

My First Christmas Eve Dance

WRITTEN BY A JACK TAR

WHEN me and my shipmate, Bill Bolthead, was takin' a little cruise ashore last year we each got a pretty, sweet scented note with R. S. V. P. at the bottom, requestin' "the pleasure of your company" at a dance on Christmas eve. Bill, who is well up in these things, told me them letters meant "Reply Sharp; Very Pressin'." So we wrote our replies sharp, acceptin' "the very pressin' invitation."

Well, Christmas eve came round, and Bill and me rigged ourselves out in our best shore goin' togs and set sail for the dance. On reportin' our arrival we was mustered in a big cabin like a battleship's gun room, all titivated up with holly and mistletoe, and with the deck polished instead of holy stoned, and so slippery that I nearly pitched on to my bowsprit as I went through the hatchway.

"Vast heavin', Bill," I sez, comin' to an anchor; "this is worse than crossin' the bay in a gale o' wind," but Bill he kept forgin' ahead, as cool as a middy in command of a dispatch boat, so I slipped my cable and went on full speed in his wake, sweatin' like a marine recruit goin' into haction for the first time. We was nearly the last aboard, for the cabin was pretty full, the men lookin' like restaurang waiters and the ladies all as smart as a cruiser squadron in rainbow rig.

Presently a fussy little chap, who I took to be the commodore, but who Bill said was the M. Sea man, though he didn't look as if he knowed much about the sea, came up and gave us both a pretty card with sailin' orders on, which Bill called a program. Then he passed the word to clear for haction, and a band on the quarterdeck aft struck up and the dancin' begun.

As I was leanin' against the bulwarks the M. Sea man came up and



"I NEARLY PITCHED ON TO MY BOWSPRIT," said somethin' what I couldn't catch, so I said, "Aye, aye, sir!" and before I knowed it he had hintroducted me to the smartest A1 clipper built little craft I ever turned my searchlights on, and somehow the next minute her sweet little figurehead was close to mine, and I made first around her amidships and steamed into haction.

"This is a polker, not an 'ornpipe,'" she said presently in a voice as sweet as the bo's'n's whistle pipin' at grog time, so I axed her parding and navigated accordin'. Well, we boxed the compass about twice, when some one ran foul o' my starboard bow and threw me on my beam ends. My consort was so consarned and bore a hand so prettily to haul me up that I quite forgot to say what I was agoin' to the lubber. Next time I was goin' to dance with her again, but she told me she was engaged. "Hindeed!" sez I as 'aughty as a admiral. Then a red-headed swab took her in tow, and the band strikin' up the "Keel Row" there was the two of 'em a-caperin' away just like old Mac, our second engineer, when he has had what he calls "a wee drap" on pay nights.

Soon after I see her stittin' fannin' herself, while the red-headed chap was a-carryin' on shamefoul with a girl in pink, so I tacked towards her and told her what I thought of the swab she was engaged to and hofferred to bash in his headlights. I thought she would never stop laughin' as she told me she didn't even know him and was only engaged to him for the dance. And then I felt better.

Well, to cut the yarn short, at eight bells I conveyed her down to the ward room to mess, and after that we hove to in a conservative full of palms and flowers and smellin' like a tropical hisland, and then—well, after a very hot engagement, in which I had to bring both broadsides into haction, my pretty prize hauled down her flag, and a few months later we signalled for a sky pilot, and I towed her safe into port.—London Tit-Bits.

The Boy Bishop

PERHAPS the most remarkable of all celebrations in honor of St. Nicholas was the old one of the boy bishop. The boy bishop assumed his office on St. Nicholas day, Dec. 6, and held it till Holy Innocents' day, Dec. 28. The custom originated on the continent of Europe and was adopted in England, where it reached what was probably its fullest development. A boy was chosen to represent a bishop and was clothed with all the robes and



THE BOY BISHOP RULED WITH HIGHEST POMP AND AUTHORITY.

invested with all the insignia pertaining to the station. Other boys represented priests, deacons and other suitable persons for the bishop's train. The boy bishop conducted a service in the church, and in some cases he and his companions went about from house to house singing and collecting money, which they did not ask as a gift, but demanded as a right.

The boy bishop attained his fullness of dignity at Salisbury cathedral, though he was known all over England. There he was chosen from among the choir boys, the rest forming his retinue, and he ruled with the highest pomp and most absolute authority. He is said to have conducted all the services of the church except the mass. In some other places the boy bishop is said to have celebrated the mass itself. If any prebend fell vacant in his term of office he filled it, and if he died before his term expired he was buried with all the honors due to a genuine bishop. There is record of a boy bishop at Salisbury filling a vacant prebend by the appointment of his schoolmaster, and there is in the cathedral there the tomb of one who died while holding his office. On the top of it is an effigy of the child in full episcopal robes.

