of the Child, in Whose honor kings came to worship, and pour out their treasure of "gold and frankincense and myrrh."

The helpless Babe that lay in the arms of its Mother, in the manger, seemed to have nothing in it to foretell of its great future, and when considered in connection with the dominating powers of that day, nothing could appear more helpless or unpromising, nothing seemed so unlikely, as that that Child should ever become a mastering force in the world. And yet it is so. Feeble as the beginnings of Christianity were, and with all the powers of the world, civil and ecclesiastical, against it, it has yet conquered the nations, and all civilized peoples of this day acknowledge the Founder of the Christian system, to be "King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

The two cardinal principles which the Christian religion emphasizes and which distinctively belong to the teachings of Christianity, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and these have a direct bearing upon national life. Just as a nation comes to understand and practice these cardinal doctrines, does it rise in the scale of true civilization. The history of the world shows that the nations which have not known the uplifting power of Christianity, are lowest down in the scale of civilization—indeed have no civilization at all.

Acknowledging the great fact that God is the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and the Governor of Nations, and He is also the Common Father of us all leads men to institute governments that acknowledge allegiance to Him, and who also recognize their obligations to deal justly and fairly with their fellowmen. Hence it is that Christianity, whose Founder's birth we celebrate at the Christmas time, has done so much to uplift nations, and to make men better and happier through enlightened Christian governments.

This country of ours presents, in its form of government, perhaps the best embodiment of Christian principles found among any of the nations of the world. In this country the individual is emphasized and his sovereign rights guaranteed. And the glory of the American nation is due more to the enlightenment and helpful influences of Christianity than to its armies or navy, or any other of the elements of national greatness.

discouraging most authentically on the ancient and stately dance at the Paon, or peacock, from which he conceived the minuet to be derived. * * * It was inspiring to see wild-eyed frolic and warm-hearted hospitality breaking out from among the chills and glooms of winter, and old age throwing of his apathy and catching once more the freshness of youthful enjoyment. I felt also an interest in the scene, from the consideration that these fleeting customs were posting fast into oblivion, and that this was perhaps the only family in England in which the whole of them were still punctiliously observed, and the old manor house almost reled with mirth and wassail as it seemed to echo back the joviality of long-departed years.

Sing Heigh Ho! Unto The Green Holly.



AFTER the dinner table was removed the children played at various games, in which Master Simon, a retainer of the hall, acted as the Lord of Misrule. Then stories told by the parsons filled the time until the guests were aroused by the clang of rude minstrelsy, with the uproar of many small voices and girlish laughter. * * * That indefatigable spirit, Master Simon, had conceived the idea of a Christmas mummery or masking. * * * The old housekeeper had been consulted; the antique clothes presses and wardrobes rummaged and made to yield up the relics of finery that had not seen

the light for several generations and the whole had been bedizened out into a burlesque imitation of an antique mask. Master Simon let the mask as Ancient Christmas quaintly appared in a muff, a short cloak and a hat that might have served for a village steeple. * * * He was accompanied by a blue-eyed romp, fished up as dame Mince Pie, in a faded brocade, long stomacher, peeked hat and high-heeled shoes. The young officer appeared as Robin Hood in a costume of Kendal green and a foraging cap with a gold tassel.

In a gleeful mood the squire watched "these fantastic sports and this resurrection of his old wardrobe. He stood chuckling and rubbing his hands, and scarcely hearing a word the parson said, notwithstanding that the latter was

CHRISTMAS 1776

BATTLE OF TRENTON

Park To Mark Where Washington Crossed Delaware

THOUSAND HESSIANS CAPTURED

One Of The Most Sacred Spots In The Country.—Continental Army Easily Traced By Bloody Foot-Prints in the Snow.

The settlement known as "Washington's Crossing," in New Jersey, is to be set aside for a National park. This as near as can be located is the spot where Gen. Washington crossed the Delaware and defeated the Hessians on Christmas night 1776.

A little farther along the road is the little frame house where Washington directed the attack on the surprised Hessians at Trenton.

This neglect to mark the headquarters of the general during the battle will doubtless be remedied now that the scene of the crossing and subsequent battle is to be made a national park.

Other monuments will probably spring up to mark the most interesting centers in this famous battle ground.

The exact spot where Washington crossed will be difficult to locate accurately, for on that wild Christmas night when the elements had conspired both to hinder and to help the patriot army, the shivering Continentals crossed as they could, dodging the cakes of floating ice and making the most rapid progress possible under conditions that were about the very worst that human energy and determination ever coped with.

Blame for the surprise of the Hessians quartered in Trenton has been laid upon various shoulders, the commander of the mercenaries, Rall, coming in for most of it, some would say because he paid for whatever mistakes he made with his life and therefore could not reply to his critics.

But if some of the ragged patriots who marched on Trenton that Christmas night, leaving a trail of blood from their bleeding feet, could be called to life again and asked to give their opinion of the matter, it is probable that they would answer that the same wild storm that made it possible for the patriot army to keep its powder dry and rendered it a task almost herculean to march under such weather conditions was a blessing in disguise in that it kept the Hessians under cover and made the surprise complete.

Visitors to this new park in the future will see a pretty country with rolling slopes picturesquely wooded and a peaceful-looking river moving between low banks. It will require a vivid imagination on the part of the summer visitor to picture the almost innumerable obstacles that Washington and his army overcame in the descent on Trenton.

When the patriot army prepared to move from its camp on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware, only 2400 men were in condition to undertake the expedition. They started at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of Christmas day, every man carrying three days rations and 40 rounds. With them were 18 field pieces.

It was twilight when the army reached the ferry, where boats, manned by Glover's sailors from Marblehead, were waiting to take them across.

Rowing in and out of the ice cakes that drifted down the river, the little army reached the Jersey shore, and disembarked as they could. The condition of the troops can be imagined when it is said that a messenger who had followed them had easily traced their route by the "blood on the snow, from the feet of the men who wore broken shoes."

The scene of such a victory should always remain on the patriot's map as one of the sacred spots of the country. While the defeat and capture of a thousand Hessians may not seem a very vital matter, it was actually one of the most important in the war, for the waning courage of the patriots was revived and the fact demonstrated that the continental army ragged and despised, was able to beat the German mercenaries at the war game.

At Christmas it is perfectly safe to let our scientific principles go and just remember the Lord's command that we love one another.

FOR SALE—A horse and colt. Apply to H. A. CLARK, Fairfield. 12-10-12t

FOR SALE.—A small valuable farm. MRS. SARAH OVELMAN, Emmitsburg. 12-10-12ts

GERMAN CHRISTMAS DAINTIES.

WHEN the Germans celebrate Christmas you will generally find some of the following among the sweetmeats generously supplied for both the young and old:

Cafee Kuchen: Put half a cupful of butter in a large mixing bowl, adding a cupful of granulated sugar; beat slowly to a cream, moistening from time to time with half a cupful of strong, black coffee; then stir in one well-beaten egg, two tablespoonfuls of cream, half a cake of compressed yeast dissolved in a little warm water and sufficient flour to form a slack dough; allow this to rise overnight and in the morning turn out on the floured bread board and knead as you would bread, adding a cup of large seed raisins cut in two, one teaspoonful of arrack spirits and a tablespoonful of caraway seeds; place in square cake pans and let it rise again until almost double in size, baking for three-quarters of an hour in a slow oven.

Peffermusse: To make this you must first pound to a paste in a mortar two tablespoonfuls of chopped citron, one tablespoonful of ground cloves, one teaspoonful of grated nutmeg and three figs; then add one small cupful of powdered sugar, the whites of two well-beaten eggs and a pound of flour. Mix to a firm, stiff paste, flavoring with a few drops of almond extract and stirring in a tiny pinch of powdered hartshorn. Make into little mound-shaped cakes and bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes.

Baseler Leckerle: Beat four eggs until very light and foamy; then add gradually half a pound of moist, light sugar, a saltspoonful of ground allspice, half a teaspoonful of powdered ginger, the juice of one lemon and three-quarters of a pound of pastry flour. Form with floured hands into small balls, placing in the center of each a very small piece of crystallized ginger. Place in rows in a greased baking pan and bake 20 minutes in a quick oven.

Christmas Kartoffeln: (For children to make and eat).—Take the white of an egg and just as much cold water. Mix and stir stiff with confectioner's sugar; add a little cocoanut if you like. Flavor with vanilla. Make into little potato shapes, putting in dents for eyes, and roll in cinnamon. These look exactly like baby potatoes.

McCall's Magazine.

WOULD HAVE MORTGAGE

TAX LAW REPEALED

Local Representative Preparing Bill For General Assembly Looking Towards Such Action.

Clement C. Ausherman, Esq., of Frederick, elected member of the next General Assembly, has been busy preparing bills which he will introduce as soon as possible after the Assembly meets. Among the most important measures he will advance is for the repeal of the mortgage tax law of the county and several game and fish bills.

Concerning the first Mr. Ausherman says: Several attempts have been made in this direction, but the chief obstacles to the passage of the bill was the attitude of the County Commissioners on account of the revenue derived from the tax. I understand there will be no opposition from that source any longer, partly due to the falling off in the taxes resulting from the many loans made in recent years on confessed judgments, which are exempt from taxes. It is also realized that the borrower pays the tax in most cases, as he usually pays one-half of one per cent. (or more than enough to cover the tax) above what he would otherwise pay.

Also, it is estimated that several hundred thousand dollars have been loaned outside of Frederick county in order to escape the mortgage tax, which has a tendency to make money for mortgage loans a little tight, as is testified to by local loan agents.

"Of course, there is plenty of money in the banks, but, strange to say, a large number of our people put their money in the banks at a lower rate of interest in preference to making mortgage loans, especially as they are now getting four per cent. on deposits. The members of the bar generally favor the repeal of the law, as they prefer mortgages to judgments, and by taking off the tax on mortgages confessed judgments will be largely discontinued. From every point of view I believe the repeal of this tax will be of great benefit to the community, and if the few remaining counties which still retain the tax wish to be included in the bill they will be given the opportunity, as a matter of course."

