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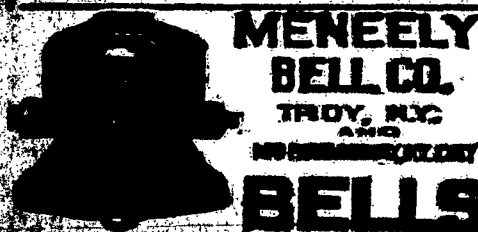
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FIGHTER'S SPIRIT IN DRUM

Legend Has It That Twice in Three
Centuries It Has Been Sounded
to Help Britain.

In the great hall at Buckland abbey
in Devonshire, a few miles from Plym-
mouth, the ancestral home of Sir Fran-
cis Drake, there hangs an ancient
drum of a pattern not known these
300 years. It is the famous drum of
the great English sea-fighter, his com-
panion throughout his whole adven-
turous career. It beat the signals on
his flagship when he scattered the
Spanish armada; it went with him on
the first British ship that went around
the world, and it sounded the taps
when, after his death at sea in the
West Indies, his body was committed
to the waters of the Atlantic ocean.

When Drake lay dying, so runs the
tradition, he commanded his brother,
who was a captain of one of the ships



in the British fleet, to take his drum
back to England and hang it in his
hall at Buckland abbey. Whenever
danger threatened Britain let them
sound on the drum and his spirit
would enter into the British admiral
and scatter his country's foes as he
had done in the days gone by. His
brother did as he was commanded and
after three centuries the drum still
hangs in Buckland abbey, which is
now in the possession of a descendant
of Drake's brother.

Twice, runs the legend, has the
drum been sounded—and not in vain.
Once, in the generation after Drake's
death, when the Dutch sought to wrest
the control of the seas from the Brit-
ish, and the doughty Admiral Von
Tromp sailed up the British channel
with a broom at his masthead, to
signify that he would sweep the Eng-
lish from the ocean. At its sound the
spirit of Drake entered into Admiral
Blake, who triumphed over the con-
quering Dutch. Again, when the genius
of Napoleon threatened the very exist-
ence of the British empire, the drum
was sounded and Drake's spirit ani-
mated the greatest of English sea-
fighters—Admiral Nelson.

The old tradition is the subject of a
poem by an English writer, Henry
Newhall. The poem makes the great
sea-fighter, dying in his berth, ex-
claim:

Take my drum to England, hang 't by
the shore.
Strike 't when your powder's runnin'
low.
If the Dons sight Devon, I'll quit the
port o' heaven
An' drum them up the Channel as we
drummed them long ago.

Goodness Overdone.

A lawyer up on Pemberton square,
who always reads this page sends in
the following joke:

A lawyer was chatting with a friend
about a recent trial in which a burglar
was acquitted. "That second-story
man client of yours don't show much
gratitude to you for acquitting him,
does he?"

"Well, you see, it's this way: I
proved him so innocent that his pals
don't dare to trust him any more with a
swell job!"—Boston Post.

LOST FOREVER.

Edith—So that rich old bach-
elor didn't propose.
Madge—No; he ate six meals
at that summer hotel where they
advertise home cooking and de-
cided to stay single.

One Who Can Stump a Lawyer.
"Do you think these alienists are
any good at a trial?"
"Some, I take it. An alienist is
the only person I ever saw who could
bluff a lawyer."—Philadelphia Even-
ing Ledger.

The Way of It.
"Nobody's character is safe in that
woman's hands."
"Is she such a gossip?"
"No, but she spills the ink all over
it whenever she's writing one."

Harsh Treatment.
Doctor—You are to take three drops
in water every four hours.
Patient—Three drops in water ev-
ery four hours—gee! and I run a hy-
droplane.—Boston Transcript.

The Great Mystery.
"One-half of the world doesn't know
how the other half lives."
"Oh, I know how my friends live,
but how can they afford it?"—Louis-
ville Courier-Journal.

THE CHRIST CHILD

Across the snow the home lights glow
From the myriad hearts alight,
And through the street with noiseless
feet
The Christ-child walks tonight.

