

**At the Window**

WHEN Christmas time is pretty near, if we're good girls an' boys,

Our mothers take us up the street an' let us see the toys,

An' we forget that it is cold an' that our clothes is thin

An' think we're mighty lucky just to stand there lookin' in.

If we could only have our wish I guess that we would pray

To have some angel come some night an' take that glass away,

An' it would pay the angel, too, to see the mothers smile

If we could play with all those toys for just a little while.

Some day when we are all grown up an' rich as we can be,

If Santa Claus would just bring things like those in there to me—

An' for awhile it seems almost as if he really had,

An' then I 'member that he ain't, an', my, it makes me sad!

Some day when we are all grown up an' rich as we can be

We're goin' to buy a store like that, an' when kids come to see

The things inside we'll let 'em in to help themselves to toys.

An', my, we know what that will mean to little girls an' boys!

—James J. Montague in New York American.

**The Wassail Bowl.**

Wassail, or wassail bowl, is regarded as of such antiquity that it is said to have been known to the ancient Britons. For many centuries it has been a favorite beverage during Christmas festivities, although it was calculated to cause biliousness, if it did not have a more immediate disagreeable effect. Such a mixture ought to have been intoxicating. Here is the way they used to manufacture it in Oxford: Put into a bowl half a pint of Lisbon sugar; pour on it one pint of warm beer; grate a nutmeg and some ginger into it; add four glasses of sherry and five additional pints of beer; stir it well; sweeten it to your taste; let it stand covered up two or three hours, then put three or four slices of bread, cut thin and toasted brown, into it, and it is fit for use.

**The Christmas Dinner**

The Christmas dinner of ancient tradition has expanded into an almost impossible meal in the course of centuries through the industry of innumerable writers of various generations, who seem to have, through ignorance or design, attached to this ample meal and its attendant good cheer a host of dishes and beverages and customs that really were intended to extend throughout the Christmas season. It is true that the Christmas dinner in England since the time of King Henry VII. certainly has been an important feature of the season's festivities. It was this elegant prince who, at his Christmas feast, personally brought to table the board's head and placed it before his son, the young prince. He made a ceremonial observance of this simple feature. He was preceded, as he passed firmly up to the table, by trumpeters.

Whether Henry VII. was the first to establish the custom cannot now be ascertained. But the custom obtained throughout England in certain quarters ever since. For ages the custom has been followed at Oxford university, and those who have dipped into the pleasant pages of Washington Irving's "Old Christmas," will learn how the ceremony was conducted in the early part of the last century, where, at Bracebridge Hall, where Geoffrey Crayon was the guest, the board's head was brought in by the butler, supported on either side by a diverted servant bearing a lighted candle. There were the prescribed "strains of minstrelsy."—New York Times.

**Christmas in Oberammergau.**

In Oberammergau, Germany, a distinctly religious tone is given to Christmas. The Christ Child is the guardian angel of the time. It is he, they say, who brings the Christmas tree. He comes down from heaven on Christmas eve, holding it in his hands. Two angels bearing presents fly before him and two behind. He puts the tree on the table, rings a bell and flies away. He brings a blessing to the children that have been obedient.

To the children of Oberammergau St. Nicholas is an angel in disguise. He goes about from house to house in ragged clothes and with a bag on his back. He gives a loud knock at the door and asks, "Are the children good?" If the answer is "Yes" he leaves fruits and candies. If the answer is "No" he leaves a stick.

Money saving bargains.

**Christmas Magic to Try on Your Guests**

WHEN the family or friends are gathered around the fireside in the Christmas season a pleasant and instructive evening can be derived in introducing the following easy but perplexing experiments, which "Herrmann the Great" often performed for the amusement of his guests after a social dinner:

**"The Suspended Plate."**

Many a boy has had an immense lot of fun from the use of what he terms a "sucker," generally made from a piece of leather, to which through a hole in the center he attaches a string, and with this bit of leather, when wet, he is enabled to lift stones and other heavy materials, but here is a sucker he never dreamed of. Take an ordinary radish—if you can get a large one so much the better—cut it away at the bottom, leaving a flat surface. Apply this to a dinner plate, and you will find they will become attached friends.

**"The Jumping Coin."**

A coin is placed on the table and a request is made for the coin to be handed to you in a person's hand, but they are not to remove the coin from the table by using hands, feet or picking it up with the mouth. Now, this seems a puzzle, but it is as simple as A, B, C. All the person has to do is to place his mouth within a short distance of the coin and giving a strong blow with his breath directing it at the coin at about an angle of forty-five degrees, causing the air to pass under the coin and propel it into the air, where it is caught in the hand which is ready to receive it.