Mae Wood Released on Bail. Mae C. Wood, charged with perjury and forgery in connection with a suit for divorce which she brought against Thomas C. Platt, former United States senator, was released from the Tombs at New York last week under \$1,000 bail.

Xmas Holly. Lots of Red Berries on the kind McCardsell sells. 17-2t.

So now is come our joyfull 'st feast; Let every man be jolly; Each room with ivy leaves is drest, And every post with holly.

Town Property For Sale. The property of the late Samuel N. McNair, Esq., deceased, situated on West Main street. The premises are improved by a large brick dwelling house and stable and other out buildings, may be bought at private sale. Apply to Edgar L. Annan, agent for heirs, Emmitsburg, Md. jul 2-tf.

COOK'S PROOFS INSUFFICIENT Has Not Established Fact of His Discovery of Pole. According to the authorities of the University of Copenhagen Dr. F. A. Cook's proofs of his discovery of the North Pole are insufficient to establish the fact. It is said that prior to this verdict of the wise men of Denmark Cook made \$80,000 telling how he got there.

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SUGGESTIVE XMAS GIFTS

Rational Observance of the Day and Proper Presents.

The movement for a safe and sane Christmas remarks Harper's Weekly, is gaining considerable headway and the chances are that the dawn of the New Year will show fewer serious after effects than in former years. The pledges already received by the managers of the Safety Yuletide Committee indicate that the people are waking up to the desirability of reforms in the matter of ostentatious giving and other dangerous tendencies of the past. The educational committee appointed to consider suggestions for the rational observance of the day have reported a series of proper gifts which shall have a certain moral influence upon the recipients, which we take pleasure in presenting to the public, as follows:

For an author who writes too much—An empty ink bottle and a fountain pen that will not work. Also a well sharpened ink eraser and a large wicker waste basket.

For a victim of the bridge habit—A specially prepared pack of cards, containing only deuces, together with a copy on India paper of the old song, "What is Home Without a Mother?"

For an extravagant son in college—A check signed by yourself for ten dollars, marked across the front with a red rubber stamp, No Funds, and vised by the cashier of the bank.

For a joy-riding chauffeur—A letter of recommendation, handsomely engraved on vellum, dilating upon his exceeding fitness for the position of night watchman in a merry-go-round.

For your cook—The works of Burns, together with a lithographic portrait of Joan of Arc burning at the stake.

For a bashful young man—A small box of sand, tied up in blue ribbon, with a copy of the famous picture entitled "Can't You Talk?" This, of course, if the sender is waiting sealed proposals.

For a delinquent borrower—A perforated cardboard motto framed in gilt, embroidered in red floss, reading, "Please Remit," together with a statement of the unliquidated account painted on ivory, and a decorated border of forget-me-nots in full bloom.

For your hired man—A folding bed marked, "Not to be taken from the cellar," together with a prescription made up by your family physician as a cure for the sleeping sickness.

AND THEY CAME FROM THE EAST AND WORSHIPED



LAWMAKERS OFF FOR XMAS.

Congress Adjourned For Two Weeks For The Holidays.

Both the Senate and the House concluded their arduous labors Tuesday and adjourned for two weeks to enable the members properly to observe the Christmas holidays. Aside from the confirmation of the nomination of Horace H. Lurton, of Tennessee, to be an associate justice of the Supreme Court, the principal feature of the Senate's proceedings was a speech laden with optimism and good cheer for the Christmas season by Senator Depew. The address of the New Yorker was called forth by what he characterized as the pessimistic predictions in Senator La Follette's magazine and in many newspapers and other periodicals relating to the effect of the present tariff law upon the prices of necessities of life as well as in relation to dangers to the people because of a pending exhaustion of national resources.

For the first time since the Fitzgerald rule providing for a "unanimous consent" calendar was adopted, that rule was invoked Monday in the House and one joint resolution making available a small appropriation for the improvement of the Tennessee River and a bill of local interest were passed.

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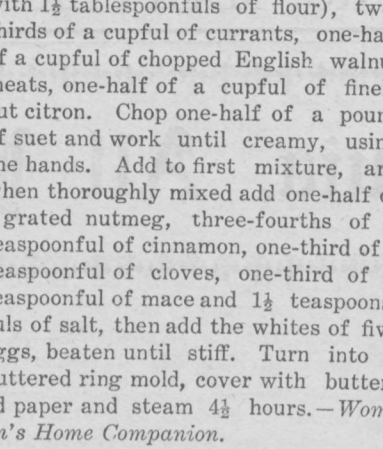
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OLD ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING

Soak one-half of a pound of stale bread crumbs in one cupful of scalded milk one hour. Add two-thirds of a cupful of sugar, the beaten yolks of five eggs, one cupful of raisins seeded (cut in pieces and dredged with 1 1/2 tablespoonfuls of flour), two-thirds of a cupful of currants, one-half of a cupful of chopped English walnut meats, one-half of a cupful of finely cut citron. Chop one-half of a pound of suet and work until creamy, using the hands. Add to first mixture, and when thoroughly mixed add one-half of a grated nutmeg, three-fourths of a teaspoonful of cinnamon, one-third of a teaspoonful of cloves, one-third of a teaspoonful of mace and 1 1/2 teaspoonfuls of salt, then add the whites of five eggs, beaten until stiff. Turn into a buttered ring mold, cover with buttered paper and steam 4 1/2 hours. —Woman's Home Companion.

A CHRISTMAS WARNING



Christmas trees often burn because they are decorated with extremely dangerous materials and are then left unguarded, remarks the Cleveland Leader. Occasionally a fire which starts by contact of a lighted candle with a bit of cotton burns down a house or kills little children. Holiday decorations have been responsible for terrible fires in stores and in churches. Hastily "wired" show windows are dangerous, when the holiday materials and ornaments they contain are close to the electric currents. Gas jets are even more perilous. There are many holiday fire risks which might be cut down greatly by easy precautions.

One is the use of mineral wool instead of cotton batting. It can't be burned, but the cotton is extremely dangerous. Ornaments made of celluloid ought not to be used on a Christmas tree. They are liable to explode in even a small blaze. Cotton should never be put under a Christmas tree to represent snow. Mineral wool will serve, and it is safe. No strong draft of air ought to be allowed to move the branches of a Christmas tree while it is lighted. All the candles should be extinguished before anything is taken from the tree.

In addition to these methods of preventing there are simple precautions which go far in the way of cure if a Christmas tree gets afire. Several pails or basins of water ready in the kitchen, or nearer, may put out a fire so quickly that little damage can be done. A heavy rug ought to be ready to wrap around anyone whose clothing takes fire, while the candles are burning and children are playing around the Christmas tree. Such preparations for possible accidents may prevent grave consequences—even loss of life.

These simple means of averting Christmas-tree tragedies or less serious mishaps may well be kept in mind by every one who is responsible for the care of houses where trees are used or inflammable decorations are employed. In schools and churches and other places where Christmas festivities are on a large scale the need of precautions is correspondingly greater than it is in private houses. There pails of water, or buckets of sand, or fire extinguishers ought to be ready for use, close to a Christmas tree or light and flimsy decorations. The exits ought to be well marked and kept cleared, and any Santa Claus costume of quick-burning material should be dipped in some solution which will make it fireproof.

If these hints were generally heeded the list of Christmas season fires would be short and the damage done to property and life would be comparatively insignificant. The safe path is easily pointed out, but there is danger that it will not always be followed.

MILLION DOLLARS FOR EXPOSING SUGAR FRAUD. The Man Who Found the Spring in the Scales and Told Will Get Half of the Money Restored.

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Pulaski Statue to be Ready in May.

The statue of Gen. Count Pulaski which is to be erected in Washington will be ready for unveiling next May, according to a letter from the War Department to the House submitting a deficiency estimate of \$5,000 for the completion and unveiling of the monument.

Colored Blotters for Christmas—large sheets. Five cents. CHRONICLE Office.

SALE REGISTER

When the printing and advertising is done by this office, sale notices under this heading will be published free of charge until the date of sale. Under other conditions the rate will be as follows: Four insertions 20 cents; each additional insertion 10 cents, entire term \$1.00

Dec. 28.—H. E. Sprengle, Waynesboro Pike at Fountain Dale Spring Boarding House, at 10 a. m., Live Stock, Farming Implements, Household Goods. March 12.—W. Fisher, executor, at Motter's Station A. M., Live Stock and Farming Implements. March 15.—John T. Joy, Graceham, Live Stock and Farming Implements. March 17.—E. F. Ketholtz, 5 miles Southeast of Emmitsburg on Tom's Creek, Live Stock and Farming Implements. March 18.—Cornelius Shriner, 2 1/2 miles south of Emmitsburg, near Maxwell's Mill, Live Stock and Farming Implements, Wm. P. Eyer, Auct. March 19.—Harvey R. Frock, Detour, Live Stock and Farming Implements, T. J. Kolb, Auct. Dec 17-2t

MARKET REPORTS.

The following market quotations, which are corrected every Thursday morning, are subject to daily changes.

EMMITSBURG, DEC. 23.

Emmitsburg Grain Elevator Corrected by Boyle Brothers.

Wheat 1.14 Rye70 Oats55 New Corn70

LIVE STOCK. Corrected by Patterson Brothers.

Steers, per 100 lb. 4.50@5.50 Butcher Hefers 3 1/2 @ 4 1/2 Fresh Cows 30.00@50.00 Fat Cows and Bulls, per lb. 2 @ 4 Hogs, Fat per lb. 9 @ 9 1/2 Sheep, Fat per lb. 3 @ 4 Spring Lambs 5 @ 5 1/2 Lambs, per lb. 4 @ 5 Calves, per lb. 6 @ 7 Stock Cattle 3.50@4.00

Country Produce Etc. Corrected by Jos. E. Hoke.

