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PAPA'S PART.

Mother is in desperation,
And so is sister Sue,
For Christmas celebration
Buying the presents due.
Ann is a frazzled maiden
Exhausted by shopping frays;
Tom, with his arms a'eriadon,
Hangs to the strap and sways.
Lurching—his bundles (bother!)
Around the car he spills.
Everybody works but father.
He simply pays the bills!
—Lester Lestaire.

GET RICH MAKING TOYS.

Demand For Novelties Affords Good Workmen Profitable Employment.
New designs in toys are as eagerly looked for by toymakers as the new designs of a Paris dressmaker. Some of the best artists make small fortunes by designing new toys. A notable case of this kind is that of Caran d'Ache, the eminent French black and white artist. His physicians had ordered him to take a rest. Partly to amuse himself and partly to entertain some children he began to whittle some little toys out of wood. Out of these grew his famous toys showing King Edward bagging pheasants, Emperor William on a bear hunt, Carlos killing mountain sheep and President Roosevelt drawing a bead on a grizzly. Paris is the only city that regularly holds toy expositions, and at these one may see every sort of toy made in the world. The United States keeps a permanent exhibition of the toys of all nations in the national museum. From India, China, Africa, Alaska, Australia, from the remotest past down to the living present, these toys have been gathered.

THE SEASON FOR TACT.

Thoughtlessness in Yuletide Gifts Often Shatters Friendships.
Many a pleasant friendship has been broken by ignorance of good form in gift making. Many a social career has been nipped in the bud by a present ill chosen or wrongly sent.
If you are rich and have some friend who has lost her money be careful that your gift does not reflect your knowledge of her financial straits. Remember that somehow she will manage to buy the obviously necessary thing, while her heart still hungers for the dainty, the luxurious touches of life.
Again, there is the wealthy friend of your family to whom you brought letters of introduction when you came to town. She has not taken you into the bosom of her family, but occasionally at her large and general functions she has entertained you. Choose no gorgeous gift in such a case. Rather send her a beautiful flower or Christmas morning with a well worded greeting or the newest book about which her world is surely talking.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, BABY.

Merry Christmas, baby, with life just begun!
Years of rosy footstep, blithely may they run.
Childhood yet beyond thee preffers fun and play.
Further on the shadows lie—oh, so far away!
Sunlight shimmers o'er thee from the morning sky.
Heaven smiles before thee in thy mother's eye.
Laughing in her arms, baby, in that light divine
Love, the sweetest life can give, is this moment thine.
—Helen Holt in Leslie's Weekly.

THEY ALL WORK FOR SANTA.

Fathers, Mothers, Grandparents and Children Who Make Toys.

Though Santa Claus begins getting ready for the next Christmas the minute he unbarns his reindeer, yet he never could make enough toys to go around if he did not have a lot of people to help him.

In Germany there are several villages where everybody works at toy-making, not only the mothers, fathers and children, but even grandmothers and grandfathers. For generations these families have made toys—dolls, tin soldiers, doll furniture, little wooden wagons and wooden animals of all kinds. In many homes the children begin helping in this work when they are so small they can hardly sit at the common working table. Often a whole family will earn only 60 cents a day.

Wanted a Chance.

"I thought you said when we were married that ours would be a life partnership," she said.

"So I did, my dear," he replied. "But I didn't insist on my being the silent partner."—Detroit Free Press.

Plaster of Paris.

Plaster of Paris is so called from having been obtained at first from Montmartre, near Paris.

Logical.

She—Why can't you give me some loose change? He—Because, my dear, money is tight.—Baltimore American

CHRISTMAS WOOING OF CUPID.

Mystic Love Spells With Apples In Foreign Lands.

Apples enter into many Christmas spells. In Austria on Christmas eve the apple must be cut in halves in the dark and without being touched by the hand. The left hand half is then placed in the bosom of the diviner and the right hand half behind the door of the bedchamber. Then at midnight, should the spell have been fully carried out, the spirit or "astral" of the beloved one appears, standing beside the half which was laid behind the door.

Another charm is to cut an apple in two and count the seeds in each half. If the numbers are even marriage will be soon. If a seed is cut in two there will be trouble in the course of love, and should two seeds be cut there will be early widowhood.

