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HAPPY NEW YEAR  
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WILL BRING GOOD CHEER

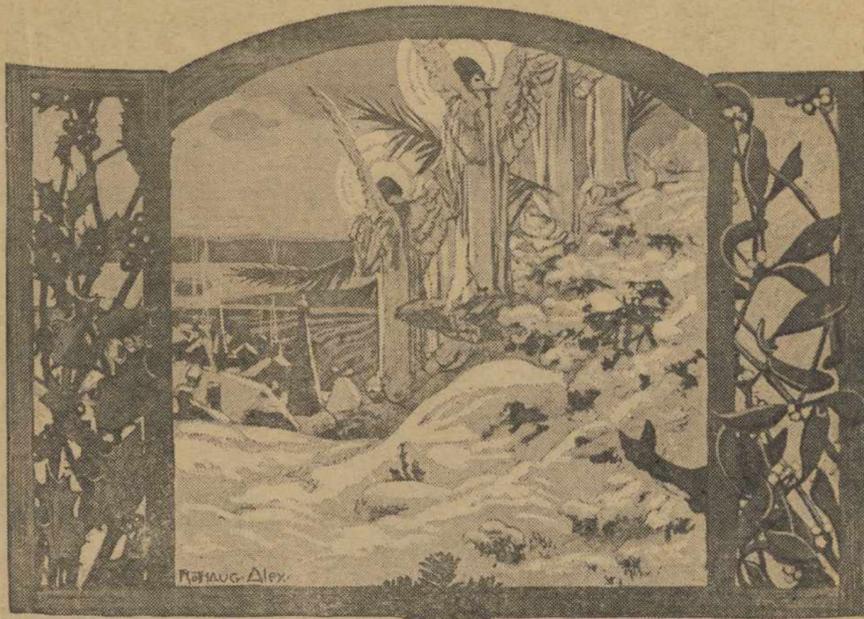
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# The Earth Has Grown Old



The earth has grown old with its burden of care,  
But at Christmas it always is young;  
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair,  
And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air,  
When the song of the angels is sung.

It is coming, old earth, it is coming tonight!  
On the snowflakes that cover thy sod  
The feet of the Christ-Child fall gentle and white,  
And the voice of the Christ-Child tells out with delight  
That mankind are the children of God.

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field  
Where the feet of the holiest have trod,  
This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed  
When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed,  
That mankind are the children of God.

—Phillips Brooks

### The Empty, Raggedy Stockings

What of the empty, raggedy stockings  
That will hang by the chimney on Christmas eve,  
With their mute appeals from the poor little owners  
To the dear old Santa in whom they believe?

For their share of his presents they ask such a little,  
"Just a dolly to hold in my arms while I sleep,  
A little tin auto that runs when you wind it,  
A sounding red drum or a woolly white sheep."

The only light in their dim, dark existence  
Is that wonderful day when old Santa will come  
With his treasure filled pack that he brings on his back  
From his fairyland, snowland, toyland home.

What beautiful dreams will come to them sleeping  
Under the coverlet shabby and worn?  
But what of the empty, raggedy stockings  
That will hang by the chimney on Christmas morn?  
MRS. H. C. SEARCY, in the Chicago Tribune.

### THE GIFT I CHOOSE.

GIVE me the hearthstone with  
the glow that warms  
the soul within;  
I choose the gift of kindly  
smiles, that wealth can never  
win;  
The laugh that ripples to the lips  
from hearts where peace sub-  
sides.

Reigns in the fullness of content  
to bless the Christmas time.

### Uncompromisingly Morose.

"Christmas comes but once a year,"  
said the ready-made philosopher.  
"Yes," replied Mr. Growcher; "a tor-  
nado doesn't come even as often as  
that. But consider how long it takes  
to get over it."

### CELERY AND CHEESE SALAD.

Chop nicely bleached, tender celery  
fine and bind it together with mayon-  
naise. Line an ice cream dipper with  
cottage cheese, then fill up with the  
celery mixture, packing it in well.  
Screw out the cones on crisped lettuce  
leaves arranged for individual serving.

### CHRISTMAS FOR THE BABIES.

Never deny the babies their Christ-  
mas! It is the shining seal set upon  
a year of happiness. Let them believe  
in Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, or  
Kris Kringle, or whatever name the  
jolly Dutch saint bears in your region.  
—Marion Harland.

The Tom and Jerry  
Season is Here  
Both are missing  
Isn't it queer?

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Here's to our Friends and  
Acquaintances

To those who have business dealings with  
us, and to those who have not had the occasion

We wish to extend to all a  
**Hearty, Merry Christmas**  
and  
**A Bountiful New Year**  
May Santa Claus be Good to You All

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### Bell Ringing, One of the Oldest Christmas Customs

WHAT would Christmas be with-  
out the melody of the bells  
ringing good will toward men?

Bell ringing is one of the oldest of  
Christmas customs. At one time, in  
England, the ringers gave their ser-  
vices free, nor would they accept any  
special payment. The peal was rung  
as a matter of course, and was the  
natural expression of English joyous-  
ness. The merry music of the bells in  
Great Britain and wherever churches  
have peals of bells, is today as much  
a feature of Christmas as the decora-  
tion of church and home with ever-  
greens, or the provision of the good  
cheer which always marks this festive  
season.

What an outcry there would be if  
an edict were issued forbidding the  
ringing of the bells during the coming  
festive season! Yet this was actually  
done during the Commonwealth, for  
don't you remember that the wise men of parliament  
in 1642 decreed that "no observation shall  
be had on the five-and-twentieth day  
of December, commonly called Christ-  
mas day."

It is quite certain that this edict  
was disregarded in many places, while  
in others it led to open riot. In  
Canterbury the mayor of the city tried  
to enforce the new rule, but the people  
were not going to be deprived of their  
pleasures so easily, so they took the  
law into their own hands, broke the  
mayor's windows—and some of his  
bones as well—and affirmed their in-  
tention of keeping their Christmas in  
their own fashion, just as their fathers  
had done before them.

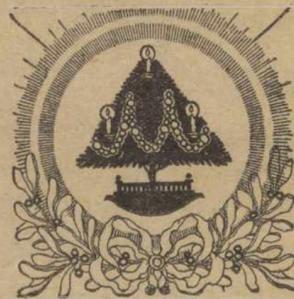
**A Good Modeling Material.**  
It is often very difficult to keep a  
child confined to the house amused.  
But with a modeling material with  
which they can make animals, beads,  
etc., they can be kept amused for hours.  
Take four tablespoonfuls cornstarch,  
eight tablespoonfuls salt and eight  
tablespoonfuls boiling water. Mix the  
dry ingredients and pour on the boiling  
water, stirring until the mixture is soft.  
Put on the fire and stir until it forms  
a soft ball, then remove from the stove  
and stir for ten minutes. A little color  
may be added. Wrap in oiled paper  
when not in use to keep from harden-  
ing.

### SHORT LIFE IS LONG.

As the cartoonists have it, a year  
comes in as a baby and 365 days later  
dies as an old man. How fortunate it  
is that the human comes in as a hu-  
man and not as a year.

Read All the Ads in this issue  
And Profit Thereby

### A Merry Christmas



### Seasons' Greetings

The good cheer days, the holidays, the good  
Christmas time is here.

Imbued with the spirit of  
this joyful Christmas Season,  
we are eager to express to everyone  
our Best Wishes for a Merry  
Christmas and for your welfare  
during all the New Year.

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