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It is an acrobatic individual, indeed, who can keep step these days with the jolly St. Nick of the round form, smiling, rosy face and sweeping gray beard, as he glides in at a doorway, out at a window, slips down a chimney to count noses in a children's institution, or drops in with a parcel of cheer for a home where aged people are resting on their ease as they glide towards the end of the river of life.

Sometimes he peeps at sick folk in hospitals, and very often of late he has been sending a scout to find out things for him in sad little homes, heartstone cold and largely empty, bits of houses where they are scarcely daring to hope for Santa at all.

Even if his age puts Methuselah in the striding class, Santa's busy beard and all, is the Peter Pan of the centuries. He's just as young as he ever was, and that is young as he feels. He not only is equal to growing a procession of new sets of teeth, but each year it is discovered that his heart is getting larger and larger.

And, never getting old or stodgy or "not in his ways," it is just the most natural thing in the world that he should keep on getting new ideas. He doesn't any longer just trust to instinct, even if the most wonderful in the world, or even to eyes and ears and the keen nostrils of his reindeer to discover where people are waiting and longing for him and needing him. He has enlisted as first-aid to effective-visiting-the-night-before-Christmas skilled and trained investigators to make sure no one will be overlooked.

Christmas Streets Over Week. Once upon a time all the festivity of Christmas was compressed into just one day and the night before. Now it is stretched out to blanket the whole week before.

Over at the Salvation Army headquarters on Clarence street big business operations are in progress, packing up and designating baskets and bags by the League of Mercy, led by the president, Mrs. Andrews, and, of course, under personal supervision of Santa Claus.

For many days army officials, at Santa's request, have been finding out the families who should receive the goodies, clothing and other necessities. About three hundred addresses have been listed, and on Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning motor cars, supplied through the Motor League, will be kept busy whizzing about delivering the bags and baskets.

In each basket there is a roast of beef, if the family is fleshy, a tender chicken if sick or feeble, as well as vegetables, sugar, tea, flour, candles, nuts and plum pudding. In the meantime donations of coal or wood have warmed many a heart and home.

No people in all the city are happier or more enthusiastic over Christmas this year than the inmates of the Aged People's Home on Richmond street north. For some days all the decorations have been in place, streamers of red and green, and holly wreaths and Christmas bells aplenty. The holiday festivities started with an entertainment given by the Epworth League and Robinson Memorial Methodist Church Tuesday evening. Wednesday evening a group of Baptist young people gave a concert, and this evening the Sunset Quartet presents a program.

Dispersed as Grandmas. Just as gay and dissipated as the young neighbors just down the street, the boys and girls of the Fro-

estant Orphans' Home. The Star of Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church, where the children with concert, followed with a treat of ice cream and candy, on Tuesday evening. And that was only the beginning. Every night this week has its social function. Wednesday there was the Odd Fellows' grand party at the Hyman Hall, while four or five of the boys, "little brothers" to the Kiwanis Club, attended the dinner for the juniors at the Teumseh House. This evening Robinson Memorial Methodist Church has extended an invitation to several to come to an entertainment, and St. Andrew's Christmas Sunday school entertainment is down on the books for Friday evening. The climax of the week will be the home's "very own" Christmas tree Saturday evening, when all the children will take part in the program, and a real Santa Claus will distribute gifts from the tree.

Most of the boys and girls are in and out for Christmas Day, but some are considered too small to go visiting, while others really prefer to stay "at home."

Near Riot at Nursery.

There was a near-riot at the Day Nursery on King street about 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. The Christmas tree had been set up, and the kids were so excited over it the supervisor, Miss Bodkin, and her assistants could scarcely hear themselves think for the racket. Some of the little ones were so very young they had never seen a Christmas tree before, and they were quite make it out. The bigger ones were deeply interested in discovering if it would be necessary to make a hole in the roof to get it all in. The tree was so tall. Fitting was achieved by cutting some of the trunk at the top and sawing it off. The tree was saved from any wreck. Wednesday evening Mrs. A. T. Edwards, president of the Day Nursery board, presided with all the glittering tree trimmings, and other members of the committee soon joined her to assist in attaching the toys, the warm garments and the remembrances for the mothers as well as the sons and daughters.

