

Second Christmas Greeting 1916

My first year in Gresham in business has been up to my expectations but in another year I expect to be doing a great deal more.

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FRAKES

A Bigger, Better, Busier Store in the Year 1917
IN THE LINDSEY BLOCK, GRESHAM



Christmas Words and Pictures

A GOOD game to make Christmas all the merrier is a contest seeing who can write down the longest list of words suggesting or belonging to the Yuletide season. Pass around blank cards and pencils and allow fifteen minutes for working up the lists. Such a list will include the words holly, mistletoe, St. Nick, Christmas carol, waits, Yule, Yule log, gift, greeting, Christmas box, snapdragon, holidays and a long list of related terms. Give a prize to the player whose list proves longest.

To carry the fun a bit further on, get two pictures as large as possible, representing the Christmas saint. Ads or illustrations from back numbers of periodicals will do. Cut each picture into six or eight pieces and hide the pieces in odd nooks and corners around the room. When the signal is given players hurry away in search of the fragments. As soon as a player has found a piece he ceases to search, and all those who have found mosaics commence to patch them together. All those who find fragments are entitled to draw for the prize, a Christmas book. This makes a most exciting scramble game since it is not until both pictures are completed that the unsuccessful players give up hope.

Christmas Short Stories

In arranging for an evening of Christmas amusements a hostess may state that the feature of the occasion will be a ghost story game and request each of her guests to be prepared with an original ghost story that will require from three to five minutes for narration. This game will begin at 11:30 o'clock and will precede supper. During the stories everything will be done to produce as ghostly surroundings as possible. Electric lights and gas will be turned down, and spirit lamps and flames only will throw light on the narrators and maybe on some of the stories. Two "big goblin" and two "little devil" prizes will be given—one of each for the men and the women entitled to prizes. The winners of the "big goblin" and those of the "little devil" or booby prizes will be partners for supper and the first dance after it. The other couples will be paired off as they score—second, third, etc.—for the same purpose.

If a story teller fails to keep her story going for three or five minutes, the time being determined at its beginning by the judges, of which there must be three in order to decide any disagreement as to quality, etc., she is sent to the booby corner and later on allowed a minute or two more in which to complete her story. If she fails again she must go to supper alone and also dance alone in the dance before mentioned. Some one is always a lone dancer, and great sport it is for the on-lookers. Of course the best two stories win the "big goblin" prizes and the poorest two completed stories the "little devil" prizes.

An Improptu Mask

A merry Christmas! By no means a small portion of it is the good, old fashioned Yule frolic, with games and sports, in which all join together until the green garlanded ceilings ring with laughter and fun.

It is a splendid idea to have an impromptu masquerade, each reveler consuming himself with such rags and tags as can be picked up around the house at a fifteen minute notice—shawls, mother's long skirts, feathers, flowers, pillow slips and sheets, etc. When the bell sounds all the revelers assemble in the hall, whence they march into the parlor, the piano meanwhile reeling out some rollicking tune. Let some one who does not enter into competition for the prize decide which costume is cleverest and most laughable and present the winner with a Christmas card or a cornucopia of candy.

"Self Peeling Banana."

If you want to create wonderment and laughter take a banana and just start the peel or covering at one end enough to uncover it an inch or so. Now insert this end into the neck of an empty bottle. The banana will be drawn into the bottle, peeling itself as it does so.

The Principal Festival

Christmas in Anglo-Saxon days in England was celebrated as the principal festival of the year, the Anglo-Saxon forefathers delighting in the festivities of the holy month, as they called the month of December. At these times the Anglo-Saxon and afterward the Danish kings of England lived in state and were surrounded with all the great men of their kingdom, who were sumptuously entertained. There was also an outflow of generous hospitality toward the poor.

During the reign of Alfred the Great a law was passed with relation to holidays by virtue of which the twelve days after the Nativity were set apart for the celebration of the Christmas festival. It is said that but for Alfred's strict observance of the "full twelve holy days" he would not have been defeated by the Danes.

