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## Bethlehem Star



HIS old sobbing world of ours is one year older than it was when the last Christmas carol was chanted. It has had another twelvemonth of experiments and of experience, of advancement on many lines of human research and acquisition. But it has not outgrown Jesus Christ. For Him it has discovered no substitute. The star of Bethlehem is the only star that never sets. Jesus Christ alone can satisfy all human necessities and the loftiest of human inspirations. Christianity is the only universal religion, the only one adapted to all ages of life, to all human conditions, to all races and all nationalities. Other lights have arisen, waned and vanished forever. The Greek mythology is as utterly shaken to ruin as its own splendid Parthenon. The chief religions of Asia—Brahmanical, Buddhist and Moslem—are all limited and local; they are all moribund. While they make no inroads on Christianity, the religion of Bethlehem and Calvary makes constant inroads upon them. The systems of error which Paul and Peter fought have vanished out of sight, and the whole East is catching glimpses of the star that first dawned over Judea's sky. In spiritual dynamics blood tells, and God has trusted His gospel of salvation to the most powerful races on the globe.

## A Gay Holiday Design



The living-room mirror, lamp and table are included in the composition of this decoration.

## Differ on Christ's Birthday

THE early Christmas were divided as to the date on which the nativity of Christ should be celebrated. Some of these celebrated it on the first or sixth of January, other groups observed September 29 and still another March 29. As early as the fourth century, however, the period of the new year had been generally accepted as the time for celebrating Christ's birth. The Western branch of the church observed December 25 and the Eastern church January 6. Finally it was decided that all should celebrate December 25. Pope Julius I, who presided in the first half of the fourth century, is credited with having set the date.

## Reses at Christmas.

The fact that we can get flowers out of doors at Christmas time is in itself a sufficient justification for growing the Christmas rose, but besides that it is worth growing for itself, says Country Life in America. Its large white flowers, fully two inches across, resembling those of a giant single rose, although as a matter of fact it belongs to the same family as the buttercup, never fail to excite enthusiasm in the season of snow and ice. The plant itself grows only six to eight inches high, and the large, greenish-white flowers are borne in clusters and nestle closely among the dark green leaves.

## Christmas Trees by Million

NURSERYMEN grow large quantities of Norway spruce for Christmas uses—rather more in the middle West, where conifers are not common in the woods, than on the eastern and western coasts, where they fringe every hillside. But the tree most commonly used is a short-needle pine found in the woods of Northern Michigan and Wisconsin. Early in September the Indians about the lumber camps of this region are set to work cutting these trees for the market, and by early November a little fleet of vessels makes its way down Lake Michigan, a Christmas tree hauled to the foremast of each one, that by this sign all may know that in their holds is a cargo which might not tempt a Captain Kidd, but is far more precious than many a one for which good ships have been scuttled.

## Our Commercialized Christmas.

Christmas is the decoration day of a commercial age. Then, as on no other day, we face with compassion those who have fallen in our battles for wealth. For a moment we think of the thousands of children who have no share in that easy life we give our children, and must find the season's joy in the charity dinner. Along with the barter to which we have debased our giving within our circle of acquaintances, we play at extending the spirit of the day to those who are the pawns of our industrial game. The Salvation army lass, standing cold and numb on the street corner, collecting funds for Christmas baskets for the poor, reminds us of the wreckage left in the wake of our prosperity. We give a trifle to help the poor temper the bitterness of the year with a couple of hours' good eating.

## A PESSIMIST.

Duck: I'll bet I get a raincoat, or a pair of rubbers, or something like that for Christmas.



## Coffin-Shaped Pie Crusts.

Selden, the antiquary, tells us that Christmas pies were formerly baked in a coffin-shaped crust to represent the cratch or manger in which our Saviour was laid.

## ANDROCK CORNER

A Merry Christmas to all who have to do with the

Andrews Wire Works

We send good will to those we serve and to those who serve us; and to all we wish the merriest of Merry Christmases and a bounteous portion of the good things that the New Year has in store.