Butter 25 Eggs 28 Chickens, per lb. 10 Turkeys, per lb. 18 Spring Chickens per lb. 10 Ducks, per lb. 10 Potatoes, per bushel 65 Raspberries, (seeded) 12 Blackberries 15 Apples, (dried) 4 Lard, per lb. 12 Beef Hides 68

BALTIMORE, DEC. 22

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ORDER NISI ON SALES.

NO. 8501 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting in Equity.

NOVEMBER TERM, 1909.

In the Matter of the Report of Sales filed the 22nd day of December, 1909.

Milton G. Urner, Jr., Assignee of Mortgage of Catherine S. Dukehart and Isaac F. Dukehart, her husband, to F. J. Dukehart, on Petition. ORDERED, That on the 15th day of January, 1910, the Court will proceed to act upon the Report of Sales of Real Estate, reported to said Court by Milton G. Urner, Jr., Assignee of Mortgage in the above cause, and filed therein as aforesaid, to finally ratify and confirm the same, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown before said day; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Frederick County for three successive weeks prior to said day.

The report states the amount of sales to be \$325.00. Dated this 22nd day of December, 1909.

HARRY W. BOWERS, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick County. True Copy—Test: HARRY W. BOWERS, Clerk. Urner & Urner, Sol's. dec 24-4ts.

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On Tuesday, December 28th, 1909.

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GETTYSBURG LETTER

The Sunday schools adjacent to Gettysburg have been celebrating Christmases by having entertainments. The Sunday school at Pitzer's school house held its services on Friday evening; Boyd's Saturday evening; Fairview, Sunday evening, and Fairplay Monday evening. The different churches of town will hold their exercises during the week.

A district institute was held at Boyd's school house, north of town, on Friday evening. An interesting program was rendered by the pupils of the school, after which several questions of importance were ably discussed by the teachers of the district.

On Friday evening Gettysburgians had the opportunity of seeing their own talent at its best, when the Dramatic Association of the High School Alumni presented "The Counterfeiters" in Walter's Theatre. Those who saw the play are of the opinion that it was equal to many of the high-class performances given by foreign companies during the season, and superior to a few of these.

The plot of the play was laid in New York. The acting was good and the stage setting remarkable. Mr. Walter owner and manager of the theatre, deserves credit for his arduous work in behalf of the play. The house was well filled. The proceeds will be used in paying for the piano recently purchased for the new High School building.

The cast was as follows: John Earle, a bank clerk—Erle Diehl; Richard Earle an ex-counterfeiter—Calvin Gilbert; Patsy Finnigan, from Galway—Calvin Hartman; Henry Shepherd, one of the old gang—Raymond Dilfield; Butts, a Newsboy—Marian Blocher; Dr. Grizzer an expert Engraver—Morris Baker; Farmer Hodgins, from Jersey, and the Ambulance burglar, from Bellevue—Amos Musselman; Jim, a workman in the den—John Blocher; Coogan a Policeman—Harold Spangler; Edith Norwood, an orphan—Miss Nell Weaver; Judy, an Apple Woman, Mrs. R. E. Zinn; Policeman and Counterfeiters.

While all the performers acquitted themselves creditably, we feel that especial mention should be made of Miss Marian Blocher, who appeared on the stage for the first time in her life, taking the part of a Bowery newsboy. She was "on the job" all the time, and her swagger manner and complete mastery of newsboy slang made her the favorite of the evening.

The minor parts were taken by puppets of the High School.

The Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity of the college gave a dance at the Eagle Hotel Friday evening. The grand march was led by Adam Hazlett and Miss Rachel Skelly and Arthur Hauger and Miss Katharine Duncan, Music was furnished by the Germania Orchestra of Carlisle.

Gettysburg Camp No. 7263, M. W. of A., celebrated its tenth anniversary last Wednesday evening. National and State officers were present and addressed the assemblage, after which they enjoyed a banquet at Culp's Cafe.

Mrs. William Biddle died on Friday morning at the home of her daughter-in-law, West Middle street, after an illness of a few days, of pneumonia. She is survived by her husband and six children. Funeral was held Monday, interment in Evergreen cemetery.

Miss Gertrude Stonesifer died at the home of her parents, West Middle street, at 2 a. m., Friday, after an illness of seven weeks from typhoid fever. Funeral was held on Saturday morning from St. Francis Xavier Church, Rev. Father Hayes officiating. She is survived by her parents, Lieut. and Mrs. J. S. Stonesifer, and one brother, Joseph Stonesifer, of Chicago.

A Christmas dawn service will be held in St. James' Church at 6 o'clock Saturday morning. A Christmas service will be held in the Episcopal Memorial Church of the Prince of Peace from 12 o'clock Friday night to 1 o'clock Saturday morning.

Christmas Dinner.

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The terms are as follows: Tuition and room free. No expense for use of laboratories or supplies. Good board at moderate rates can be secured in the neighboring villages of Berwyn, Lakeland, Riverdale and Hyattsville—all within a short distance of the College and Experiment Station. Electric cars make frequent connections. A limited number can be accommodated at the College at \$40.00 for the course. Students will be expected to furnish their own bedclothes, pillows, towels, napkins, and overalls for dairy work. Short course students are not required to drill or wear uniforms.

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THE OLDEST CHRISTMAS CAROL.

PROBABLY, properly speaking, the oldest Christian hymn is the one sung by the heavenly host, "Glory to God in the Highest" (Luke, ii:14), and of which Jeremy Taylor says: "As soon as the blessed choristers had sung their Christmas carol and taught the church a hymn to put in her offices forever on the anniversary of this festivity, the angels returned into heaven."—*Kilikelly.*

Gayly ring the old church bells; What is it they say? Christian people all rejoice, It is Christmas Day, Lay your work, your sorrows, by, Happy be and gay; For but once in the long year Cometh Christmas Day.

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LOYS AND VICINITY.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Loy entertained on Sunday last the following guests: Mr. and Joseph Null, of Frederick; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Graham, of Woodboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Eckard, of Biglersville.

Mrs. Charles Miller, of Littlestown, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller. Mr. and Mrs. William Martin, of near Hoover's Mill, were in Baltimore on Saturday.

Mrs. Maurice Smith and grandchildren, Nettie and Edgar Lidy, spent several days with Mrs. R. Miller and family in Graceham.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay and two sons are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Miller at "Willow Glen."

Miss Elsie Robinson and Marie Lohr, of Creagerstown, spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Mort.

Mrs. Mary Mort, who has been ill, is much improved.

Mrs. J. M. Fisker and Miss Katharine Firor were visitors to Baltimore on Saturday.

Mr. W. L. Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gay and sons and Mr. Donahue, spent Sunday with Mrs. G. W. Miller, of Lewistown.

Mrs. J. M. Fisker and Miss Katharine Firor visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eyer, of Jintown.

Mrs. Walter Dorsey spent Saturday in Baltimore.

Mr. William Eyer, of York, Pa., is home recovering from an accident received while acting as conductor, when he had the misfortune to have his foot badly crushed.

MT. ST. MARY'S ITEMS

The correct order of Masses and services for Christmas at St. Anthony's Church is as follows:—

Christmas Eve at midnight Solemn High Mass. Christmas morning mass at 7.30 A. M. and a High Mass at 9 A. M. sung by the children. Vespers have been changed from 3.30 P. M. to 7 P. M.

Quite a few took part in making of the garlands for the Church decoration on Sunday afternoon.

The Christmas vacation at the College began Tuesday afternoon and shall end on Jan. 6, 1910.

The Christmas vacation at St. Anthony's began Thursday and shall end on Jan. 3, 1910.

Larry will be on the hillside Christmas eve at 11.45 P. M. and on Christmas morning at 4 A. M. just before the midnight Mass at St. Anthony's and at his home on Christmas morn.

The ice which is being cut from St. Anthony's Lake and stored in the College ice house measures about four and one half inches.

Mrs. John White who has recently been in Waynesboro, Pa., has returned home.

Mrs. Andrew Krietz spent several days in Baltimore last week.

DETOUR ITEMS.

Mrs. Webster Harnish, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is spending some time with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Diller.

Mrs. Luther Kemp, of Uniontown, and Mrs. C. C. Eyer, of Baltimore, are visiting their mother, Mrs. Hannah Weant.

Mrs. Guy E. Warren spent Wednesday at Mrs. Parker Smith's near Mother's.

Quite a number of town folks took advantage of the low rate excursion to Baltimore Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Eyer spent Sunday last at Mrs. Katherine Dreshers.

Mr. Edw. Essick our huckster, killed 225 turkeys, 60 geese, 50 ducks and 200 chickens on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Townsend, of York, are spending a few days with Mrs. Townsend's parent's, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Koons.

Mr. Wm. Hollenbaugh is very much indisposed at this writing, suffering with rheumatism.

Mr. E. L. Warner is on a business trip to Hanover, Pa.

NEWS OF MIDDLEBURG.

Mrs. John Ridenour and two daughters, Catherine and Evelyn, of Frederick, spent from Saturday till Monday with her sister, Mrs. Lewis Griffin.

Mrs. Effie Stultz, of McKinsty, spent Sunday with Mrs. Walter Johnson.

Miss Mary, little daughter of Mr. John Newman, is quite ill with the measles.

Miss Clara Mackley, who has been on the sick list, is slowly improving.

Quite a number of our town people went on the excursion to Baltimore last Saturday.

Our Christmas service will be held on Monday evening, Dec. 27, 1909.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold an oyster supper Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Mrs. David Six and daughter, Mary, went to Baltimore Tuesday where they expect to spend the Winter.

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On November the 1st, 1909, this Bank increased its interest rate to Four (4%) per cent. per annum on all its special interest bearing deposits, said deposits to remain in all other respects subject to the provisions of the contracts under which they were made.
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[Editorial from The Chronicle, June 8, 1906.]

The True Spirit of Christmas.

For Unto You Is Born This Day In The City of David a Savior, Which Is Christ The Lord.

