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A Merry Christmas to All

had been counting the days till Christmas when she was promised the dog would be hers again.

Christmas morning when the doorbell rang, Suzanne flew down the stairs to answer. There was an excited cry of joy. "Oh mommy, come down and see what's here." There in a basket brought by the boy from the dog hospital was Nellie with six little puppies just like her. Suzanne was in love with the pups.

"They're just a Christmas gift for you from Nellie," said the boy and closed the door behind him.—Marion R. Reagan.

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THE KIND THAT COUNTS



He—Think we'll have a green Christmas?
She—I hope so—a "long green" one.

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Maple Popcorn Balls

Pop three quarts of corn and discard hard kernels. Melt one tablespoonful of butter in a saucepan, add one cupful of maple syrup and one-half cupful of sugar. Bring to boiling point and let boil until mixture will become brittle when tried in cold water. Pour mixture gradually, stirring all the while, over corn which has been sprinkled with salt. Shape into balls, using very little pressure.

For Little Folks

It seems as though Santa Claus has gone to more trouble making things for the little girls than the little boys this year. There are complete tea sets of lusterware, electric sets that really cook food in sufficient quantities for a good sized tea party, real cedar chests, floor lamps, and sewing tables, all just as nicely finished as the grown-ups' furniture.

Charity at Home

"Pardon me, sir, I am soliciting for our Christmas rummage sale. What do you do with your old clothes?"
"Why, I brush them and fold them carefully at night, and I put them on again in the morning."

Relay Christmas Plan

Affords Entertainment

A SUCCESSFUL pre-Christmas plan for old and young in clubs, school groups, etc., which lessens responsibility and labor, is a Relay Christmas, when, a week or more before Christmas, a series of socials are indulged in. One or more of the group is a hostess, assisted by others who decorate, plan the stunts and games, arrange the menu provided by the hostess, and which consists of things usually served as the first course of a dinner. The second social will be held at another home with fitting food for the second course in a dinner.

If the hostess desires to present gift favors she plans a novel way of distributing them. On packages on a line across a room, blindfolded guests may tie Christmas tags on a parcel which becomes his gift. Magic tricks are performed and prize gifts are awarded those who guess the tricks. Winning in various stunts is an excuse for a gift to be presented, the object being that each guest shall receive a package of equal value. A post office with postmistress may hold a coveted gift which may be procured only by performing some task or stunt peculiar to the individual.

The last early social may be served with popcorn, candy, nuts in holiday baskets distributed from a tree, or cleverly hidden in the fireplace which may later have a fire around which refreshments are eaten.

This relay idea may be carried out during holiday week, called "New Leaf Year" parties, with games savoring of prophecy for the New Year. A New Year's Eve wake may terminate festivities.—Gertrude Walton.

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Every Christmas Fair

and Happy for Swinton

IT WAS an unusual Christmas; Nature had made it so. The rosebuds were still bursting into bloom; the sunshine was broadening far and near; a warmth that doesn't usually continue was over the land; but one fire was needed and that the Christmas blaze, to kindle in the hearts of the cold and selfish the warmth and sunshine which God had settled over the land and intended for every hour.

Abe Swinton came from his shanty, yawned and looked around. Old Scrooge himself couldn't hold a candle to Abe, who was selfish and stingy to the bone. The chimes of the First church were pealing forth "Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas to all!" The boys and girls were playing in the street and shouting to Abe: "A Christmas of sunshine and flowers, we bring you today. We hope you'll enjoy them and your grouch will pass away."

Abe went into his hut and muttered to himself; he felt chilly but couldn't venture out again. He took from hiding a bag of shining gold—the felt of it, started to put it back, but instead took it to the Provident association. "Use this he said, for the poor. This is the best Christmas I ever had and I feel happy. It's because the sun shines so warm, I suppose; never another like it, to me at least."

The sunshine continued and every Christmas was fair and happy and joyous.—Emily Burks Adams.

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A GOOD SUBSTITUTE



What to Give?

When one thinks of what to give an old friend for Christmas, the first consideration is: "Now what did I give him last year?" Perhaps that is as good a way as any to open the question of New Year's resolutions.

Santa a Curiosity

Jud Tunkins says he wishes there were a Santa Claus, because it would be such a relief to have a stranger drive up to the house and not try to sell him something.—Washington Evening Star.

Just Before Christmas

The hour was very late. Little Willie—Mamma, where do you suppose Santa Claus is right at this moment?
Mother—I wish I knew.

Origin of Carols

Few if any Christmas carols were ever sung in Scotland, while from earliest times the custom has been universally prevalent in England, France, Italy and other countries of the European continent.

The Christmas Sock

Christmas Eve is about the only time a stocking is nearer whole than hole.

