

On Christmas Eve

When Pa and Ma Their Vigils Keep, and Little Boys Should Be Asleep.

LAST night I had a dandy time. 'Twas night 'fore Christmas too. Ma put me early into bed, 'Jus' like they always do. The night 'fore Christmas, an' I lay As still as I could keep. An' made my pa an' ma believe 'At I was fast asleep.



I SAID "BOO, MR. SANTY CLAUS!"
Well, by an' by I heard a noise,
An' then I seen my pa,
Who says to ma, "Is he asleep?"
"Of course he is," says ma.
An' then they fetched a lot uv stuff,
A photograph an' sled,
An' shakes an' things, an' put 'em all Beside my trundle bed.
An' then pa filled my stockin' full,
An' then both slipped near,
An' ma she tucked me in ag'in,
An' said, "The little deer."
An' then I see right up in bed,
An', eh, I had such fun!
I said "Boo, Mr. Santy Claus!"
An' pa an' ma both run.
—Four Track News.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES.

Recipes which the Amateur Confectioner May Find Useful.
Peanut Candy.—To make peanut candy, shell and break into small pieces with a rolling pin one quart of peanuts. Boil for ten minutes, stirring constantly, one pound of light brown sugar and six ounces of butter. Just before taking from the fire add the peanuts. Pour into fat, buttered tins and set away to cool.
Peppermint Creams.—Boll together, without stirring, two cups of sugar and half a cup of water. When thick enough to spin a thread remove the tin to a basin of cold water and beat the mixture rapidly until it becomes of a white, creamy consistency. Flavor with peppermint and squeeze through a pastry tube into quarter dollar sized drops on waxed paper.
Chocolate Peppermint Creams.—Make like the above, and when the drops are almost cooled dip into a pan of melted and sweetened chocolate. These are particularly delicious.
Hickory Nut Creams.—Boll sugar and water as for peppermint creams. Cool, beat, and when the mixture is white stir in one cup of hickory nut meats. Turn into a fat, warm tin and cut into squares.

Women Appreciate the silky texture—the satiny smoothness—the luxurious warmth and comfort—of

Stanfield's Truro-Knit Ladies' Underwear

It's made of carefully selected wool—the kind used in the best grades of fingering yarn. The process of cleaning, combing, and knitting, makes it impossible for the woven garments to shrink. We—and your dealer—guarantee "Truro-Knit" Underwear absolutely unshrinkable. We—and your dealer—stand ready at any time to refund your money should Stanfield's "Truro-Knit" Underwear prove otherwise. All sizes to perfectly fit every figure.



CHRISTMAS TREES.

From Time Immemorial Part of the Holiday Celebration.

From time immemorial a tree has been a part of the Christmas celebration. It may be seen outside the traditional mangers in the missals and early paintings of the pre-raphaite Italian school. In the tree or near it are seen angels in flowing robes singing out of a scroll of illuminated paper the "Paces on Heaven and Good Will Toward Men" or "Glory, Glory, Hallelulah!"

The correct German Christmas tree always has an angel or a Christkind on the topmost branch, with a tinseled star at the end of a staff, like a pantomime fairy, and if the tree belongs to a very orthodox family there is usually at its foot a small toy group representing the Saviour's birth in the stable at Bethlehem.

The lights on the tree are said to be of Jewish origin. In the ninth month of the Jewish year, corresponding nearly to our December, and on the twenty-fifth day, the Jews celebrated the feast of dedication of their temple. It had been desecrated on that day by Antiochus. It was dedicated by Judas Maccabeus, and then, according to the Jewish legend, sufficient oil was found in the temple to last for the seven branched candlestick for seven days, and it would have taken seven days to prepare new oil. Accordingly the Jews were wont on the 25th of Kislev in every house to light a candle, on the next day two, and so on till on the seventh and last day of the feast seven candles twinkled in every house.

It is not easy to fix the exact date of the Nativity, but it fell most probably on the last day of Kislev, when every Jewish house in Bethlehen and Jerusalem was twinkling with lights. It is worthy of notice that the German name for Christmas is Weibacht (the night of dedication), as though it were associated with this feast. The Greeks also call Christmas the feast of lights, and, indeed, this was also the name given to the dedication festival, Chanuka, by the Jews.—New York Mail and Express.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

W. A. Dobson, R. A., It is Claimed, Was Their Originator.

Until now most people who took an interest in the matter would have credited either the late Sir Henry Cole or J. C. Horsley, R. A., with the production of the first Christmas card, and they would have put the date down as 1843. But a new claimant is now put forward, the late W. A. Dobson, R. A., and his claim is supported with circumstantial detail.
The birth of the Christmas card is put back two years, to 1844. Mr. Dobson was a lonely young man, who one day conceived the idea of acknowledging the kindness of a friend by sending him a picture illustrative of the festive season—a cheerful family group surrounded by the familiar Christmas accessories.
The distant friend was delighted, showed it to other friends, and Mr. Dobson was encouraged the following year to secure the aid of the local lithographer. Then came initiators one after another until ten years later the business man stepped in to make money out of what was originally a work of love. But the ambitious Christmas cards of today are a long remove from the primitive Father Christmas and Robin Redbreasts of sixty years ago.—London Chronicle.

