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### A CHRISTMAS OF LONG AGO

By MARCIA FIELD

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**DEAR COUSIN JACK—**  
 Pray come to spend  
 The Holly days with your true Friend.  
 In Hopes that Weather will permit.  
 To your good Parents Pa has writ.  
 And you and Ned and Frank can ride  
 Your Ponies by the Chariot's side.

I am desired to say that Nan  
 Expects such Sport with Cousin Fan.  
 She has a Doll from London Town,  
 With an Egret and Tabby Gown.  
 She is so proud! But, Jack, we Boys  
 Can think of better Things than Toys.



Heal begs his love. Pray answer quick.  
 Your faithful, loving,  
**COUSIN DICK.**

P. S.—There came gilt Gingerbread  
 From England in a Box; for Ned  
 There's a Dragon for Francis, too;  
 But, Jack, I'll save King George for you.

**THE** yellowed letter, so it runs,  
 Oft read by sons and sons of sons.  
 Above the formal sheet, outspread,  
 Dick bent his curly, ribboned head,  
 With tight grasped goose quill moving  
 slow,  
 That Christmas season long ago.

'Twas sealed and sent—one must confess,  
 Ill sealed; a finger burnt, I guess!  
 Black Pompey rode 'twixt kith and kin,  
 With ebony face and ivory grin,  
 To bear such letters to and fro  
 In Christmas season long ago.

Our fancy paints the Yuletide sport  
 At hospitable Holly Court—  
 How Dick and Nan and Harry ran  
 To welcome Ned and Frank and Fan  
 And Jack, with apple cheeks aglow,  
 In Christmas season long ago.

What mirthful games, what generous  
 cheer,  
 What jirleins huge, what cider clear,  
 What "puddens"—Dicky spelled it thus—  
 What hot brown turkeys odorous,  
 What big mince pies in spicy row,  
 In Christmas season long ago!

As round the hearth the circles smiled  
 What log fires roared 'neath mantels tiled,  
 Where, figuring forth the Scripture tale,  
 Blue Jonah fed the azure whale!  
 What singing sounds, what genial glow,  
 In Christmas season long ago!

What stories told as snug they sat  
 By Cousin This or Uncle That,  
 Till Dicky vowed to go to sea,  
 But Jack a soldier bold would be,  
 Fight for the King and make a show  
 In scarlet coat, long, long ago.

All passed, like scenes in shifting fire,  
 And sailor Dick grew up a squire,  
 While—strange the change the 'twit  
 years bring—  
 Bold Jack fell fighting 'gainst the King.  
 Ah vanished like the melting snow  
 Of Christmas season long ago.

### CHRISTMAS ON THE PLANTATION

By ELBERT J. LEE.

**I**n the antebellum days the negroes enjoyed a whole week of rest at Christmas time. Now that they are hired hands instead of slaves they cling to this privilege, refusing to work while the holiday spirit is in the air. This means that Christmas lasts a week. Every negro—man, woman and pickaninny—makes the most of the week, and the fun runs high. On many plantations the negroes are almost as much a part of the "plant" as they were during slavery. They have the feeling that, inasmuch as they belong to the place the rest of the year, the place belongs to them for the holiday week, and they take advantage of the opportunity to do as they please.

For weeks in advance the holidays are anticipated with joy, though not with any great degree of proportion. The plantation negro, generally speaking, lets tomorrow take care of itself. But some of the more provident ones begin to store up for Christmas. The fattest pumpkin is picked up from the corn rows and put away for pie material. The turkey gobbler in the back yard is fattened for the occasion. Old Aunty hides her jars of preserves from the younger generation. Uncle Ike becomes a confederate in the happy conspiracy for saving things to augment the Christmas spread.

Christmas morning the negro children are up bright and early. There is method in their early rising. From time immemorial southern people, both white and black, have cherished the belief that there is much virtue in being the first to shout "Christmas gift!" in meeting a friend on the morning of the great day. In some sections this priority of greeting is expected to result in the forfeit of a gift from the other party. Accordingly the little negroes make a point of running up to the big plantation house and greeting the white people with a lusty "Christmas gift!" in the hope of receiving at least a big red apple, a fresh baked pie or a stick of striped candy such as the general store on the plantation is sure to keep in stock.

The best fiddler on the plantation is the hardest worked man of all, but he enjoys every scrape of his bow, while the dance goes merrily on. The Christmas dance is a continued story. It begins Christmas eve and continues every night in the week. If the weather is not too cold the big barn door is cleared for the dance, but if heat is required the "function" takes place in the biggest room of the biggest negro house on the place, with a roaring fire in the fireplace and plenty of cheer on the kitchen table, both solid and liquid.

Christmas week is spent in visiting. The negroes go from cabin to cabin on their own plantation, or they hitch up the work mule or steers and visit friends on a neighboring plantation. Everywhere the Christmas spirit prevails. If one family is short of this world's cheer another family is glad to share its own. The Christmas spirit on a cotton plantation is much more in evidence than in a prosperous white folks' town.

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