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### CHRISTMAS

This is Christmas Day. The Observer wishes every one of its thousands of readers the merriest Christmas possible. May the old have comfort and cheer and the blessed youth of the land all merriment that is fit and good.

During its whole existence The Observer has each year urged its readers to make Christmas Day a day of forgiving and forgetting—forgetting all but the holy event that the day commemorates.

Let us unite today in forgiving our enemies. This is not a new message from The Observer: it was given in our first Christmas issue. Years have passed since then, and we have seen more of life and of grievances between man and man, between women, between neighbors, between lovers, between politicians, between employers and employees, between church congregations, even between little children—and we have come to know for a certainty that by far the most of the grievances are fancied and not real. There is a common ground to which we all can come to a happy understanding. Where Reason sits enthroned there is also room for Love, the fountain-head of which became incarnate centuries ago this day.

A Merry Christmas to every one of you.

### Smuggling Booz

A boat came up the river the other evening after dusk with a sugar barrel filled with Canadian whiskey in long neckers aboard.

says the Bath Times. It made three stops at the north end and one at the gas house wharf and the contents of the sugar barrel was lowered considerably before Frank Decker received his allotment of twenty-three quarts which the deputy sheriff seized. It is said that the whiskey is obtained from a schooner that makes trips from Canadian ports and lies off the coast of Maine beyond the three-mile limit, so that it is beyond the reach of the law. When the weather is threatening or stormy, the schooner comes into a secluded harbor and rides there out of harm from the weather. Supplies are smuggled from her to whiskey peddlers in small boats who bring the liquor to various Maine cities and so relieve the drought at from \$10 to \$15 per relief.

### Be Ready For Emergencies

The best way is to always keep a bottle of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine in the house ready for emergencies. Then when croup, or cold come sudden they can be promptly cured before they have time to reach an acute and dangerous stage. To meet this requirement we have put the syrup up in family size bottles which contain nearly three times as much as the 50 cent bottle and sell at 60 cents.

### River Bank

Mrs. Howard Kennedy of Hartland has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hunter.

Mrs. George Elliot who has been very ill is recovering.

Rupert Long is lumbering with Jay Dow and Clayton Schriver assistants.

Mrs. Willard Hunter was called to St. John last week on account of the death of her sister.

Rev. Hedley Bragdon, was calling at the home of Rupert Long on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smalley spent the week-end with their parents.

Mrs. James McLennan spent Saturday in Hartland.

The young folks of this place have been enjoying the past week skating.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tompkins took tea with Mr. and Mrs. Jones Sunday.

The people of this place were very sorry to hear of the sudden death of Thomas Wagon.

Miss Helena Long spent Tuesday in Woodstock.

School closed Wednesday. The people of this place were sorry to lose our popular young teacher, Verna Derchant.

Mrs. Fred. Lovely and Mrs. Rupert Long took a trip to Hartland last week.

Pearl Long who has been attending high school at Woodstock is home for Xmas Holidays.

## Different Now, But Christmas Just the Same

By DeLyle F. Cass

In olden days they used to bring a bear's head smoking into the forest and drag the holly-grown Yule-log to the great fireplace with special ceremony.

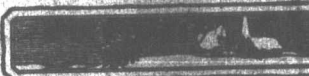
And years afterwards the custom was for bands of swarthy roving boys to go from house to house on Christmas morning, standing grouped in the street and singing carols of joy to the mellow resonance of bells.

And in grandfather's time folks made up jolly, rollicking sleighing parties, where all muffled up snugly and let out the horses, with the iron runners gliding swiftly over the hard-packed snow.

But Mollie and I live in a little house in town, where the sanitary department keeps the streets swept clean of snow; where there are municipal rules against chopping down trees and no fireplaces in which to burn the logs, even if we had them; where the policeman on the beat probably would arrest the Christmas volunteers if they came around and woke up the neighbors by singing early in the morning.

