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Christmas Thoughts

Under the stars tonight
The lights that can't talk
Tell of the love that's true
And of the peace that's real
And of the joy that's true
And of the love that's real

When He was twelve years old
He went to the temple
And sat with the doctors
And they were amazed
At His wisdom and His power
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31 Young Priests See Their First Masses in Rome

Rome, Dec. 17.—Thirty-one young priests from various parts of the United States arrived in Rome today to see their first Masses in the Eternal City. They are members of the Society of the Sacred Mission, a religious order of young men who are preparing for the priesthood.

The Origin of Christmas Giving

Edward Schreier, in an article in the December issue of the Catholic Monthly, traces the origin and the various manifestations of the custom of giving Christmas gifts. He writes: "To England we owe the origin of the custom of giving Christmas gifts. It was introduced by the monks of the continent in the 12th century. At first the gifts were of a religious nature, such as books and vestments. Later, they became more secular, and included such things as food and clothing. The custom of giving gifts to the poor is also of ancient origin, and is mentioned in the Bible."

The custom of giving gifts to the poor is also of ancient origin, and is mentioned in the Bible. It is a practice that has been followed by Christians for centuries. In the Middle Ages, the custom of giving gifts to the poor became more widespread, and it is still a common practice today. Many people give gifts to the poor as a way of expressing their love and compassion for their fellow human beings.

A CHRISTMAS LEGEND

Quaint and curious are some of the old legends of the Christmas season. One of the most interesting is the story of the three kings who followed the star to the manger. According to the legend, the kings were from the East and they were looking for the newborn king of the Jews. They followed the star for many days and finally found the manger in Bethlehem. They gave the king gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrror. The story is told in the Bible in the Gospel of Matthew.

Christmas Joys Often Develop Into Sorrow

Christmas isn't always a happy festival, according to a National Safety Council report. The report says that many accidents occur during the Christmas season. These accidents are often caused by people who are distracted by the excitement of the holidays. For example, many people are injured while driving to or from Christmas parties. The report also says that many people are injured while decorating their homes. It is important to be careful during the Christmas season.

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The Cathedral Door

Oh, I have I seen, at some cathedral door,
A laborer, pausing in the dust and heat,
Lay down his burden and with reverent feet,
Enter and cross himself, and on the floor
Kneel to repeat his "Pater Noster" o'er;
Far off the noises of the world he treat;
The loud vociferations of the street
Become an undistinguishable roar,
So, at I enter here, from day to day,
And leave my burden at this main-ter-gate.
Kneeling in prayer, and not ashamed to pray,
The tumult of the time, disconsolate,
To inarticulate murmurs dies away
While the eternal ages watch and wait.
—H. W. Longfellow.

Christmas in Heaven

It may be an idle legend,
Yet it has its truth, I know—
This quaint old tale which lingers yet
From the dreams of long ago:
That the great Lord Jesus once a year,
As our bells for His Birthday chime
Put a crown and scepter aside to be
A child for the Christmas time.
And through all the season of Christmas week
With the baby saints He dwells,
And shares their laughter, and plays their games,
Or perhaps a story tells
While St. Mary peeps through the nursery door
And joys once more to see
Her mighty Son a child, as when
He stood beside her knee,
W. in The Catholic Virginian.

Listen In

Oh, listen in at Christmas, and you'll hear from all the earth
The carols and the Christmas bells,
The melody and mirth!
Oh, listen in at Christmas—let your hearts be listening too,
And you'll hear the Christmas wishes that my heart is wishing you!
—Dennis A. McCarthy.
Dickens' Christmas Advice
On Christmas day all should be welcomed with good cheer and true hospitality.—Charles Dickens.

Swedish Christmas Day Dinner Important Event

CHRISTMAS dinner in Sweden since the immemorial has been the subject of the special care and thought of the Swedish housewife. A typical Christmas day dinner is: A cold herring, hot fish with potatoes and fried butterbeans, ham with fresh potatoes, mash of apples and sweet plums, porridge of rice and milk, and "kaleots" and jam.
The rice porridge is made up the very best rice, combined with milk and water, and, according to tradition, an almond, but only one, has to be hidden in the porridge before it is served. Lucky the boy or girl who finds the almond; it is said that they then should be married within the year.
The last dish of the Christmas dinner is the so-called "kaleot," a special little pastry made in various shapes and boiled in butter and served hot or cold with jam. These traditions are still kept in every Swedish household, and everybody agrees that there is no real Christmas without these traditional dishes.

Richard II Entertained in Big Way at Yuletide

CHRISTMAS celebrations of Old England are inextricably interwoven with the earlier Yuletide observance of the Celts, and many of them have a pagan origin, writes Isabella Florence Stone in the Washington Star. It was in feudal times, however, that the observance of Christmas, still called the Yule feast, reached its greatest splendor. Old records tell that King Richard II gave a great Christmas feast at Littleton in the fourteenth century at which 2,000 oxen and 200 tons of wine were consumed. But this monarch was accustomed to entertaining on a grand scale, for every day 10,000 persons dined at his expense, and it is said that he employed 2,000 cooks. Those surely were the good old days!

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A Christmas Surprise
by Harold L. Cook

"What's that?" queried his wife.
"Why, our son!" he exclaimed.
"Don't you suppose I know how you are going to miss him this first Christmas birthday of his that he has not been home. Don't you suppose I realize as well as you do that he is our life, our joy, our only true wealth; that money and things are really nothing to us in comparison with him?"
"Of course," answered Mrs. Jameson. "But you are a success, nevertheless. If it hadn't been for the money you've made by your hard work, we never could have given Richard the advantages he has had. He has that splendid opening in Chicago, and even he is too far away in some home for just one day. I am glad that he has the opportunities which our wealth has given him. Of course our son means more to us than all these things, but we still have each other, you know."
"Yes, my dear, we still have each other," he said.
Mrs. Jameson kissed her husband affectionately and led him toward the window.
"Look!" she exclaimed. "A plane!"
Sure enough, high over the great expanse of white lawn before the house glided a tiny plane the sound of whose motors just barely reached their ears. Neater and heavier the earth it came, and Mrs. Jameson blessed her husband again. She knew that in the plane was Richard, their boy, their treasure.
"It is my Christmas present to you and to him," interrupted his wife. "Just as twenty years ago today I gave him to you as your son and heir, today I give him back to you. With this machine he can visit us on holidays, for now we are twelve hours nearer Chicago."

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