ANDREWS WIRE WORKS OF CANADA, LIMITED

## WANT COLUMN.

LIVE HORSES BOUGHT at the highest price, also injured horses.—LETT BROS., fur ranchers, lot 18, con. 13, Brooke; Rural phone 48-21. Watford P. O. Phone messages at our expense.

WORK WANTED—All kinds of repairs done to Furniture, Cabinets, etc., or Upholstered. Bring your work to me or I will call for it and give estimate. Terms reasonable. Phone 857. jllf J. TOMLIN, Erie St.

CORRUGATED IRON, Preston Safe-Lock Shingles, Metal Ceilings and all kinds of metal goods. Also Brantford Asphalt Shingles and Roofing. Anyone requiring any supplies in this line will find it to their advantage to get in touch with GEO. O. STEVENSON, Phone 74, Watford. n19tf

10 Little Pigs for Sale, 6 weeks old, \$5 each.—Apply to Roy Miller, phone 49-1-3, Watford.

FOR SALE—A Gillette Safety Razor, never been used. Quickest buyer will get it. Apply to Thos. Prangley.

FOUND—On McGregor street, a Child's ring. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying for this ad.

THE HURON & ERIE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, London, pay 5 1/2% interest on Debentures of \$100 up, running from 1 to 5 years. Debentures renewed without cost.—S. Davidson, agent, Watford. 17-2

There's a Photographer in Petrolia ROBSON



## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Pursuant to the requirements of the Canada Highways Act, separate sealed tenders marked Tender for Contract No. " " will be received by the undersigned until 12 o'clock noon, Monday, January 10th, 1921, for the construction of concrete structures on the Provincial Highway as follows:—

Contract No. 246, Township of Warwick, Section B.

Contract No. 247, Township of London and Biddulph.

Contract No. 248, Township of London.

Contract No. 306, Township of East Williams.

Contract No. 307, Township of West Williams.

The above culverts are on roads on which tenders for pavement were called in advertisement of December 9th, 1920.

Plans and specifications may be seen on and after Monday, December 20th, 1920, at the office undersigned, and at the office of J. M. Empey, Resident Engineer, St. Mary's.

A marked cheque for \$500.00 or an approved Guaranty Company's bid bond must accompany each tender. A Guaranty Company's bond for 25 per cent. of the amount of the contract will be required when the contract is signed.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Department of Public Highways, Ontario, December 18th, 1920.

W. A. McLEAN, Deputy Minister of Highways.

## Christmas Greetings!

THE Season prompts us to extend our thanks to our many friends for their steady and increasing patronage.

During the year 1921 we shall endeavor to show our appreciation by giving you the best service within our power.

## The People's Store

W. A. WILLIAMS  
ARKONA

## Christmas Dances

The Armory, Watford

Dancing Christmas Afternoon and Evening

GRAND YULE-TIDE SEASON  
INFORMAL DANCE

Monday Evening, December 27th

AT 8.30 P. M.

MUSIC BY WATFORD DANCE AND CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Added Feature for Monday Evening—Five Pound Box Chocolates for the lady holding the lucky coupon.

TICKETS—Christmas Afternoon 50c each  
Christmas Evening 50c each  
Monday Evening \$1.00 couple

## EXIDE BATTERY SERVICE

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

We are now equipped and in a position to give first-class service on all makes of Batteries, as we can repair or rebuild any make. We specialize on the "EXIDE."

## Oxy-Acetylene Welding

We have an Oxy-Acetylene Welding outfit and are now prepared to weld any kind of metal. WE GUARANTEE OUR WORK ON CRACKED WATER JACKETS AND CYLINDER CASTINGS.

CARBON REMOVED while you wait by oxygen process.

Thanking you for past patronage and Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year.

WILLIAMS BROS.' GARAGE