

## Old Time Christmas Cheer.

'Tis Christmas Eve. The children fast asleep.  
Await the glad surprises of the morn,  
Which loving hearts, enshrined in  
mystery keep  
To greet them on the day that Christ  
was born.

A fragrance of the forest fills the room.  
Where holy wreaths and hemlock  
boughs entwined  
The Christmas bounty with their win-  
ter bloom.  
And Nature lends her incense for the  
shrine.

The old-time custom, not yet quite out-  
grown,  
Decreases the stockings by the chim-  
ney side.  
That Santa Claus, descending all alone,  
May find these dumb petitions yawning  
wide.

The old-time Santa Claus would blush,  
I fear,  
In these new days of luxury, and  
prayer  
To hide his meagre load of homespun  
gear  
From contrast with the splendours of  
to-day.

Nay, Christmas Past, we will not blush  
for you.  
Nor hide the Santa Claus of earlier  
days.

For hearts were rich, though gifts were  
plain and few.  
And love was kind, though schooled  
in humblest ways.

Nor wealth, nor luxury of art can give  
A deeper joy than we in childhood  
knew.  
Though love meant toil, where all must  
toil to live.  
Yet love found room for Christmas  
stockings too.

Those, beehood stockings—knit of blue  
and gray.  
By aged hands, long skilled in works  
of grace.  
A saving grace, that keeps the wolf at  
bay.  
They mind me still of her dear saint-  
ly face.

In Christmas Eve, by early candle-  
light.  
The empty stockings hung in mute  
array  
Beside the chimney place, but out of  
sight  
We knew a store of Christmas good-  
ies lay.

Sleepings from the trundle-bed, to  
see  
"Which bulged the most," kept all  
the brood astir  
Till mother's kindly warnings hushed  
the fire.  
Because our watching only hindered  
her.

Dear mother-heart, so often sorely  
tried.  
Dear totting hands and tireless will-  
ing feet;  
Whose every gift to us was sanctified  
By loving toil, and made more truly  
sweet;

Our mother's love, within our hearts,  
as then  
In happy days of far-off childhood's  
home.  
Or here, or there, beyond our human  
ken.  
Lives on to bless us, whereso'er we  
 roam!

Our stern browed father, who would  
blush to own  
In words the love that filled his  
honest breast.  
Whose care and tenderness were brave-  
ly shown  
In unrelenting toil for all the rest,  
Looked on in mild approval of our joy,  
Nor quite forgot that he too once  
was young  
In our delight with some new "bought-  
en" toy.  
While all the happy brood its praises  
sung.

And then, perchance, when we had  
reached the toe  
Of that long stocking,—worth its  
weight in gold.  
We found a tiny parcel hid below  
That held a shining slipper,  
wealth untold.

Dear Christmas Past, whose unforget-  
ten joys  
Have grown more precious with each  
passing year.  
We greet you, your old-fashioned  
girls and boys  
Who shared the homely old-time  
Christmas Cheer.  
—Hannah Warner.

### Seasonable Ships.

Rosemary once played a far greater  
part than holly in the Christmas  
decorations.

"Carol" is from two Latin words—  
cantare, sing, and rota, an inter-  
section of joy.

The Christmas season proper lasts  
for twelve days. An old writer calls  
it the "Twelve Days Madnesse."

Icelanders reckon a person's age,  
not by his birthdays, but by the num-  
ber of Christmas Days he has seen.

The first Christmas carol, and the  
basis of scores of others, was the  
"Gloria in Excelsis," sung by the  
angels to the shepherds.

Christmas "boxes" got the name  
from the earthen (pottery) boxes in  
which apprentices collected largesse  
at Christmas from their masters' cus-  
tomers.

The custom of giving presents at  
Christmas is Pagan in origin. Once,  
the custom was confined to New  
Year's Day.

"Julkings," a term which still sur-  
vives in rural parts of the north, are  
Christmas gifts—Yule presents—  
which was obtained by banking or  
"clapping" the doors of the donors.

In These  
Days of  
Many Wants  
and Few  
Dollars  
One must  
Think Quick  
and Act Smart  
in order  
to make  
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# THE BIGGEST EVENT Ever Witnessed Here Since the Days of Reasonable Prices

This sale will end the old year and begin the new one with the most encourag-  
ing facts, not news of the times, to the man or woman having their earnings ad-  
justed by the adverse world conditions.

## A Sale that Every Man, Woman and Child in This City should Attend

### Ladies' Coats

Brand New Coats just opened,  
sizes up to 50. The cream of the  
season. If you have not purchased  
yours, or if you could not get  
one to suit, we almost guarantee  
your being able to do so here  
now.

### Women's \$5.00 Waists 98 cts.

Just unpacked. Purchased at a tremendous price con-  
cession.

Women's Georgette, Silk and Crepe-de-Chene \$12.00 value  
Waists for 3.98

Just unpacked, a whole counter full. Waists in this lot are  
worth as much as \$12.00. Not too late for a useful and  
appreciable gift.

### Dresses, \$8.98

Just opened in Silk and Tricotine.

### Dresses, \$12.50 & \$16.50

Also a few at higher prices.

ALL NEW, JUST UNPACKED.

Ladies, this is our most sensation-  
al lot of Dresses ever offered. Our  
reputation is behind the statement

### Men's Overcoats

15.00, 24.00  
and 36.00

Radically Reduced

### Boys' Overcoats

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Any in the Store

### Men's Suits

32.50

Former prices up to 50.00

### Ladies' Raincoats

3.98

and

13.98

Buy now while  
we are in the hum-  
or to give them  
away

### Men's Raincoats

13.48

40.00 values.

Don't fail to  
see them

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Plaids, Checks, all  
colors and styles  
Also showing at higher  
prices just a few of  
the better kind

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Your choice of our  
entire stock. The  
most sensational pri-  
ces ever offered.

All mail orders accompanied  
by remittances will receive  
our personal attention. Mon-  
ey returned if merchandise  
not suitable.

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Per Pair  
Brown and Black

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Braziers,  
Camisoles,  
Handkerchiefs,  
Ear Rings  
Hand Bags  
Rings  
All at Gift  
Prices.

### Ladies' Suits

19.50 and 29.50

Don't wait until later.

Buy now when Prices are  
right.

A quantity to pick from.

### Ladies' Fur Coats

At Gift Prices. Only a  
Few Left.

### Furs and Scarfs

10.48 and 19.48

Your choice of almost  
any Fur in this Store

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Without the use of ex-  
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are safe in saying that this  
Sale will usher in the most  
attractive bargain demon-  
stration ever witnessed here.  
This low price demonstra-  
tion will take place at this  
store and will continue every  
business day until further  
notice.

Our entire store of goods  
will be thrown in at prices  
that will astound. All our  
new goods coming in daily  
included.

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