

# A LITTLE CHRISTMAS BASKET

De win's hollerin' "Dah you!" to de  
shutahs an' de Yah,  
De snows a sayin' "Got you!" to de  
groun';  
Fu' de wintah weddaha comin' wid-  
out a-askin' ouah desiah,  
An' he's laughin' in his sleeve at whut  
he foun';

... ..

Fu' dey ain't nobody ready wid dey  
fuel er dey food,  
An' de money-bag look empty lak fu'  
sho';  
So we want ouah Christmas sermon,  
but we'd lak it ef you could  
Leave a little Christmas basket at  
de do'.

... ..

Whut's de use o' tellin' chillen 'bout  
a Santy er a Nick,  
An' de sto'ies dat a body's allus tol',  
W'en de harf is got wid ashes, an'  
you hasn't got a stick  
Ef to wa'm dey little toes w'en dey is  
col'?

... ..

Whut's de use o' preachin' ligion to a  
man dat's stayed to def,  
An' tellin' him de Mastah will pu'vide?  
Ef you want to tech his feelin's save  
yo' sermons an' yo' bref,  
Take a little Christmas basket by  
youah side.  
—PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR.

## God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen

God rest you, merry gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay;  
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour,  
Was born upon this day.  
—Old English Carol.

## Old Christmas

Heap on more wood; the wind is chill,  
But let it whistle as it will,  
We'll keep our Christmas merry still.  
—Sir Walter Scott.

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### At Christmas Eve

Let's all be children again that night,  
With a child's desires and a child's  
delight  
In the simple and homely and happy  
things  
That only the yuletide season brings  
Let's powder the World's wan face  
with snow  
Till never a scar of the past shall  
show;  
Let's redden his cheeks with the  
candle's rouge  
And make him like it—the mean old  
Scrooge!  
Let's fill with cider his trembling cup,  
And make him forget that he ever  
grew up—  
Ply him with puddings and fruits  
and cakes  
Till his eyes bulge out and his  
stomach aches.  
Let's cram his stockings with useless  
toys,  
While sleighbells deafen him with  
their noise,  
Till he acknowledge that Santa  
Claus  
Is, and will be, and always was.  
Let's chaaten him, cheer him, till  
over him  
Hovers the spirit of Tiny Tim,  
And he bows to the Christmas  
benison  
And prays, "God bless us, every  
one."  
Then, over his couch, may a certain  
Star  
Bend, with a message from ages  
far—  
Bend with such greetings as angels  
call.  
"A merry Christmas to one and all!"  
—Kobus, in the Chicago Tribune.

### Old Christmas

Good luck unto old Christmas,  
And long life, let us sing,  
For he doth more good unto the poor  
Than many a crowned king.  
—Mary Howitt.

### Joy to the World

Joy to the world; the Lord is come;  
Let Earth receive her king. Let  
every heart prepare him room, and  
heaven and nature sing.  
—Rev. Isaac Watts, 1789.

### When Every Day is Christmas

Every day is Christmas  
To the happy heart who knows  
The joy of loving service,  
And the art of blessing foes;  
Whose right hand never knoweth  
The left hand's kindly deeds,  
Who gathers fruit of unselfed love  
Through meeting human needs.  
Every day is Christmas  
To the happy heart who knows  
Spring buds and flowers are forming  
North frozen, shimmering snows;  
Who sees behind sin's coat of mail  
God's child, divinely free;  
Whose life is "peace, good will  
toward men."  
Who loves humanity.  
—Jane Grey Syme.

### Front Page News 3 Yrs. Ago

December 25, 1928  
Wild tribesmen fought to within  
200 miles of Jerusalem Christmas  
Day. Snow in Richmond; 44 degrees  
in Atlantic City; 45 degrees in Bal-  
timore; 48 degrees in New York.  
Lieut. Tim Brynm tried vainly to  
adopt a child for Christmas.

### O Little Town

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray:  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels,  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emanuel.  
—Bishop Phillips Brooks, 1868.

### Household Hints

To make a cockroach trap, fill a  
pie pan, or similar container, half full  
of sugar water. Place it on the floor  
and slant several sticks, each about  
three inches long, from the floor to  
the edge of the vessel. The roaches  
will crawl over and drown.

To make a cement for pipe joints,  
mix ten pounds of yellow ochre, four  
pounds of ground litharge, four  
pounds of whiting, one-half pound of  
hemp, cut up fine. Mix together with  
lime to about the consistency of  
putty.

# WEEK'S POEM ENGLISH

### THANKSGIVING

Through all the year, as day on day  
Its pleasing record wrought,  
I've felt, but never stopped to say -  
The gratitude I ought.  
I've never put in form of words  
The thankfulness I thought.

