

Christmas in Spain

The general Christmas custom in Spain is to have a family dinner where none but blood relatives sit down, friends being seldom invited to the Christmas feast.

Christmas "Keeches"

In Northamptonshire some of the old-fashioned families still make "keeches" at Christmas time.—Montreal Herald.

Christmas Coming

By MAURICE MORRIS

CHRISTMAS coming!
Pine tree, holly,
Mistletoe and laughter jolly!

Christmas coming!
Air a-tingle,
Snapping logs in cosy ingle!

Christmas coming!
Santa puffing,
Turkey—sage and onion stuffing!

Christmas coming!
Joy exuding,
Mince pie, pumpkin and plum pudding!

Christmas coming!
Love its heaven—
Peace on earth! Give thanks to heaven!

A Canned Christmas

All is not lost though the times have changed. Even the smallest households, with the most miniature of kitchenettes, may eat boar's head, grouse, or duck, and even the characteristic green turtle soup, aided by the canner. Many of these unusual specialties are delightful surprises packed in the Christmas basket of those who must celebrate the holiday far from home and friends, providing the traditional dinner in quite merry fashion.—Delineator Magazine.

EGYPTIAN TREE

THE Christmas tree, which has become an almost universal symbol, and is by most persons supposed to have originated in Germany, seems to have had something of a counterpart in Egypt at a period long before the Christian era. The palm tree is known to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with twelve shoots on it, was used in Egypt at the time of the winter solstice, as a symbol of the year completed.

A Christmas Wish

May your Christmas be filled with joy and happiness, unmarred by sorrow, and may you carry with you through the coming year the spirit of the Yuletide.—Paris and Ranch.

The Christmas Glow

By H. T. SUDDITH, in New York Times

THERE'S a glow in the air, a stir in the street,
That comes but once in a year,
There's a tone in the voice of friends you greet
That echoes of hope and cheer,
And the feet-footed days hasten on to the time
When, glowing in dawning skies,
The gladdest of days and most sublime,
The Christmas morn shall rise.

Each shop and each store of the throng-filled mart
Its choicest treasures displays
And each to the brightness adds its part
Of the greatest of all the year's days.
And the eager crowds as they move along
A festive scene aye is pulsing strong,
For joy in each heart is pulsing strong,
The joy of Christmas night!

In the windows the holly wreaths of green
With berries red appear,
And even the air seems more serene
As though it were listening to hear
That wondrous oratorio
On that first Christmas night,
As angels sang in the long ago
When Bethlehem's star shone bright.

The Word "Carol"

The word "carol" was originally applied to ring dances of children, accompanied by singing. In time the word came to denote a lively tune suggestive of dancing. Christmas was universally recognized as a time for merry as well as religious songs and so in the carols sung at this season religious facts were alluded to in simple phrases and sung to merry dancing tunes.

In Safe Keeping

"Are you fond of toffee?" asked the little mite, of a lady who was assisting at Christmas party.
"No thank you, my dear."
"Then will you look after this for me, please?"—Montreal Herald.

Born on Christmas Day

In Ireland it is believed that the baby boys born on Christmas day are thereby destined to become priests. Beyond that, those born on Christmas day were believed to have the power of "healing" by the laying on of hands, and to be gifted with "second sight."—Montreal Herald.

January 6 as Christmas Day

Recent investigators incline to the belief that in fixing January 6 as Christmas day, the early Christians were not very far out, for January 11 would seem to be the correct day.—Montreal Herald.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



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