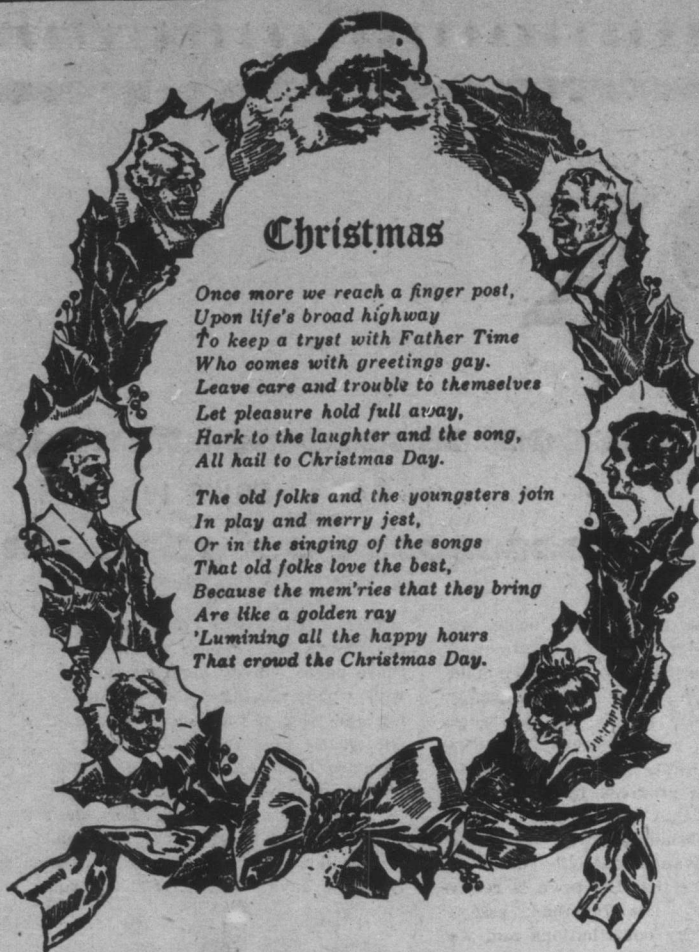




YULETIDE GAMES

Christmas is always a time of merriment and the hostess who can provide a series of mirth-provoking games is assured of success. An amusing way to manage an evening's entertainment is to appoint some genial man a Lord of Misrule, after the early English fashion, giving him the sceptre for the evening, with power to name the games, forfeits and rewards.

Pitching snowballs through a hole in the fir wreath can provide a lot of fun. The balls of cotton-wool are allotted certain values, 1, 5, 10, etc. The guests are divided into teams, each guest taking a turn at throwing the balls through. The number of each ball which goes through is added to that team's score and if a player gets all the balls through the team scores 50.

Those who are to take part in the obstacle race must leave the room, to be brought back just one at a time. A course is prepared, ornaments, books, etc., being placed here and there along the way. The player is told that he must avoid all the articles, under penalty. When he is blindfolded, the obstacles are quietly removed, but his elaborate efforts to avoid the obstacles which do not exist are always amusing for the onlookers and to the player when the fold is removed from his eyes.

Drawing through a mirror will occupy the "artists" for a long time. Each one holds a hand mirror before him and attempts to draw some article, looking always in the glass. The results may be imagined.

Ask each guest to bring to the party a photograph taken in early childhood or infancy. When you have collected them all, arrange them in a row on the wall and have the guests guess as to the identity of them. This is very sure to hold the interest

of everyone and provoke endless amusement. A prize may be given for the one who makes the most correct guesses.

"CHRISTMAS MORNING"

In the rush of the merry morning
When the red burns through the
gray,

And the wintry world lies waiting
For the glory of the day;
Then we hear a fitful rushing
Just without upon the stair,
See two white phantoms coming,
Catch the gleam of sunny hair.

Are they Christmas fairies stealing
Rows of little socks to fill?
Are they angels floating hither
With their message of good-will?
What sweet spell are these elves
weaving,

As like larks they chirp and sing?
Are these palms of peace from heaven
That these lovely spirits bring?

Rosy feet upon the threshold,
Eager faces peeping through,
With the first red ray of sunshine,
Chanting cherubs come in view,
Mistletoe and gleaming holly,
Symbols of a blessed day,
In their chubby hands they carry,
Streaming all along the way.

Well we know them, never weary
Of this innocent surprise;
Waiting, watching, listening always
With full hearts and tender eyes,
While our little household angels,
White and golden in the sun,
Greet us with the sweet old welcome
"Merry Christmas, every one!"

—Get it at The Outlook.

CHRISTMAS A WISHING-TIME

Here's a welcome to Wishing-Time! A good word for Wishing-time! For Christmas-time is Wishing-time all the world over! Let it come to us in the white robes of inter-time—the snowman in the garden and the snow ball on the street; the skating on the lake and the frosty walk to church; the snap-dragons in the hall and the ghost-story in the flickering fire-light!

Or let it come to us as it comes beneath the Southern stars, in all the golden glory of high summer-time—a flutter of white dresses and red roses, a festival of strawberries and cream! In one respect, at least, the season never changes. Come when it will, comes in a whirlwind of wishes. Summer-time or winter-time, Christmas-time is Wishing-time! I welcome once more the world's great Wishing-time.