"THE nativity of our Lord, or the Birthday of Christ, commonly called Christmas-day," is the bright and holy festival which the whole Christian world eagerly joins in celebrating at this happy season.

THIS glorious event, "the greatest epoch in human history," is what calls forth all the gladness, all the lightness of heart, all the joyousness of spirit, all the kindness of thought and that feeling of genuine good will which is seen wherever the Gospel has been preached, and which at this sacred, happy time is manifested in so many different ways.

It is the birthday—not of the offspring of an earthly monarch, ushered into the world amid pomp and panoply and the din of war-like guns and martial music, but of a holy, God-sent child bearing a message of peace and love, and good will and hope for fallen man. It is the birthday of a "Savior which is Christ The Lord."

CHRISTMAS, therefore, is above all days a child's day. But it is none the less a day for those of riper years who still retain their child-like faith in Christ, and the child's generous devotion—two things without which Christmas is but a pagan festival.

CHRIST, the "Child of Heaven," was the first and greatest gift of all to mankind, and it was the immeasurable love of God that prompted it. And "gifts and children, with their instinct of unselfish love have," as one has expressed it, "become as truly a part of Christmas as the star and the shepherds and the wise men."

THE exchange of gifts, then, seems but natural at this season. But we must bear in mind that unless these gifts—simple or elaborate though they be—are the outward expression of good will which comes from a heart where love is, their significance is changed to an empty formality.

THE mere expression of a kindly thought, or the sending of a line that will help to lift the chaplet of despondency from the weary brow of one who mourns—either of these is far better, far more in keeping with the true spirit of the day, than the richest gift which bears no thought of love.

INDEED, unless we, in thought, follow the train of those shepherds of old and carry something of the meaning of that lone star of Bethlehem to others, unless we are imbued with somewhat of the Christ Child spirit and help those about us to higher aspirations and better lives, we have missed the significance of Christmas altogether.

"THIS is the Christmas gift, to feel the wide world brothers, Far in strange lands to know your hearts are warm; Out of ourselves to give our thoughts to others, Beating brave wings through midnight and the storm."

THERE is an example for all to follow in the action of those wise men who believed, and believing sought out and found that "Savior which is Christ the Lord," and who, when they had found Him, worshipped Him.

WITH heart and thought full mindful of God's mercy, may many learn to say:

"Spirit divine To whom all things are possible Pierce our hearts this night With thine own living light: Move us to praise. We praise Thee for this mercy, For God himself hath given New life, new life, New life, to make our earth a heaven."

SHOULD we not—prone as we are to fail and falter in our daily life still pray for strength to keep our faith? And should we not constantly "kneel in spirit before the crib of the Infant King, and vow constant fealty to the propagation of that peace which He alone gives to the human heart"?

IF, with His help and guidance, we "resolve that henceforth all our thoughts will be filled with charity, that our words will breathe forth comfort and cheer, and all our acts will be fruitful of kindness and happiness" we will have caught the true spirit of Christmas.

LET us cling to the hallowed customs. Let us give gifts and deck our halls with holly. Let us make merry and join in the children's laughter. Let Christmas music be wafted on the morning breeze and the sweet carol of the long ago be heard in the stillness of the midnight hour. Let good cheer and hospitality reign supreme and let "Welcome" hang above the latch-string.

YET as we gather 'round the blazing logs at our home hearth where merriment is king, let us pause and think of those who once were here and still keep a place in our hearts for them. It will not mar our happiness—it will only crown it with tenderness and sweetness.

BUT whatever we do let us not forget the "transcendent significance, the eternal and infinite beneficence of this event"—the birthday of "a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

Good Tidings of Great Joy



CHRISTMAS is pre-eminently a season of joy, and the source of its joy is Christ himself. The angel who announced the birth of our blessed Lord to the Judean shepherds spoke of his message as good tidings of great joy. And time has proven his words to be absolute truth. The fountain-head of the river of our bliss is the manger at Bethlehem. Every separate stream of our rejoicing is to be traced back thither. The source and beginning of it all is the Infant Saviour.

But now in what way was the angelic message good tidings of great joy? Well, in the first place, it was good tidings of great joy because it proclaimed the advent of a religion which reveals God as a Father. Before the coming of Christ there was scarcely a people that did not look upon God as a great Sovereign who cared little or nothing about his people here below. In many parts of the world human sacrifices were offered to appease his wrath or win his favor. Our

"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." —Luke II: 10.

The message that meets us here is unrivaled and easily remembered. It addresses childhood and age in all lands and in all languages. All the centuries are unable fully to receive the sacred joy, or to exhaust the wealth and gladness of the hallowed announcement.

Joy is a charm so subtle and divine that it eludes the endeavor of definition. It is a choice contribution that baffles human estimate; and laughs at the standard of silver and gold. Joy is happiness aware of its own felicity. It is a song out of the celestial world whose rapturous music inspires mankind with its unceasing strain. Shepherds keeping watch in their fields by night experienced it. Magi coming from afar under the divine escort of the star, felt it. The aged and saintly Simeon rejoiced under its personal realization as he chanted the Nunc Dimittis: "Lord now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace; according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people. A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel."

The message of our Divine

own ancestors were Druids, and history tells us that there was a time when the forests of Northern Europe fairly rang with the shrieks and cries of the dying human victims. It is well for us to be reminded sometimes of the awful depths from which we have been lifted by the Christian religion, for it ought to make us humble, and then, at the same time, create hope for others. The religions of the world before Christ were religions of bloodshedding, pain and sacrifice. But when we turn to the gospel we find a different idea. It teaches that God is a loving Father. The Christmas child brought to the world the story that though God is a Sovereign and King, he is at the same time a Father who cares for His children here below. Surely this message was good tidings of great joy!

The gospel of Jesus Christ is good news, but it is good news of a special kind; it is the good news of God's forgiveness of sins and of God's love toward man. Into a world that was lost in trespasses and in sins came the Christ with the good news of the forgiveness of sins to all who were willing to repent and turn from their evil ways; and men who

Lord's nativity has so marvelously intertwined in the heart of it the priceless joy of the holy Christmastide. So is it being transmitted from year to year—losing naught, but gaining more and more, as Paganism grows less and less.

Christmas joy is the message of Heaven—that fair land, where no rumor or lamentation of war ever disturbed the air and no cheek is ever stained by tears. At Christmastide the world strikes the truce of battle. The aged become young again, when not impervious to the spirit and message of Heaven. Battleships must be ashamed of their cannon and cruisers of their war color at this season of the Prince of Peace.

Hearth-stones keep brightening with the welcome return of absent loved ones, while silent memory sets her ideal picture in the sacred frame-work of our world's fairest and foremost birthday.

Gold and luxury may pause in the palaces of a few, but what of that? All ages and classes—old men and little children—may today fill their cup of joy to the point of overflow. In the natural world flowers and fruit refuse to unfold their gift in an atmosphere of chill and unresponsiveness. But when Spring-time sa-

were bowed down by fear, whose throats were parched and whose hearts had failed, were strengthened and lifted up by the salvation that was purchased on Calvary. And forgiveness of sins out of the infinite of grace of God on condition of repentance, is Christ's evangel to-day to every one who is willing to turn from his evil way and live. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" is the great luminous light of the gospel to-day. Surely this proclamation was good tidings of great joy!

Then lastly, consider how entirely, from the coming of Christ in the flesh, it comes to pass that the mourner learns to dry his tears. The people who lived before the coming of Christ looked toward the future with anxiety and dismay. They believed that there was a life beyond the grave but it was dark vague and shadowy. Jesus Christ was the first to bring life and immortality to light. When the chief philosopher of ancient Rome lost his beloved daughter, he sorrowed after a fashion which harrows the heart even to read of. It

was the loud and bitter cry of hopeless grief and helpless despair. But it has never been so again for Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light though the gospel. To-day we bury our dead, not in helpless despair, but in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the just and the life of the world to come. And if the progress of decay in ourselves and the prospect of death is not very terrible, it is because Christ has revealed to us the fact that "this life of mortal breath is but a suburb of the life elysian, whose portal we call Death." This message is the highest and holiest, the most comforting and helpful that has ever touched this world of ours.

We to-day have all these reasons for joy; and what a sacred joy it is! But in order to keep this joy we must give it away. The joy of Christmas is a contagious, a diffusive matter. It cannot rest in itself; it must needs go forth and make others joyous also. The great joy of Christmas comes to those only who bring, or try to bring joy to others.

A. M. G.

lutes and passes over the valleys and whispers to the hills, then every shrub shines in fair foliage; every branch swings its blossoms of golden censer in the air; and every bird pours forth its gift of sweetest song.

The Christmas season may come, as it does in the bleak month of December, yet the glad Christmas spirit and inspiring joy renders "December as pleasant as May."

It warms and invigorates cold hearts, expels selfishness, feeds and fosters fire-side joys, sends warmth and cheer of thoughtful gift to bless a myriad of homes and faint-hearted little ones, with a heavenly harvest of Christmas happiness.

What is the secret of this marvelous and surprising fact and influence? Little children answer it to-day with united emphasis in song and story: "Born this day in the City of David, a Savior."

The tidings of joy came by night. Heavenly glory lent its gift to the Incarnation of the Son of God, but darkness was the background—fit symbol of the sin, sorrow and despair with their unsavory associations of all the centuries. Through long ages men had longed for the promised Deliverer. At length in the full-

ness of time God sent forth His Son born of a woman.

For whom is the Christmas joy?

The answer is not withheld. "I bring you good tidings which shall be to all people. Christ was born not amid the surroundings of earthly pomp and wealth, but cradled amid the cattle of the stall. He came to earth amid scenes of lowliness and poverty—poor yet making many rich.

The first tidings of Christ's birth came not to the ruling classes—not to the learned or to the rich, but to the shepherds keeping watch. At their post of duty and even peril, guarding faithful, at service while the others slept. These were the honored ones.

The message has found many heralds and many hearts to ponder its truth and joy. To the West and to the North, to the South and to the East, it has been borne, crossing oceans and continents it has illumined distant cities and far-off islands of the sea.