The big party starts shortly after 3 o'clock today, with tea first for the children, then the unloading of the tree by Santa Claus, and after that the children's ward. The grown-ups are every evening patients of Victoria Hospital whose rooms face that way and who are able to raise their heads in the front grounds, all a-glittering with vari-colored electric-hearted jewels. Passers-by pause to get its message of good-will and promise of peace.

In one corner of the hospital at least there is a eager anticipation of Christmas, in the children's ward. Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock gifts will be distributed from the splendid ward tree, provided through arrangement of the I. O. D. E., under the chairmanship of the Campbell Becher Chapter.

Pick 'Em in Front Yard. When a Christmas tree is wanted up at Mount St. Joseph Orphanage all that it is necessary to do is to go out into the grounds and choose a tree, provided through arrangement of the I. O. D. E., under the chairmanship of the Campbell Becher Chapter.

Christmas Eve there will be midnight mass sung by the children themselves and a splendid Christmas dinner on Christmas Day. The following Friday girls of the Catholic Women's League, under the chairmanship of Miss Mary Meredith,

are going up to play with the little people and give them a treat.

The aged people at Mount Hope are having a Christmas tree and everything possible to make the season one of joy.

Midnight mass Christmas Eve is on the program for St. Joseph's Hospital for all the patients able to attend, with Christmas decorations and Christmas dinner on Monday.

The Children's Shelter galleies are a bit late in getting under way owing to quarantine only lifted Wednesday. That means the matron and others couldn't get out shopping, and accepting invitations was out of the question. There'll be the Christmas party and tree Monday, however, and the bit of bad luck has been a bit of what some children would consider good fortune.

The holidays have been just so much longer. The strange part of it is the Shelter youngsters didn't properly appreciate this gift of the gods. They wanted to go to school just as long as the other children, and it wasn't until they were having a gorgeous time on their slide that they realized life has compensations after all.

MENDING BASKET FAIRY MAKES DEBUT IN LONDON

Restores Bachelors' Buttons, Salvages Garments For Business Women, Is Mother's Right Hand.

A fairy godmother for worried bachelors, weary business girls and driven-to-breaking-point mothers of young families, has established herself in London. She isn't young and beautiful, but she has sufficient vision and initiative to blaze a new trail for herself in a business way. She might even be grandmother to the children of the young mothers, for she is starting out on a field of endeavor quite new here, though its need is most obvious.

Her stock in trade includes the old-fashioned darning basket of the grandmother fairy godmother. In addition, there are always handy the needles and thread necessary to sew on buttons and fasten securely neat patches.

By darning and mending the modern fairy godmother purposes keeping neat and tidy those who adopt her as a friend in need.

Of course, she cannot afford to do it for nothing for all the people eager to enlist her help. There are the young men who mend toes of their socks by tying a bit of twine around the yawning gap, or extrava-

ganza throw the offending twine away. For a mere bagatelle, the fairy godmother weaves the yarn in and out so neatly again that it is difficult to tell by the feel where the defect has been.

The "world-workers" among the girls have a very deep appreciation for "The Woman with the Mending Basket," who salvages for them darning, lingerie, gowns and garments, torn and worn, which they are too busy to mend or unable to properly mend for themselves.

Perhaps it is the mothers who most gratefully welcome assistance in vanquishing these. The housemother must not only look after the clothes of husband, children and last, herself, but also the household linen, which will get worn, try as she may to be easy on it.

The Mending Basket Lady, fairy godmother, or what you like to call her, once upon a time in her youth learned dressmaking, following this profession for a number of years. Always she was hearing complaints about mending that never would get caught up, about forlorn bachelors and hapless maidens who couldn't, or didn't, have leisure to take "sit-downs" in time.

So finally the inspiration came to her to switch from the business which, through continuance for many years, she was finding taxing, and to turn her attention to familiar and congenial work for which, apparently, there was a real need.

In Toronto several years ago a patriotic women's organization established a shop where women skilled at mending might give valuable service, finding for themselves necessary money-making occupation. So far as is known, the first fairy godmother of the Mending Basket has just made her debut in London.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. E. G. Yeates is entertaining for her daughter, Kathleen, on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Mrs. George Walters of Forest is spending the week with her son Fred, who is attending Western University.

