

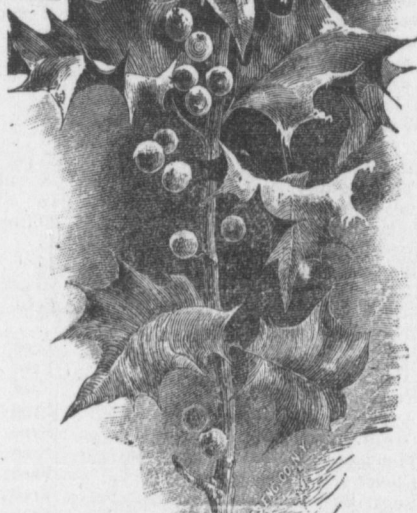
12th Month.]

DECEMBER.

[31 Days.



				Chatham District.			
DAY	YEAR.	DAY	MONTH.	DAY	WEEK.	Sun	Moon's
						Rises.	Phases.
						Sets.	
						Rises.	
335	1	M				h. m.	h. m.
336	2	T				7 14	4 24
337	3	W				7 15	4 24
338	4	T				7 16	4 23
339	5	F				7 18	4 23
340	6	S				7 18	4 23
341	7	SUN				7 19	4 23
342	8	M				7 20	4 23
343	9	T				7 21	4 23
344	10	W				7 22	4 23
345	11	T				7 23	4 23
346	12	F				7 24	4 23
347	13	S				7 25	4 23
348	14	SUN				7 25	4 23
349	15	M				7 26	4 23
350	16	T				7 27	4 24
351	17	W				7 28	4 24
352	18	T				7 28	4 24
353	19	F				7 29	4 25
354	20	S				7 30	4 25
355	21	SUN				7 30	4 26
356	22	M				7 31	4 26
357	23	T				7 32	4 27
358	24	W				7 32	4 28
359	25	T				7 32	4 28
360	26	F				7 33	4 29
361	27	S				7 33	4 29
362	28	SUN				7 33	4 30
363	29	M				7 33	4 30
364	30	T				7 34	4 31
365	31	W				7 34	4 32



CHRISTMAS.

The institution of the Christmas festival is attributed to Pope Tiesphorus, who died A. D. 138, and from that time it has always been one of the most noted of Christian solemnities. At first it was the most movable of the festive days, often confounded with the Epiphany, and celebrated by the eastern churches in April and May. In the fourth century Pope Julius I. ordered an investigation as to the day of Christ's nativity. The result of the inquiry by the theologians of the East and West was an agreement upon the 25th of December. The chief grounds of this decision were the tables of the censors in the archives of Rome; and, although all the fathers did not consider that the proofs were authentic or sufficient, the day was uniformly accepted, and from that time the nativity has been celebrated by christendom (except by the Greek Church) on the same day. It has also been a common tradition that Christ was born about the middle of the night.

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CHRISTMAS.