



Gift Giving Important Part of Christmas in Several Countries

Every Christmas children, and grown-ups alike, look forward to giving and receiving gifts... for gift giving has been an important part of the holiday season ever since the Wise Men shepherd brought gifts to the Christ Child in Bethlehem. The thought is the same today... to express love and good will... but the bearer of these gifts differs from country to country.

American children look forward to Santa Claus, plump and jolly, dressed in traditional red and white, with a snowy white beard. He carries his gifts in a pack on his back and is drawn in a sleigh by eight reindeer.

When the Dutch settled in the American colonies, they brought with them the tradition of St. Nicholas or "santeklas" as he was called. From the lean, rather stern St. Nicholas came our jolly Santa Claus.

Italian children receive their gifts from "La Befana," a good fairy, who carries a broom.

"Baboushka" goes from house to house in search of the Christ Child in old Russia. In Scandinavian countries, gifts are given to the children by a Santa who rides on a goat instead of a reindeer. He is accompanied by elves who distribute the gifts. Bowls of porridge are left on the door-way for the elves.

The Christmas tree has its origin in the 8th century when St. Boniface, English missionary to Germany, replaced the sacrifices to Odin's sacred oak by a fir tree decorated in tribute to the Christ Child.

PRETTY PASTEL blushes are no problem to keep fresh and dainty when they're made of this "Dacron" and nylon Jersey. This youthful shirt-front style is flat-pleated like a man's dress shirt with a fluted frill accent.

Writing Tools Said Popular as Gifts

Writing tools, fountain pens and pencils, have been a popular Christmas gift for years and are doubly welcome when they suit the recipient.

For children... give thick pencils with soft leads or crayons. Lead pencils, mechanical pencils, mechanical pens and ballpoints are recommended for second and third graders... for fourth grade and over... the above, or a fountain pen.

For housewives... a fountain pen, ballpoint or desk pen. A ballpoint pen is an ideal extra writing tool.

For the home... desk pen sets, designed to fit into home decor; sets hold from one to three fountain pens; some have built-in clocks or calendars.

For the children's room... the less expensive reservoir type desk pens, which are non-spillable.

For men... a combination of matching fountain pen, ballpoint and mechanical pencil. A handsome gift is the fountain pen and ballpoint set with his signature engraved on a gold band, which adds a graceful personal touch.

Down Chimney
Santa Claus is supposed to come down the chimney and fill the stockings, hung by the fireplace, with little gifts and heap presents under the Christmas tree.

Children in many Latin American countries are in for a double treat. There are two dates for giving gifts to children. January 6 is called Kings' Day. Children leave their shoes outside and the Three Wise Men fill them with presents. The other gift-giving date is Christmas Eve or morn.

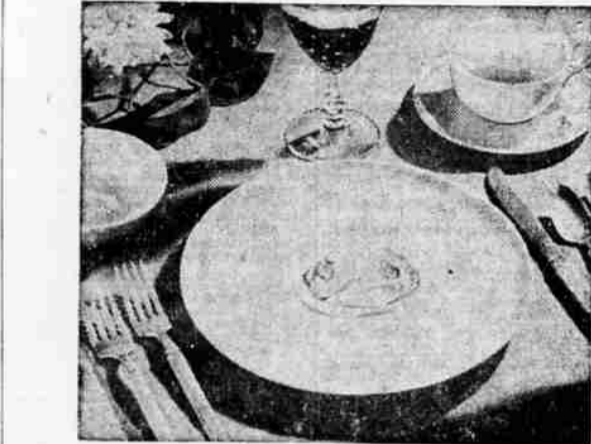
United States customs have been creeping into the Latin American's holiday season, particularly in countries close to the states.

Costa Ricans, Cubans and Guatemalans are among those who now have Christmas trees. In Norway, the birds are remembered with gifts of tied and choice sheaves of grain tied to trees; extra fodder is provided for the cattle.

Father Star listens to the children's prayers and catechism in Poland. If they have been good, Mother Star who is dressed like an angel in a white robe and veil distributes the gifts.

Swiss children also await a radiant angel who rides in a sleigh drawn by six reindeer.

English children also wait for Santa Claus, who looks very much like our American Santa Claus. They find their gifts tied



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Tree Cutting Helpful To Nation's Forests

The practice of cutting young evergreens to use as Christmas trees is not harmful to the forests but extremely helpful.

Nearly half of the 21 million evergreens that make up America's Christmas tree harvest are farm-produced. Nearly nine-tenths of the entire crop was cut on privately-owned timberland. Also, about five million trees are imported yearly, most of them from Canada.

These five varieties account for 83 per cent of all the Christmas trees used.

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When Christmas shopping don't forget the favorite hobbies of your family and friends!

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Leathercraft hobbyists will welcome extra tools, kits and top quality leather.

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Painting supplies will be appreciated by amateur artists of all ages.

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