

**Christmas Day**  
is coming -  
I'm as glad as I can be -  
Cause I know there will be plenty on our great big Christmas Tree!



**Various Names For Christmas**

**C**HRISTMAS signifies Christ's mass, meaning the festival of the Nativity of Christ. During the many centuries since the advent it has been variously spelled. It is found in the old source books changing from Crystmasse, the very old English, through phases of Cristenmas, Crystynmas, Christenmas and Christmas to Christmass and eventually, as today, Christmas.

The French call the holiday Noel or Nowel. This is a derivation of the French nouvelles, meaning tidings. Some, however, take it as an abbreviation of the Provençal nadau or nadal, which means the same as the Latin natalis—that is, dies natalis, the birthday. We find Chaucer in his "Canterbury Tales," in that part of the narrative told by the Frankeleyn, alluding to Christmas and employing the French term Nowel as a festive holiday cry.

It is said that noel is a corruption of

rule or jule, meaning a festival of the sun. The name rule is still used by the Scotch, and the Scandinavians call their festival Jul-tide. The Welsh call Christmas Nadoliz, signifying a birth, and the Italians speak of it as Il Natale, which is cognate with the Spanish term and a contraction of the Latin.

Not only is the derivation of the word itself in doubt, but whether the 25th of December is the real date of the advent has long been a controversial subject among chronologists. Early Christians were divided as to the date, some contending that it was the 1st or the 6th day of January, others the 29th of March, the day of the Jewish passover, and still others declaring for the 29th of September, the feast of the tabernacles.

Julius I, a bishop of Rome, in A. D. 337-352 seemed to settle the dispute by declaring Dec. 25 as the date. The western church accepted this, and the eastern church eventually came around, but the Armenian church still adheres to Jan. 6. Julius seems to have established authoritatively the 25th as the anniversary from what must have been authenticated tradition or it would have been since disproved

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In these days of enlightened archaeology. There are still, however, some unconvincing ones, who hold that the description given in St. Luke is more indicative of the spring than winter.

**Mistletoe and Its Meaning.**

Among the Saxons the fact that mistletoe was suspended from the roof of a dwelling intimated to the wayfarer that the hospitality of the house was at his disposal, and beneath its branches friend and stranger, vassal and lord, gathered together in comradeship and good cheer. The religious aspect of the mistletoe tradition, which had its origin in the Druidical rites, and the gathering of it by the arch Druid with his golden sickle merged later into a purely social symbol, and the idea of simple hospitality developed into one of merrymaking and a somewhat riotous entertainment.

The kiss of the Scandinavian goddess expanded into the custom of a kiss given for every berry that grew on the bough. Small wonder that, in spite of the mistletoe having originally existed in the odor of sanctity, the church came to regard it as an entirely pagan symbol and refused to allow it to participate with the holly and the evergreen in the Yuletide decorations.

There is an ancient belief that the mistletoe was the tree from which the holy cross was hewn and that after this was made the plant withered.

**The Lord of Misrule**

Until quite recent times it was customary in England for the court, each parish and sometimes wealthy families to appoint a "lord of misrule" in connection with the Christmas festivities. His appointment was usually on Halloween, and his rule lasted until after the new year. The lord of misrule was master of ceremonies at the revels, and it was part of his duty to provide entertainment for the court, the parish or the household. His power was absolute, and it was he who, in the guise of St. Nicholas, distributed the gifts on Christmas eve. Card playing, pantomimes, mask dancing and festivities of every kind came under his jurisdiction. He looked after the decorations. In England holly and ivy were the chief materials for the purpose, and in all households there was good natured rivalry between husbands and wives to see whether the husband should first bring the prickly holly or the wife the smooth holly across the threshold, indicating the superiority of the one or the other in the family councils for the coming year.

**Christmas Limericks**

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**POOR JACK!**  
There once was a youngster named Horner  
Ate a whole Christmas pie in a corner.  
Then he cried out: "Oh, my!  
'Twas a cooking school pie!"  
And so poor Jack was a goner.

**FOR A WELL FILLED STOCKING.**  
There was a young lady named Gertie,  
Who said to her best friend: "Now, Bertie,  
We'd be good all th' year,  
But I'll tell you, my dear,  
At Christmas it pays to be flirty."  
—Ethel Bostick Ritteney.

**The Broker's Christmas.**  
Brokerage houses have more beggars visit them than does any other class of business men. At Christmas time they fairly swarm. Some are "down and out" from unlucky speculation and the mixing of business and alcohol; others are simply the unfortunate who have kept from drink, but who have lost their nerve and money and are merely trying to live.

A story is told by a Chicago broker of how he fell a victim to one smooth stranger recently and how the smooth stranger thereupon fell a victim to him. The visitor came to his office with a more or less familiar hard luck story of his wife being sick, his rent overdue and himself out of work ever since the market went against him in the old days. "I'm just going to work

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**"Safety First" at Christmas.**

Do not decorate your Christmas tree with paper, cotton or any other inflammable material. Use metallic tinsel and other noninflammable decorations only and set the tree securely so that children in reaching for things cannot tip it over.

Do not use cotton to represent snow if you must have snow use asbestos filler.

Do not permit children to light or relight candles while parents are not present. They frequently set fire to their clothing instead. The tree itself will burn when the needles have become dry.

Do not leave matches within the reach of children at holiday time. Candles are meant to be lighted, and if children can get matches they will experiment with them. They imitate their elders.

Church people should also be very careful. Holiday fires in churches and schools are usually holocausts because of the crowds, and every care should be exercised to insure the safety of all. The ones burned are by no means the only ones who lose their lives, for it is the general rule that more are killed in the rush and excitement and escaping from the building.

**Christmas and the Man in the Moon.**

Frisians say that one Christmas eve an old man, thinking of his next day's dinner, climbed the fence and stole his neighbor's fine cabbages. Just as he lifted his burden on his back, however, the Christ Child rode by on his white horse carrying gifts for the good children and, spying the thief, said, "Because thou hast stolen on the holy eve thou shalt stand in the moon and be seen by every one forever and forever." So there he is, and on every Christmas eve he is permitted to turn around once.

**Afraid of Santa.**

"I'll be glad when I'm grown up," said the small boy.  
"What for?"  
"So I can get my Christmas presents without having any Santa Claus slipping around to find out whether I've been good or not."

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**Some Christmas Novelties**

A barber shop that hasn't got a cigar box with a sign on it. "Remember the Porter."

A husband and father who is agreeably surprised with what he finds in his sock.

A piece of gilt fancy work that isn't a dust catcher.

A woman who doesn't want to know what the other woman received.

A person who doesn't suddenly realize that he overlooked some one who was expecting to be remembered.

An office boy who hasn't his "mitt out."

A miss who studiously sidesteps the mistletoe.

A minister who doesn't get at least one pair of slippers.

A cigar dealer who doesn't pat himself on the back because women will buy their husbands cigars.

A boy of six who doesn't break one of his new toys before the day is over.

A grown person who doesn't protest that he never used to get half what his children do.

A boy who doesn't wish it would snow.

A young man who doesn't receive a silk muffler.

A man with children who doesn't have to get up four hours sooner than he wants to on Christmas morning.

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