

THE NORTH POLE— AND FIVE OTHERS

Earth Has Six, in Three Groups of Twins.

Washington, D. C.—"The earth has at least six well-known poles, in three groups of twins, only one of which the globeboah or the Los Angeles, if they were in air trail across the Arctic, will probably cross the North pole. The others of the polar family are the poles of cold, the South pole and the North and South magnetic poles," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic Society.

"The most talked of member of the family is the North pole. Enthroned at the top of the earth where latitude becomes 90 degrees and the meridians of longitude converge, it has received only one visit in all time. Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, with his retinue of Eskimo attendants, spent a few hours in its frigid presence and took notes on its refrigerating system. Scientists tell us that this refrigerating plant, installed and operated solely by nature, never fails to register below the freezing point of fresh water even during July, and that its mean temperature in winter is about that of some of the Montana cold snaps.

"When Old Sol, when he returns to the North has been unsuccessful in breaking up the plant, though at the summer solstice he pours out larger amounts of his rays there than at any other part of the earth's surface except at the corresponding point in the South. If he didn't have to keep moving he soon would make the Arctic ice cap the hottest region on the earth's surface, but he only succeeds in melting some of the surface ice. In summer, or defiance, of his visit, day-night lasts for six months, but humidity, cloudiness and precipitation near the beauty of his rays on the crystals of the snow palace.

"When he leaves and night sets in, fantastic lighting effects, which shame those of New York's Great White Way, are brought into play. The northern part of the sky is illuminated by a search of whitish, greenish, or rosy light from which streamers of white or colored light go trailing across the heavens. This effect is called the aurora borealis.

"Though the North pole can never leave its kingdom and has been rigidly bound down by nature, it does manage to shift about in a circle 50 feet in diameter. This restlessness causes a corresponding variability in terrestrial latitudes.

"One Easter in a Million Years. When Admiral Peary stood on the top point of the earth, he was actually being turned around only once in 24 hours with the rotation of the earth. He was simply lingered for a few hours the made only a small part of a revolution—a pace which is not conducive to dizziness.

"The other monarch of the world's ice lands is the South pole, twin of the North pole. Though there is all the distance in the world between them, in the main the surroundings are duplicated. The arrangement of land and water in their respective spheres of influence is somewhat different; the southern, a land zone surrounded by a wide belt of open sea, and the northern, a water body surrounded by continental land masses. The southern monarch likes his summers colder; in fact so cold are the summers and so regular the winds about there is practically no plant life and even the most insignificant kind on the Antarctic continent. He is also less exclusive than his brother of the North, having received two earthly invaders within his portals—Capt. Donald Amundsen and Capt. Robert F. Scott, but from the latter he exacted a death penalty.

"The North and South magnetic poles, located more than a thousand miles from the true North and South poles, toward Hudson bay and New Zealand, are the elusive members of the polar family. The North magnetic pole makes the compass needle stand straight on its point, and the South magnetic pole makes it stand on its tail, and they both play tricks with all sorts of metal instruments by magnetizing or demagnetizing their parts. Why Compass Swerves From North. When John Jones travels through northern Wisconsin or Minnesota he usually goes with the aid of his compass, he cannot go directly north unless he travels just a little west of that direction in which his compass points, because of its affinity for the North magnetic pole.

"The explanation of the magnetic poles is that the earth itself is a magnet, made so probably by the electric currents passing around it in an east-west direction.

"The poles of cold are the jahmaels and Hagers of the polar family—outcasts, both erratic and disagreeable. They reside in the places where the cold is most intense, usually in the vicinity of a continent. Though the North pole has the coldest mean annual temperature there—in a desert of ice in the interior of Greenland, which the only continent part of the northern hemisphere, the South pole, in Antarctica, has a mean temperature of 57 degrees Fahrenheit below zero in January. It even reaches 75 degrees below zero in February. During February, on the Antarctic continent, on the Arctic climate, the mean temperature is about minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

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Christmas Town

—By FOLGER MCKENZIE in Baltimore Sun

HERE is your ticket to Christmas town, see that you catch the train;

Going or coming, you'll wear a crown, sunshine, shadow or rain;

To Christmas town, to Christmas town,

It's a penny or two—and then

Something inside of you turns right back

To the childhood time again.

Masters and magics and all do go,

thinkers and dreamers tall;

Women with aprons and women in silk

and women with plaided shawl;

To Christmas town, to Christmas town,

No matter how old or young;

Everyone speaks the same language there,

The talk of the golden tongue.

Windows that glow in a marvelous way

and shops along the streets

That shimmer and shine with trinkets

and toys and most memorial sweats;

To Christmas town, to Christmas town,

Hop on the next train, do,

And see what a wonderful, sunny crown

The journey will bring to you.

A Christmas Carol

By James Russell Lowell

"What means this glory round our feet,"

The things must, "more bright than glory"

And voices chanted clear and sweet,

"'Tis the Prince of Peace is born!"

"What means that star," the shepherds said,

"That brightens through the rocky air?"

And angels, answering overhead,

Sung, "Peace, on earth good will to men!"

All round about our feet shall shine

As bright like that the Wise men saw,

If we our loving will incline

To that sweet life which is the law.

So shall we learn to understand

The simple faith of shepherds then,

And, clasping kindly hand in hand,

Sung, "Peace, on earth good will to men!"

And they who do their souls no wrong

But keep at eye the faith of men,

Shall daily hear the angel song,

"'Tis the Prince of Peace is born!"

(But she didn't mean it)

PERHAPS JOHNNIE KNEW BETTER

By Martha Banning Thomas

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Of course she never guessed it,

While standing down below,

But there hung upon the chandelier

A sprig of mistletoe.

Her dimples were so merry,

Her hair a golden glow,

Her eyes were all aspartite

Beneath the mistletoe.

When Johnnie up and kissed her,

She blushed and said: "You know

I think there ought to be a law

Against this mistletoe!"

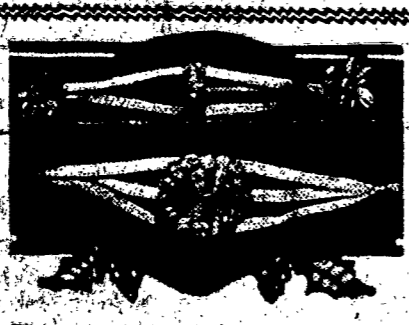
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