For a Nice Suit of Clothes.




The evolution of Christmas as a among the Enghsh-speaking peoples is an interesting phase of social evo
lution. For December 25, 1652 "Christmas day. No sermon any open, so I observed at home. The next day we went to Lewesham There England of that particular day Christmas or of any other of the holidays of the Catbolic or Anglican church. That was the time of the
Puritan ascendency. The war of the Parlament against Charles I. Lat
just ended, Charles had been exe cuted, and the Paritans, under Crom-
well, were everywhere triamphant in Great Britain. During the Cromwellian commonwealth, which was established a year after Evelyn made custom of the Puritans to fast on Christmas and feast on Ash Wednesday, on the theory that the greater
the remove ftum the usages of the older churches the nearer to true godliness.
For more than a century after the downfall of the Puritans in old England many of the ideas of the Purians of the Cromwellian time pre Christens was Christmas was not recognized in either a religious or a socisi way by
the early settlers of Massachusetts, Connecticut and the other colobnies in their neighborbood. Thanksgiving was the only festival which had any vogue in that quarter unthl well
along in the present century, except among the Roman Catholic element of the population. In fact, on'y within the past quarter of a century did December 25 th begin to differ in any essential particular from the lescendants of the original inhabitants of the New Enzland states. In the middle states and in the South, Christmas obtained both religious and social recognition from the first. The Duteh and Germans of New Catbolice of Maryland and the deCandants of the Cavaliers in Virginia and some the other Southern asies ates had mo shure in the Puritan view of the matter.
The Western states, with the toler. ance and liberty which have always characterized this section, have observed Cbristmas from the first. Patrick Gass, one of the sol.iiers in
the expedtion of Lewis and Clark from St. Louis to the mouth of the Columbia, makes this record in bie onroal for Dec. 24, 1804: "This
evening we finished our fortufications.
Flour, dried apples, pepper gnd other Flour, dried apples, pepper and other artucles were distributed in the different messes to enable them to celebrate Christmas In a proper and social manner." Lewis and Clatk were at that time in winter quarters among the Indians of the Upper Missouri, and took precautions for defense, but the social side of the observance of the holiday was not neglected. It was customary through out the settlements and anong the military posts of the West, as far back as the beginning of the existence of the West as a physical entity, to have festivities of a social character on Christmas, and sometimes, as in the older English fashion, they lasted several days, and were of the
boisterous and hilarious order, though these particular phases of the observances gradually subsided. In New England, as well as in the rest of the country, the great festival of finds as general observance as it doe in any other part of Christendom The first indication of croup is hoarse
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