**"The Demon of Champagne."**

While at the dinner table if champagne has been served, a rather amusing little experiment can be performed thus: Cut a little demon out of paper and attach it to one end of a toothpick or a match, to the other end tie a piece of thread, at the opposite end of which is fastened a raisin. Now through the center of the match push a pin and then attach with this pin to a cork on a bottle. Screen this from view by means of a napkin stretched over a couple of bottles and drop the raisin into a champagne glass. All that is now to be seen is the little demon. If the glass be now filled with champagne we will see some fun. The little globules of gas from the cham-



How the Demon Works.

pagne attach themselves to the raisin, and after awhile, when quite a number have accumulated, it will be found the raisin will rise to the surface of the liquid. This causes the little demon to vanish. As soon as the raisin has reached the air the globules of gas explode and the raisin sinks to the bottom of the glass again, and once more the demon is seen. Again the raisin becomes covered with the little globules of gas, again it rises, again the demon disappears, and this continues as long as there is effervescence of life in the champagne.

**Lively Indoor Sports**

If the Christmas fun should lag try these sports:

Rubber quoits are always delightful indoors. If the disk holding the peg is of iron or lead or lead weighted so that it will not slide when hit with a quoit the game is very satisfactory.

Shuffleboard on the extended dining room table is also a dandy game. There is a narrow strip of oilcloth stretched from end to end, and on this the smooth, round wooden disks are shoved. A cross line five inches from each end counts two for disks entirely beyond it; a disk hanging over the end of the table counts three; a disk that touches the edge of the oilcloth anywhere or that does not come entirely inside of a line two and a half feet from the end counts nothing. The trick is to knock your high scoring opponent's disk or to score past him, and only the most advanced disk counts.

**Parlor Football**

There is no reason why this Christmas game should not be as heartily enjoyed by grownups as well as children. In fact, any one that understands the real game can become quite scientific in the one above named. Three things are requisite for the game—empty eggshells, the contents having been expelled through pinholes punctured at the ends; a large, smooth table and plenty of breath, for the game is played with the eggshells blown about on the table. Sides are chosen, and the real tactics of the game, so far as they are adaptable, are observed. Other games, such as pool and billiards, can be played in this manner.

Don't forget to read the want ads.

**PLEASANT VALLEY**

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Berry visited with Mr. and Mrs. Corey, of Portland, last Sunday.

Miss Laura Moore came home Wednesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr and Mrs. W. U. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rhoads and John Forsgren were Portland visitors on Monday.

G. H. Richey visited with friends in the city last Sunday.

I. F. Coffman and Chas. Wheeler, of Lents, were in this neighborhood Tuesday on business matters.

Leland Moore, of Coquille, arrived here Friday and will spend the holidays with home folks.

Mrs. G. H. Kesterson entertained the Ladies' Aid on Wednesday.

Pleasant Valley grangers, who attended Pomona grange held with Multnomah grange at Orient last Wednesday, were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Poppleton, G. H. Richey, the Misses Edna and Hazel Berke, Herbert Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Frost, Mrs. W. U. Moore and G. N. Sager.

The committee appointed by the grange to co-operate with the school in providing a Christmas tree and program for Christmas is busy decorating and arranging the hall for the occasion. The exercises will take place Saturday evening.

Joy Brothers, who have leased the C. F. Kesterson place, are moving in this week.

Pleasant Valley school fulfilled the requirements necessary for standardization and observed the occasion last Friday with appropriate exercises. County Superintendent Armstrong was present and delivered an address. Mr. Armstrong complimented the school on their having the neatest appearing and best appointed play shed in Multnomah county. Great credit is due to the teachers and school board for their part in securing the co-operation of patrons of the school in raising the necessary funds and contributing the labor necessary to make the improvement. The money was raised by giving entertainments and by subscription and much of the labor was volunteered.

**PLEASANT HOME**

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Quicksall, Mr. and Mrs. M. Lennartz attended the joint installation of Masonic and Eastern Star officers at Sandy on Wednesday night.

Mrs. Hutchinson is staying with her sister, Mrs. Geo. F. Ruegg, the members of whose family are sick with grip.

Among those suffering with the prevalent illness are Rev. F. S. Ford and his daughter and E. E. Van Fleet. Mr. and Mrs. L. N. L. Shriner are the proud grandparents of a boy, recently born to their daughter, Mrs. Wilhelma Freeden of Portland.

