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# Traditions of Yule Close to Heart Of Christian Peoples in all Lands

The traditions and customs of Christmas are close to the hearts of all Christian people. Since the very early days of Christianity, Christmas has come to mean bright candlelight, holly and berries, mistletoe and pine and the sweet, heartfelt singing of carols. Many of the Christmas songs of today originated in old Britain. Wandering bards and harpers roamed over the countryside singing their Christmas songs to the accompaniment of the harp, fiddle and flageolet. And today in Britain these age-old songs still ring out clearly. Carols are sung on Boxing Day, the day after Christmas when service-folk and tradespeople go from

home to home collecting gifts from the folks they have served. Neighbors and friends sing as they go from home to home to taste each families Yule Cake as it is ceremoniously cut. English kiddies wait for a Santa Claus, who looks very much like our own jolly elf. They also find gifts tied to a Christmas tree. This custom is fairly recent — when Queen Victoria was a young bride her German husband introduced this custom into the British royal household. In France the Yule log plays an important part in the Christmas festivities. The father and son of the family carry the log into the room; they set it on the room three times before they place the log

in the fireplace. Soon the log is lighted with a brand of last year's log, and the torch glows, an emblem of the Holy Light of Christ. In Holland, Dutch kiddies wait anxiously for the arrival of St. Nicholas. Dressed in traditional bishop's robes of black, he carries a crozier and wears a mitre. He brings gifts for the children which he places in their wooden shoes standing in the chimney corner. In Czechoslovakia, a bright angel accompanies Santa on his errands of gift-giving, descending from heaven on a golden chord. In the Slavic countries, the children observe the Holy Festival of the Star. They go through the streets carrying the Christmas tree's lighted candles, and a wale with a large star brightly glowing from its tip. At the Christmas feast, straw is scattered on the floor and 'neath the table, in remembrance of the stable of Bethlehem, and a chair is always placed at the table for the Holy Child.

Swiss children eagerly wait for their gifts to come from a radiant angel who rides in a sleigh drawn by six reindeer. In Scandinavia, gifts are given to the children during the evening meal. Santa comes riding on a goat instead of a reindeer and is accompanied by dwarfs who distribute the gifts, bowls of porridge are left on the doorstep for the children for the dwarfs refreshment. In Sweden and Norway both, gifts are given special remembrance. A choice sheet of grain is placed on a pole or on fence posts. Bits of suet are hung on the trees — for a gala Christmas treat for the birds. And, in the United States, kiddies eagerly await the arrival of Santa Claus, as he drives from roof to roof in a sleigh drawn by eight reindeer. From a huge pack, he fills the stockings hanging from the chimney-piece. Gifts too large for the stockings are placed under the Christmas tree for eager-eyed, pleasure-filled children to enjoy! These and many more are the interesting, exciting customs that make up the Christmas observances throughout the Christian world.

## LIVING ROOM SCREEN MAKES CARD DISPLAY

How best to display the Christmas cards that start to pour in anytime after the middle of December is a matter that must be settled anew each holiday season. What made a solution last year will not make one this year, unless you want to be thought of as lacking in originality. This year, you might collect compliments by putting up a friendship screen in your living room. Any inexpensive screen will do; you'll cover the panels alternately in inexpensive, all-green cotton broadcloth. The fabric can be stapled to the screen quickly and easily. The friendship screen gets cards

from your friends attached to it by means of gold foil cut into strips, formed into circles and fastened firmly with cellophane tape. The design that you pick for your screen is a matter of your own taste. We used golden circles, bowknots and the silhouette of a Christmas tree. But you might want to fasten your cards to a star, or a reindeer or a snowman. For those of you who prefer a ready-made solution, a greeting card firm has designed a small cardboard train, the right size for a centerpiece or for the mantelpiece. It has a locomotive, a caboose and three cars, two of them bearing the season's greetings. It's meant to hold a whole family's card collection and later, it can double as a toy for the children. If they don't get it first, that is. And it's pin-money priced.

## Firemen Operate Toy Shop

Klamath Falls firemen are doing their Santa Claus work again this year. Back in 1932, in the first bad winter of the depression era, the department decided to do its bit toward helping make Christmas a bit more enjoyable for youngsters who might be forgotten on that joyous day. They called for broken and discarded toys, set up a workshop in a back room of the fire house and went to work. That first year's effort wasn't too successful — there's quite a knack to mending and refurbishing toys — but it was the beginning of an annual effort that last year saw probably four thousand toys distributed to around 900 needy youngsters. The fire hall toy shop has been in operation every year since 1932 with the exception of seven years during and after world war two. About three weeks ago the shop opened for this season, and townspeople began bringing damaged toys to the station. A day or two before Christmas the firemen will load up the department pickup and begin making their rounds. Each youngster generally gets one big toy of some kind, plus three or four little ones. The youngsters selected for the gifts, incidentally, are anonymous to the world. People knowing of boys and girls who might not fare so well Christmas just tip off the firemen, and the firemen do the rest.

## Old Legend Tells of Charity Test

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat. Please put a penny in the old man's hat. If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do — If you haven't got a ha'penny, ta'en God Bless You! The origin of this goes back to the belief that the Christ Child came to earth in various disguises in search of those who were kind and deserving, during the holiday season. It was feared that He might be unrecognized and ignored. An old legend tells of the Christ Child going from door to door on Christmas Eve in his search of good Christians. His test was to plead for aid, and He was often turned away. This story led to giving alms on Christmas Eve, and beggars were thus seldom refused.

## SILVER IS COVETED AS GIFT ON ANY OCCASION

Silver is a coveted gift at any time. It's attractive to look at, it is durable, it brightens any table, any room. And it is somehow especially pretty and shiny when it

is lifted from gay wrappings and ribbon on Christmas morning. Silver, though lovely, needn't be costly. If it's fine sterling-inlaid silverplate, it will look well, and wear well, for many years. A versatile gravy boat and tray with matching servers, for instance makes a silver gift that's smartly coordinated and yet budget-priced. The gravy boat can hold sauce as well as gravy. For another gift that will make a dazzling appearance for a pitance, you might try tying a dozen after-dinner coffee spoons to the branches of a miniature spruce tree with bits of red ribbon. This, by the way, makes a gift that's good for the career girl, the young married couple, or the older married couple. In fact, it's a gift ideal for practically anyone but a small child. And children have their own silver gifts. One set is made up of a tiny fork and spoon set into slots in the wings of a brightly-colored small plastic duck. Fork and spoon are designed for good balance and easy use by small hands. Both come in patterns to match adult silverplate.



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