Mollie and I just wake up the kids and let them tumble downstairs to see the tree we trimmed the night before, and then let them utter up the parlor, while she sits quietly on the top of my chair and I smoke, watching them as they go about the day afterwards.

But, let me tell you, friends, it's Christmas, just the same!



### A CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITION

In the west of England it was once firmly believed that anyone who visited a cattle shed on Christmas eve would hear the beasts conversing. But such a visit was considered perfidious; the irreverent eavesdropper being likely to hear words of ill omen, as in the

legend of the farmer who heard his own comparing mournful notes of a certain hard day's work that lay before them in the future. "It is a long way up the hill to the churchyard, and our master is heavy," Brand speaks of a west country peasant who told him that he had himself seen cattle fill on their knees at the Holy Hour, and heard them utter a groan "like Christian creatures."

Unusual.  
A curious case  
Is Henry Gove.  
He publicly admits  
He is even.

### His Exhibit

"I heard the romantic young man you were interested in departed from his lady's presence inspired like a true knight."

"How was that?"

"Well, her father was booted and he was spurred."

### CLEVER

"Jimmy, what are the advantages of living in the temperate zone?" asked the teacher at the close of the geography lesson.

"None," answered Jimmy, bluntly. "Why, Jimmy?" expostulated the teacher. "You know we live in the temperate zone."

"Yes, I know," declared Jimmy. "An' it takes all father can earn to buy less in summer an' coal in winter."

A few weeks later Jimmy was going into the third grade, having successfully passed the holiday examinations, and his parting with his beloved teacher was painful.

"Oh, teacher!" he wailed, "I wish you knew enough to teach the third grade, so you could come along an' teach me next year."

Jimmy is getting along well in these days.

### The Reason

"Nobody at weddings ever gives the bridegroom away."

"Of course not; you couldn't find anybody that much."

For 23 Years

We have been giving

## Xmas Greeting

to the people of Hartland and vicinity. This year we give the same, with thanks for the best trade we ever had.

Estey & Curtis Co., Ltd.,

Kodaks, Printing and Developing, Music and Stationery

The *Rexall* Store

HARTLAND, N. B.

## Buy a Cremonophone for Xmas

A beautiful Mahogany Veneered Case Table Machine with

12 latest selections of music and songs	\$ 50
One Table Machine, drop top, with 16 selections	75
One Large Table Machine, with 20 selections	90
One Stand Machine with 28 selections	125
One Cabinet Phonograph with 30 selections	140
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## Dress Swell

Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats tailored in the latest styles and materials

Men and Boy's Mackinaw Coats

Men and Boys' Separate Pants

Big Values in Men and Boys' Sweater Coats

Ladies' Sweaters. A good line of the latest colors and styles

Men and Boy's Mufflers in Silk and Brushed Wool

Fancy Ties for Ymas Gifts



Trunks, Suit Cases and Club Bags

"NUF SED"

B. B. DYKEMAN

O. A. Hovey, Manager

HARTLAND, N. B.

## Nice Goods for New Years

AT

## CARR'S

The Little Store with the Low Prices

Jello, Gelatine, Strawberry and Raspberry Jam, Orange Marmalade, Citron and Lemon Peel, Dates, Raisins and Currants, Essences, Cocoa, Macaroni, Spaghetti, Spices, Canned Peaches, Pears and Pineapple, Pure Cream Tartar, Mince Meat, Corned Beef, Beef and Vegetable Stew, Sardines, Worcester Sauce, Campbell's and Snider's Soups, Orange Pekoe, Lipton's Red Rose and King Cole Tea, Chase and Sanborn's Coffees, Grape Nuts, Corn Flakes, Shredded Wheat, etc.

Toys, Candies, Nuts, Lard, Flour, Sugar, Fancy Biscuits, Boots, Shoes, Dry Goods, etc., etc.

Don't forget the place—the only general store on the Eastern side of the Railway.

JOHN T. G. CARR