

XMAS CHILDREN'S PARTY.

Merry Times For the Little Folks of the Household.

Christmas is the children's own season. The youngsters who go through childhood without having stored up the memory of many a hole-smeared Christmas frolic...

But, apparently, in the whole range of entertaining there is nothing so difficult to "give" successfully as a simple party for children.

Do you remember that rabbit little girl which accompanied one of Du Maurier's best drawings? "Papa, dear," says tender-hearted mamma, who can't bear to see the little disappointed...

"Oh, I suppose so," growls the party-saver, "and while you're about it, suppose you drop in at Dr. Brown's and tell him to stop here on the 11th, the 15th and the 21st."

Plain, wholesome food, of which the youngsters can eat plenty without injuring their health should be provided in satisfying quantities.

For example, plain bread and butter cut in the usual way the youngsters who goes sporting would seem to be the bread into fancy shapes...

Don't serve tea or coffee. Pure milk, chocolate not too rich and lemonade are the more desirable beverages.

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Do whatever the plan of the festivity may be let a number of merry little catches be introduced. Children love riddles and surprises.

In the center of the table on which the feast is served have a miniature Christmas tree arranged to stand upright in a green basket or box.

As the feast is served, the children's Christmas tree arranged to stand upright in a green basket or box.

If it is desired to make the children's Christmas party a fancy dress affair, the Yuletide season may be cleverly suggested by a "Meeting of the Toys."

To the little children invited for an affair of this kind a note is mailed, requesting each child to bring a toy.

No wonder then that a Christmas carnival is so popular.

To be born on Christmas day is, according to an old superstition, to be lucky all one's life.

The most grand of the Christmas dinners 400 or 500 years ago was the entry of the chief cook bearing the bear's head, garished with rosemary.

In Cornwall Christmas eve is a special holiday with children, who are allowed to get up till midnight and drink to the "Mock"—as the Yule log is called there.

The Twelfth cake was formerly made full of plums and with a bean and a pea. Whoever put the former was king and whoever found the latter was queen of the ceremonies.

My sentiment is that the Christmas is, of all our festivities, the one most thoroughly interwoven with the home and family.

A Christmas Lay.

'Tis now the joyous Christmas time; The pines are etched with pine of rhyme. (Alas, that one so young as I should find myself to such a lot!)

The air is rest by sleet and hail; The snow is down on hill and dale. (The bird to think that this is true when grass is green and birds are blue, but think it true a post must, though every winter, seaward gust increase his father's coat of dust.)

The yawning grate with flames' an glow; The walls are green with ivy's glow. (And yet upon the street without I hear the merry huckster's shout, and as I fail to earn a check, my collar still becomes a wick.)

The clocking wheel are harped, I ween, By frosty fingers all unseen. (Another folk for which I'm galled—in fact, it's noisy in the shade, but art demands the early laid, and Christmas lay can't be deferred; I'm laying this on August twelfth.)

—Truth.

Welcome Every One.

On Christmas day we shall shut our doors on our friends nothing.—Charles Dickens.

Laureate Nonsense.

Tennyson is said to have been fond of foolish fun, that ever delightful sort of fun which is not wit, but nonsense.

One day, at Burlington House, he asked the guests a conundrum which he had just made: "Who are the greatest women in the world?"

The answer was: "Miss Ours, the Misses Ippi and Sara Gonna."

Very Grave.

Twiddle—I read last night of a man who was buried alive so that he might know what the sensation is like.

Twiddle—Don't you think that was a very grave thing to do?—Ohio State Journal.

A Stander.

Greene—They say that Senator Keener is on the make. They even go so far as to say that that new house of his was given him in payment for his vote.

Gray—it puts me all out of temper to hear such slanders! It is as far as possible from the truth! I know all about it. It was this way: Some people who were interested in a certain bill...

Adjourned Unanimously.

Correspondent (approaching Irish sergeant)—I am told, sergeant, that you had a skirmish with the enemy this morning.

Sergeant—We did that, son. Correspondent—And did you come off with flying colors?

Sergeant—Floyd colors, is it? Be- dead, it wasn't owingly the colors that was Floyd, but every mother's son of us in the bayonet.—Boston Courier.

The Sun.

Astronomers tell us that refractory elements like iron, silicon and carbon perhaps dissociated into simpler substances, are present as vapors in the atmosphere of the sun and that many others of our well known elements, including hydrogen, are also present in this glowing atmosphere.

His Age.

Being asked his age, a colored citizen in a Billville district replied: "Well, sah, I some older dan dat pine tree yander, I'll bit younger dan dat live oak by de gate an not quite so old ez de house whar I livin at. I ain't much on fingers myself, but you kin count up en see!"—Atlanta Constitution.

The Nearest He Ever Came to It. "Colonel," she asked, "have you ever been up in a balloon?"

"No," he answered, "but I got to getting out to a Boston lady once, and she had me away up in the air inside of two minutes."—Chicago Herald.

An Incurable.

"If there ever was a terrible child in this world," remarked the worried mother, "he's one."

"What's his particular fault?" "Do what I will, I can't break him of the habit of telling the truth right out when we have company."—Philadelphia Times.

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Quite Willing to Migrate. A traveler passing through a fever infected locality said to an Irish resident:

"Pat, I'm surprised that you stay in a place where people die so thick and fast."

"Faith," rejoined Pat, "if you'll be after tellin me av a place where people never die O'll move there tomorry an end me days."—Chicago News.

Knew All Their Tricks. "Gentlemen," said Frederick the Great, "I am entirely dissatisfied with the cavalry. The regiments are completely out of hand; there is no accuracy, no order; the men ride like tailors. I beg that this may not occur again and that each of you will pay more attention to his duty."

"When the season for riding drill comes on, the captain sends for the sergeant major and says: 'I have an appointment this morning at —. Tell the first lieutenant to take the rides.' So the sergeant major goes to the senior subaltern and gives him the message, and the latter says: 'What! The captain will be away? Then I am off hunting. Tell the second lieutenant to take the men.' And the second lieutenant, who is probably still in bed, says: 'What, both of them away? Then I will stay where I am. I was up till 3 this morning at a dance. Tell the cornet I am ill and he must take the rides.' Finally the cornet remarks: 'Look here, sergeant major, what is the good of my standing out there in the cold? You know all about it much better than I do. You go and take them,' and so it goes, and what must be the end of it all? What can I hope to do with such cavalry before the enemy?"—History of Frederick the Great.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, November 25, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before W. U. Douglas, U. S. Commissioner at Marshfield, Oregon, on January 6, 1902, viz: ANDREW NELSON on his H. E. No. 3399 for the NE 1/4 Sec. 27 T. 2, R. 12, W. 2. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Peter Blask, Robert Templeton of Marshfield, Oregon; Stephen F. Johnson, Albert Olson of Templeton, Oregon.

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