Such masquerading plays as this were not then deemed offensive or derogatory to the dignity of the church. In fact, much coarser and more uncouth exhibitions were freely permitted on some occasions, even to the extent of burlesques of the services of the church within its own walls. Of course the evil and discreditable side was bound to be seen in time, and the functions of the boy bishop were at last forbidden by Henry VIII. They were restored, however, for a time by Mary.

—St. Nicholas.

St. Nicholas Eve.

A stranger visiting the German colonies of our great cities would think that his almanac needed resetting, for on the evening of Dec. 5 thousands of little stockings are hung up with the same careful clothespinning and heart of hope as on the authentic Christmas eve. St. Nicholas eve it is that the "fatherland" exiles are celebrating. Just as early as any children ever get up those that are paying honor to the gift saint tumble out of bed and find their stockings well weighed with fruit and candies and apfelkuchen.

The naughty child that has been a trial to its parents in previous weeks is rather likely to find his stockings laden with coal. It is a hint that a second gift season is at hand and that it would be well to fall into line with the good children. And the good children are encouraged to a renewed and severer virtue for the days between their present reward and the fuller holiday that is coming.—Country Life in America.

Christmas Song.

O'er Bethlehem town
A star looked down
When shepherds watched by night,
And wise men gazed
With hearts amazed
To see the wondrous sight.

"Beloved star,
We follow far,"
They said: "An angel voice
Upon the air
Rang full and clear.
It sung: 'Rejoice! Rejoice!'"

"A Child is born!"
"The Christmas morn!"
Then sing, dear children, sing,
For history's page
In every age
Shall hail that Child a King.
—Lydia Avery Cooney.

A Greeting.

God send a blessed Christmas
To every patient life,
A little resting from the toil,
A surcease of the strife,
May Faith breathe words of gentle cheer,
Hope point to roses blowing near
And tender love and friends sincere
Make this a blessed Christmas!

Good Old Santa Goes To Many Odd Places

GOOD old Santa Claus looks in upon pretty nearly everybody at Christmas time, and the festival of which he is patron is celebrated in some very odd ways and out of the way places in our country.

At Ellis Island, in the harbor of New York, on Christmas day several hundred children, with their parents, usually await debarkation on the shores of America. There is a multitude of German "kinder," of Italian "bambinos" and of youngsters of every nationality, as much interested, all of them, in Christmas doings as any Yankee young folks could possibly be. It is indeed an occasion of great excitement for them, inasmuch as the missionary societies have provided for these humble aliens a wealth of good cheer, and, with the help of donations made for the purpose, the day is rendered joyful for all, both young and old, toys being plentifully distributed among the little ones.

The loneliest places in the world are some of the lighthouses which our government maintains along the coast for the protection of mariners. Yet Santa Claus finds his way to them, and in his honor a feast, even though it be a humble one, is held. It may be that the barren rock which the lighthouse marks affords room enough for the keeping of a dozen chickens, the fattest of which are suitably sacrificed.

But even this is not practicable in such a spot as Boon Island, off the coast of Maine, a dangerous bit of terra firma which is continually swept by the waves. Only a few years ago, so the story goes, a little girl four years of age, daughter of the keeper of Boon light, was so distressed because her father had been prevented by continual storm from going to the mainland for the customary Christmas goose that she stole out of the lighthouse at night and knelt in a sheltered spot to pray.

"Dear God," she said, "please send us a goose for our Christmas dinner!" Hardly had she spoken the words when a great wild goose flew (as sometimes happens in such places) against the big lantern above and fell dead at her feet, to be promptly carried in and presented to the family as a bird literally sent from heaven.

Uncle Sam maintains about fifty lightships along the seacoasts and on the lakes to mark dangerous shoals. Lonely indeed are the skippers and crews of these vessels, which, like the fabled phantom ship, pursue voyages



CHRISTMAS AT ELLIS ISLAND.

that have no end, continually buffeted by storms. Yet Christmas is not forgotten. A brace of wild ducks, perchance, may be secured for the feast, and the cook will surely provide a liberal dish of the much appreciated "plum duff"—a preparation of pastry shaped like half a watermelon, which, in order that all the raisins it contains may not fall into one slice, requires, under the rules, to be cut "fore and aft."

In that far flung archipelago known as the Aleutian chain, which, reckoned geographically as a part of Alaska, stretches across the northern Pacific, Russian customs are still retained to a great extent, though the islands belong to the United States.