Alone at Christmas.

If in this age of organizations innumerable there is room for one more, it is for an organization which would bring together, especially on Christmas, those who are alone in the world, particularly women, says the Ladies' Home Journal. Many of us who have our kin closest to us on Christmas day do not stop to realize what our feelings would be if they were not with us. It is so hard to imagine ourselves in a position other than the one we are in. We remember some poor family at Christmas, but at least it is a family. It is together. The one is company for the other even in poverty. We remember the sick, and God blesses those who do. Would that some of us might cast a look around and give a thought to those who are not sick, who are not perhaps poor as the world judges, yet who are alone—some girl, perhaps, alone some woman, alone some young man, some old man, alone! Alone at Christmas!

Bolled Turkey and Oyster Stuffing.
Take a medium sized turkey and stuff it with the following ingredients: Chop four ounces of suet very fine, mix it with six ounces of breadcrumbs, the grated rind of half a lemon, a teaspoonful of chopped parsley, salt, cayenne pepper and grated nutmeg to taste. Take the beards off two dozen oysters, add them and their liquor, strained, and lastly two eggs. Truss the bird, tie it in buttered paper and then in a cloth. Place the turkey, breast downward, in boiling water; let it come again to boil, skim it well and simmer gently for an hour and a half or longer, according to the size of the bird. Serve with rich white sauce.

"You know, they say," remarked Mr. Sloman, gazing dubiously at the mistletoe above her head, "that kissing really spreads disease sometimes."
"Yes?" replied the sweet girl. "By the way, did you know I was vaccinated recently?"

What's in a Name?
Waggles—For heaven's sake, don't put any lighted candles on that Christmas tree!
Mrs. Waggles—Why not, dear?
Waggles—Don't you see it's one of those patent non-inflammable ones?

WITTE ON THE 'PHONE.

Hello! give me Peterhoff—Nick, is that you?

Pretty well, thank you—yes, plenty to do. Spyski, the Cop, has discovered a plot, Twelve thousand moujiks involved in it—what?

Strike on the railroad, the street cars shut down, All the rich foreigners leaving the town Mob on the Nevski—here, get off the wire!

What did you say? Tsarsko-Selo's affair? Mob at Odessa, a mutiny, too, Officers taking up arms with their crew Quell it! All right, I've already begun Sending out Order Twelve Thousand and One.

Factory workers have gone on a jag, Marching along with the bonny red flag Areenak blown up at Cronstadt, I hear Crowds looting churches—that sounds rather queer.

Wing! Gee! that bullet just grazed my left ear. That's about all of the really fresh news Saving the slaughter of four hundred Jews.

Which doesn't count for much. Say, Nick, you bet You'll be a positive Autocrat yet, Saving ten strikes, forty fires and a riot Russia this morning is perfectly quiet. And say, Nick—hello! don't you think I might go Back to old Portsmouth this winter, you know?

I might do well there and greatly increase My reputation as Maker of Peace. —Wallace Irwin in the N. Y. Globe.

King of all Cough Medicines.

Mr. E. G. Case, "a mail carrier of Canton Center, Conn., who has been in the U. S. Service for about sixteen years says: "We have tried many cough medicines for croup but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is king of all and one to be relied upon every time. We also find it the best remedy for coughs and colds, giving certain results and leaving no bad after effects." For sale by all druggists.

ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

Legal Contest Over the Admissibility of Ante-Mortem Statement of Miss Clarke.

ST. JOHN, Dec. 9.—The interest this morning in the preliminary examination of Dr. Preston centered in the legal contest as to the admissibility of Miss Clarke's ante-mortem statement, upon the settlement of which apparently depends to a large extent the fate of the prisoner. Arguments for and against the admission of this evidence were made this morning by the respective counsel, and the magistrate reserved his decision until this afternoon. The point upon which the matter hinges is that an ante-mortem statement is only admissible when made by a person in actual expectation of death, and in this connection the evidence of Mrs. Clark, step-mother of the deceased, as given this morning, is very important. She gave evidence to the effect that Miss Clarke did not expect to recover and seemed so certain of death that she arranged for the disposal of her personal effects, and even made requests concerning her funeral and burial place. The other witnesses were Dr. Scumell, Coroner Berryman and Miss Reynolds, who added little of importance to their testimony given at the inquest.

Limit of Human Agony.

Is often reached with corns. Foolish because Putnam's Corn Extractor cures in twenty-four hours. Don't put off—get "Putnam's" to-day—fifty years in use—painless and sure.

SEIZED FIREARMS.

A large consignment of rifles and shot guns of various makes was received at the Crown Land office yesterday from Game Warden John Robinson of Newcastle. They were seized during the past season from North Shore residents found hunting without a license. In all probability they will be sold at auction. The collection is a rather unique one and includes everything in the shape of arms, from the old gas pipe smoothbore to the modern high power Winchester rifle.—Herald. 8th

Rheumatism

Any lameness from exposure to cold is readily relieved by the use of

Kendrick's Liniment

When properly applied it acts promptly, and relief is certain. KENDRICK'S is a valuable household remedy.

