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At last! An old-fashioned Christmas! A Christmas of presents and candy canes and all the things on the dinner table that should be. A Chrstmas when "Peac sence. We the first Christmas came when fter a period of wars, there was peace throughout the known world. Not all vexed questions had been settled nor all wrongs righted; but for a little while the gentle
stayed its bloody hand, and in that little time the stayed its bloody
Child was born.
Ever since
verer since He was born Evil and Selfishness hav thrown themselves against the truths He came to teach but always in vain. This last great war in defense of
those truths has taught the world a lesson. We have those truths has taught the world a lesson. We have
learned that there should not be a result obtained by blood shed, but a cause to prevent violence for all time. Now it is the purpose of their defenders to establish them so firmly that the evil-minded and the unjust no longer wil dare to attack them nor brave men's blood have to be shed that they may be preserved.

This is what the first Christmas really meant. This is why the morning stars sang together and the multitude Earth." It was not because peace had come for a little while to Roman and Jew, but because something had come which, when men learned to understand it, was big-


## RIPPLING RHYMES

## By.Walt Mason

HRISTMAS GLEE
We'll ring the Christmas bells this year without sob or sigh; we'll sing the carols, loud and clear, beneath the winter sky; for we have dropped the weary weigh that we endured through years of fate, the years of war
and Prussian hate, and we are stacking high. God rest you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, fo nay sing our hymns again, as on an older day; the future seems no longer dour, and like an evil dream the hour that saw a madman drunk with power, is past and done away. Again the rafters ring with glee, as in the
peaceful days, and on the spangled Christmas tree the tapers shed their rays; the children raise their joyful shouts, their parents, old and wintry scouts, forget their
ringbones and their couts, and dance in forty ways. God rest you, merry gentlemen, and merry ladies, too; the ol tray world is young again, and seems as good as new;
the night of misery departs, the shadow's lifted from our hearts, and peace's kind and useful arts once more arise
in view. The woods, the hillsides and the dells are white in view, Christmas rime, so let us ring the Christmas bells as in the olden time; and let us go on buoyant feet from door to door, along the sureet, and sing the carois old and sweet
that breathe a love sublime.
ger and stronger than any single nation, or all of them
together. It has taken the world almost two thousand years to realize what the Gift really meant, but at last ${ }^{*}$ there is hope that Peace is to be the firm, unshakable
foundation on which hereatter, we are to build.
hioned heartiness, with gift and greeting, decoration and song. We have reason as never before.

## AIRPLANE STUNTS.

It is good to note that the low-flying show acrobatics in and around cities and towns, which have characterized heavy penalties by the war department. Many unneces. sary accidents have been the result of these ill-calculated efforts to amuse, and it is time they were stopped, before ers had to pay with their lives for the exhibition. Properiy handled, the airplane is safe and practical is an engine bound to deal death and destruction. Perthe marvel of flight'to show his prowess by dangerous and spectacular tricks, but they are out of place in any sort of flying, and should be forbidden by civil as well as military law.

The "most unkindest cut of all" so far as the former kaiser is concerned is the characterization of him by Maximilian Harden, who calls Wilhelm an "actor-king" who merely said and did what stronger men told him to
do. It must hurt none the less because it looks like the truth.

The former kaiser, unable to get a prelate of his liking, is reported as having decided to preach his own Christmas sermon. This will at least guarantte that the
scriptures as expounded will suit the views of the deposed scriptures as expounded is the main thing crowned heads
ruler precisely--and that is the want when they go to church.

The Associated Press and Hearst's International News Service are wrangling in courts over alleged news
pirating It would only be petit larceny to steal almost pirating. It would only be petit larceny to steal almos anything either of
why all this fuss? $\qquad$
"Peace on Earth, good will to man" is the order o the day. And if the Germans complain that they seem to
be left out of it, let them reflect that some scholars ranslate the scriptural passage, "Peace on Earth, to Men of Good Will."

It is said that the German crown prince plays the

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