A Sicilian maiden throws the fruit from her window into the street and watches. Should it lie long without being picked up she will be widowed soon after marriage. Should it be picked up by a woman marriage will not be within the coming year, but should it be picked up by a man then she will be wedded before the next year is ended.

Christmas Day.

How will it dawn, the coming Christmas day
A yuletide Christmas such as painters love,
And kindfolk, shaking hands but once a year,
And daisies who tell old legends by the fire?
Red sun, blue sky, white snow and pearted ice,
Keen, ringing air, which sets the blood on fire
And makes the old man merry with the young,
Through the short sunshine, through the longer night?
In whatever garb or gay or sad,
Come fair, come foul, 'twill still be Christmas day.
—Charles Kingsley.

MEMORABLE YULETIDES.

Odd Coincidence of Queen Victoria's Sorrows at Christmas Time.

One of the most extraordinary Christmas days London ever had was that of 1801. The shops had been, as usual, specially prepared and decorated with the object of attracting the buyers when suddenly, on Dec. 22, a thick fog came on. Not until the evening of Dec. 26 did it lift. This particular fog held the record for being the heaviest London had known. Thirty lives were lost and over 200 accidents recorded.

Christmas, 1860, was the coldest England and Scotland had ever experienced. Just three years later Christmas day was marred by news that William Makepeace Thackeray, the great novelist, was dead.

The late Queen Victoria's most memorable Christmas was the most pathetic. It was in less than a fortnight from Dec. 25, 1891, that her husband, the prince consort, passed away. So affected was her majesty that she allowed fifteen years to pass before she celebrated Christmas day in the traditional fashion. Then on Christmas day in 1872 the Prince of Wales, who became King Edward VII., was so ill that his life was despaired of. But he made a remarkable recovery.

USE MOST CHRISTMAS CANDY.

Several Million Dollars' Worth Sold to New Yorkers.

Three million dollars' worth of Christmas candies is New York city's annual holiday bill.

The amount of money spent by New Yorkers during the holidays for candy alone is so great that it seems out of proportion to the amount donated for charity until it is remembered that perhaps one-third or more of all the candy bought during the last half of December is given away by secular and religious societies, by Sunday schools and churches, and that consequently a large part of the sum belongs in the charity account.

Three or four New York manufacturers get the bulk of this class of orders, and they agree that, even taking the population of the city into account, New York's consumption of candy excels that of any other city.

CHRISTMAS IN NORWAY.

Richly Cooked Rice a Popular Dish. Brownies Used to Share It.

The day before Christmas the holidays really begin. It is customary to have richly cooked rice served with milk or fruit juice for dinner. In the afternoon is a blanchet almond, and he who gets this receives a present. The practice used to be prevalent among the peasants to set out a dish of this Christmas rice in the barn for the gnomes or brownies, whom they thought would do some good turn for them in payment.

Flowers always make a home look festive, and the custom in Norway is to send these as messengers of love at Christmas.

FOR AN ELABORATE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Oysters on Half Shell.
Celery. Radishes. Olives.
Cream of Chicken Soup With Croustons.
Boiled Salmon, Hollandaise Sauce.
Parisienne Potatoes.
Roast Turkey, Chestnut Stuffing.
Cranberry Sauce.
Mashed Potatoes, Mashed Turnips.
Boiled Sweet Potatoes.
Cauliflower, Cream Sauce.
English Plum Pudding, Hard and Brandy Sauce.
Mince Pie. Pumpkin Pie.
Mixed Cakes. Assorted Fruit.
Assorted Nuts. Layer Raisins.
Neapolitan Ice Cream.
Toasted Crackers.
Cheese. Coffee.

THE INDIANS' CHRISTMAS.

Little Redskins Not Slow to Get Acquainted With Santa.

From the time that Uncle Sam began to encourage the idea of schools for Indian children the teachers made much of Christmas, and the little redskins were quick to show interest in the Christmas tree.

