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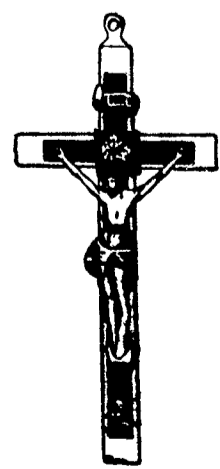
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+ A MERRIE CHRISTMAS! +

### CHRISTMAS EVERGREENS.

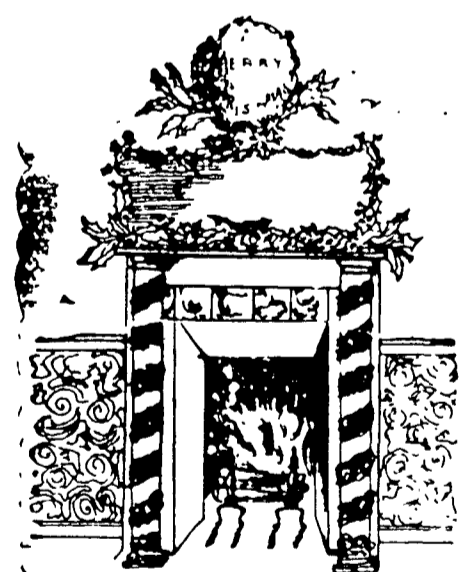
SUGGESTIONS FOR APPROPRIATE FESTAL EMBLEMS.

Laurel, Holly and Mistletoe, and How They May be Utilized as Aids to Christmas Cheer. The History of Their Use - Church Decorations.

The use of evergreens at Christmas is of very ancient origin, the custom in England having been derived directly from the rites of the Druids. The Greeks and Romans used evergreens freely, the laurel and bay being held sacred to joyous festivals, and green boughs were strewn during celebrations of victory and peace. The Hebrews and Egyptians also made free use of evergreens, and the palm and lotus have become emblems of religious sentiment. The modern custom of evergreens at Christmas is due to the grafting of early Christmas practices upon the heathen rites of Northern Europe. Our Teutonic and Saxon forefathers brought many pleasant customs and poetic ideas to the service of Christianity.

The Puritans passed laws prohibiting the use of green as a heathen practice, and away back in the year 1600 the austere council enacted it was not lawful to begirt or adorn houses with laurel or green boughs, for all this practice savors of paganism. But today the custom is universal and even puritan New England contributes her share to the universal decoration.

Among the popular Christmas evergreens, the holly with its splendid red berries and rich green leaves signifies rejoicing and can be appropriately used anywhere. Rosemary means remembrance as unfortunate Ophelia was aware and in the early days of "Merrie England" was used to decorate the wash-bowl. The mistletoe is the mystic plant of Christmas to all English speaking people, emblematic of jollity and mirth of domestic love and the six confidences of lovers. The suspended sprig of mistletoe is a veritable talisman. All of our American evergreens are



A Striking Christmas Mantel.

appropriate for use at Christmas in wreaths, ropes, or otherwise, but the mistletoe and holly must not be forgotten.

In decorating a church for Christmas, besides ordinary wreaths and clusters of evergreen in the body of the building, beautiful effects can be produced at the altar and font with some very simple devices. Very distinct and perfect outlines in lettering can be obtained from holly leaves, and when completed, the motto or monogram may be made to look as if frosted. This is done by brushing the leaves over with mucilage and then dusting them with glass powder, which can be obtained for a trifle at any glass works. The glitter and sparkle give a brilliancy that does not seem artificial.

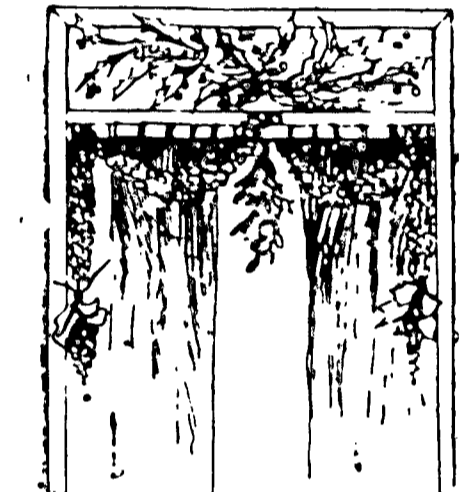
Ferns can also be used to great advantage in church decoration, and quantities of them should be gathered in the autumn, and kept fresh in the cellar by being packed in barrels, with a layer of ferns alternately. The evergreen kind is found all winter, but a heavy fall of snow near Christmas will effectually hide them from view. The small ferns or leaflets of the larger ones, make pretty letters, borders and other designs, while the long, light-looking fronds hanging over the edge of the font, have a very good effect.

Twigs gathered from tree shrubs can be made to do good service in the decoration of the dinner table. They are invaluable attached to baskets, and then bronzed with metallic paint, and tied with colored ribbons they make

the most delightful ornaments on the table for ferns as the bronze is so attuned to the green foliage.

A pretty design for a decorated mantel is shown in our first illustration. The main feature is the motto, "A Merry Christmas," consisting of a plaque of green, with the letters in red holly berries. The plaque is framed in holly leaves and berries. The idea can be adapted to a mantel without a mirror.

The hallway and stairs afford the proper starting point for decorating a house at Christmas time. The hallway may be adorned with mottoes made of brilliant berries and appropriately framed in greens, and the balustrades of the stairway may be twined with evergreens. A pleasant feature of Christmas decoration, and



Design of Decoration for a Doorway.

one of the most appropriate may be made of a doorway, preferably that of the reception room. Our illustration shows a design for decorating such a doorway. The space above the portico is adorned with holly, while wreaths of leaves and berries are twined gracefully over the portico, and an ample sprig of mistletoe is suspended from the center of the roof.

The main idea of Christmas decoration is to give the home a joyous aspect. There should be no ostentation - decoration is for the home and the dear ones whom it shelters. The making of Christmas a home festival is essentially Saxon in origin. In England and in Virginia not the day only, but the season, which lasts till Twelfth Night, or Candlemas Day is one round of merriment, and all the houses continue their adornment of green boughs and laurel wreaths. Even the simplest form of decoration is appropriate and not to be despised. Simple bunches of mistletoe or branches of holly may be placed over a picture, stuck in a vase, suspended from a chandelier, or used in masses anywhere with but little work. Garlands can be made of the running green with slight expenditure of time or labor, or a single set piece used at some central point. Even the smallest branch of green can be utilized to bespeak the time of merriment and good cheer. Every home should exhibit some sort of decoration on Christmas.

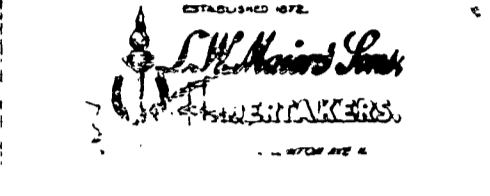
Sympathy Wasted.  
Mrs. Brown - It always makes me feel sad to read those stories about how the poor tramp is reminded of the innocent days of his childhood by the Christmas festivities he sees around him.  
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