Shall any one deny that it has carried great joy to the children of men wherever it has gone?

"Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem is born, If He's not born in thee thy soul is still forlorn."

C. R.

A Christian Christmas

The expression "A Christian Christmas" may appear at first glance to be an instance of tautology. It may be said that Christmas is peculiarly a Christian festival, and that it is, therefore, unnecessary and inappropriate to speak of a Christian Christmas since the latter term involves the idea of the former. It is true Christmas is the feast in the church calendar which commemorates the advent of Christ into the world with all the profound significance attaching to that event, but the point in view, which is the reason for employing the words in question, is that Christmas should be in its practical observance a season whose festivities are permeated with the true Christian spirit. It should be, in fact, not merely a

commemoration of the birth of Christ, but an effective demonstration of his personal presence among men to-day in the lives of his avowed followers.

In the light of this use of the words, and in view of the character of the observance in many cases, is it inappropriate to ask, Have we a Christian Christmas—a Christmas that reveals anew to the world the Christian spirit? To many the day is but a holiday. And how unworthy its observance! Some spend it in wretched debauchery; others in giddy frivolity. They come from the day's festivities (?) with their physical energies exhausted, their mental vision distorted and their moral tone lowered,—and all because theirs was a Christ-less Christmas. Let Christmas

be celebrated in a true Christian spirit, and it will then become the most wholesome and uplifting season of the year.

The Christian spirit is the spirit of good cheer dispelling the world's gloom. In his announcement to the Judean shepherds on the night of the nativity the angel said, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people." These "good tidings" were not for a favored few; this "great joy" was intended for "all the people." The Christian Christmas cannot be fully established except as the good news of the angel's message is carried to those who are without it.

The Christian spirit is the spirit of good will. It does not content itself with the cultivation of

benevolent ideals and the utterance of pious platitudes, but exerts itself in works of mercy and help. It is revealed at the Christmas time in the endeavor of many to bring something of the gladness of the season into the lives of those who, were it not for the kindly interest on the part of others, would have no Christmas. It enables its possessors to find their greatest joy, not in what they get, but in what they give.

The Christmas spirit keeps Christ enthroned in the individual life. It is, indeed, the Spirit of Christ himself dwelling within us, and prompting us to do good to others in his name. Let us have more of Christ in our Christmas observance this year, more of his Spirit—a Christian Christmas. R. G. K.

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THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: Wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it."

The seventh day was observed by the Jews as the Sabbath. Since the resurrection of Christ, the first day of the week has come down to us, under the New Testament dispensation, as the day of rest, the day of worship.

This great Commandment has lost nothing of its value from the lapse of ages, the progress of civilization, and the increase of secular knowledge. Over every school, and church, and mart this great commandment should be written in letters of gold so that the young, the careless, and the worldly might pause and remember that there is a Sabbath day, and that on this day especially may they hold converse with God Himself in regard to the things of the soul, and the things of eternity.

It is important that we remember this day, a day which has come to us sprinkled with the dews of Eden, and hallowed by the rest of God.

We are facing a formidable danger to the life and piety of the nation in a new style of Sabbath which is seeking to sap our religion, our institutions, and snatch from us the blessed heritage for which our fathers bled and died. We honor the men and women of other years who clung to the old fashioned idea of the Sabbath as a day of rest from secular labour, and for the worship of God. They were the salt of the earth.

But, alas, a most deplorable change is taking place. This new Sabbath, a Sabbath of desecration, a Sabbath of pleasure is sapping the very foundation of our churches, and lowering the spiritual life and tone of the whole nation.

When the Sunday secular newspaper with its sheets of scandal, social filth, and criminal intelligence, at once trashy and loathsome, takes the place of the Bible, when the minds of men become saturated with such filth, how can they approach the Lord with any degree of reverence, or how is it possible to enter the house of God with clean minds and a pure heart?

The Editor who will open such sewers of social filth, letting them blow into the homes of a nation, ought to be branded as a traitor to his country. To the church, to our beloved land, this foe to reverence and to the worship of God, means heart failure, aye more, it means spiritual death.

Alas! it cannot be concealed that this new Sabbath is already upon us, at our doors, a Sabbath that begins with the newspaper instead of the Bible, that fills the roads and parks with bicycles, and automobiles too often ending with visiting and debauch, a Sabbath day which has no spiritual savor, a day which puts the things that are temporal above the things that are eternal. Piety will dwindle and dwarf in the atmosphere of such a desecrated Lord's day.

Another evil is upon us, one of gigantic proportions, the railroad Sunday traffic. How it is blighting the calm, and the peace of the hallowed day! In this country nearly a million employees are engaged in this industry. Many of them are to be found in yards, making up trains on a Sabbath morning, and for whom the Sabbath bell has no meaning. And all because you and I, professing Christians, are selling the soul of our neighbor, at the expense of our Sabbath excursion.

Whenever the enemies of God—call them by whatever names you please—railroad trusts, or Sabbath breakers, seek to destroy the religion of a people they find no means so effectual for carrying out their impious designs as the suppression of the services of the Sanctuary, and the destruction of the Lord's day.

Then when one think of open saloons, base-ball games, and all manner of amusements in full blast on the day of the Lord, churches will soon be empty, and with the hallowed day thus dishonored, jails, penitentiaries, and homes for the degraded and outcast will have to be enlarged in the coming years.

And there is but one remedy. We must guard the young, we must train them in the home to love and honor God, to venerate the Sabbath day, to be loyal and true to the great institutions of our land, and to emphasize above and beyond all that the nation that will not serve God must utterly perish.

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The Birth of Christ.—Matt. ii:1-12.

Golden Text—And thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins.—Matt. i:21.

Verse 1.—Where is Bethlehem, the birth place of Jesus?

Where was the home of Mary and Joseph, the parents of Jesus, and how did it happen that they were at Bethlehem at this time?

What was the probable nationality of these "wise men."

Verse 2.—Is there any evidence, and if so what is it, which indicates that God in past ages, has revealed himself to other peoples than those of Jewish origin?

Give your own idea of this star that the wise men saw, which indicated to them that a Jewish king had been born; was it objective or only subjective?

Were the wise men right in their opinion, that Jesus was "the King of the Jews," as they were in the fact of his birth?

Verse 3.—What is the evidence for or against the idea that it was God's original intention for Jesus to be the literal King of the Jews, as the wise men stated, and as Herod feared?

Why should Herod and "all Jerusalem" be troubled at the announcement of the birth of a Jewish King?

Verses 4-6—What prophet is here referred to, and where in the Bible did these priests and scribes quote from?

Did the prophet they quoted from, and did these priests and scribes think that the expected Christ was to be an earthly King? Why?

Verse 7.—What is it which makes diligent study, of a worthy subject, either noble or ignoble?

Verse 8.—How would you describe a man with the motive of Herod, when he sent these wise men off on their mission of finding Jesus?

What, if any, reason is there to believe that there are those today who attend church, and thus pretend they are earnestly seeking Jesus, who have practically the same motive as Herod had?

Verse 9—If a man to-day would see the Christ, what "star" does he need to follow to be sure of being led to him?

Give your reason for your idea whether it is the favored few only that God sends a "star" or its equivalent, pointing to where Jesus may be found, or are all men similarly treated?

* Verse 10—Mention some things which always produce joy, and then describe that which produces the greatest joy to mortals known? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Verse 11—What is the ground for certainty for the statement that those who really seek Jesus always find him?

What are the emotions which are stirred, the motives which are formed, and the deeds which are done by everyone who really seeks and finds Jesus?

Verse 12—Is there any liability that those who live in the presence of Jesus, will ever be duped into betraying Him or His cause?

Is the day of the supernatural guidance of God's children, past, or is there reason to believe that it is as operative as ever?

Lesson for Sunday, January 2, 1910—John the Forerunner of Jesus. Matt. iii:1-12.

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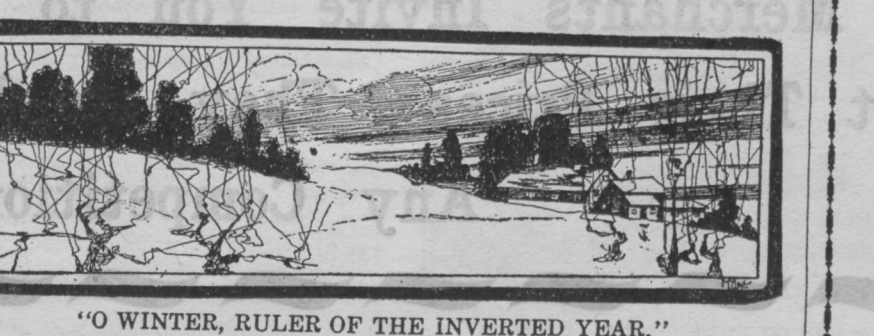
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PERSONALS.

It is the aim of THE CHRONICLE to publish as many personal and social items as possible, but it frequently happens that those who have guests visiting them, and those who entertain, fail to send a list of their friends, or an account of these events, to this office. Readers who live at a distance are always interested in what is going on 'at home,' and for that reason, if for no other, this column should be filled every week. It is of course understood that anonymous contributions will not be published. Names of persons furnishing items will be withheld.