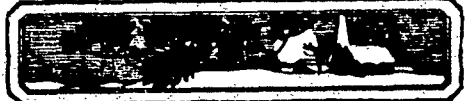
At silent gates, outside He waits,
To find a fitting spot.
Be thine the shame, if through thy
blame
The Christ-child enters not.

Where joyous notes from children's
throats
The old glad song begin,
Where love impels and kindness dwells,
The Christ-child enters in.

Where hate has room, pride sits in
glow,
And wrong invokes unrest,
Though green the walls and bright the
halls,
He cannot be a guest.

But where the thought that angels
brought
To earth's enraptured ears
Good will to men and peace, again
The Christ-child, listening, hears.

He turns his feet with welcome sweet,
Enters, and there abides.
Angels know best how such are blest
Through all the Christmastides.



CHRISTMAS FACTS IN BRIEF

Day Celebrated as Christian Festival
for Centuries—Holly Once
a Sacred Plant.

Christmas day is the anniversary of
the birth of Christ, and has been cele-
brated as a Christian festival for sev-
eral centuries. The Christmastide lasts
from the 25th of December to the 6th
of January, the twelfth day after
Christ's nativity.

The origin of the Christmas tree is
obscure; the thought of Christ as the
Light of the World and the Tree of
Life may have given rise to the light-
bearing tree, or the popular old belief
that every Christmas eve, trees blos-
somed and bore fruit, may have been
the foundation of the custom.

Gift-giving is, of course, the echo
of the Wise Men's gifts; and mince
pie, turkey and plum puddings, are
modern relics of the pagan feasts.
Santa Claus, known to every child in
every land in this old world is the per-
sonification of the spirit of loving and
giving.

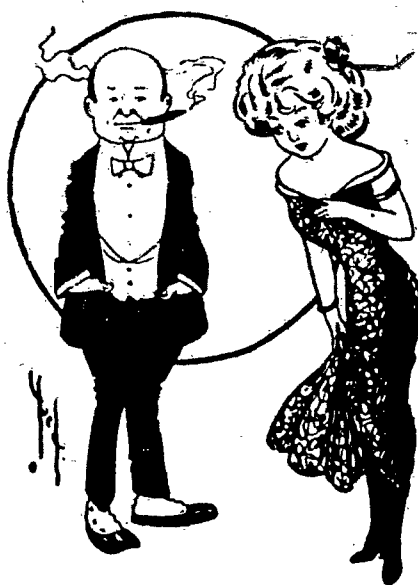
The holly, synonymous of Christ-
mas, was a sacred plant, and the mis-
tletoe a mysterious plant, supposed by
the ancient Druids to have some mys-
tic power of healing and preventing
misfortune. It was never allowed to
touch the ground, hence the modern
superstition that it is unlucky for a
mistletoe bough to fall from its place.
It was dedicated to the Goddess of
Love, which explains the custom of
kissing under the mistletoe.

A SEASONABLE SERMONETTE

C Cheerfulness is a personal posses-
sion, but you can
H Hand some of it on to those whose
weary, crab lives
R Represent might but a grim strug-
gle to exist, whose
I Inheritance is labour and sorrow
—stranger to joy.
S So, in kindly spirit, go forth, seek,
and find some of
T These joyless ones. Bring some
cheer into their lives.
M Make it a Christmas resolve that
you will, out of your
A Abundance or sufficiency, make,
with kindly heart, the
S Sun to shine at Christmas in one
poor home at least.

D Do this, and the deed shall bring
you such sweet joy
A And satisfaction that the remem-
brance of it will make
Y Your own Christmas a "happy"
one in deed and in truth.

YULETIDE.



Daughter—Say, pa, what do you
want me to get you for Christmas?
De Close—Well, if it's all the same
to you, I'll just keep the money.

Christmas is not just a day of
tree-trimming and toy-giving for
the kiddies—not just a holi-
day for youngsters to outgrow.
Its spirit is of the heart, the soul
—communal between us and all
those whom we hold dear as
our friends. It changes not,
however we may. May its glow
be reflected for you through all
the coming year.

Christmas All the Year!
Every time that Christmas comes
around again we wonder why we
haven't cultivated the Christmas spir-
it all the year.

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