

# Christmas

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A Few Suggestions May Help You

### For Ladies

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DIAMOND NECKLACES  
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GOLD FILLED WATCHES  
BRACELETS  
GOLD BEADS  
BELT PINS  
SILK and GOLD FOB CHAINS  
NECK CHAINS and LOCKETS  
BACK COMBS  
JEWEL CASES  
STERLING SILVER and SILVER PLATED TOILET SETS  
MANICURE SETS  
SERVING SETS  
UMBRELLAS  
SILVER PICTURE FRAMES  
FOUNTAIN PENS  
KODAKS  
MESH BAGS

### For Men

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SEAL RINGS and SET RINGS  
CUFF LINKS  
SCARF PINS  
TIE CLASPS  
WATCH CHARM and CHAINS  
WATCH FOBS  
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## XMAS WITH THE SAILORS

**L**ANDLUBBERS that you are, did you ever reflect that there is a world where Christmas is as meaningless a day as the 24th or 26th of December? Did you ever think far enough beyond the spicy vapors of your own plum pudding to realize that the seafaring folk were living their Christmas day as if they knew naught of its fame? They do know what it means, however, as well as ever do you, but winds lash and waves thump on the 25th as on every other day, and it's a foolish sailor who counts on turkey or holly berries. The chances are he'll see little of them.

Christmas is disobliging enough to come in the very beginning of the maddest weather, and the weather never gives way one inch. The pilotboat people and the life savers make pathetic little attempts at holding holiday, but ten to one they will be nothing more than attempts. If the sea chooses to make merry in its own way the sea commands and must be obeyed.

The captains of the life saving stations along the beach try each year to celebrate with their men. A turkey is always brought to the headquarters and a good meal prepared around it as a star attraction. But anywhere from drumsticks to nuts and raisins may come the signal from the coast guard. Perhaps a crab fishing boat has capsized; perhaps it is a big ship going down—the result is the same. The Christmas turkey is left to grow cold, the mince pie is forgotten, and it's off to launch the lifeboat and then to the oars and away. Night or day the summons may come. If at night there are a flashing of lights on the beach and a fight, man against storm, in the blackness of the surf.

On the lightship provision is made for a good dinner, but there the pleasure ends. Day and night the ship rides at anchor ten miles off shore. Always the clanging of the fog bell is heard and the lights are watched, and break in the monotony there is none, save for a better bill of fare than usual and an extra glass of grog, then back to the bell and the lights again, and men forget what Christmas celebrated or that it was celebrated at all.

It was during the carving of the last turkey that the bells rang fiercely, for a fog was driving in past the heads, and lights were being enveloped in it. Two new men were among the crew, and they sprang, frightened, away from the table. The old sailors assured them that it was no trouble out of the ordinary, but they could not be induced to come back to the dinner. They are wise now and are laughing at other new men, but their companions have not forgotten to mention the dinner that they missed by gazing shudderingly into a winter fog and expecting the death of themselves or some one else every moment.

Christmas is a lottery to the pilots. No man of them knows when his turn is coming to guide a ship into port, and ships must be guided when it is their captain's will. Some of the pilots may have a snatch of the day at home in the midst of Santa Claus gossip and tin horns and stuffed stockings. Whoever the other pilots may be, they are on the water with a good dinner stowed away awaiting its opportunity, which may or may not come. If a ship is suddenly sighted, then never mind the dinner.

The life on the great steamers and sailing vessels is more systematic, and it is worth while to prepare for as much merriment as the homesickness of empty sea view will permit. There may be a Christmas tree and music and dancing; but, be you a seadog or a landlubber, it's all the same—you would rather be at home over a table that does not roll and spend a good Christmas with all its traditional nonsense.—San Francisco Call.

The Outlook will make a good Christmas present that will last all the year.

### BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Some Famous People Who First Saw the Light on or About Dec. 25.

There is some uncertainty about the year and date of the birth of Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross and famous philanthropist, who died this year, more than ninety years old, but it is generally believed that she was born on Christmas day in 1820 or 1821.