The Christmas of the Brule Sioux Indians shows business management. In each village a committee of prominent braves is appointed, perhaps several weeks in advance of the momentous day, to make a canvass of the tribesmen and gather a fund to be expended in the purchase of a "heap big feast." The committee makes out a prospective menu as soon as the cash is in hand, and then, with true Yankee shrewdness, the specifications as to eatables are submitted to the various traders in the vicinity for bids, the contract for this odd undertaking in Christmas catering being awarded, of course, to the lowest bidder.

The Sioux Indians generally have a Krisis Kringle, a member of the tribe, who disguises himself for the occasion and makes speeches and gives presents.

A representative illustration of the Indian Christmas celebration in the southwest can be seen any year in Pueblo or San Felipe, N. M. The holiday celebration is a curious mixture of Christian and pagan customs. The redskins there attend the mission church in the morning, feast at noon and later inaugurate a fantastic and ceremonial dance that continues for half a week.

AN APPETIZING MENU.

Oysters.
Mock Turtle Soup.
Celery. Radishes.
Boiled Whitefish.
Sauce Hollandaise.
Boiled Potatoes.
Roast Turkey, Chestnut Stuffing.
Boiled Onions.
Stuffed Tomatoes.
Sweet Potatoes, Southern Style.
Mixed Salad.
Plum Pudding, Hard and Brandy Sauce.
Camembert Cheese.
Coffee.

PRESENTS FOR ROYALTY.

Quantity So Great That Housing Them Is Serious Problem.

Were a royal personage to accept all the Christmas offerings of subjects and admirers, known and unknown, standing room in royal residences would soon be at a discount. Presents arrive at the British court from all parts of the world. A registered package from Vermont one Christmas was found to inclose a prize potato weighing five pounds. Another present was a nugget of pure gold found in the Klondike and valued at £290. It was subscribed for and sent by the inhabitants of Dawson City.

Not all gifts to royalty are returned. Where special permission is asked and obtained beforehand a present is accepted in the spirit in which it is offered.

The present most coveted by Roman Catholic royal ladies of Europe is the papal golden rose. The jewel, the first of which was presented by Pope Urban VI to Joanna of Sicily, is a mimic plant of pure gold standing in a golden pot. The leaves are set with diamonds in imitation of dewdrops, and a palm leaf blessed by the pope accompanies the gift.—Chambers' Journal.

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"FIRST LADY" WAS CHEF.

Wife of John Adams Cooked White House Christmas Dinner.

The first Christmas dinner at the White House was in 1800, when the wife of President John Adams, who prided herself on being a model New England housekeeper, served in the capacity of chef.

Under her directions old colored "mammies," clad in bright calico frocks, long white aprons and bright colored kerchiefs on their heads, flitted hither and thither before the roaring blazes on the hearths as they prepared the food for President Adams and his Yuletide guests.

The mansion was but dimly lighted compared with the present illuminations by numerous candles and lamps. Instead of steam radiators, heat was furnished by great wood fires on the broad hearths, which roared and crackled and sent showers of sparks up the ample chimneys.

The Mistake.

Here in her father's library
On Christmas eve I wait sedately
Till Mistress Nancy comes to me,
That dancet most serene and stately.

And dancet from the chandelier
A herried spray (long since I knew it)
Seems to proclaim: "She hung me here,
I dare you—dare you—do it, do it."

Well, Christmas comes but once a year.
Less often such a chance I fancy.
So ere you cross the room I fear
That something may surprise you, Nancy.
—Theodosia Garrison in New England Magazine.

Christmas In the Country Places.

Christmas in the country places—
There you see the rosy faces,
There the joy, the world entrance,
Joy that sets the world a-dancin'!
Pine and free the lifeblood races—
Christmas in the country places!

Glad enough to hear it hummies,
Waited long to see it comin'.
Knows the place where we're a-stayin'
Fine to spend a holiday in.
There is where amazin' grace is—
Christmas in the country places!

City has the good time, too,
Yet the country calls to you.
There it is you want to roam
In the frosty fields of "home."
Hearty handshakes, friendly faces—
Christmas in the country places!

Pile the ample oak logs higher.
Room for one more at the fire.
Rumors old tales of long ago—
Tell 'em for we love 'em so.
All the life's trouble joy effaces—
Christmas in the country places!
—Atlanta Constitution.

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