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The *Christmas Ladies' Home Journal* opens with a page of pictures of beautiful children selected from thousands of portraits. The children's holiday greeting is a pleasing introduction to the excellent articles pertaining to the great festal season. One of these interestingly describes Christmas in the Palace at Potsdam, telling how the German Emperor and Empress and the Royal children celebrate the day. There are also two admirable short stories, "Christmas at 'The Hollyhocks,'" and "Christmas at the 'Trimbles.'"

A feature that will arouse widespread interest is the first letters of a series giving "The Inner Experiences of a Cabinet Member's Wife." They present an inside view of Washington's political and social life as has never before been done in any magazine. The letters will occasion much surprise. A reading of the first instalment makes obvious the reason for withholding the writer's name.

Every reader of fiction will be delighted to find the opening chapter of Hamlin Garland's new serial, "The Doctor." Mary E. Wilkins carries her readers into her favorite realm, New England, in one of her sketches, "The Christmas Sing in Our Village," and Lilian Bell, in her second letter from London, sums up her studies of English men and women at short range in keen and brilliant epigram.

Edward W. Bok points out how to make pleasanter the Christmas of the youth and the aged, and decries the use of slang by girls, and the habit of talking about one's ills. The only correct and authorized version of "The Lost Chord" ever published in this country appears, with an autograph note by its famous composer, Sir Arthur Sullivan.

Practical articles on Christmas tell of suitable things to make for gifts, and detail games, amusements, etc. Mrs. Rorer, in addition to her cooking lesson, has an instructive article on candy-making, and another on how to set the Christmas dinner-table, and cook and serve the dinner.