Mrs John T. Glass and grandson are visiting Mrs. Glass' daughter in Carlisle. Messrs. Cecil and Robert Tawney are spending the holidays at their former home near town. Miss Madeline Frailey is home on her vacation. Mr. Joseph Shuff and Miss Mary Shuff are spending Christmas in town. Miss Helen Kilmer, of Brookline, Mass., is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. L. Higbee. Miss Annabel Hartman is visiting Miss Belle Rowe. Miss Constance Kerschner and Mr. Edward Kerschner are spending a few days here. Mrs. James Hospelhorn is spending Christmas in Sharpsburg: Miss Lulu Kretzer, of Hagerstown, is spending the holidays at home. Mr. O. A. Horner, of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., is home for Christmas. Misses Jessie and Gertrude Fitzgerald, of Baltimore, will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Harry Gross, during the holidays. Mr. Richard M. Zacharias and Miss Nellie Eyster were in Gettysburg on Monday. Miss Hazel Patterson, of Baltimore, is spending her vacation at home. Miss Madeline Frizell is in Baltimore for the holidays. Creager Loses Surrey and Government a Marker. A two horse team belonging to Mr. John Creager ran off on Monday afternoon much to the damage of the team and one of the Government markers on the Square. The team was standing at the depot unattended when for some reason the horses started off. A man tried to stop them at the creamery but his efforts were fruitless and they kept on up the pike towards the Creager stables. In crossing the Square they demolished the marker to the East of the fountain and the sully hung up on the telephone post in front of Mr. C. J. Shuff's store minus one wheel. The horses ran up Gettysburg street and in front of Mr. Ashbaugh's house one of them struck a tree and was thrown to the ground.

Letters To The Editor.

[The Editor would have it understood that he is not responsible for the views expressed in communications addressed to him and published in THE CHRONICLE.] No attention will be paid to anonymous communications. To the Editor of the Chronicle: As there seems to be much misrepresentation or misapprehension of the case of the Water Co. against the Corporation tried in Westminster last week, it may not be amiss to state that the Water Co. received from the Corporation \$193.90 for the year 1906 (being \$60.43 less than the Water Tax levied for that year), and obtained a judgment for \$75.00 and costs, making \$268.90 for the years 1906 and 1907, an average of \$134.45 for each of said years, with the two years 1908 and 1909 not settled. The costs as taxed by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll County are \$174.50.

E. L. ROWE.

Reunion of Cole's Cavalry.

The forty-sixth reunion of Cole's Cavalry, Maryland Volunteer Veteran Association, will be held at the Hotel Belvedere, Baltimore, on Monday evening, January 10, 1910, the anniversary of their midnight battle in the snow at Loudoun Heights, Va., January 10, 1864. The members of this famous Maryland command of the Civil War are widely scattered all over the United States, but have been coming together yearly ever since the close of the war.

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Priest Sues Allegany County.

Rev. Father Henry S. Nagengast, pastor of the Catholic Church in Hancock, has entered suit at Cumberland for \$5,000 damages against the road directors of Allegany county. Father Nagengast is represented by ex-State Senator David J. Lewis. Several months ago while crossing a county footbridge over the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, at Little Orleans, Father Nagengast broke through the rotten flooring and sustained severe injury to his leg. Since then he claims he has been more or less incapacitated. He has consulted specialists and it is probable a surgical operation will have to be performed. Fifty cent butter before New Years is predicted by the leading dairymen. Fairfield's Blood Tonic and Milk Producer for Cattle only increases the butter-fats in milk and increases the milk production. Ask for Fairfield's Free Book on Stock. Sold under written guarantee by C. R. Wachter & Sons, Fairfield, E. L. Frizell, Emmitsburg.

MEMORIAL SESSION OF COURT

Chief Judge Urner's Eloquent Remarks on Receiving Resolutions.

The Frederick County Court held a memorial session on Monday morning at which resolutions were passed by the Bar Association to the memory of three members of the bar—Col. Charles E. Trail, Frederick J. Nelson and Joseph W. Gaver, who recently died. The resolutions were presented by Mr. William P. Maulsby and paid a high tribute to the former attorneys. In receiving the resolutions Chief Judge Urner said: "The Court will receive the resolutions which have been presented and will direct them to be entered on the records of today's proceedings. They express very appropriately the sentiments we all entertain as we think of the lives and careers to which they refer. "Mr. Nelson was a conspicuous figure in this court for many years. When he was in active practice he was one of the recognized leaders of our bar. He was exceptionally skilful and resourceful at the trial table and his best work was done here in open court in the management and argument of his cases. He was a fluent and polished speaker, and he had a keen and ready wit, which he often used most effectively in his addresses to the court and jury. It is a melancholy and impressive thought that one who labored and contended so long and so actively in this room, where so much of our own time and energy is spent, can never come within these walls again.

"While Colonel Trail was not an active practitioner at this bar, he exemplified in his life and character some of the best ideas of the profession. He was a cultured and genial gentleman and public-spirited citizen. He was broad and liberal in his views and his disposition was generous and charitable. He took an earnest interest in the welfare of this community and was helpful in many ways in the promotion of its prosperity. For more than a generation he filled a prominent and useful place in the business life of this city and county, and it is eminently fitting that this bar, of which he was a member, should pay the tributes to his memory which have been so well expressed in the resolutions and remarks to which we have just listened. "In reference to Mr. Gaver I will say that I am sure we all look back beyond the unfortunate circumstances attending the close of his life to the other and brighter days of his career when we enjoyed his kindly and cheerful companionship."

ELECTION NOTICE.

Emmitsburg, Md., Dec. 24, 1909. At their Banking House, on the first Tuesday and on the 4th day of January 1910, between the hours of one and three o'clock, P. M., an election will be held for the purpose of electing directors for the Emmitsburg Savings Bank of Frederick County, to manage the affairs of said bank for the ensuing year. H. M. WARREN FELTZ, Cashier. dec. 24-2t.

28 Animals Burned In Barn.

A large bank barn on the farm of Michael Smith, near Graceham, tenanted by Frank Hildebrand, was burned Saturday night, with 8 horses 11 head of cattle, 9 hogs, a quantity of wheat and all the implements of the farm. When the fire was discovered it had gained such headway that but one head of live stock could be removed. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss was about \$3,000; partially insured.

Something Hot.

When shopping try a cup of hot Chocolate, Coffee or Tea at McCardell's. 17-2 Mr. W. D. Colliflower has purchased the Lingg property on Frederick street.

"PROMISING" PEARRE

Little Show of Reelection Were Vote Taken Now

THE SUCCESS MAGAZINE'S POLL

Numbered Among "Cold Feet Insurgents" and Fourteen Out of Nineteen Would Vote for Democrat.

The celluloid dog pursuing that well-known asbestos cat o'er the hills and vales of Gehenna has about the same chance as Pearre would have for reelection to Congress according to the opinion of some. Success Magazine through its auxiliary board of editors has said a word or two about "Promising" Pearre, Congressman from this district. Our representative has, as it were, been weighed in the scales and found wanting. This magazine has taken a poll of the opinion of Maryland's quota of editors and in addition to showing that Messrs. Kronmiller, Mudd and Pearre are disapproved by the voters of Maryland, the figures indicate that the people of the country are a trifle disappointed in Mr. Taft and that they thoroughly disapprove the position of Senator Aldrich and Speaker Cannon in the recent tariff legislation. The poll in Maryland tends to show that out of 53 Republican votes polled, 46 voiced sentiments against Mr. Aldrich's course of action, while 50 out of 56 Republicans declared themselves unalterably opposed to Cannonism. On the question "Do you approve the position of your Representative in Congress in the Speakership contest last spring?" the answer of the Maryland poll was decidedly in the negative; while the question "Would you vote for him if there should be another election this month, provided he were opposed by a reputable man of the opposite party?" narrows the chances of the re-election of Messrs. Kronmiller, Mudd and Pearre down to the most hazardous gamble. Answers to another question indicate, according to the printed figures, that Maryland would have her representatives oppose the Administration and policies of Speaker Cannon. The poll also indicated that there is greater opposition to Congressman Pearre than to either of his Republican colleagues. This is taken by the compilers of the vote to mean that the people of this State condemn the Western Maryland Congressman for allowing himself to be taken into camp by Speaker Cannon after he had identified himself with the insurgents. On this point the compilers of the poll say: "In Maryland, Representative Pearre, one of the 'cold-feet insurgents,' who was taken into camp by the Cannonites, is condemned by his Republican constituents 21 to 2, and 14 out of 19 would vote for a reputable Democrat instead of Mr. Pearre."

NOTICE

There will be no interruption in our business on account of the recent fire. Our ovens are intact and our temporary sales room is at THE CHRONICLE OFFICE ROSENSTEEL & HEMLER Home Bakery.

Santa Claus believes in bringing more than mere toys to Emmitsburg this year having already left on Tuesday night twin daughters at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kreitz near town.

Don't forget our faithful Night Watch man, Mr. C. Buckingham, at Christmas and New Year. 1t

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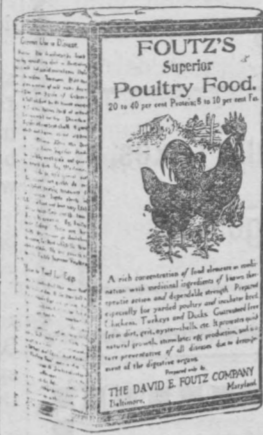
THIS is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Frederick county, Maryland, letters of administration on the estate of

ISAAC S. ANNAN,

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 28th day of June, 1910; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate. Those indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

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LIGHT ON ELECTRIC LIGHTING
INSTALLING THE LIGHTS IN HOUSES "OPEN" AND "CONCEALED" WORK AND THEIR COST

"What about the question of putting in the wires and other things for electric lighting in houses where they have never been?" asked the representative of the CHRONICLE.

"There are two different ways in which this is generally done" said the engineer. "First, there is what is known as 'open work' and the other method is called 'concealed work.'

"To utilize the electric light in a house there has to be a certain number of insulated wires fastened securely in each room in which a light is to be placed. Also there are switches and fuses for controlling the lights, and various other things that are used for different purposes, and are different for different kinds of wiring.

"To take the simplest case first, suppose there is to be one light in each room and the cheapest form of open work is desired. In this case the wires all run on the outside of the walls or on the ceiling, and are held on porcelain or other insulators, the whole thing being exposed to view. Where the wires pass through walls or partitions from one room to another they are placed in porcelain tubes. The lamps are generally suspended by flexible cords from the ceilings and are turned on or off either by a 'key' in the racket of the lamp or by a switch on the wall. This last is much the best and in fact is necessary with the best and most economical new types of lamp.

