



INDIAN DOLLS IN HIGHLY ORNAMENTED "CRADLES"

BY DUNCAN CAMERON THE Christmas doll is an essential part of childhood. Its counterpart is found all over the world. The cradle may take any one of many forms, but the doll is a part of the picture without which the setting is incomplete.

ent demand when the Christmas season is at hand. Some authorities maintain that the Christmas doll of today is an outgrowth of the idol of pagan worship. In support of this contention they point to the Greek word "eidolon," equivalent to our "idol." They call attention to the similarity of "doll" and "idol," as they appear in English, and their mutual kinship with the Greek "eidolon."

INDIANS have their CHRISTMAS DOLLS



A CENTRAL AMERICAN DOLL

strongly established by time-honored tradition and persistent custom. These serve the double purpose of affording playthings for the little ones and giving them educational material. The mothers use the images as the basis for kindergarten training, to school the children in the mysteries of nature, and to pave the way for the grown-up practices of the tribal religion.

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PONY, BUFFALO AND ANTELOPE



DRESS ORNAMENTED WITH ELK TEETH AND BEAD WORK

Smithsonian Institution, at Washington, D.C. Within the walls of the National Museum the trophy is guarded with the utmost care, as representing Indian doll costume in one of its most interesting and elaborate phases. The three dolls grouped in another illustration tell their own story of bead work and design. These are striking and intricate, and give vivid impression of the painstaking care put forth by the women of the tribes in preparing playthings for their little girls.

Mary Anna's Dream

By MARGARET M. HAMILTON

MARY ANNA tidied the living-room hurriedly. On the table she had placed her pocket-book and grey shopping-bag. It had to be done. The Times warned procrastinators that Christmas was but seven days distant. Mary Anna gave a longing glance at the cheerful fireplace, then, walking to the window, looked out on the snowy bleakness of Waterloo street.

cross with today." But there was deeply in his voice when he asked, "Mary Anna, what is Christmas?" But Mary Anna felt so unworthy by this time that she merely pleaded, "Tell me, dear Jesus." And the Christ Child replied: "The world tries at Christmas to celebrate my birthday. Some have feasting and revelry. Some give gifts. But back of all true Christmas celebration must be Love, the kind of love that God had for the world when He gave me."

PEACE ON EARTH Luke 2: 7-14—And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for him in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night, and, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid, and the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the Heavenly host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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BEADS SHOW SYMBOLISM. In the beadwork, as shown in the illustration, there is generous evidence of Indian symbolism. The sky is represented by moons and stars, and the ethnologist is able to read meaning into every detail of the pattern wrought in beads. This costume is one of the valuable treasures of the

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