Christmas Lesson for Miss Belinda

Promise to Teach Maid to Read and Write, Most Welcome Gift.

By EMILY BURKS ADAMS

CHRISTMAS was in evidence everywhere. The whole household were happy, save perhaps one—Belinda, the German maid, who had for six months lived with the Thoburns, a well-to-do family.

"Sure, Mrs. Thoburn, I've done all I thought is right to do already, and I'm pleased dot you like it."

"Yes, Belinda, and the house never looked prettier. You're quite an artist as well as a cook. I'm glad you gave up going to visit your sister, for the good dinner tomorrow depends upon you. We shall try to make it up to you, Belinda, in some way."

"Oh, do you think so, Mrs. Thoburn? I am sure pleased to know dot I am ob service to you, and you are so good to me already," said Belinda, with a sigh, as she retired to her room.

The Thoburns, old and young, were radio enthusiasts, and were being entertained with Christmas greetings and carols.

"Mother, did you notice that Belinda seemed sad—something unusual for her? I wonder if we have gotten her enough for Christmas?—let's see—there's her beads, handkerchief, hose. She will feel all right tomorrow. She really doesn't mind missing the visit with her sister, does she? She'd rather be doing all this for us, for serving others is what makes one happy, isn't it, mother?"

"Oh, yes, I suppose so, if the service isn't too hard."
"Mother, what do you mean by service being too hard? I think we should enjoy doing things for others. I can never forget the quotation: 'To live in the hearts of others is not to die.' I think we should enjoy doing things

for others and not think it hard. What—"

"Well," interrupted Mrs. Thoburn, "you seem to think service hard, as you wouldn't write those letters for Belinda last evening, and one was a Christmas letter to her sister. That, probably was the cause of her sigh."

Amy was listening in and heard over the radio: "Let every true American, as a gift to himself, give the promise that he will teach one foreigner how to read and write, and in so doing, help drive illiteracy from our land. A wonderful gift to your self and to the one taught—"As ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto Me," Merry Christmas to all."

Amy looked at the others, her face beaming. "Oh, mother, our slogan for Educational week was: 'Each one teach one; ballots, not bullets.'"

"A fine slogan, Amy, if put into practice," remarked Mrs. Thoburn.

Christmas morning all gathered around the tree to open their packages. Belinda stood in the background, beaming at the happiness of the others, for next to our own happiness is watching that of others. Box after box was handed to Belinda, but the most beautiful of all was saved until the last and presented by Amy. "Here, Belinda, a lot of love with this box; it contains paper, pencils, and a book and my promise to you that I'll teach you to read and write before another Christmas."

"Oh, thank you, Miss Amy; dis is vot I most wanted already. Gott bless you!"

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Chocolate Caramels

Use one pound of brown sugar, one-fourth pound unsweetened chocolate, shaved, and one-half cupful of water. Boil same as fudge and before removing from fire add a generous lump of butter and one cupful of walnut or other nut meats or they may be omitted. After it is poured into a buttered pan cut it in squares before it gets hard.

The Willing Worker

Now father makes a dozeeful pause. A tired and slightly blue man. A merry myth is Santa Claus. But father's only human.

Many Words That Add to Christmas Season

WORDS come to our lips so easily that we do not always appreciate how glorious some of them are, and how much they mean to us.

Think of the words that add to the Christmas season! Every one of them has a significance and a Christmas meaning of its own.

There are greens and there are ribbons. There are gifts and there is Yuletide. There is sleigh and there is snow.

There are bells and there is cheer. There is the bright fire, and the frosty air. There are steds and sunshine on the snow and the glow of a Christmas afternoon.

There is happiness and there are candles. There are wreaths and holly and mistletoe.

There is Santa Claus for the children and friendly voices wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There is the postman and there is a small child by the old chimney.

There is plum pudding and mince pie and turkey and cranberry. There is the Christmas tree and children talking of reindeer.

There is tinsel and there is holiday candy. There are stockings and there are Christmas decorations.

There are surprises and there are excitements.

And all of these things have such beautiful sounds. The words themselves are so wonderful. They mean so much. No other words would be the same.

And best of all is the word Christmas.

It is the year's most glorious word.—Mary Graham Bonner.

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Six Puppies, Nellie's Present for Her Mistress

THERE was to be no Christmas party for little Suzanne Hansen. The family was in dire financial difficulties and it was mutually agreed among them all that for this one Christmas there would be no exchange of gifts. Suzanne was disappointed that there would be no surprises, but she comforted herself with the thought that she would at least have Nellie, her faithful dog, to play with Christmas Day. Nellie had been given to her the Christmas before by her uncle and she had been Suzanne's constant companion up until about a month ago when the dog was sent away—to the hospital, her mother had explained. Suzanne had been most unspcakably lonely all that month with no pal, and

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