"The ends of the wires are all connected to the wires coming in from the street. This is about all there is to open work. If it is carefully and skillfully done it can be made to look all right, though of course no open work job will ever make as good an appearance as concealed work.

"In concealed work the wires are run in the walls and between floors and ceilings. In frame houses this can sometimes be managed quite conveniently but in brick or stone houses, especially those with brick partitions, concealed work may be very difficult and expensive. It may be necessary to cut channels in which to place the pipes or runways through which the wires pass. The difficulty, of course, depends on the kind of material used in building and on the way the lights are to be arranged.

"There are still other ways of wiring a house that are a mixture or variation of the above mentioned, but they are not widely used. In this town most people would prefer to use the open work method of wiring, which, as above stated, can be made to look quite well if properly done.

"And what about the expense of wiring houses?" asked the CHRONICLE man. "That is not an easy question to answer in more than a general way. Every house is a problem by itself, and for anything like an accurate estimate of

the expense of installing wires it must be figured out by itself. Then too, the expense also depends on the way it is desired to have the lights arranged in the house. But so much wiring has been done that a general idea may be had. For ordinary open work of the simplest kind but done with good material, the expense to the householder may vary from a dollar and a half to three or more dollars for each light arranged for, not including the lamp itself. The cost is also affected by the price of labor for the work and the number of lights to be put in as well as by the factors mentioned above. But the above figures ought to hold for the ordinary installation of from three to ten lights, put in in the ordinary way.

"When it comes to wiring unplastered buildings such as warehouses, sheds or stables the cost is much less and a man can fit up his place handsomely and conveniently for a very modest sum. Also lights in closets and cellars or outbuildings in general are very cheaply installed and the job once done will last indefinitely.

"Open work has the further advantage that it can be taken down, if necessary, and be put up in another place. This is useful in the case where the occupant of a rented house wants to have electric lights and the owner does not want to put them in. In such a situation the renter can have the wires put in at his own expense, utilize them as long as he remains in the house and take them with him when he moves. But putting up and taking down wires are not good for them and occasion for doing so should always be avoided when possible.

"All wiring work should be done in accordance with the rules laid down by the Association of Fire Underwriters so that the insurance shall not be unfavorably affected. A reliable contractor should always be employed, and the most reliable are seldom the cheapest on the estimates, but are always the cheapest in the long run.

"As touching the cost of installing wires with concealed or partly concealed work it is useless to try to give any information. It is generally more expensive than any kind of open work though not necessarily much more so. Many houses are wired with the most conspicuous rooms such as the hall or living room done in concealed work and the other rooms in open work. There are a great many combinations possible, but a contractor can easily be gotten to give the exact figures for which he will do the work, and that is the best way. Each householder can thus find something to suit his tastes and pocket-book. And once done the job is done 'for keep' and the expenditure is done and over with.

MISTAKE IN ABOLITION OF CANTEEN BEER HALLS
More Drunkenness and Less Religious Observance at National Soldiers' Homes Than Before.

The abolition of beer halls at the national soldiers' homes did not act as some thought. Sobriety and religious observance among the veterans is on the wane, according to the report of the inspector, submitted to Congress by the Secretary of War.

This report says that there were 1026 more trials for drunkenness in the various homes in 1909 than there were in 1906, when the beer halls prevailed, or nearly 32 per cent. There was one charge of drunkenness for every 4.7 men this year, as against one for every 6.05 men in 1906. "Evidently suppression of beer halls at homes has not tended to promote sobriety, but the contrary," says the inspector. Neither did the veterans go to church more frequently or regularly than when the intoxicating beverages were easily accessible. In 1906 says the report, the religious attendance was 23.58 per cent. and in 1909 it was but 17.97.

POEMS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

These verses are published by request of the school department. Teachers and pupils are asked to become familiar with the poems published from time to time under this head.

While Shepherds Watched their Flocks
By Night.

Like small curled feathers, white and soft,
The little clouds went by,
Across the moon, and past the stars,
And down the western sky:
In upland pastures, where the grass
With frosted dew was white,
Like snowy clouds, the young sheep lay
That first, best Christmas night.
The shepherds slept; and glimmering faint,
With twist of thin, blue smoke,
Only their fire's crackling flames
The tender silence broke—
Save where a young lamb raised his head,
Or, when the night wind blew,
A nesting bird would softly stir,
Where dusky olives grew.
With fingers on her solemn lip,
Night hushed the shadowy earth,
And only stars and angels saw
The little Saviour's birth;
Then came such flash of silver light
Across the bending skies,
That wondering shepherds woke, and hid
Their frightened, dazzled eyes!
And all their gentle sleepy flock
Looked up, then slept again,
Nor knew the light that dimmed the stars
Brought endless Peace to men—
Nor even heard the gracious words
That down the ages ring—
"The Christ is born! the Lord has come
Good will on earth to bring!"
—MARGARET DELAND.

An Old Christmas Carol.

God bless the master of this house,
The mistress also,
And all the little children,
That round the table go,
And all your kinsmen
That dwell both far and near;
I wish you a Merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year.

An Old English Carol.

Sing high, sing low,
Sing to and fro,
Go tell it out with speed,
Cry out and shout,
All round about,
That Christ is born indeed!

Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas, full of glee,
Merry time to you and me;
Merry faces beaming bright,
Merry laugh from hearts so light,
Yes, Merry Christmas now is near,
The merriest time in all the year.
—NELLIE M. BROWN.

Sleep, Baby, Sleep.

Sleep, baby, sleep!
Thy father is watching the sheep!
Thy mother is shaking the dreamland tree,
And down drops a little dream for thee,
Sleep, baby, sleep!
Sleep, baby, sleep!
The great stars are the sheep,
The little stars are the lambs, I guess;
The bright moon is the shepherdess,
Sleep, baby, sleep!
Sleep, baby, sleep!
Thy father is watching the sheep!
Thy mother is shaking the dreamland tree,
And down drops a little dream for thee,
Sleep, baby, sleep!
—FROM THE GERMAN.

CONGRESSMEN FRANKING BABY-TOTTERS BY MAIL

Washington Postoffice Full of Junk Sent There by Members of Legislators, Families.

Senator "Ben" Tillman of South Carolina, who once tried to frank a typewriter through the United States mail and got caught at it, has been outdone by sundry Representative of the lower house. Reposing in the Washington Postoffice are at least four typewriters, a few baby carriages, several jugs and other articles which are not used by Congressmen alone. On each and every one of these is to be found the name of some legislative servant who has tried to use the frank but failed miserably.

Under the law members of Congress are permitted to send letters and public documents through the mails to officers of the Government or to constituents without paying postage. Evidently some of the members have forgotten what a document looks like from the surplus furniture which now decorates the city postoffice. On some of this mail matter Congressmen have declared their willingness to pay and in some instances the charge is several dollars, but in other instances, it was stated the legislator has refused absolutely to produce the cash.

OVER 900,000 RED CROSS STAMPS SOLD IN MARYLAND

Holiday Stickers Growing More Popular.—On Sale Here at Chronicle Office and Post Office.

Of the one million Red Cross Christmas stamps consigned to the Maryland Association for the Prevention and Relief of Tuberculosis, the first half million have long been disposed of and it is confidently expected that the Christmas enthusiasm will call out more than a million.

The demand for the little stickers for use on holiday correspondence and Christmas parcels is more widespread than last year, when, 125 stations throughout Maryland had them for sale. They are now on sale at 200 stations. Nearly every county has its group of people interested in their sale and use and these groups are not only helping to develop the real Christmas spirit of "Good will toward men," but are just as surely adding to the revenues which will enable the State Tuberculosis Association to carry forward the work of prevention for another year.

MADRIZ MUST SHOW THAT HE CAN REPAIR WRONGS

Attitude of United States Toward Nicaragua Made Plain by Secretary of State Philander Knox.

Secretary of State Knox has made plain to the authorities of Nicaragua the attitude of this government toward them now that Zelaya has resigned and Madriz has been elected President. Madriz will have to show that he is capable of directing a responsible government, which is prepared to make reparation for the wrongs which it is claimed have been done to American citizens in the little Central American republic.

It was announced at the State Department that the attitude of the United States toward Madriz would be just as it was outlined in the note which Secretary Knox directed to Mr. Rodriguez, at that time the Nicaragua charge, several weeks ago, severing all diplomatic relations with Nicaragua.

This country still maintains that until a responsible government is set up and is in entire control of the situation so that definite negotiations can be held diplomatic relations cannot be resumed.

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General Crozier, one of the few rapidly promoted young officers of the United States and who was much appreciated and trusted by President Roosevelt, says that there is no first class power with whom we may possibly have unpleasantness but that can put into the field almost immediately three millions of men. He says that this great army could be marshalled against us more rapidly than we could manufacture arms, organize volunteer troops and bring them in a position to oppose a powerful enemy. This was the gist of General Crozier's statement before the House Committee on military affairs.

It came out in his report that the reserve ammunition has been fixed tentatively at about three hundred rounds, each for six hundred thousand rifles and it was further elicited that owing to the limited appropriations it would take six and one-half years to accumulate the necessary reserve ammunition for war. Well, what are we to do about it? Manufacture and store large magazines of war material that will become obsolete through improvements that are going on with great rapidity or repose in the security of our splendid isolation and discontinue all belligerent preparations?

Red Cross Stamps Allowed.

The Post Office Department has announced that Great Britain has temporarily withdrawn the prohibition against the use of "Christmas stamps" of any kind upon mail matter directed to Great Britain. Consequently, articles bearing Red Cross stamps and other stamps of this nature, addressed for delivery in Great Britain will be forwarded from this country in the usual course of mails until further notice.

Boston After \$2,000,000 Building.

Representative O'Connell of Massachusetts introduced a bill in Congress appropriating \$2,000,000 for the erection of a public building in Boston, to be used as a United States subtreasury and for federal courts and other federal offices.

EXTENSION OF TROLLEY LINES.

