

CHRISTMAS ON THE PLANTATION

By ELBERT J. LEE.

IN the antebellum days the negroes enjoyed a whole week of rest at Christmas time. Now that they are hired hands instead of slaves they cling to this privilege, refusing to work while the holiday spirit is in the air. This means that Christmas lasts a week. Every negro—man, woman and pickaninny—makes the most of the week, and the fun runs high. On many plantations the negroes are almost as much a part of the "plant" as they were during slavery. They have the feeling that, inasmuch as they belong to the place the rest of the year, the place belongs to them for the holiday week, and they take advantage of the opportunity to do as they please. For weeks in advance the holidays are anticipated with joy, though not with any great degree of preparation. The plantation negro, generally speaking, lets tomorrow take care of itself. But some of the more provident ones begin to store up for Christmas. The fattest pumpkin is picked up from the corn rows and put away for pie material. The turkey gobbler in the backyard is fattened for the occasion. Old Aunty hides her jars of preserves from the younger generation. Uncle Ike becomes a confederate in the happy conspiracy for saving things to augment the Christmas spread. Christmas morning the negro children are up bright and early. There is method in their early rising. From time immemorial southern people, both white and black, have cherished the belief that there is much virtue in being the first to shout "Christmas gift!" in meeting a friend on the morning of the great day. In some sections this priority of greeting is expected to result in the forfeit of a gift from the other party. Accordingly the little negroes make a point of running up to the big plantation house and greeting the white people with a lusty "Christmas gift!" in the hope of receiving at least a big red apple, a fresh baked pie or a stick of striped candy such as the general store on the plantation is sure to keep in stock. The best fiddler on the plantation is the hardest worked man of all, but he enjoys every scrape of his bow, while the dance goes merrily on. The Christmas dance is a continued story. It begins Christmas eve and continues every night in the week. If the weather is not too cold the big barn floor is cleared for the dance; but if heat is required the "function" takes place in the biggest room of the biggest negro house on the place, with a roaring fire in the fireplace and plenty of cheer on the kitchen table, both solid and liquid. Christmas week is spent in visiting. The negroes go from cabin to cabin on their own plantation, or they hitch up the work mule or steers and visit friends on a neighboring plantation. Everywhere the Christmas spirit prevails. If one family is short of this world's cheer another family is glad to share its own. The Christmas spirit on a cotton plantation is much more in evidence than in a prosperous white folks' town.

Christmas Berries. Where the Holly Grows and How to Find the Best. The old fashioned Christmas greens were rosemary, ivy and bay, but in the 2,000 tons of wreathing and decorating material which it is estimated that we now use every year there is a much greater variety. Best loved of all is the glossy, red berried holly. "Holly" was the old English name for it, and it is thought to be identical with the "greenwood tree" of British ballads and of Robin Hood fame. On our side of the Atlantic the American holly (Ilex opaca) is found from Maine, where it grows as a shrub, to North and South Carolina, where it lifts a symmetrical cone of dark, shining leaves set with scarlet berry clusters along a beautiful trunk of gray and silver to the height of seventy or eighty feet. Delaware and Maryland are usually credited with furnishing the best grades of holly to Christmas markets, but their "Three X" brand, as seen after shipment to northern cities, is not so finely berried as the Carolina holly, plentiful in the region around Asheville. In America there are three distinct grades of holly. Trees that stand on dry, barren hillsides, as a rule, are heavily laden with thick, knobbly clusters of berries, but their leaves are likely to be small, yellowish and imperfect. Follow some little stream to a sheltered, sunny glade where a holly trunk gleams white, and there you will find leaves large, dark and perfect, with a thick scarlet fruitage lighting the shadows evenly all over the tree. Something to Live For. Three little girls were playing. The mother of one came into the room and engaged the children in conversation. "Marion, what are you going to be when you grow up?" she asked. "I am going to be a famous singer," she replied. "And you, Susie, what are you to be?" "Oh, I am going to write stories when I grow up," she answered. "And what is Marjorie to be?" continued the mother. Marjorie, aged five, thought seriously a moment, and then said, "Well, I am not sure, but I think I'll be a widow." —Delineator. "I think your wife has such a sweet voice." "So do I. She gets \$1,200 a year for singing part of it in a church choir." —Boston Transcript.

HIGHER VALUES IN LIVE STOCK MARKET

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PORTLAND UNION STOCKYARDS Dec. 17.—Receipts for the week were 1524 cattle, 12 calves, 920 hogs and 2108 sheep. The range of values in all lines was higher. There was a demand for some extra cattle for the Christmas trade, and this accounts for the higher prices. The quality of the offerings was much better than usual and buyers were eager for everything that came to market. The sale of one hay fed steer at \$10 per 100 pounds was due to phenomenal quality. It was thorough bred Short-horn of nearly perfect beef type. Cows sold at good prices and there was an extra good demand for bulls. Lambs were in good demand and one lot brought \$7 per 100 pounds. They were better than anything that has been on the yards for some time. The hog market took up upward shoot, one load having brought \$8.85. The market at the end of the week closed at \$8.50, with eager takers for everything that was offered. The following were representative sales: 1 Steer, 1820 lbs. \$10.00 16 steers, 1190 lbs. 7.00 81 steers, 1202 lbs. 6.50 87 steers, 1050 lbs. 5.65 2 cows, 1270 lbs. 5.75 15 cows, 1121 lbs. 5.50 89 cows, 950 lbs. 4.85 21 cows, 971 lbs. 4.75 1 bull, 1750 lbs. 4.50 1 bull, 1470 lbs. 4.30 1 bull, 1620 lbs. 4.00 7 bulls, 1337 lbs. 3.65 362 lambs, 89 lbs. 7.00 190 lambs, 77 lbs. 6.00 39 wethers, 96 lbs. 4.50 45 ewes, 120 lbs. 3.75 81 hogs, 247 lbs. 8.85 62 hogs, 239 lbs. 8.70 57 hogs, 182 lbs. 8.50 A doctor was telling how he came to lose one of his best paying patients. The man was a hypochondriac, who was always imagining that something terrible was about to happen to him, and the doctor, who was a great jollier, was kept busy trying to reason him out of his morbid condition. "You have worried yourself until you are bordering on a nervous collapse," said the doctor to him one day. "You shouldn't think about your symptoms all the time, but just attend to your affairs as if there was nothing the matter with you." "All right, doctor," replied the patient. "I'll do as you say. You needn't come to see me any more." —New York Times.

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