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#### MAKING THE CHRISTMAS LIST

Rack Your Brain, Count 'Em Again, to See That No One's Missed.

"There, of course, is Aunt Maria. Aunt Lizzle and Aunt Jane; they're pretty old; but have to go down on the list again; and Uncle Joe and Uncle Pete and good old Uncle Lem; I wish I really could decide just what I should give them. And Cousin Nell and Cousin Kate and Cousins Belle and Sue, and Cousin May and Cousin Madge must be remembered, too. And Cousin Sam and Cousin Bill, and Cousins Jack and Ned-I'm sure if I had any more I would go off my head.

"There's Grandma Smith and Grandpa Smith, Grandma and Grandpa Jones what shall I get for folks who have rheumatics in their bones? There's pa and ma and Brother Hal, and Sisters Maud and Grace: before I get through I think I'll be in the crazy place. Now what can I give all the girls who always give to me? Gladys, Hannah and Hortense and Lulu-let me see, and Clementine and Rose and Pearl and half a dozen more my gracious, 1 must make a trip through every shop and store.

And there is Frieda, housemaid girl, and Mary Ann, the cook—ere I forget I'll put their names right down now households, among the older members he will present to me. He says he only years go by. But if it is impossible wants a kiss, and maybe that is so, to be happy one's self, it is always possible to be happy one's self. but how to hang it on a tree there is sible to make some one else rejoiceno way I know. A nice silk four-inand white; I know he wouldn't be like pa and say it was a fright.

"And now I think I'll go to bed and put aside my list; tomorrow I am sure to think of some one I have missed. I fortable circumstances may appear will be bankrupt when I buy the things from ties to muff-yes, Christmas comes but once a year, and, gracious! that's enough,"-Brooklyn Standard thoughtfulness, is often more accepta-

Holly Wreaths Help to Make the Home Cheerful-How to Keep the Tree Bright and Green.

gorgeous, glittering Christmas tree and much to the pleasure of a second-hand plenty of greens hung wherever pos- gift-for all children love fresh-looking

t's time or cutting, invite your ashes. boy and girl friends to help, and make the bringing in of the Christ- WHERE SANTA WAS mas tree a real ceremony. In England this is one of the big events for young and old.

The kind of tree to be used depends upon where you live. Red cedar, white pine, spruce, fir or hemlock are all good. To keep the tree bright and green set it in a deep bucket or low Russia a nobleman and his wife, who the receptacle is full.

Christmas. Gather holly for wreaths, which was three large bars of gold. orating are Christmas fern and poly- gold and threw it through the window, has some special green that is adapt-able for decorating. In gathering throw the third bar, the man who greens, never destroy the plants; cut had lost all his money came out and and pick carefully and the growth will caught him. He tried to thank Saint not be injured.

### THE BIRDS' CHRISTMÁS TREE.

To make a birds' Christmas tree, kind of tree will do if you tie sheaves Claus as we call him). of wheat, corn-stalks and evergreen branches all over it to make it dense. If it is a large tree, plant it securely in a partially protected place. A smaller free can be put on the feeding shelf outside your window. Hang on it wire baskets filled with suct, boxes with fronts removed, containing nut meats, millet, sunflower-seeds, wheat, cracked corn, bread-crumbs, rolled oats, etc. Coconut shells cut in half and filled with dainties that the birds love can also be hung from the branches. Have several shelves on which place apples lettuce, cabbage and vegetables.

In all cold districts, have at least one or two deep boxes almost filled with cotton where the half-frozen birds can find shelter and warmth. Many birds suffer from thirst during the winter. Heat a brick or large stone and place a pan of water on it.

### The Real Christmas.

The real Christmas is an invisible presence, a joyful glance of the eye, a wonderful expansion of the heart, a tonight. Not till next Friday night. senge of comradeship with all man-Jimmie! kind. It is an abandonment of ourselves to all good impulses and an almost reckless waste of good feeling and generosity and love, and no army of pessimists can banish that kind of Christmas from our hearts.

Under the Holly Bough. Ye who have scorned each other, Or injured friend or brother, In this fast-fading year; Ye who, by word or deed, Have made a kind heart bleed, Come gather here!

Let sinned against and sinning Forget their strife's beginning, And Join in friendship now. Be links no longer broken, Be awest forgiveness spoken
Under the helly bough.
—Charles Mackay.

#### BETHLEHEM

Cold was the earth and all the stars, But Mary Mother smiled Where in the manger of an inn Lay warm the Holy Child

The ox was host upon that night Unto the King of all: He save for incense meadows breath.
For shelter his rude stall.

Not all the cold of earth and man Can pierce the heaven mind, Where warm against her leaping heart A Mother clasps Her Child.

O miracle of utmost love, How God grew greates when He stooped to be a helpless babe Beside the hearts of men. Long ages since and still in loy,

In loneliness and tears, We kneel unto a Little Boy Who smiles down through the year Wilbur Underwood in Reedy's Mirror.



### MAKE SOME SAD HEART GLAD

Christmas the Time for Remembering Those Not as Fertunate as You Are.

Christmas is a sad time in some in my book. And, Oh! what shall I who miss familiar faces always assogive to Will? Tee hee, what shall it clated with family gatherings a list be? I feel sure that a diamond ring of missing ones which increases as the this is an easier task than some people hand might do, with stripes of green imagine. So many are so foolish as to think that because they cannot give beautifully that it is not worth while to give at all. They forget that what seems very little to a person in comvery large to those who have virtually nothing at all; while among friends a small gift, hearing some sign of ble than a costly but ill-chosen present. This is an excellent time to go DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS over the children's toys and select those which can be spared to go to some less fortunate little ones. Do not select only those which are too battered to be recognizable; such, of course, are not to be despised, but a little glue and a few stitches to fresh-It is not Christmas without a big. en up a broken doll or torn book add things and it is, besides, scarcely gen-Of course you have your tree chosen erous to give away only such articles and ready for its great purpose. When as would otherwise be thrown in the

Russian Legend of Saint Klaus and ly, radically and permanently their and How He Came to Be Known as ... To these saffering from either in the Children's Friend.

Very many years ago there lived in barrel, brace and fill the space be had a little son named Klaus. He was tween the tree and bucket or barrel such a good boy that everyone used to with coal. Then pour in water until call him Saint Klaus. In course of time his parents died and left him a Every home should be decorated at large fortune, not the least part of make ropes of laurel, and have several bowls filled with partridge ber-passing a house, and overheard a ries. Mistletoe is beautiful and can father telling his daughters that he be found as a growth on the top of had lost all his money, and that he sweetgums, live oaks and other de-didn't even know how he was going ciduous trees in the territory south to buy food for them. This worried of New Jersey, southern Indiana and Saint Klaus very much, and he won-Missouri, and in Oregon and northern dered how he could help them. So California. Other fine plants for dec- that snight he took one of the bars of

pody. Black aider and ilex, or ink- The next night he threw the second berry can also be used. Every district bar, and crept quietly away, but on Klaus for his goodness to him and his daughters, but Saint Klaus told him to pay his thanks to God, whose servant' he was.

And there, boys and girls, you have take an evergreen, if possible, but any the story of Saint Klaus (or Santa

PRECIOUS MOMENTS WASTED.



Mrs. Slumm-They're not going to have the Christmas tree at the church

Jimmie-Gosh ! Will I have to wash me hands agin nex' week, too?

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