Christmas exercises will be held at the Baptist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. They will include an address by Rev. E. A. Leonard.

Grandpa Kennedy, the restaurant owner here, is very ill at his home.

Christmas exercises will be held at the Methodist church on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

An epidemic of grip is prevailing in this community, which interferes to a large extent with school work and with Christmas programs.

**POWELL VALLEY**

Christmas exercises will be held in the Swedish Mission church as follows: morning service (Julotta), at 6 a. m. on Christmas day. In the evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, the Sunday school will hold its Christmas entertainment. All are cordially invited.

**CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS**

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in his divine wisdom to remove from our midst and from those he loved, Brother Carl Anderson, and

Whereas, In the death of Brother Anderson, Oswego Lodge No. 93, I. O. O. F., and the community in which he resided has lost one of its best members, one who was always kind, generous, and practiced the principles of true Odd Fellowship, ever ready to help those in need and distress. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Oswego lodge No. 93, I. O. O. F., tender our heartfelt sympathy to the relatives and to the friends of the deceased in this their sad hour of bereavement. Be it

Resolved, That in his death this lodge loses a faithful and loving member, loved and respected by all, and no words or eulogy spoken by us can add to the manly worth of the life he lived. Be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and the charter of this lodge be draped in mourning in memory of our deceased brother, also copies sent to the son, daughter, and other relatives of the deceased, and to the Oswego Times, Gresham Outlook and Oswego Record, for publication.

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**MELROSE AND VICTORY.**

The following program will be given in the Melrose schoolhouse by pupils of the school on Friday evening, December 22, under direction of the teacher, Miss Bessie Strebin:

- Song—"Sing the Sweetest Songs"—School.
- Opening Address—Louise Fritz.
- Dialogue—"Jennie's Secret"—Herbert Edwards, Ethel Moffitt.
- Recitation—"What Uncle Willie Thinks"—Edward Backstrand.
- Song—"Christmas Time"—School.
- Recitation—"Christmas in Holland"—Ruby Jones.
- Recitation—"Christening Dolly"—Annie Moffitt.
- Dialogue—"The Lost Trousers."
- Recitation—"Little Willie's Complaint"—Harry Moffitt.
- Trio—"Silent Night! Holy Night!"—Noma, Ocea and Ruby Jones.
- Recitation—"Three Bad Little Boys"—Ethel Moffitt.
- Trio—"Luther's Cradle Hymn"—Bessie Jones, Annie and Ethel Jones.
- Dialogue—"The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe"—School.
- Solo—"Sleep Little Babe"—Bessie Jones.
- Recitation—"I'm Goin' Back to Grandpa's"—Charles Tallman.
- Song—"Christmas Never Shall Pass Away".
- Recitation—"When Papa's Sick"—Herbert Edwards.
- Dialogue—"Mrs. Mason's Poodle."
- Recitation—"A Little School"—Bessie Jones.
- Duet—"While Shepherds Watched"—Louise Fritz and Noma Jones.
- Dialogue—"The Lost Dinner."
- Song—"Good Old Santa Claus"—School.

**SCENIC**

Clarence Bettis returned home Saturday from Alberta, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Neibauer were Portland visitors a few days last week.

C. H. Burchett resigned his position as assistant superintendent of service at the Hotel Multnomah and has gone to New York to accept a similar position at the Hotel Gotham. He was formerly employed at the Gotham for five years. Mrs. Burchett will remain on their farm at Scenic for the present.

Mrs. Allice Wolters, of Auburn, was a guest last week of her sister, Mrs. B. C. Altman.

Miss Irene and Louie Larsen, of Gateway, are guests at the Bettis home until Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Counsel, of Milwaukie, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Sunday.

The 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Carlson occurred last week. They received from their friends in the East and Portland many handsome presents, which came as their friends had planned, as a complete surprise.

**KELSO**

The Parent-Teacher bazaar, held Saturday evening, was a splendid success, the amount cleared being \$42.

Robert Jonsrud had a well drilled on his bluff place. Water was struck at a depth of 150 feet.

The school library books have all been varnished and pocketed. The state traveling library is also kept at the schoolhouse and is free to all who wish to borrow books on Wednesdays and Fridays between 4 and 5 p. m.

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- Krinkle Corn Flakes, 3 for..... 25c
- MT. Hood Borax, 6 bars..... 25c
- Happy Day Soap, 8 bars..... 25c
- 3 pkgs. Magic Yeast..... 10c
- Golden Star Soap, 8 bars..... 25c
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