But, speaking of Alaska, it is a fact curious enough that Santa Claus in real life is seen there at Christmastide as nowhere else in the world, with his reindeer. The superintendents of the reindeer stations, established by the government for the benefit of the natives, harness the tamest of their animals and, hitching them to a sleigh filled with bags containing provisions, tobacco and other desirable things, drive through the Eskimo villages and leave at such humble but one of the sacks as a reminder that the Christ Child, about whom these poor people have learned from the missionaries, is born.—Los Angeles Times.

"A Merry Christmas."
"A merry Christmas" is the wish I send
Thee from my heart,
A life all full of love, in which no sorrow
finds a part.
Or, if some pain fail to thy lot, love
guarded though it be,
May he who came at this glad time then
make it blissful to thee.
Sound over all waters, reach out from all
lands,
The chorus of voices, the clapping of
hands;
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars
of the morn;
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was
born!
—Whittier.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

Via Oregon Short Line. Tickets on sale between local points and to points in Oregon and Washington, December 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 31, 1913, January 1, 1914; limit, January 5th, 1914. See agents for rates and further particulars.

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Malheur, ss.

Mollie L. Skeffington, Plaintiff,
vs.
Nelson J. Skeffington, Defendant.
To Nelson J. Skeffington, Defendant.

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit by Saturday the 3rd day of January, A. D. 1914, or for want thereof plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, on file herein, i. e. for a decree forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between plaintiff and defendant and for the custody of Winnie R. Skeffington, the issue of the union between plaintiff and defendant, and for a decree barring all interest of the defendant in lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, in block No. 174, in the city of Ontario, Oregon. This summons is served upon you by publication thereof in the Ontario Argus, a weekly newspaper, published at Ontario, Oregon, for six consecutive weeks, by order of Hon. Geo. W. McKnight, County Judge of Malheur County, Oregon.

Dated November 20th, 1913.
Date of first publication November 20th, 1913; date of last publication, January 1st, 1914.
L. McGonagill,
Attorney for plaintiff.

01481

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon, December 3rd, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that Charles C. Gossett, of Ontario, Oregon, who July 8th, 1910, made Homestead Application No. 01481, for the W¹ SE¹ ad SE¹ SW¹, section 1, township 19 S., Range 16 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on the 14th day of January, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses:
A. E. Trent, Ira Dale, Albert Butler, Jr., Albert Butler, Sr., all of Ontario, Oregon.
Bruce R. Koster, Register.

Train Service.

West bound.	
No. 17 Oregon Wash Ltd	3:45 a m
No. 75 Huntington Pass	9:40 a m
No. 9 Fast Mail	6:15 p m
No. 77 Huntington Pass	6:33 p m
No. 5 Oregon Wash Express	6:50 p m
East bound	
No. 18 Oregon Wash Ltd	2:51 a m
No. 76 Boise passenger	8:50 a m
No. 6 Fast Mail	11:57 a m
No. 78 Boise passenger	3:50 p m
No. 10 Oregon Wash Express	4:40 p m

Malheur Valley Branch

The Vale train leaves Vale daily at 8 a. m. arriving in Ontario at 8:40. Returning will leave, except Sunday, at 10 a. m., arriving at Vale at 10:40, leaving for Brogan at 10:50, arriving there 11:59, returning will leave Brogan at 12:30, arrive at Vale 1:30. Leave Vale at 2:35, arriving at Ontario at 3:30, and return to Vale at 7 p. m. On Sunday the train will come to Ontario in the morning and return at 7 p. m., making the run to Homedale on that day instead of Wednesday.



Standard Plumbing Requisites
Promptness—Saves you annoyance.
Reliability—good plumbing is a sickness preventative.
Durability—insures full value for your money.
Service—is all of the above and you make certain of getting service when you have us place Standard guaranteed fixtures in your home.

U. S. PLUMBING CO.
2 Doors East Ontario Furniture Co. Ontario, Ore

Administratrix Notice

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Malheur County. In the matter of the estate of Moses A. Woodruff, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Malheur County, administratrix of the estate of Moses A. Woodruff, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, are hereby required to present the same to me properly verified, as by law required, at the office of C. McGonagill, in Ontario, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1913.
Ella Woodruff,
Administratrix of the estate of Moses A. Woodruff, deceased.

Summons

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Malheur, ss.

O. S. Smith Plaintiff,
vs.
Isam G. Anderson, otherwise known as I. G. Anderson, W. E. Walters, and Ida Walters, his wife, Defendants

To Isam G. Anderson otherwise known as I. G. Anderson of the above named defendants.

