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Christmas Poem
By FOLGER McKINSEY

BEHIND the boughs on the tree a fairy sits and sings:
And if you closely look you'll see it has exquisite wings.
Its little eyes are sunny bright,
And laughingly they glow
To help the very lovely light
That kisses all below.

Each bauble has its fairy true, and each of them, you see,
Is part and parcel of the love and life of Christmas gloom.
For fairy things are life and love
So delicate and fine,
That guided by a grace above
With heavenly grace they shine.

On Christmas night when candle rays are thrown around the room
To make the tree a loveliness amid encircling gloom,
The jolly fun to watch and wait
To see the fairies gleam,
Open their little thrones of state
Like little stars of dream.

But wherever they slowly fade, and one by one they go
To shadowland and slumberland across the Christmas snow,
But every time they light the tree
They'll surely shine and sing
Behind the lovely ornaments
That on the branches swing.

Christ Our Only King

The Christmas Bells are pealing,
The Star a bright vigil keeping,
O'er the Nazarene's lowly crib,
Guiding Adoration to Christ Our Only King.
Guiding Adoration to Christ Our Only King.
Glory, Glory, to Christ Our Only King.

The Christmas Bells are pealing,
Their tongues glad tidings fling,
And Christians sing in sweet acclaim,
Glory, Glory, to Christ Our Only King.
Glory, Glory, to Christ Our Only King.
Glory, Glory, to Christ Our Only King.

The Christmas Bells are pealing,
Whilst children joyously sing,
To their Loving Friend on High,
First and last Christ Our Only King,
First and last Christ Our Only King,
Glory, Glory, to Christ Our Only King.

The Christmas Bells are pealing,
Good Christians they are sealing,
In their hearts infinite love,
For Christ Our Only King,
For Christ Our Only King,
Glory, Glory, to Christ Our Only King.

The Christmas Bells are pealing,
With joyful tones they're calling,
While fond mothers they are pleading
For Christ their Only King.
For Christ their Only King,
Glory, Glory, to Christ Our Only King.

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Note—Women are far more religious than men. A woman is at her best, coming from church. Notice the lit-up face, generated from the heart.

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BETTY looked up into the big wild apple tree, upon which hung immense balls of white-berried mistletoe. And there was holly in abundance just beyond. She could get any or all of it, if she wanted to. She could climb a tree like a squirrel. But what good? She didn't want any of it. It was too common. She would be glad to give all of it for a five-cent present from a store.

She dug her bare, frosted feet among the leaves. Mistletoe and holly were great things, she felt, but they were no good. She might walk right under a cartload, and there would be nobody to kiss her but the crows and squirrels. She could hang some up, and it would only dry and have to be taken down and thrown away. Not any good or use.

What was that coming up the mountain path? One of those automobile things away up here? She had never seen one as close as this. At once she became conscious and shy, and half turned to flee off into the woods.

But she lingered, for curiosity is stronger than fear even among timid folks and creatures.

The automobile snorted and plugged on, she afterwards expressed it. And then: "Do you know where the Gees live?"

"Done moved away more'n a year ago," answered Betty, a finger in her mouth. "Jake hunted work, an' the family went with him."

"Too bad. There were a number of girls, and we've brought them a lot of presents. 'O, what lovely mistletoe!' noticing what was above their heads for the first time. 'I do wish we could get some of it!'"

"I could, easy," volunteered Betty. "Could you, and will you?" eagerly. "I'd like to carry some of those immense bunches home. They're the finest I've ever seen. Look out! Don't fall!" for Betty was scrambling swiftly up the tree.

Going up, she pulled some long, strong string from her pocket, kept there for snare purposes. Soon great bunches of mistletoe were let down and grasped by the strangers.

"Now if we could find some holly," sighed one of them, viewing the mistletoe with delight.

"I can get you lots," said Betty. "Can you? Here is a hatchet."

So enough holly was brought to fill the car, with the mistletoe.

Then the presents for the other girls were taken from the car and given to Betty.

"With our thanks besides," said one of the strangers.

"Mistletoe and holly are valuable stuff, after all," laughed Betty, as she watched them out of sight.—Frank H. Sweet.

Laymen's Council To Run Business Of English Parish

London, Dec. 21.—An experiment which is believed to be new to modern England—the establishment of a parish council to run the temporalities of a parish—is being tried at Whitehaven, Cumberland.

Twenty-seven councillors have been elected by the congregation, each representing a section of the parish. Fifteen thousand votes were cast, only those above the age of 18 voting.

The council will make its own rules. These have yet to be drawn up. The first substantial act of the new body was to open a banking account.

Bishop Pearson, of Lancaster, has approved the plan.

Nobel Prize Winner Is a Member of Old Catholic Family

Paris, Dec. 20.—The French scholar who won the Nobel Prize for Physics this year, Prince Louis Victor de Broglie, belongs to one of the great Catholic families of Paris, many members of which have become illustrious in the fields of politics and letters. Four have been members of the Academie Francaise.

Prince Louis Victor, winner of the Nobel award, is 37 years of age. At first he specialized in the study of history but was attracted to Mathematics and Physics. His discovery of the mecanique ondulatoire which permits the synthesis of two opposing systems and which won for him the Nobel prize, was confirmed during the past year by English and American savants—Messrs. Davison, Germer and M. G. P. Thomson. The discovery is of great importance to the future study of Physics.

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