An Eskimo Yule

A SEA captain once said that when God was creating the world he threw all waste material aside in a heap, and that was Labrador. God never intended it to be inhabited, maybe. But it is inhabited, and into that waste of ice clad cliffs and crags Moravian missionaries have penetrated so that amid the desolation of Labrador snow the Christmas festival is celebrated.

As service time draws nigh all, old and young, the men on one side, the women on the other, are waiting in eager expectation. By 4 o'clock it is quite dark, and the bell rings. All come trooping in, clad in the best clothes they can muster. I say all, for not one will be wanting, unless kept at home by serious illness. Even those who are ill, if not too sick, will be brought on sleds and carried into the church, and those who really cannot come weep at home.

For the little children the happiest part of the service comes later, when each child receives a lighted candle symbolizing the light of the world. Each candle stands in a white turnip, which has been saved from the hard won harvest wrung from that inhospitable soil. A hole is cut into the turnip and the candle inserted, so that it serves as a candlestick. In former years, when deer hunting was more successful, the Eskimos brought the deer tallow to the missionaries, who made the candles out of it. Then after the service the children had not only the turnip to eat, but also the rest of the candle which had been brought home unconsumed. But now imported candles are used, and they are not fit to eat, so the children have only the joy of seeing them burn.—Rev. Adolf Stecker, Moravian Missionary in Labrador and Alaska, in New York Evening Sun.

Use Little Santas.

The Christmas house decorations should, of course, include plenty of holly and Christmas greens; but, if possible, small Santas should play a conspicuous part in the scheme. Paper or china or cloth—whatever they are—they should perch over the doors or windows, cling to holly wreaths and hide themselves in the holiday greens.

The dance orders should have small Santas painted or printed or pasted at their head. These orders can be bought decorated in many stores, but any hostess who can use water colors could make them herself, and one who cannot use water colors can use the same sort of little gummed Santas or Santa Claus heads for these orders that she used for the seals of her letters.

Carol of Christmas

DAY fades across the winter world;
The snow is cold and deep;
Beside the window Christmas eve
Our twilight watch we keep.
O Christmas stars, O Christmas stars,
Before our earnest eyes
You write the sweetest tale of earth
Across the Christmas skies!

The wind drops down, the fields are still,
The air is hushed and clear;
Far music trembles up the hill
Upon our listening ear.
O Christmas bells, O Christmas bells,
Ring silvery and long
Unto our little hearts you seem
The Christmas angels' song!
—Nancy Byrd Turner in Churchman.

Do Your Shopping Early.

Do your Christmas shopping early.
Do it early, mother dear,
To escape the hurly burly
You've run into every year.
Do your Christmas shopping early.
You should not procrastinate
Or you'll mingle with the surly
Crowds that do their shopping late.
Get the present for the cousin,
For the aunts and uncles too.
Other relatives by dozens
Look for pleasant gifts from you.
If you've got dough you must spend it.
Don't postpone the larksome day.
Get the ordeal over. End it.
Have the things all packed away.
Then when others hurry, scurry,
You can rest in peace serene.
You can murmur, "I should worry."
And enjoy the jumbled scene.



"Snapdragon" an English Game

LITTLE known in this country, "snapdragon" is a diversion in which in England old and young participate throughout the Christmas season. Apparently it is a dangerous pastime; really it is harmless, and no one ever suffers an accident through playing it. Babies of three or four years engage in it with great glee. In which there is an admixture of fear, but nerve generally conquers, and once in the game they cannot be kept out of it.

The requisites of snapdragon are one or two large platters such as roasts are served on, some large, fat raisins, a little brandy or gin, a match and a darkened room. The platters are arranged thus: If there is but one and the party is of moderate number it is laid in the center of a dining table; if the number of participants is large then two platters are laid, one at each end of the table, or there may be two small tables, with a platter on each. Next the raisins are laid over each platter, singly and at short distances apart. A small quantity of brandy or gin is then poured over each platter and lighted. Out go all the lights in the room, leaving none but that dancing from the blue flames in the platters.

