

Come Home for a Good Time



Christmas

comfortable to the last degree, snug and warm, and we can even keep ahead of the blizzard, if need be, and beat it to our destination. Our Pullman trains are models of maximum comfort, and even to cross the ocean is scarcely to realize, by reason of the complete luxury and comfort of our surroundings all the way along, that we have ever left anything more convenient than a handsome hotel.

And Times Have Changed

We have sacrificed much of the picturesqueness of the Christmas home-coming to this up-to-date perfection of travel means, and where we, as children, were met with bob sleighs or "cutters" into which an anxious grandmother had slipped all the heated flatirons and the soap-stones in the farmhouse, we are whisked from the train to the country nowadays in just as nobby a car as any city street can offer. The deep runs into which the sleigh runners sank when there was snow, have been brushed aside by the great revolving plows that have cleaned the long cement highways before us, and we roll along over pavement as free from interference and delay as any in the town.

Office, school and city apartment, spill out the great mass of Christmas home-goers for some days before Christmas is actually at hand. Blissful young people who have considered themselves immune to home-sickness, abandon themselves to an excited eagerness when Christmas journeys begin to be planned in dormitories, and as the closing days draw near before vacation time, more and more definitely there come back the home pictures to allure even the most universally-content boy and girl. For many a girl and many a boy this Christmas will be their first home-coming experience, for it is so every Christmas and will be so just as long as there are colleges and Christmas.

Traveling Is Easier Now

The item of lessened distance and increased travel convenience has no doubt lessened the number of these even in proportion to the increase in college attendance, and many a young person whose mother or father never saw home from September to December, has had a home visit or two in that interval now. But there are still thousands who will make these initial home-coming journeys for the first time at this holiday season, and the trains across the continent and between all points east, west, north and south, will carry eager and impatient droves of their homebound in special trains from east to middle west or in chartered cars of other trains from all about.

Somewhere one is always looking for adventure along the home way to Christmas, and the young people coming home from college are probably more given to this than any of us. Full of life, full of lively spirits, radiant in the prospect of the fun before them and the freedom with them even then, they are hilarious and happy groups of travelers, these college people. There are the reunions of friends from other schools and friends left behind at

home, to be anticipated. There are parties to look forward to, and all the other events of that long series of happenings that keeps a college boy or girl so occupied during the holiday season that his or her family sees only fleeting glimpses of their young folk, scurrying here and there from party to party after the first home greetings and festivities have had the center of the stage for a little while.

Never a Dull Moment

Life is so full of distractions for the young person! He is so gregarious a person that he scarcely ever wants to move about as an individual, but must be one of a flock, a group or a gang, intent on amusing itself in any number of ways. Sports and dances form the major portion of its holiday program, and every sort of entertainment is devised that there may be no moment unoccupied and hence perhaps dull!

If there is any more exciting place than a railway station on Christmas eve in a large city terminal, one must go far afield to find it. For the great mass of the Christmas travelers are folk too busy to get away until the last minute to make the journey home, and the crowds that null through such a station at such a time no doubt surpass in numbers those of any other day in the whole year.

In many of the metropolitan terminals the day before Christmas, groups of carollers from railway or other industrial organizations gather to sing all the afternoon, and over the heads of the rushing red caps attendant upon the hurrying throngs, there floats that music that makes the Christmas season very largely what it is wherever it is in order. Christmas without music, even in our railway stations, could not be quite the Christmas that we now know it and expect it to be. Many of these great terminal stations find places for the most gorgeous of Christmas trees in train foyers or waiting rooms, their dining rooms are festive places in which to spend the times between trains, and everywhere the spirit of the holidays is manifest.

Trips Are Friendly Ones

We try to be early when we take the train for home on Christmas eve, but everybody can't be so expedient, and there are always crowded aisles and masses of travelers jammed into corners and crannies of the suburban trains, luggage spilling all over everything and everybody, and the spirit of fun rampant all along the line from coach to coach. Everybody is a friend to everybody and hilarity reigns as the train files along, and at every station lets out a merry group of passengers who rush towards waiting motor cars or street cars on the last lap of their Christmas journey.

When we go farther and further on, out where the towns are farther apart and smaller, the picture that we have been drawing in our imagination all the way along grows with cumulative allure. We can picture just what is going on about this particular time "out home"—where home is home to us just as long as it holds all the memories of our childhood and the two people who made them the happiest, for nobody quite outgrows the desire to go back where Mother and Dad live to spend Christmas even the most sophisticated and city-loving of all of us.

Awaiting the Homecoming

Fancy reaches out for us over the snow-frosted hills below the stars in this early blue evening we can see from the train window as we whiz along to the little home out in the country, or in the little village where they abide. Mother, we know, is bustling about, supervising the last-minute supper preparations, and urging Dad on his preparations to "go to the train." Fearful that he will be even a minute late. Dad, for all his semblance of calm, is as excited, if less obviously so, than she is, and his eye has been on the clock dial many times all the long afternoon.

Christmas turns the whole world's face in one direction. There is only one stop light all the way along the trail to Christmas for the most of us, and that halts us at the door that will open to disclose to us the Happiest Place in the World, and the hands on the doorknob holding the way wide open, will be the Dearest People in the World.

We take the trail to Christmas in this day and age from places new and more remote and over byways widely different from those of the days that are past. Distance

has been almost done away with, and we can cross a continent by airplane in the time that it took when we were children to journey just a little way "down state" or "up state" by train that we might spend Christmas with all the rest of the kin. Then there were likely to be delays, with blizzards and traffic difficulties holding up our journey.

While we are somewhat at the mercy of the Christmas blizzard even today, we have overcome every other obstacle almost entirely. We can zip along in the speediest of motor cars,

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STIFFER LAWS ON NATURALIZATION URGED BY DOAK

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this country five years but there is no language requirement.

"To me," wrote Doak, "it seems that such a person when admitted to citizenship can make no definite contribution to the national well-being. Citizenship in this way is cheapened and cheapened even in the eyes of the alien applicant himself."

The secretary of labor also urged that congress enact a law for fingerprinting of those naturalized, and the retention by the government of the right to revoke the certificate of any foreign-born person convicted of a crime within five years after becoming a citizen.

Discussing employment, the secretary said President Hoover is leaving nothing undone to maintain wages and improve conditions.

Reduced 50 Per Cent

With regard to immigration, Doak said only one immigrant now comes in where five were admitted a year ago. During the first six months of this calendar year 42,236 were admitted. In the last fiscal year 18,000 aliens were deported and many thousands of others were permitted to leave voluntarily.

"Deportations during the past year have included an increased number of extreme radicals who are affiliated with organizations, the purpose of which undoubtedly is to overthrow the government of the United States by force and violence," he said.

"The deportation of these alien enemies of the country requires greater effort than in the case of any other class. Their activities are carried on in such an insidious manner that necessary proof is difficult to uncover."

Even in cases where guilt is clearly shown, deportation proceedings

are hampered by every possible resort to the courts and by persistent propaganda on the part of un-American organizations of American citizens.

"They are constant in their defense of violent activities. They encourage the theory that even aliens have an inherent right to engage in seditious acts of every sort against our government."

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