



Rank imposes upon Presidents the obligation to celebrate the holidays in a manner to emphasize the best traditions of American domestic life, the families of the President and of the Vice-President have more than met their obligations. No where is Christmas a simpler expression of good-will and merriment and the genuine sentiment of the season, than it is within the walls of the White House. Every Christmas, when Roosevelt was President, the doors opened wide at holiday time to welcome home from college the sons and daughters and their friends invited to spend the Yuletide at the gay social hub of the nation's capital, and the same doors have swung wide to admit the Taft brood and their many friends.

The Tafts look forward to the holidays with particular pleasure because often in the past circumstances did not permit of a complete family reunion at Christmas time. Sometimes it was the father who was absent, during the period when Taft was Governor of the Philippines or engaged in his extensive travels; often it was one of the children, when they were attending widely separated schools in the United States. Then, too, the Tafts lived a great deal in hotels and rented houses, so that Christmas in the White House has the added joy of being, so to speak, under their own roof tree.

In a few weeks now the children will begin to return from college for two weeks of festivities. Robert, the eldest, will come from Yale, Miss Helen from Philadelphia, where she attends Bryn Mawr, and Charlie, the youngest of the family, from Connecticut, where he is a pupil in his uncle's school. If the Christmas jollifications assume any formal tone it is safe to say that "Cheerful Charlie" as he is called, may be counted upon to infuse enthusiasm and spontaneity into all proceedings. He is a great favorite about the executive mansion, but is quite unapologetic.

Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Taft's sister, who has been at the White House almost constantly during the present administration, will no doubt be one of the

large family to sit down to Christmas dinner in the big dining room. The Taft family are noted for the strong ties of affection that exist among every branch of the family. The four brothers with their families have made it a point for many years to spend the summer vacations together at Murray Bay on the St. Lawrence River, so that the Taft family will probably be represented by a large number at the Christmas festivities. Then there is the President's private secretary, who is always considered one of the home as well as of the official family. Monico Lopez Laro, the Filipino boy, who for about six years has been Mr. Taft's valet and general utility man, is sure to come in for his share of the holiday good will and cheer.

Full-fledged Christmas trees have not been used at the White House in recent years, though Quentin Roosevelt and Archie used to surprise the family with a miniature one they had trimmed on Christmas morning. The gifts are distributed in the large circular room or the room on the second floor, which is a sort of family sitting-room, and the coolest room in the house.

Mrs. Taft is one woman in the country who need give no thought whatever to the holiday larder. From farmers, fruit growers, poultrymen, dairymen and bakers all over the country comes the best their stock affords. The President never knows who sends these things, but the secretary dispatches official thanks to the senders. Only one among the participants in the Christmas donation party is known. For forty years Henry Vose, who raises poultry in Rhode Island, has sent a prize Christmas turkey to the White House, and it is his bird that is served on that day. Some of the chestnut-fed gobblers have weighed as much as thirty-six pounds.

Christmas dinner is served on the Colonial china which Mrs. Roosevelt had made to order, decorated in gold. It was made from an exclusive design which is patented and copyrighted so that no other drumstick in the land will rest upon the same sort of gilt-edged dish.

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Don't fail to put your name and address preceded by the word "from" on the upper left-hand corner of every piece of mail.

Don't fail to give full address—street and number (or box), town, city, county, and state of destination.

Don't forget that many of the drug stores in the residence districts are postal stations, where stamps and money orders are sold, mail is weighed, letters and packages are registered, and postal information given.

Don't mail a parcel without previously weighing it to ascertain the amount of postage required; printed matter, 1 cent for two ounces; merchandise, 1 cent for one ounce; limit, four pounds.

Don't place handkerchiefs, neckties, or other articles of merchandise in packages of printed matter, unless you prefer to pay the higher rate of postage on the whole.

Don't seal or wrap parcels in such a manner that their contents may not be

easily examined, unless you desire to pay letter rates of postage.

Don't use 1-cent and 2-cent stamps for postage on heavy packages. Use the large denominations. It saves you trouble affixing them, and saves time and work in the postoffice.

Don't lay packages on the street letter boxes, for they may never reach the postoffice. Package boxes are provided at convenient places, with convenient collections.

Don't fail to register valuable letters and packages. The government insures their safe delivery, and the extra cost is 3 cents.

Don't mail sealed packages of merchandise to Canada and Mexico. The rates for unsealed packages to these countries are the same as in the United States, namely, 1 cent per ounce.

Don't mail parcels of merchandise to other countries without making special inquiry regarding the regulations governing parcels post.

Don't mail jewelry and coins to foreign countries. They are positively prohibited from the mails.

Don't forget to mail parcels early.

Don't expect the postoffice to transmit and deliver Christmas parcels within the same number of days or hours as at other times. Allowance of from one to three days' extra time should be made.

Holiday Decorations

INDISPENSABLE for holiday decorations are the ornaments of glass and tinsel which are used not only to adorn trees, but to lend gaiety to the aspect of dinner-tables and house interiors at Yuletide, and immense quantities of them are sold each season.

They all come from one place—the village of Lauscha, in the Thuringian Mountains, in Germany. That region is the veritable Toyland—the real home of Santa Claus. Vast quantities of Christmas playthings, mostly of wood or papier-mache, are made there by the peasants, who do the work in their homes; and a rather curious feature of the industry is the way in which it is split up and specialized, one village turning out nothing but hobby-horses, another producing only Noah's Arks, and so on.

Thus it comes about that the population of Lauscha devotes its attention mainly to the production of ornaments for Christmas trees—though it also manufactures enormous numbers of glass eyes. This little town turns out not only great numbers of such eyes for human beings, but also glass eyes for taxidermists' use, for dolls, and for toy animals. It is the world's principal center for this industry.

The chief object sought in the making of tree ornaments, of course, is glitter. Most of them are of glass, blown into fantastic and often beautiful shapes—various pigments and metals being employed to lead additional brilliancy.

The people of Lauscha are all glass-blowers. They do the work in their homes, but the rough glass is provided by big dealers who contract for the purchase of the wares thus produced. Among other things, the workers turn out incalculable numbers of the familiar glass marbles so dear to every childish heart—these being made in moulds from long sticks of glass in which several colors are combined.

Unfortunately, glass-making is a very unhealthful occupation, and the people of Lauscha literally give their lives for Santa Claus, few of them surviving long enough to reach old age.

Waterbury & Rising's Christmas Announcement

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WHAT A HAPPY TIME CHRISTMAS IS, when the world lays aside its cares and worries, and bursts forth in smiles and joyous greetings. To be supremely happy yourself, make others share your happiness by kindly remembering them with gifts of reliable footwear. A pair of nice Walking Boots, Pretty Slippers, Fancy Moccasins or Comfortable Overshoes would make practical gifts.

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A pair of Waterbury & Rising "Specials"
A pair of Invictus Boots
A pair of Skating Boots
A pair of Dress Boots
A pair of Felt Slippers
A pair of Warm Overshoes
A pair of Moose Moccasins
A pair of Snowshoes
A pair of Skating Boots.

For Girls

Hockey Boots
School Boots
Party Slippers
Felt Slippers
Rubber Boots
Dress Boots
Snowshoes
Rubbers

For Boys

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Skating Boots
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Rubber Boots
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Ours is the largest and most complete stock in the Lower Provinces.

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A pair of Warm Overshoes
A pair of Party Slippers
A pair of Fancy Moccasins
A pair of Long Leggings
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