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## CHRISTMAS 300 YEARS AGO

First Yuletide Eve of the Pilgrims Was One Saturated With Grave Fear of Attack.

SETTING about their campfires on Christmas eve, 300 years ago, the Pilgrims on shore heard a cry in the woods and jumped to their feet, expecting a sudden onrush of whooping Indians. The attack failed to materialize. How the Pilgrims spent Christmas is told in the Journal they have left, which says: "No man rested that day."

The settlers were nervous, and again at night they left well-armed men on guard.

These poor fellows on shore did not have any Christmas beer to drink. About this time, it seems, the beer supply was running low, and Captain Jones of the Mayflower was guarding his stock. Apparently he put everybody on a water basis. But Christmas might be relaxed. Beer was served to those of the Pilgrims who were on the ship.

## THE BIG COMMUNITY HOLIDAY

Christmas Should Not Be Confined to Family Celebrations; Make It General Joy Fest.

CHRISTMAS should not be confined to our own family. Christmas is of all days Community Holiday and the entire community should be taken in for celebrating the occasion. Every community should have in the local church, or schoolhouse Christmas exercises of some sort or other. The giving of recitations is one of the very best trainings for children and cannot be started too soon. As soon as they are able to help they should be given a part in Christmas entertainments. It is a means of much pleasure to them and something they will remember as long as they live.

Christmas, in the country of all places, should be a community holiday. It's too big a thing to be kept all within your family.

## Bethlehem.

TODAY the whole Christian world prostrates itself in adoration around the crib of Bethlehem and rehearses in accents of love a history which precedes all time and will endure throughout eternity. As if by an instinct of our higher, spiritual nature, there well up from the depths of our heart emotions which challenge the power of human expression. We seem to be lifted out of the sphere of natural endeavor to put on a new life and to stretch forward in desire to a blessedness, which, though not palpable, is eminently real.—Cardinal Gibbons

## Cakes by Parcel Post.

Cakes can be sent long distances by parcel post without so much as cracking the icing, if they are packed in this way: Place the cake on a large sheet of heavy waxed paper and apply the frosting, allowing a generous portion of the frosting to extend on the paper. Plastering the cake to the paper helps to keep it in position. Fold the rest of the paper neatly around the cake and slip under it a piece of cardboard or thin board the exact size of the cake. Put both cake and board into a strong cardboard box. A corrugated box is preferable, as it lessens the jar upon its contents. Fill the box with sawdust or bran, which should be allowed to settle to the bottom of all the crevices. Finally, wrap the box in heavy paper and tie it with a strong cord.

## Discrimination.

"Mamma," said Pickaninny Jim, "I wants you to do me a favor."  
"What kind of a favor?"  
"I wants you to shet yourself out of sight same as me on Christmas eve."  
"Whiffah?"  
"Well, I ain' giner say dat Santy draws no color line. But las' Christmas I looked de neighborhood over an' I kaint help 'spionin' dat mebbe I stan' a better chance for presents if we didn' give him no chance to notice dat dis ain' a white folks' residence."



## SHE WAS WILLING

Yule-tide fast is coming, dear. If you my wife will be, I'll draw the cash and start right in To be your Christmas tree.

## \$550 for a Christmas Tree.

An electrical firm in London has been busy for some months on a remarkable Christmas tree, which had to be sent overseas in time for Christmas day. An immense "fir" tree, all in metal, is festooned with bunches of "fruit." Even the grapes have a tiny bulb inside them. By turning on a switch the tree becomes a blaze of light. The cost of this novel tree is \$550 but it will last for many years.—The Bits.

## A Yuletide Reunion

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MADGE ALLISON was seated in the front part of the vacant store on Broad street, where for two weeks she had been the active director of a public movement for preparing a suitable and joyous holiday for the young children of the poor district of Carleton.

Sufficient had been donated to give comfort and pleasure to the little ones and now the grand work was going on to make up wreaths and other trimmings for the workmen's hall, where Santa Claus was to distribute his gifts.

It pleased her sympathetic heart to see how anxious her little pensioners were to make up the evergreen wreaths as she directed them. The willing and excited helpers chatted and laughed and sang and comprised a noisy brood. Then there was a sudden lull.

"Someone is peeping in at us," announced one of the girls. "Why, Miss Allison," volunteered the eldest of her assistants, "it is Vance Dacre."

Miss Allison turned her face away. It had grown very white, almost frightened, and her lips trembled and her eyes had grown startled. Vance Dacre had come back! Two years had passed since she had seen him or had even heard of him. She was greatly shaken, gathered up the decorations and said as steadily as she could:

"Children, we have two more days to work, and there are things I must attend to this afternoon, so we will defer further work until tomorrow."

As her willing helpers trooped away, she sat alone in the room thinking, wondering, and of Vance Dacre all the while. The door opened and Vance Dacre entered the room.

"I had to come. I hope you will forgive the intrusion," and then he paused, for she had hurried to her feet and advanced with smiling face and extended hands. "Surely everyone of your good friends will be glad to welcome you back home," she said.

