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**HAIL: HOLY CHRISTMAS DAY!**

From the Gospels written by S. Cosmas of Jerusalem more than eleven hundred years ago.

Christ is born! Tell forth His fame!  
Christ from Heaven! His love proclaim!  
Christ on earth! Exalt His name!  
Sing to the Lord, Oh, world, with exultation!  
Break forth in glad thanksgiving, every nation!  
For He hath triumphed gloriously!

Man, in God's own image made,  
Man, by Satan's wiles betrayed,  
Man, on whom corruption preyed,  
Shut out from hope of life and salvation,  
To-day Christ maketh him a new creation,  
For He hath triumphed gloriously!

For the Maker, when his foe  
Wrought the creature death and woe,  
Bowed the Heavens and came below,  
And in the Virgin's womb His dwelling making,  
Became True Man, man's very nature taking;  
For He hath triumphed gloriously!

He, the Wisdom, Word and Might,  
God, and Son, and Light of Light,  
Undiscovered by the sight  
Of earthly monarch, or infernal spirit,  
Incarnate was, that we might Heaven inherit;  
For He hath triumphed gloriously!

## THE LADIES COLUMN.

**FEMALE DRUGGISTS IN HONOR.**

Honduras has not much of a reputation for enterprise, but it manages to keep abreast of the times in some respects. Women in that country have just been granted the right to compound prescriptions and practice pharmacy in general with the one condition that they pass the examination required of male druggists.

**ABOUT EYES.**

Hazel eyes denote musical ability and grace of person. Blue-gray eyes are said to indicate a kindly heart.

**DID YOU EVER HEAR THE LIKE!**

Without doubt the meanest man on earth is he who about this time of year picks a quarrel with his best girl in order to get out of buying her a Christmas present.

**ROOM FOR DOUBT.**

He—And you really love me, darling?  
She—Why do you doubt me, dear?  
He—Well, I saw you setting the clock an hour forward when I came in.

**BE SUNNY, GIRLS.**

Affability, cordiality, kindness and amiability are all wonderfully charming qualities in woman, and we all need to cultivate them.

**THE TATTLE.**

The Queen of Greece has never worn any colors save blue and white.

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**RECEPTION OF LITTLE BROTHERS OF MARY AT IBERVILLE, P. Q., CANADA.**

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"AVE MARIA, GRATIA PLENA."  
No wealth is mine, to deck thy shrine,  
Sweet Mother, with my brow serene.  
Only a prayer, from a faint weak heart,  
Is my offering, to thy Queen.

"AVE MARIA," from "Gabriella's" lips,  
In ages long since flown,  
"Ave," to-day, from countless hearts,  
Floats upwards, to thy throne.

No golden circlet to crown thee,  
Flashing with diamond rays,  
With the pure pale pearl,  
And the ruby's crimson blaze.

No fabrics rare, from the looms of Tyre,  
No silks from an Eastern clime,  
Whose folds, like shimmering moccasins,  
With the rainbow tints entwined.

None of these treasures of earth are mine,  
To bring as offerings to thee,  
Only, "Fall ye, Fall ye,  
Is the tribute I lay at thy feet."

**FAITH IN SANTA CLAUS.**  
Do not let the belief in Santa Claus degenerate. It means and is a corruption of St. Nicholas, and is a thoroughly Catholic as the Feast of which he is patron.

We pity the boy or girl who doesn't believe in Santa Claus. Think how monstrous Christmas would be without him. Stockings would hang limp and empty over the fireplace in the morning, just as they were left the night before; and the thrilling delights of stealing out at daybreak, to carry the Christmas cornucopia back to bed, and examine them at leisure—where would they be?

The plotless who frown upon the deception involved in teaching children to believe in the blessed Christmas saint, should be hooted out of court.

No, no! it would be too foolish, too to say monotonously ungrateful, to deny dear old St. Nick, who has made his frosty rounds annually for centuries.

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fields which look easy enough to drape as one looks at the stylish models, are not so quickly adjusted and arranged as one might imagine.

**CHRISTMAS.**  
TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN.  
How happy are all good children when Christmas comes! In the morning when all the bells are ringing, the plump mother goes to her children's beds and says: "The infant Jesus is born and is lying in a crib. Be quiet, we will go to Mass." And when the children arrive in church with their parents how surprised they are! A hundred lights are shining and flickering. It is brighter than day. And see there the little crib! In the stable, lying on hay and straw, is the little infant, Who looks so sweet and lovely.

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