

Christmas Joys

The olden days, the golden days
They all come back to me,
As happily the children crowd
Around the Christmas tree,
I see once more the comrades true
March onward by my side,
I hear the echo of their songs
To greet the Christmas tide.

In olden days, in golden days
My thoughts were high and bold,
Out on the glory of this hour
When in my arms I hold
The gifts that love has brought to me,
They fill my heart with pride,
As I join in their happy songs
To greet the Christmas tide.

CHRISTMAS 1924

How shall we come to the Christmas of 1924? Shall it be with despair in our hearts of the final triumph of good over evil, or dare we, despite the voices of the present and the dark fears for the future, declare our faith in the words of Browning's innocent child, and say:

God's in His Heaven;
All's right with the world?"

The answer is simple. Leave Him out of His heaven and out of His world, and Christmas, with its glorious song of old, is little less than a mockery. But hold to the faith that has stayed and steadied unnumbered multitudes of earth's finest spirits in days when those about you will greet the dawn of the new Christmas with a deep and satisfying peace.

Here, is an optimism that will hail the coming Christmas not because it ignores the facts, an optimism that

knows that, though mighty empires have come and gone, and darkness settled over many a nation like an impenetrable gloom, the world has steadily, if slowly, rolled out of darkness into light. This is not the only era in human history when civilization has seemed to be drifting toward the rocks, with no watcher at the bow and no hand on the helm.

Would any of us like to go back to the days when man was emerging from his arboreal life? Do we pine for the civilization of Babylon or Egypt, or Rome, with the world mostly slaves. Have we made no progress even through nights of French Revolutions and Russian horrors? Look back over human history and trace the upward climb, and mark the larger world into which humanity has come since that first Christmas day, and despair will give place to hope, and the song of Browning's maid will not seem so mad a dream.

SALT AND ITS USES

One grows so accustomed to having salt always in evidence in the kitchen that little thought is given to its usefulness outside of the realm of cooking. It has various uses, however, that should not be overlooked in spite of its importance in keeping food from being tasteless.

For instance a little salt rubbed on the cups will take off tea stains and if put into whitewash will make it stick better. As a tooth powder it will keep the teeth white and the gums hard and rosy. If salt and water are used to clean willow furniture, apply it with a brush and rub it dry and the results will be most satisfactory. Salt and water held in the mouth after having a tooth pulled will assist in stopping the bleeding.

Prints rinsed with it in the water will hold the color and look better. Silk handkerchiefs and ribbons should be washed in salt and water and ironed wet to obtain the best results. As a fertilizer salt is very valuable. Thoroughly wetting the hair once or twice with a solution of salt and water will keep it from falling out.



Gift Sale Notice !



SALE ENDS
DECEMBER 18
AT 8.45

DRAWING AT
9 P. M.

All ticket holders bear in mind, Sale ends one week from today, Thursday, December 18th. Coupons will be given out all day Thursday until 8.45 p. m.. Drawing will take place at 9 p. m. in Middleton Rink.

Be sure your coupons are present as prizes are to be awarded that night and if the lucky coupons are not presented when called for, another drawing will be made.

Either bring your coupons or write your name on the back and send to G. Fred Fisher, Secretary, keeping record of the numbers you hold. The numbers of the lucky coupons will be seen in The Outlook of Dec. 25th.

Every one present holding several coupons will do well to have a list of the numbers they hold so they can tell in a minute if they have won. This will save you looking at each coupon.

Remember every coupon gives you a chance on all four gifts and the more you have the better your chance. During the last four days, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday all twenty two of the merchants are making Special Displays of Xmas Gifts and they want you to buy your Xmas Gifts then so they can give you more coupons on the gifts. Do Not Put it Off.

Buy Xmas Gifts while the Sale is on, as the last ticket you get may be the lucky one.

Remember tickets given until 8.45 on Thursday evening Drawing at 9 p. m. Everyone welcome. Do not miss it. Be there ready to claim your gift when the lucky numbers are called out.

WILMOT

Dec. 8—Mrs. Walter Kelly returned from Boston on Friday, coming by way of St. John where she spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Magee and family who recently went from Middleton to St. John to live.

A special business meeting of the W. I. was held at the home of the president, Mr. P. A. Baltzer, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wotton are now in their new house.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallet Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bruce and family have left the 'Mitchell' house at So. Farmington and moved to Middleton. They will be very much mixed in our community.

Mrs. Hoffman of Nictaux is with Mrs. and Miss Dennison for an indefinite period.

The W. I. are holding a Pic Social in the school house Tuesday evening Dec. 9th.

Mr. William Warner of Lawrence-town spent Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rupert Parker. Sorry to report Mr. and Mrs. Warner both in poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hilton spent Sunday with relatives in Kingston.

Keep fresh dear old memories of the old home town: Send "The Outlook" to a distant friend. It's a regular consignment gift.