But now when bins are filled with  
grain,  
When mows are sweet with hay,  
Tis good to stop and rest and voice  
The things I want to say,  
Tis good to keep with happy heart  
The glad Thanksgiving Day.  
L. M. THORNTON.

### Words Often Mispronounced

Invalid (one who is ill); accent first  
syllable. Invalid (not having legal  
force); a as in "at" and accent second  
syllable.

### Words Often Misspelled

Carees; only one r, but two a's.

### Word Study

"Use a word three times and it is  
yours." Let us increase our vocabu-  
lary by mastering one word each day.  
Word for this lesson:  
QUIESCENT: at rest; still. "After  
a violent eruption the volcano became  
quiescent."

# The Farmer

By W. H. CRAIGHEAD

### Killing Hogs

Hogs that are to be slaughtered  
should not be kept on full feed up to  
the time of killing. It is better to  
hold them entirely without feed for  
18 to 24 hours prior to that time but  
they should have all the fresh water  
they will drink.

This treatment promotes the elimi-  
nation of the usual waste products  
from the system; it also helps to clear  
the stomach and intestines of their  
contents which in turn facilitates the  
dressing of the carcass and the clean-  
ly handling and separation of the vis-  
cera.

No animal should be whipped or excited  
prior to slaughter.

Ordinarily it is not necessary to  
stun or shoot a hog before sticking,  
although sometimes it is done.

If the hog is to be stuck with the  
knife without first being stunned, it  
should be squarely on its back when  
stuck. One man can stand astride  
the body with his legs just back of  
the hog's shoulders, taking a good  
grip on the forelegs. In this position  
the hog can be held in place while  
other man does the sticking.

A narrow-blade knife serves well  
for sticking a hog. The knife should  
be pointed directly toward the root  
of the tail and held in line with the  
backbone.

Thrust the knife in directly in  
front of the breast-bone and keep in  
a straight line so as not to stick a  
shoulder, causing blood to ch. which  
results in waste in trimming or a  
shoulder which keeps poorly.

After the knife has been inserted  
6 or 8 inches, turn it and withdraw.  
This severs the vessels in the neck and  
insures better bleeding.

Avoid sticking the heart, for in that  
case the blood will not be pumped  
from the arteries.

After sticking, the hog may be re-  
leased; but preferably the animal may  
be strung up by a hind leg to facili-  
tate thorough bleeding.

rel may be used for scalding. If the  
barrel is not large enough to accom-  
modate the hog, a blanket or several  
sacks may be laid over the carcass  
and scalding water poured over it.  
The blanket or sacks will retain the  
moist heat long enough to loosen the  
hair.

At the time the hog is scalded, the  
water should have a temperature of  
from 145 to 155 degrees F. If the  
water is too hot, the hair may set,  
causing even more trouble than if too  
cold.

A teaspoonful of lye or a small  
shovel full of wood ashes added to  
every 30 gallons of water will aid in  
removing the scurf. After adding  
either of these materials the water  
should be stirred thoroughly.

If a barrel is used, insert the hog  
hook in the lower jaw or take it by  
its front legs and head and slide it  
into the barrel.

The rear end of the hog is scalded  
first for the reason that if the water  
is too hot and the hair sets it can  
be removed more easily from the rear  
than from the fore part. The hog  
should be kept moving in the water to  
be sure that no part rests against the  
side of the barrel.

Occasionally the hog should be  
drawn out of the water to the air,  
when the hair may be "tried." When  
the hair and scurf easily slip from  
the surface, scalding is complete.

The same test for determining  
whether scalding has continued long  
enough may be used when blanket or  
sacks are used, and the dressing of  
the carcass should also proceed in the  
same manner.

Cut the skin lengthwise for about  
three or four inches just below the  
hocks in both hind legs. Loosen the  
tendons in each leg and insert the  
gambrel. Scald the front part of the  
hog and pull it out as before.

Remove the hair and scurf immedi-  
ately from the ears, forelegs and  
head as those parts cool very quickly.  
When most of the hair and scurf  
are removed, pour hot water over the  
entire carcass and by means of a  
sharp knife shave off any hair that is  
left.

Hang the hog up and pour a buck-  
etful of cold water over it, and scrape  
off the remaining dirt or scurf. Much  
of the heavy labor may be avoided  
by use of a hoist, such as a block and  
tackle, for lifting the hog.

### Scalding and Scraping

The most convenient vessel in which  
to heat water for scalding is a large  
caldron or kettle which should be  
located near the place of butchering.  
If the water is heated in the house it  
should be boiling when removed from  
the stove.

If the hog is not too large, a bar-

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