I. C. R. HUNTING FOR CHINAMEN

Were Travelling in Bond and Escaped Between Halifax and Montreal

MONTREAL, Dec. 9.—Four chinamen escaped from the custody of the I C R somewhere between Halifax and Montreal, and the railway officials are now anxious to recapture them to save the payment of \$2,000. The Chinamen were in bond for Vancouver, and unless recovered the railway must pay \$500 head tax each. The payment would be from one department of the government to another, but would cost the I C R finances just the same.

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

At the provincial government meeting Thursday Hon W. P. Jones solicitor general, was appointed to enquire into the operation and administration of the liquor license law in Gloucester and Victoria counties. A special court will be held to enquire into charges made against the liquor license commissioners and inspector in Gloucester county for not prosecuting when information is furnished them. An investigation will take place with regard to alleged irregularities by G. Miles McCrae the inspector of Victoria county, who is reported not to have made returns. The solicitor general will also enquire into the charges against John B. Stevenson, J. P., of Tobique River, who is alleged to have used his official position improperly protecting alleged violators. It was arranged that the premier and Surveyor General Sweeney should attend the convention of the Canadian Foresters' Association in Quebec next week.

Orders were issued for the payment of smallpox accounts in Chatham and Charlotte and Sunbury counties.

How to get Consumption

Ninety per cent. of the "hungers" contract consumption by allowing power of resistance to fall so low that a favorable condition for the development of the bacilli is provided. In a healthy system consumption can't take root. But where there is weakness and debility, there you find tuberculosis. For developing strength and building up the weak, nothing equals Ferrozone. It makes the blood nutritious and the nerves entering. The way it converts food into nutriment, the appetite it gives is surprising. Just what the man yearning on consumption needs,—that's Ferrozone. If tired and weak don't put off: Fifty cents buys a box of fifty tablets—at all dealers.

GREAT HOLIDAY SALE.

We have made Preparation for a Big Holiday Sale to Commence

FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 15

Watch for Xmas Bargains. Our Shop is full of them.

- Note a Few of The Prices:
- MEN'S SUITS, regular price \$6 for \$4; regular price \$7.50 for \$5.50; regular price \$9 for \$6.50.
 - EXTRA SPECIAL. Men's Blue Suits (limited quantity), regular price \$12.00 for \$8.50.
 - MEN'S OVERCOATS, less 33 p. c. off the regular price, prices from \$3.75 to \$9.00.
 - MEN'S REEFERS, dark grey Frieze, with storm collar, well made, regular \$5, for \$2.85.
 - MEN'S REEFERS, lined with lamb skin from \$3.50 to \$4.90.
 - MEN'S VESTS in fancy worsted, serge, tweed and leather, at 33 p. c. less than regular price.
 - MEN'S WHITE SHIRTS, regular price 75c for 48c; regular price \$1 for 70c; regular price \$1.25 for 90c.
 - MEN'S COLLARS, Cuffs, Ties, Hoes, Kid and Woolen Gloves and Mitts, at 33 p. c. less regular price.
 - MEN'S PANTS from 95c to \$3.40.
 - MEN'S UNDERWEAR, heavy wool fleeced lined, regular 60c, for 45c; all wool, medium weight, regular 60c for 45c; all wool, heavy weight, unshrinkable, regular 75c for 55c; all wool, heavy weight, unshrinkable, regular \$1 for 75c.
 - BOYS SUITS, different styles, prices from 85c up.
 - BOYS REEFERS. Blue cloth with fancy buttons, big collar at \$1.25. Grey heavy frieze, with storm collar, sateen and cloth lined well made, the kind for boys to wear, regular price \$2.75, for \$1.85.
 - BOYS OVERCOATS, Pants, Underwear, Shirts, Collars, Hose, Gloves at 33 p. c. less regular price.
 - LADIES COATS, Skirts, Waists, Underwear, Hose, Wrappers, Silk Belts, Fancy Collars, Gloves, Mitts, etc, less 33 p. c. off the regular price.
 - DRESS GOODS, Cotton, Flannel Flannelette, Prints, Table Cloths, Table Linens, Wrapporette, Cloth and Serges (for suits), velvet, etc, at 25 to 33 p. c. less the regular price.
 - BOOTS AND SHOES for Ladies Men and Children, less 33 p. c. off the regular price.
 - HOUSE FURNITURE. Parlor Suites, 5 pieces, hand carved, velour cover, regular \$25 for \$16. Parlor Suites, 5 pieces, Wilton rug cover, regular price \$42, for \$29. Parlor Suite, 5 pieces, plush and rug covers, regular price \$50, for \$36. Extension Tables, in hardwood and oak, Sideboards, Bedroom Suites, Bureaus, Washstands, Ladies' Dressers, Beds, Springs, Mattresses, Chairs for dining room and kitchen, Rockers, etc, all at 33 p. c. less regular price.

Do Not Miss This Sale.

Come and get the best bargains ever offered, as goods will not last long at this sale. Always pleased to show our goods.

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Moffat Block, Known as the "LION STORE"

We buy all kinds of Hides and Raw Furs. Best prices paid. Come and see us before selling.