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit by Saturday the 27th day of December, 1913 or for want thereof plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief therein demanded, namely for a decree foreclosing that certain indenture of Mortgage, described in the Complaint on file herein for the sale of the property therein described, to wit:

Lots numbered Five (5) and six (6) in Block No. 5 of the K.S. & D. Fruit Farm subdivision, according to the plat thereof on file in the office of the County Clerk of Malheur County, Oregon, also five shares of the capital stock of the Owyhee Ditch company. This summons is served upon you by publication thereof for six consecutive weeks in the Ontario Argus, a weekly newspaper published at Ontario, Oregon, beginning on the 13th day of November and ending on the 25th day of December, 1913, by order of Hon Dalton Biggs, Circuit Judge of the above entitled Court.

Dated Nov. 5th, 1913.
O. McGonagill,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Oregon Agricultural College

FARMERS' WEEK

December 8 to 13, 1913.

This will be a notable event in the educational history of Oregon.

Farmers' Co operation will be the leading topic of a stimulating series of lectures. The week will be crowded with discussions and demonstrations in everything that makes for the welfare of the farmer and home maker.

WINTER SHORT COURSE

January 5 to 30, 1914.

The college has spared no effort to make this the most complete short course in its history. A very wide range of courses will be offered in General Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Poultry Keeping, Mechanic Arts, Domestic Science and Art, Commerce, Forestry and Music. Numerous lectures and discussions on Farmers' Co operation at home and abroad, will be a leading feature. Make this a pleasant and profitable winter outing. No tuition. Accommodations reasonable. Reduced rates on all railroads. For further information address,

H. M. THANNANT, Registrar,
Corvallis, Oregon.
Farmers' Business Courses by Correspondence without tuition.

For Sale

100 acres of fine sage brush land, deep rich sandy soil, first class water right. 5 miles from Ontario. Price \$50. per acre. Terms given with low rate of interest or would trade for stock or other property. Must be disposed of soon, as I am engaged in other business.

Postoffice Box 94
Ontario, Oregon

PATENTS

trade marks and copyrights obtained or no fee. Send model, sketches or photos and description for FREE SEARCH and report on patentability. Book references.
PATENTS BUILD FORTUNES for you. Our free booklets tell how, what to invent and save you money. Write today.
D. SWIFT & CO.
PATENT LAWYERS,
303 Seventh St., Washington, D. C.

DRS. PRINZING & WEESE

Ontario, Oregon

Office in New Wilson Block.

DR. D. C. BRETT

DENTIST

Office 2nd door east of Ontario Pharmacy on Nevada Avenue Near R. R Depot

J W McCulloch R W Eckhardt

MCCULLOCH, WOOD & ECKHARDT

LAWYERS

Rooms 1-2-3 First Nat'l Bank Bldg. Ontario, Oregon

OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS

DR. HARRIET SEARS
DR. PAULINE SEARS
Graduates American School of Osteopathy, Kirksville, Mo.
Wilson Block
Telephone. 154 Bk.

H. H. WHITNEY

PHYSICIAN and SURGEON

Office in I. O. O. F. Bldg.,

ONTARIO, OREGON

C. MCGONAGILL

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Will Practice in all Courts

Notary Public. Office over Postoffice

Dr. W. G. Howe

DENTIST

Telephone No. 732

First National Bank Building

Transfer, Baggage and Express

Meet All Trains

JOHN LANDINGHAM

W. M. LENKE

Public Auctioneer

Will attend sales anywhere Terms Reasonable.

Phone 49-j Ontario, Ore.

W. W. HINTON

STOCK INSPECTOR OF MALHEUR COUNTY

DEPUTIES:

Rob't O'dell, Ontario.
Ben Brown, Vale.
C. C. Morton, Old's Ferry.
N. O. White, Weiser Bridge.
J. E. Holly, Riverview
Joe Denny, Jordan Valley.
Joe Bankoff, McDermitt
J. Boydell, Nyssa
W. H. McWilliams, Juntura
Wm. Kine, Harper

Farm Loans

On Improved Property

At current rates. Any amount. For straight term or with installment privilege.

Thomas W. Clagett
Ontario - - Oregon

ONTARIO

LAUNDRY

Leave Bundles at Any Hotel or Barber Shop

Prompt Attention Given All Orders.

J. H. BROWN

Auctioneer

Graduate of Missouri Auction School. Phone or write for dates.

Phone 201-n4 Ontario, Ore.

Lots for Sale—3 in Riverside addition, near sub station. Inquire at Argus.