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#### Ring in Health With Christmas Seals

In the olden days anyone could be a bell ringer. Sometimes a citizen had to pay for the privilege; if he abused the honor he had to pay a fine. In All Saints' Church, at Hastings, England, those words may still be seen:

"This is a belfry that is free For all those that civil be, And if you please to chime or ring It is a very pleasant thing."



All through history since the 16th century, which was the golden age of bells, chimes have called out to peo ple their cheerful messages, usually elling a stor.

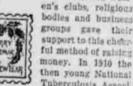
the promine of the old year the bells were telled in sadness, then, when midnight had strack, the merry peals clanged forth their welcome to the new year. Before the invention of the newspaper the town order focused the attention of the people by lustily clanging a bell before he shouted the important news it was his duty to spread throughout the city. Since bells have so often served to proclaim victory it is not surprising to find that the design of the modern cup proed as a token of victory in sport is in reality an inverted bell.

It is equally fitting that on the gay little Christmas seal for 1929 a bell ringer should be portrayed tugging at a heavy bell, announcing once again to the nation that further victorious advances have been made against the enemy tuberculosis. Each year the seal brings its message of health at the Christmas season to remind people that sickness can be prevented.

Although the stamps are now well known, they originated in a modest manner only twenty-five years ago as the invention of a Danish postal clerk, who devised them to raise



money for a tuberculosis hospital for the children of Copenhagen. Miss Emily P. Bissell of Wilmington, Delaware, was the godmother of the Christmas seal in this country. She also was seeking for a method to raise money for a tuberes losis institution in her state and in 1907 found the splution to her problem in a magazine article describing the Danish seal and its successful minsion. Through her efforts a fund of \$3,000 was raised and the project begun. The following year the first nation-wide sale of tuberculosis Christa mas seals was undertaken, and won-



groups gave their support to this chefer ful method of raising money. In 1910 the then young National Tuberculosia Associ ation took over the

sale of the scals and has directed it ever since. The seals therefore should be called tuberculosis Christmas senio

Thanks to the tiny seal, state after state has been organized to attac. tuberculosis with a scientific program Together, lod by the national body. they have brought into entener much of the promoteday community machinery that combats tuberculosis. Through the intensive educational work made possible by the Christmas seal, health laws have been prosed and are being e....cod; tuber .....sis specialists and nurses reach the most remote country districts; printed mat ter on disease prevention is circulated in schools, homes and factories, and there is an active public interest in tuberculosis control among civic, political, commercial, social and religious

This year again the seal carries its message of health throughout the country, giving everyone a chance to be a bell ringer as in olden daysproclaimer of the important tidings that health is the best insurance for happiness and that tuberculosis may be cured if discovered in time. And as millions of letters and packages decorated with Christmas seals travel from one end of the country to the other during December they will spread the message, "Ring in a year of health with Christmas seals,"

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