IF THE HORSE COULD TALK WHEN WINTER COMES

If a horse could talk, he would have many things to say, especially when winter comes.

He would tell his driver how a frosty bit stings and tears his lips and tongue when it is thrust into his mouth without being warmed first. He would tell how it feels to have nothing but ice cold water to drink, when he is already shivering from the cold.

He would tell of the bitter wind that frosts his sides when he halts, steaming from exertion, and is tied for hours in an exposed place without a blanket.

He would talk of slippery roads and the sensations of falling on cruel cobblestones—the pressure of the load pushing him to the fall, the bruised knees and wrenched joints, the tightened straps and the feel of the driver's lash, the panting nostrils and heaving flanks, and the horrible fright of it all.

When he stumbles don't whip him. Think of your own feelings if struck every time you slipped or stumbled. Warn the bite before putting it in his mouth.

Take the chill off his drinking water when possible, if it is very cold. Give him enough to eat and spread plenty of clean bedding in his stall. Put a blanket on him in the stable on cold nights.

Do not leave him standing in a cold wind without a blanket. Keep him in the sun, if possible.

Keep him sharp shod during the winter.

Drive him carefully over icy roads. When he falls, quickly loosen his harness, push back the sleigh and help him to rise, without blows.

Watch for the appearance of gall spots, and allow nothing to touch them till healed. Be human with your horse. Treat him as well as he treats you.

MELVERN SQUARE

Dec. 8—Mrs. Ralph Lantz has returned from a pleasant visit to Shelburne where she was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. George Swanburg.

Miss Braine spent the week end at her home in Annapolis recently and on her return was accompanied by her sister, Miss Betty, who spent the following week end at the home of Mrs. M. Balcom.

A very successful "Napkin Lunch" and Sale was given by the members of The Community Club, in the Methodist Church on Friday evening last. A large number of people were present, and enjoyed the excellent lunch and purchased many articles from the Fancy Work Table, which presented a very handsome appearance, while home-made ready found ready customers at another table. At the Handkerchief Booth many handsome and dainty 'handies' were displayed, and were quickly disposed of. These articles were all gifts from absent friends.

The proceeds amounted to \$72.00 and some flowers carrying on the work of the hall.

A program was given consisting of choruses and readings and selections from the Melvern Orchestra.

Mr. C. Neely of Brooklyn was the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. VanBuskirk, last week.

A song service was held in the Baptist Church on Sunday evening last week the auspices of the W. M. A. Society, with the president, Mrs. M. Sproule in the chair. A good program was rendered.

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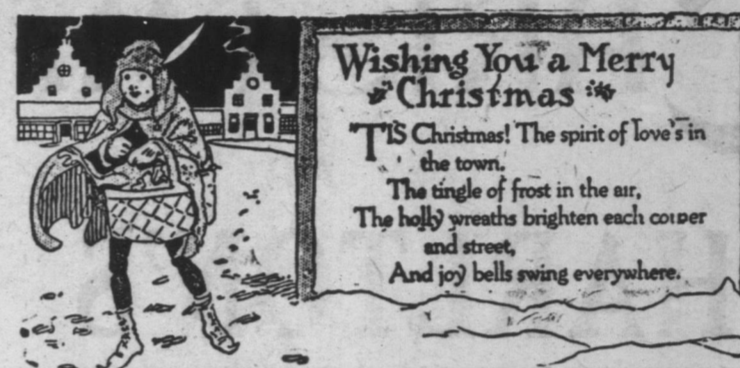
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Wishing You a Merry Christmas

'Tis Christmas! The spirit of love is in the town.
The tingle of frost in the air,
The holly wreaths brighten each corner
and street,
And joy bells swing everywhere.

The firm of E. L. Balcom & Sons, formerly of Paradise, who are now established at Victoria St., Middleton since 1923, wish to thank all their patrons for business received in the past.

The business as a whole has been very satisfactory and having installed further up to date machinery are now prepared to handle all kinds of machine work at short notice and wish through these columns to solicit the further business of the general public for the future.

We are ready to do all kinds of Saw Repairing, making a specialty of Resteeling Cylinder Saws.

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THE MAYOR'S LETTER

Mayor Sponagle's letter appears on the front page of this edition. In writing this two names of citizens who had passed to the Great Beyond were overlooked. His Worship, desires us to make this note mentioning those, whom he had omitted at time of writing. They are Mrs. Bezanson and Charles Black.

A CORRECTION

In our regular issue of the 11th, there was an error in The Parish of Wilmot advertisement. According to the ad. it would appear that the Christmas Story was to be given at the Union Church, Wilmot on Sunday the 14th at 3 p.m. Regular Service will take place at this hour. Readers please take note.

Grasp the spirit: Try and make somebody happy at this Christmas time.