

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



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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 best 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 himself. 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 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 apples.

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 came
With hearts amazed
To see the wondrous sight.

"Beloved star,
We follow thee."
They said. An angel voice
"Open the air."
Bells full and clear
Brought "Rejoice! Rejoice!"

"A Child is born!"
"The Christmas morn!"
Then sing, dear children, sing,
For history's page
In every age
Still tells that Child a King
—Lizzie Avery Conroy.

A Greeting.
God send a blessed Christmas
To every gallant life,
A hope reaching from the fall,
A promise of the strife.
May faith breathe words of gentle cheer,
Hope point to roses blowing here,
And tender love and friends sincere
Make this a blessed Christmas!

Time waits and brings results.



VELVET AND FUR A FAVORITE COMBINATION

Velvet has always been considered to be one of the richest and most becoming of fabrics, but formerly, owing to the fact that it soils easily, was not considered practical for general wear. Evening coats were made of it and once in awhile a suit, but this season it is being used widely. Manufacturers have outdone themselves to produce supple velvets both plain and brocaded, and the colors are entrancing. Of greater and greater importance grow the fur trimmings, the natural skins vying with the rather fantastic looking dyed pelts. An old rose velvet suit, for instance, is trimmed with bands of old rose caracul, and to add to the effect a huge muff of the dyed fur accompanies the gown. This fad, however, seems to be gradually dying out as it offers such an opportunity for substituting poor skins, and the

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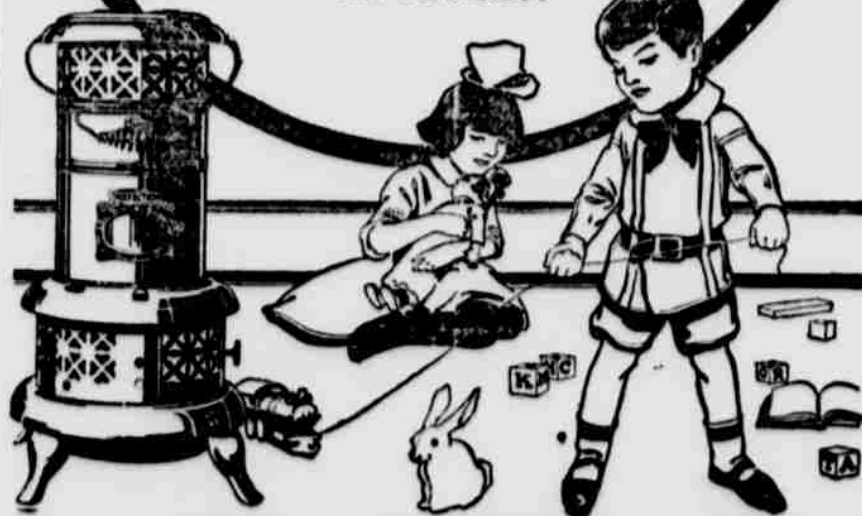
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Separate bids must be made for the repairs of each street, and all bids must be in accordance with the requirements accompanying said specifications, and upon blanks for that purpose which will be supplied upon request at the office of the City Engineer.

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