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For the Children

Christmas Dolls In
Up to Date Costumes.



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The girls and perhaps boys, for that matter, who are planning to make Christmas gifts of dolls to their young friends might find a hint as to dressing the toy babies in the picture shown above. A pair of dolls in sweaters is a rather novel and up to date scheme. The costume is appropriate to the season and would be sure to delight the youthful recipient. The donor, of course, need not give two dolls, but the jolly pair, with that tiny Teddy bear between them, make a very interesting and picturesque group. Doubtless there are many who will improve on the suggestion and produce something far more unique and pleasing. Anyway, it helps us enjoy the holiday season and feel the true Christmas spirit to remember our friends, no matter how modest the offering. Gifts made by the giver's hands are from the heart and are evidences of good will and love.

Holiday Cards.

Christmas and New Year's cards, like a good many other things, might be said to have been discovered by accident. Their originator was a Mr. Dobson, who in 1844 made a little sketch of a globe of the season's joys and sent it to a friend. It gave great pleasure, and the next day Mr. Dobson determined to follow up the idea on a larger scale. He had his card illustrated and was enabled to send copies to some twenty-five of his friends. Mr. Dobson soon saw that his idea was a happy one, for the delight of those who had received his cards was far greater than if he had sent them gifts. Thus has come to us this card greeting, now almost indispensable to the Christmas season as evergreen trees and mysterious packages tied in red ribbons and with a spray of holly to bid us a "Merry Christmas."

A Christmas Game.

Christmas candles is a good game to play at this season of the year, but must only be done with mother's permission and then only when there is a grownup person to superintend the play. A tiny Christmas tree with lighted candles is set on a table at a convenient height. Each child in turn is blindfolded and stationed with his back to the tree and about a foot from it. He is then told to take three steps forward, turn around three times, then walk four steps and blow as hard as he can. The one who blows out the most candles receives a prize.

Card Games at Christmas.

Many still play cards at Christmas who seldom think of doing so at other times, quite unconscious that they are maintaining an ancient custom. A prohibitory statute of Henry VII. forbade card playing, save during the Yuletide holidays, and long after the law itself had become obsolete the practice it had promoted was continued. At the beginning of the eighteenth century that model squire, Sir Roger de Coverley, was accustomed to send "a string of hog's puddings and a pack of cards" to every poor family in the parish.

Dickens' Christmas Greetings.

"A merry Christmas to us all, my dears. God bless us," "God bless us every one!" said Tiny Tim, the last of all.

"Yo-ho, my boys," said Fezziwig. "No more work tonight, Christmas eve, Dick! Christmas, Ebenezer!"

Christmas' time I have always thought of as a good time—a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time. Hello! A great deal of steam! The pudding was out of the copper!

Christmas in France.

Christmas in France is not a special day for family meetings and merry-making. It is essentially a religious festival.

Christmas Secrets.

Upstairs and downstairs, In every nook and corner, We find surprise packages, As did wee Jacky Horner.

Christmas pies and Christmas cake Nestle in the cupboard, What a find all these would make For dear old Mother Hubbard!

Every time the doorbell rings, My what a commotion! Children only grieve at thine, But can have no notion.

Underneath the couch there lies Many a bulky package, But 'twould spoil a fine surprise Should we break the wrappings.

We must never, never peek (Children all take warning), Or we may have cause to weep On a Christmas morn'g.

Be sure about us lies, All the books and corners Hold for us the surprise, As little Jacky Horner's!



Angler (instinctively) — Something tells me that there are fish about here! — Sydney Bulletin.

BIBLE QUESTIONS.

The News has arranged for the publication each week of a list of suggestive questions growing out of the Sunday school lesson for the following Sunday. When studying your Sunday school lesson try to answer the questions found below.

Dec. 22, 1912.
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Christmas Lesson, Isa. ix:1-7.
Golden Text—Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. Isa. ix:6.

- (1) Verse 1—What troubles come to saint or sinner out of which good may be derived?
- (2) What troubles have you ever known, national or personal, that could not have been worse?
- (3) What beneficent results came to Israel from their captivity?
- (4) Which most helps a nation, morally and spiritually, its prosperity or its adversity?
- (5) Verse 2—Does God ever permit or send any affliction to a nation or an individual with the intention of inflicting ultimate injury? Give your reasons.
- (6) Is it so that the light of prosperity generally follows the darkness of adversity and that grief gives place to joy? Why?
- (7) What is the great light which finally came to the Jews and to the world?
- (8) In how many respects may we regard Jesus as the light of the world? (This is one of the questions that may be answered in writing by members of the club.)
- (9) Verse 3—Why is an increase of national prosperity generally regarded with satisfaction?
- (10) What are the peculiar joys which result from a bountiful harvest?
- (11) Why are people generally joyful when they are making money?
- (12) Verse 4—What deliverance had God wrought for Israel?
- (13) What oppressors does Jesus deliver men from today?
- (14) If Jesus delivers his followers from the slavery of sin how is it that most Christians confess that they still sin—that is, are under bondage to sin?
- (15) How did God deliver Israel in "the day of Midian"? (See Judges vii:19-25.)
- (16) What is the power which breaks the chains of sin and sets the captives free?
- (17) Verse 5—What is the difference between physical and moral battles?
- (18) Verse 6—Of what child does Isaiah here speak?
- (19) What did God's ancient Israel expect their coming Messiah would accomplish?
- (20) What are some of the scriptural names for the Christ?
- (21) How do the terms "Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace," apply to Jesus?
- (22) Verse 7—How many nations of the earth does Jesus reign over today?
- (23) What are the signs of the increase of Christ's government today?
- (24) Will the day ever come, and if so when, when Jesus shall rule over the whole earth?

Lesson for Sunday, Dec. 29, 1912.
Review.

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