Cumberland Valley Soon to be Connected With Electric Lines From Harrisburg to Hagerstown.

The Chambersburg, Greencastle and Waynesboro Electric Railway Company, which operates the trolley lines connecting the cities above named and also the line from Waynesboro to Pen Mar, has under consideration a project to extend their service to Shippensburg on one side and to Blue Ridge Summit on the other. This proposition has been approved by the directors.

When completed this system will form the link connecting Hagerstown and Frederick with Harrisburg and with the W. F. and G. proposed extension in the Frederick Railway Company's plan, connection will be established between these points and Emmitsburg, Gettysburg, Hanover and York.

Pinchot Intends to Stick.

Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States, to whom, it was said, an offer had been made to become president of the University of Michigan, returned to Washington from Chicago, and declared he did not intend to give up his governmental position to accept the presidency of the educational institution.

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OUR CHRISTMAS DECORATION.



HE custom of decorating our Churches and houses with greenery appears to grow, says Prof. Bailey. It is an old habit; how difficult to tell its age. Some say it originated with the Druids. It may be we derive it in part from our Norse ancestors.

From the nature of their persistent foliage the pine family has always been pre-eminently used. All its members yield themselves readily to decorative purposes,—the feathery pine, the stately spruce, the hemlock, arbor vitae, cypress, and juniper. Firs and spruces are the best, and Christmas destruction of them is enormous. This is the sad side of the consideration, and for which there seems no help, unless trees be grown for this special employment. We can easily recall a time when only a few people used wreaths in their windows or decorated the sanctuary with green. Now the custom is almost universal. All churches and schools have their trees. They have even crept into penal institutions. Where else more welcome? To meet this great demand in a thousand cities and towns there must be a tremendous inroad on the forest. Indeed, it makes one shudder to think how the woods suffer at this season. A fine evergreen does not grow in a day, but with the dealers there is little thought of the future.

Rhode Island is especially blessed with evergreens, even the prickly holly (Ilex opaca) growing into big trees, covered with red berries. In seasons when it lacks the berries, which may happen, one may substitute those of its cousin, the black alder, Ilex verticillata, a deciduous leaved holly, the fruit of which, abundant and beautiful, prevails in early winter. Rhododendron is also used, on account its ample evergreen leaves, as is also the mountain laurel. There is much vandalism about all this matter of decoration, but with reasonable care utter destruction could be avoided.

Other berries than red may be welcome, and we have the black clusters of green-brier, red hips of rose, and perhaps some lingering blue ones, or even white, of cornel and viburnum. Of lower greenery there is abundance, the ground pines and mosses being applicable and inexhaustible.

We are all used to seeing these green things in the holidays, and rarely think of their intrinsic charm. But what would old Christmas be without them? A dull and dreary time. In countries where they are not found other things are substituted, as in Austria, the foliage of gum tree and acacia, or in tropical lands, the palms, bananas, and the like. They are the good-will offering of nature; the promise of a coming year, of a returning season of springtime and flowers. However the custom grew, it is a pleasant one, and with due regard to the rights of the trees themselves, one from which we could hardly part.

In the pure soul, although it sing or pray. The Christ is born anew from day to day. The life that knoweth Him shall hide apart And keep eternal Christmas in the heart.

MISTLETOE AND CHRISTMAS.



GREAT many years ago, before the time of Christianity, says Recreation, the oak tree, and especially the mistletoe, growing out of the heart of the oak, were revered for their supposed affinity with the sun. The Druids worshipped the sun as the one supreme God, and believed the oak to be in

in some way associated with the sun because they made fire by running oak sticks together, the oak being at once the most common tree and the most suitable for the purpose. Twice each year these Celtic priests gave a religious festival in honor of the sun, their places of worship being in the oak groves. In June, when the sun was known to have ceased mounting higher in the heavens, the Druids gave thanks, because a nearer approach to the sun was thought to be possible, and this, of course, would result in the burning up of the earth. In December, at the time of the shortest days, the Druids prepared a celebration in honor of the sun's turning back from its downward journey, which was recognized as the days began to grow longer. This second celebration was quite naturally the happiest time, the people holding the sun in such fear in June. It was then the mistletoe was honored as being the very essence of the oak.

When eventually the church was established and its followers turned the ancient December celebration into Christmas, the mistletoe was hung up by way of compromise, although it had nothing to do with the new religion. And so even to-day, in our use of evergreen and holly, and eke the occasional sprig of mistletoe, we reflect the Nature worship which gave us, perhaps, not only the foundation for our Christmas, but for our love of Nature as well.

HOLLY BERRIES.



Scarlet the holly berries grow Above the winter's ice and snow, On boughs whose leaves are glossy green

The brilliant fruitage fail to screen. Gay are they as a red-bird's wing, Or autumn's rosiest coloring In sunset cloud, or leaflet spread Upon the earth's frost-bitten bed.

The clustering berries brightly gleam Amid the thorny leaves, and seem Prophetic of a glorious Birth— A thorn-crowned Sacrifice for earth.

May life's barbed leaves for you thus bear A fruitage wondrous bright and fair, Since Heaven's own gift at Christmas-tide

Is Love Incarnate, crucified. SARAPH MALTBIE DEAN in Boston Transcript.

Ring! Christmas bell, And good folk tell That Christ was born to-daye.

SOME CHRISTMAS LEGENDS.



HERE is a Bosnian legend that the sun leaps in the heavens and the stars dance around it. A great peace comes stealing down over mountain and forest. The rotten stumps stand straight and green on the hillside. The grass is beflowered with blossoms, and the birds sing on the mountain tops in thanks to God. In Poland the heavens open and Jacob's ladder is set up between earth and sky. In Austria the candles are set in the window, that the Christ Child may not stumble when he comes to bless the home. In North Germany the tables are spread and the lights left burning for the incoming of the Virgin Mary and her attending angel.

The English superstition is admirably voiced by the myriad-minded Shakespeare in "Hamlet :"

"Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes Wherein our Lord's birth is celebrated, The bird of dawning singeth all night long, And then they say no spirit can walk abroad. The nights are wholesome. Then no planets strike, No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm. So hallowed and so gracious is the time."

In some parts of the world the bees are said to sing on Christmas Eve. The cattle kneel in honor of the manger-bed at Bethlehem. The sheep go in procession in commemoration of the angel's visit to the shepherds. The Indians creep through the Winter woods of Canada to see the deer kneel and look up to the Great Spirit. In the German Alps the cattle are thought to have the gift of language, and the story is told of an Alpine farmer's servant who hid in the stable on Christmas eve and heard the horses talking about his own death, which followed a few days after.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART.

Every day is a King's birthday, When love is born. And best of all along life's way, The King comes in to rest and stay, When love is born.

We must not sigh nor question why, When love is born, So small a part to us is given; Love is enough for that is heaven, When love is born.

Ring out O bells, 'tis Christmas day In one glad heart; For the Christmas comes adown this way;

And where 'er He comes 'tis a King's birthday; For love is born. —AGNESS GREENE FOSTER.

Star of the East, show us the way In wisdom undefiled. To seek that manger out and lay Our gifts before the Child— To bring our hearts and offer them Unto our King in Bethlehem!

Then be you glad good people, At this time of ye year, And light you up your candles, For his star shineth clear.

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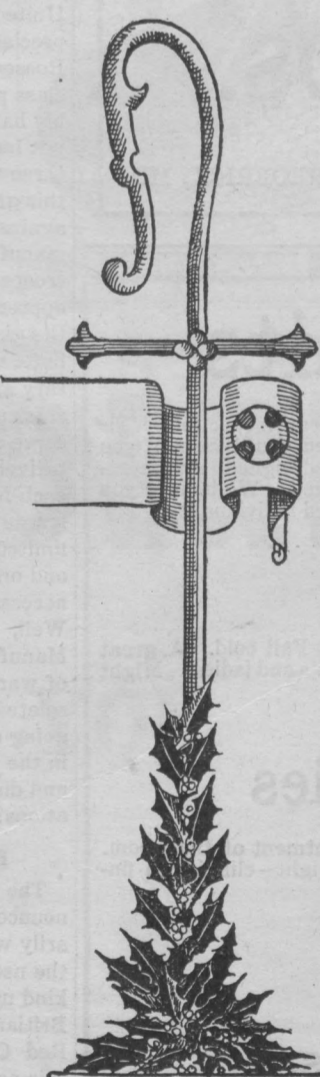
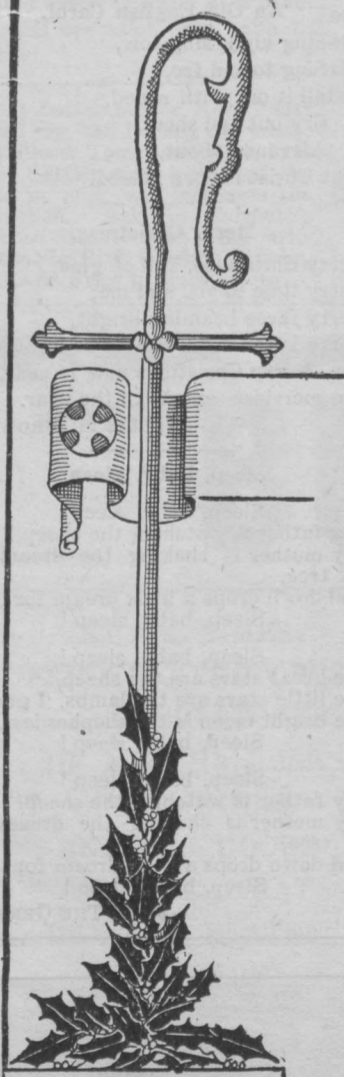
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Why do the bells for Christmas ring? Why do little children sing? Once a lovely, shining star, Seen by shepherds from afar, Gently moved until its light Made a manger-cradle bright.

There a darling Baby lay, Pillowed soft upon the hay; And its mother sang and smiled, "This is Christ, the holy Child." Therefore, bells for Christmas ring, Therefore, little children, sing!

Eugene Field