I love to be out on the street on the night before Christmas. Last year, I remember, everybody was abroad. It was difficult to jostle one's way along for the movements of the throng were not regular. Friends met friends; groups quickly formed, and the traffic became blocked in consequence.

But as I drifted along the current of the crowd, and caught the fragments of conversation that fell upon my ears in passing, it occurred to me that everybody was wishing.

"Wish You a Merry Christmas!"
"A Happy New Year!"
"Compliments of the Season!"

Clearly, then, Christmas-time is Wishing-time! At this season of the year we all become experts in the art of wishing. If we do not do it well, it is certainly not for want of practice. We are at it from early morning until late at night.

A reasonable greeting is tucked into the closing sentences of every letter we write; every handshake is accompanied by the expression of a timely wish; and even, if in passing each other on the streets, we do not pause to shake hands, we at least find time to toss our good wishes to each other as we hurry on.

A survey of the missives that, by morning, the postman brings, or a glance into any stationer's window, shows that all the resources of poetry and all the ingenuity of art have been exploited in order that our genius for wishing may find dainty and elegant expression. We flash out wishes with every nod of the head, and with every glance of the eye, with every stroke of the pen. We breathe out wishes as the flowers breathe fragrance. We radiate wishes as the stars radiate light. Christmas invariably comes in, and the Old Year goes out, to the accompaniment of a perfect hurricane of wishes! There are wishes everywhere!



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CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Once more the happy season of the year is at hand, when we begin to prepare gifts of love for Christmas. It is indeed a pleasing indication of the rapid spread of feelings of kindness and good-will throughout the world that the preparation of beautiful articles for Christmas gifts affects the industries of all civilized nations. The choice of articles for Christmas gifts is a perplexing pleasure.

According to Emerson, articles of beauty rather than of use are appropriate for gifts. In giving we have to avoid, on the one hand, the imposing of a sense of obligation and, on the other, of making the occasion for assuming to ourselves the role of benefactor. The donation party given at Christmas to the faithful pastor whose past due salary is unpaid is only an unfair method of making him appear the recipient of a favor, while his just claims are disregarded. Nor can we refrain from suggesting to the husband and father: Do not make a Christmas to your wife of a new carpet or a pair of shoes or a cooking stove, for she needs and has a right to these things anyway. Your little boy needs a new schoolbook for the next session of school, but he would probably experience a sense of wrong which it would be difficult for him to explain if he should find it in his stocking on Christmas morning, and we may suggest as an idea wholly foreign to Emerson that if the husband and father has from negligence or penuriousness failed to provide his wife with a good supply of dry, well-cut wood for fuel for the kitchen stove or the needed quantity of winter flannels, it would be equally inappropriate for him to present her with a pair of big pink glass flower vases or some similar article, the price of which might have added vastly to her comfort had the money been placed for spending in her own hands.

Gifts for children depend but little on their value for the pleasure they shall give. A houseful of children can be made entirely happy by a quarter's worth of mixed candy placed in their stockings, each piece of candy being wrapped in a separate paper, thus multiplying the number of gifts. It is very important, however, that the gifts be put in their stockings. The sweet illusion adds a priceless value to the veriest trifles.

And so we feel like saying to ourselves and to our readers:—Let us prepare for a merry, happy Christmas; let us forget for a little while all the environments of our lives that are sad and depressing; let us think of the treasures we possess that "man did not make and cannot mar;" let us give tokens of love to our friends, though it should be only a geranium leaf or a rosy cheeked apple. Let us celebrate Christmas. The yoke loosened and laid aside for a little will give rest and strength to the shoulders; the affections of the heart called into play and indulged will give strength to our soul; and both will fit us for a better performance of the duties and work appointed for us in the coming New Year.

RISQUE GARB

Little girl, you look so small,
Don't you wear no clothes at all?
Don't you wear no shimmy shirt,
Don't you wear no petty-skirt,
Just your corset and your hose—
Are those all your underclothes?

Little girl, what is the cause
Why your clothes are made of gauze
Don't you wear no under-vest
When you go out fully dressed?
With your skirts cut rather high
Won't you catch a cold and die?

Little girl, your 'spenders show,
When the sunlight plays on you
I can see your tinted flesh,
Thru your little gown of mesh,
Little girl, I tell you those
Ain't so nice as underclothes.

Little girl, your socks have shoals
Of holes; little tiny holes;
Why you want to show your limbs
I don't know—is it a whim?
Do you want to catch the eye
Of each feller passing by?

Little girl, now listen here,
You would be just twice as dear
If you'd cover up your charms,
Neck, back, legs and both your arms,
I would take you to the shows
If you'd wear some underclothes.

Little girl, your mystery,
Luring charm and modesty
Is what makes us fellers keen
To possess a little queen.
But no lover—goodness knows—
Wants a girl SANS underclothes.

I must wear a coat of mail,
Clothe from head to big toe-nail
I must cover up my form
Even when the weather's warm;
Can't enjoy the swimmer's throes
Lest I garb in underclothes.

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We hope our readers will enjoy this Christmas Number. We have endeavored to give you a generous portion of good Christmas reading, which at this season seems most appropriate and which the mind usually craves for. We hope that in a small measure our selections will satisfy this desire.

Errors and omissions, we trust you will overlook. The publishing of this issue has entailed a great deal of extra work and expense. However, if it meets with approval, we shall be amply rewarded for our efforts.

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