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A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

CHERISH the spirit of Christmas. It is one of few priceless heritages that we have that modern custom must not stale. No festival was ever so beautiful. It's the time when the Fairy Queen makes her robes of the shimmer of the silver moon beams; when the Frost King writes his pictured message in feathery crystals on the window panes; when the North Wind strikes his lyre of pendant icicles, and elfin music tinkles through the woodland. Christmas is the wondrous time of giving—of expressing love and affection in the little token, freighted with golden wishes and tender sentiment. Believe in Santa Claus—as a symbol only, if the world has made you too old to hear his sleighbells—but as a reality if you can. Let the children hang up their stockings. Get a big tree as big as you can push through the door. Cover it with the magic fairy lamps that children love so well. Spare no tinsel nor the pendant balls that shine and glitter with a thousand reflections. Give and receive the little tokens of love and affection. Let your purse be wide open though it hold only pennies. Do all you can to preserve and maintain the traditions of the season. Let the laugh of the cynic be not heard, nor the gray hairs of much wisdom overwhelm the gladness of youth when it says, "I do believe."

And in as full a measure as you make the season merry for others—a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You!

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