Lord John Morley, the celebrated British author and statesman, Gladstone's lieutenant and secretary of state for India in the Asquith cabinet, was born on Christmas eve, Dec. 24, 1838. Seven years later to the day King George I. of Greece first saw the light.

Lord Marcus Beresford, brother of the famous British admiral, was a Christmas day baby, as were also Lady Grey-Egerton and the Countess of Rothes, one of the survivors of the wreck of the Titanic.

Among those who were born on Dec. 26, "just too late for Christmas dinner," were Admiral George Dewey, the Earl of Leicester, Sir James Linton, the painter; the Duchess of Leeds, Sir James Rankin, member of the British parliament, and James D. Stephens, representative from California in the American congress.

## CHRISTMAS DAY IN BETHLEHEM

**A**T this season of the year probably no city of the ancient world presents a more picturesque or attractive aspect than Bethlehem, whose population is many times multiplied by the presence of a vast army of pilgrims from every part of the globe. Mecca, in the height of the great annual Moslem influx, or Hurdwar, in upper India, at the season of the sacred festival, may have much greater but they cannot be said to have more devout or more cosmopolitan crowds than those that flock to the city of David in the Christmas week. Shaped wonderfully like a crescent, yet the only thoroughly Christian town in all Syria, Bethlehem puts on its gayest garb as Christmas approaches. At all times a pretty and attractive place, it is then a thousand-fold more so. The thrifty townspeople, their handsome wives and dark eyed daughters, prepare for the festivities weeks in advance and are ready to welcome the first arrivals.

No words can adequately describe the grandeur of the Christmas services at the Church of the Nativity, which is the center of interest for the pilgrims. These services are kept up the entire week. On the way to church the visitors are beset by peddlers, who insist on pushing under their very noses little ornaments of olive wood and mother-of-pearl. The Church of the Nativity is one of the oldest structures in existence, and, although it has been repeatedly repaired, it still retains much of its original form and character. In the side aisles at different altars priests chant the service in tones that swell and die amid the tall columns that support the roof.

At the shrines groups of pilgrims kneel in reverent adoration, while still other groups are guided around the church by monks, who point out the rich relics and sacred places, the most venerated of all being the shrine of the manger, beneath the church, which, it is claimed, incloses the actual birthplace of the Saviour. During the Christmas festivities this manger shrine is resorted to by great multitudes, who crowd each other in their pious eagerness to kiss the marble slab on the floor with a silver star in the center.

So fervid and enthusiastic are these worshippers that the marble slab has been repeatedly kissed away in places rendering a new slab necessary. The same experience has occurred with the stone covering of the crypt in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jeru-



MARKET PLACE IN BETHLEHEM ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

salem, which has had to be renewed several times in consequence of its outer surface being literally kissed away by pious devotees. The tradition is that Christ was once laid in this manger. A few feet distant is the chapel of the Magi, where the wise men of old, Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, came worshipping with rare gifts.

A subdued, rich light is diffused throughout the grotto by the softly glowing lamps over the star, and the swinging censers lend an agreeable odor to an otherwise close and musty atmosphere. All worldly thoughts are banished as the kneeling pilgrims listen spellbound to the melodious chant of the sacred office or the full, sturdily, noble singing of the grand looking, bearded priests. The low roof, the "living rock," the censers, the music, the lights, all seem to dissolve, and in their stead there appear to the moist eyes of the adoring pilgrims the manger cradle with the babe, the Virgin mother and Joseph, the mean surroundings, the oxen and their litter of straw and the gentle, wondering sheep.

The Christmas festivities, however, are not confined to the Church of the Nativity. The week is a general festival in the town and a season of financial harvest for its citizens. Like all orientals, they are thrifty to avariciousness, and the sight of the splendid gifts that are brought year after year to the church and especially the Grotto chapel, by strangers from afar widely excite their cupidity. Among those thousands that are living temporarily in tents, or, it may be, quartered in the more comfortable convent, there are many rich who can be easily persuaded into generosity when under the supernatural influence that seems to pervade everything at Bethlehem.—Philadelphia Record.

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| Men's plain white Handkerchiefs, 7 for      | 25c  |
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