Everybody looks weird and feels uncanny, and the fun begins. Each participant snaps at a raisin on the dish, and, hit or miss, the blue flame clings to the fingers in writhing, forked tongues, thus providing the "dragon." The raisins are all finally secured, the flames go out, the lights are turned on, and the company is ready for another diversion, unless, as is often the case, there is a call for a repetition of the fun just ended.

"A Floury Fate"

The following good diversion deals with mystery and is therefore popular at Christmas. It is provocative of great merriment and interest, though very simple in plan.

Flour, in which there are a ring, a coin and a button, is pressed firmly into a mold, and then the form or "loaf" thus obtained is carefully deposited upon the table. Each one seeking to know his fate or fortune takes the large dinner knife provided for the game and carefully cuts into the mound. If he strikes one of the articles in the flour it must be extracted and examined, because, whichever it may be, it is significant and determines whether he is to be a bachelor or benedict, rich or poor. The maiden in this way also learns whether she is to be "all forlorn" all her life or whether she will marry money or learn to sew her husband's buttons on herself to save tailors' bills and keep the wolf from the door. A master of ceremonies can very entertainingly, if properly selected, assist the finder of his fate in fully reading it to the audience.

Sometimes imagination is heavily taxed to sustain a story for the time set, and to a listener not understanding what it is all about there might be a suspicion that he was in a company of incipient lunatics.

Organ Builder

An interesting Christmas game that is played by the little German children is called the "organ builder." One of the number is chosen to be the organ builder and all the others stand in a straight row with their hands folded. As the organ builder goes along the row he says: "These are good pipes," and taps the hands of the players as he passes, and each player as his hands are touched must give forth a long sustained sound to represent the note of an organ. After he has heard a sound from each organ pipe the builder is blindfolded and while this is being done the players all change places, and the builder says: "Alas, he will my organ be, now I am blind and cannot see!" Then he taps the hands of a player, who gives the same sustained sound as before, and if the builder demands, he must repeat three times. The builder then guesses the name of a player if he does not guess correctly, the players all dance around him and sing:

What a builder have we here,
What a wretched, wretched ear,
Though the pipes sound out so clear,
After which they all change places and the builder must try again. If how over, his guess is right, the players sing:
Though the master have no sight,
He can tell his pipes aright,
See your organ with delight,
The bandage is then taken off, and the player whose name he has guessed must take his place.

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LASTING PARTNERSHIP IN MEAT BUSINESS

It was three years ago, just about this time of the year, that Santa Claus and Al. Brown went into partnership in the meat business. Between them they have built up a healthy trade although Santa is only responsible for the big business done during the holidays. All the rest of the year it is Brown who is on the job and he knows butchering business from hooft to horns, as well as the ups and downs of the trade.

Brown and Santa have large dealings with the farmers and handle nearly all the pork and veal of this section. Their other meats come from the city abattoires and are government inspected. In dealing with the farmers the latter gets the full market price and are saved the expense of shipping to Portland.

Customers of the Pioneer market have found that the retail price here is lower than it is in the city both at the shop and on the auto routes that are covered daily for many miles in every direction. Brown and Santa have made their business a success.

RETAINS HIS HOLD IN THE GROCERY BUSINESS

Those who are customers of the grocery store presided over by J. A. Frakes in the Lindsey building are pleased to know that he has again assumed control after a brief retirement of two weeks.

He sold the stock to other parties about the first of this month but the new proprietors failed to make good their agreements and without any demonstration to awaken suspicion Mr. Frakes again took charge and has announced that he is again doing business at the old stand.

Since he began business again he has enjoyed a steady and lucrative trade, all of which is the result of fair dealing with his customers and a knowledge of how to buy and sell goods. His stock consists principally of groceries, but he also deals in a line of household goods. The public is invited to inspect a choice stock of fresh goods that has replaced the old one. Prompt auto delivery and satisfaction follows every sale.

An interstate bridge has been constructed over the Columbia River at a cost of \$1,500,000. It connects the states of Oregon and Washington and will be the largest bridge of its kind in the world.

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