"Perhaps I had better tell you," he began, "that after two years of hard grubbing at a mine prospect I saved enough money to come back here and do some good with it. I have heard of your noble charity. Won't you help me enjoy my homecoming by placing in your charge this?"—and he tendered a roll of bank notes.—"Use them to make the little ones happy, and I will be more than satisfied."

For three days, Vance Dacre was a most enthusiastic worker, and the heart of Madge warmed towards this strong rugged helper whose tenderness for her little charges evidenced the soul of a true man.

What bright happy hours for those



Vance Dacre Entered the Room.

two, drifting together after that long parting!

Then came Christmas eve, and the event lived in the memories of the needy ones benefited for many a year to come.

Christmas day, serious and businesslike, Vance came to the house of Miss Allison whither he had been invited.

"I am going back to work tomorrow," he told Madge. "You see, I have had my fling and am content to take up again the old burden of hard work and barren hope for the future."  
"Could you not do quite as well here at Edgerton?" inquired Madge.

"I fear not. There are occasional streaks of luck at gold mining, so I shall have to keep at it."

But later that day he came hurrying to the Allison home and sought out Madge, fairly bristling with excitement.

"Oh, the luck of it," he cried. "My partner sent me a telegram. They have discovered a rich vein back in the mountain and he can sell it for more money than I ever dreamed of possessing."

"What good news," fluttered the delighted Madge, "and now—"

"I shall stay, because I think you would have it so. Madge, am I guessing right?"

"It is no guess," replied Madge in a low intense tone. "Oh, Vance, you deserve the happy fortune that has come to you this blessed Christmas day."

And there was no thought of another parting for those two earnest, loving souls.

## GIFTS OUT OF THE ORDINARY

Frying-Pan for Queen Victoria—Man Gives Wife Five Pounds to Buy Washstand.

THE King of Siam used to send Queen Victoria a very curious gift every Christmas. It may have been want of imagination, or he may have heard that the frying-pan was the curse of the English cook, and thought they must want constantly renewing. Whatever the reason, her majesty received a silver frying-pan as regularly as Christmas came round.

Thomas Carlyle once quite forgot to buy a Christmas gift for his wife. There is nothing unique about this. Other men have done the same. Nor is there anything particularly generous in the way he made up for his neglect to remember the day. He wrote the following letter:

"The prophecy of a washstand to the nearest of all women. Blessings on her bonnie face, and be it ever blithesome as it is dear, blithe or not."

—T. Carlyle, December 25, 1850.  
The great man did really give his wife five pounds with which to buy the promised washstand, at which he, no doubt, washed quite as often as she did. But that's a man all over.

## UNDER THE MISTLETOE SPRIG

Punishment Meted Out by Oxfordshire Maids to Men Who Refused to Obey Commands.

IN SOME places in Oxfordshire, every maid-servant had the privilege and frequently exercised it, of asking a man for ivy to decorate the house. If the man assented, well and good; but if he refused the maid stole a pair of his breeches. The next day they could be seen nailed to the gate of the highway. But a worse punishment than this was sometimes meted out to him; he was deprived of the privilege of the mistletoe.

The first maid to pass under this evergreen on Christmas day was sure to be married within the year, and equally sure of being kissed—for that was the penalty, if it can be called such, to be paid by any maid who passed under it. After each offense a berry was plucked, while the privilege was supposed to end with the last berry.

## "Christmas Past."

IT WAS indeed a "gracious" time, and as we read of the revels and ceremonies and find foolish beliefs of Christmas Past, we might regret what we have lost in this tamer and less picturesque age, if we did not know that never before in history was Christmas kept so truly and heartily in the spirit of the day as it is now. We have dropped a good many rude and some pretty customs, but we have gained a broadening spirit of almost universal charity, a feeling of real brotherhood, that is held in check a good deal during the rest of the year.—Charles Dudley Warner.

## The Great Giver.

Christmas is the birthday of Jesus, who never gave the world a dollar, and bestowed upon mankind no other material gift. "He carved no statue, painted no picture, wrote no poem, composed no song, fashioned no piece of jewelry, built no edifice, founded no city, erected no triumphal arch; but He stands in history as the Great Giver." Such as He had He gave; the sympathetic hand, the genial mind, the generous heart, the courageous spirit, which all worked together to build up out of the human the divine. The Father gave us first His universe; then He gave His Son; now He offers His Spirit.—Adapted.

## Sweet Sauces.

It is usual in England to serve what American housewives call "soft sauce" with the Christmas plum pudding, but the delicious "hard sauces" which we ourselves affect make a nice change. Soft sauces take the form of a thin hot custard, which will be all the more creamy if a few spoonfuls of condensed milk are stirred in after the custard is made in the ordinary way. Another favorite sauce is made by adding sugar to melted butter.



## AS USUAL

"I suppose you've finished your Christmas shopping?"  
"Yes, and it's finished me."

## The Portable Lamp.

The cheapest and most generally useful electrical appliance and at the same time the one most seldom taken advantage of in the ordinary household is the portable lamp. This simply consists of a few yards of flexible insulated wire, at one end of which is fixed an ordinary plug to screw into a wall or hand-drawer socket and at the other a lamp socket. The cost is very little.