The annual Hermitage Club ball is taking place this year in the London Institute of Musical Art, on Friday evening, Dec. 23.

Mrs. Maude B. Harris and Miss Lottie F. Harris of Toronto will be Christmas visitors in the city, staying with Rev. W. K. Harris and Mrs. Harris, Burwell street.

Cedric McCann of the headquarters staff of the Bank of Commerce, Toronto, is coming up to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. McCann.

Complimenting Miss Edith Greer, a bride-elect of this month, Mrs. MacKnight was the hostess of a bridge of five tables, given at her home in Queen street Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. R. F. Brown is entertaining a large party of young people, the friends of her sons and daughters, at her home, Adelaide street north, on Christmas afternoon. A Christmas tree will be an important feature.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Scott, Pond Mills, accompanied by their daughter Jean, left Tuesday for California, where they will spend the winter. Mrs. Scott is the daughter of Mr. A. E. Dart and Mrs. Dundas.

Miss Marjorie White, who is engaged in Victorian Order nursing in Pembroke, Ont., returns to the city to spend the Christmas week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. White, The Ridgeway, London South.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ashplant, Queen's avenue, are entertaining a house party for Christmas, the guests including Misses Vada Pickering, Dorothy Thomas, Rose Higley, Myrtle Stevens and Myrtle Teetzel.

Miss Sadie Hilborn has arrived home in Theford after spending a couple of weeks in Chicago, where she attended the funeral of her cousin, Mr. W. Moxam. She was the guest while there of Dr. L. O. Spillane, Lake and 52nd street, and of Mrs. (Dr.) B. Allsop, 224 E. Huron street. On her way home she visited relatives and friends in Bat-

A happy event of Tuesday afternoon was the presentation to Principal B. B. Beal and Miss Agnes Stewart of the teaching staff, by the students of a sterling silver carving set, made by silver fowl carving set, the presentation was graciously made by Miss Dorothy Bowden, president of the Girls' Athletic Association, and Mr. Willard Gray, president of the Boys' Athletic Association, read the address.

Rev. J. G. Stuart and Miss Maybelle Stuart are entertaining at a house party for Christmas at Beachwood, South London, where they are settled for the winter. The guests will include Mrs. Farrell Dyde (formerly Miss Margarette Stuart) of Dawson City, who with her children has been a guest with her father for some months; Farrell Dyde, who is coming from Columbia University, New York; Dr. Dyde, head of the theology department of Queen's University, Kingston, with Mrs. Dyde and Miss Honoria Dyde and Miss Florence Stuart, Hamilton Stuart and Miss Gibson of Oakville.

In the glow of open fires and crimson candles, the Wellington street residence of the Y. W. C. A. presented a very Christmasy and inviting appearance, as the guests arrived Wednesday evening for the annual Christmas dinner, with Miss Helen Sutherland, supervisor, as hostess. Doors were thrown open to permit of one long table being laid to seat 56. In the center, standing amid diamond-dusted cotton snow, stood a say little Christmas tree. Through-out the room were festive with holly wreaths and other yuletide decorations. Miss Ethel Smith, president of the Prince Pals, most gracefully performed the task of toastmistress. Miss V. Graham proposed the toast to the association, to which response was made by the president, Mrs. C. B. King. Miss Martin toasted the Fireside Pals, Miss Farrow responded. A part of the program much enjoyed was the singing of Miss Ruth Vallerie, who sang "The Christmas Song." Guests of honor included Mrs. C. B. King, Mrs. Donald McLean, Mrs. A. E. Miller, Mrs. W. D. F. Jarvis, Mrs. Ernest Yeates, Mrs. Jeffrey Hale, Miss Elliott.

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WEDDINGS

MOWBRAY-CLARK.

On Saturday afternoon a quiet but pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. John Rogers, Huron road, when his sister, Mrs. Christina Clark, was united in marriage to Mr. David Mowbray, contractor, of Toronto. The ceremony was performed by the pastor of the Mitchell Methodist Church, in the presence of only immediate relatives. After congratulations and signing the register, a tempting dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Mowbray left the same afternoon for Toronto, where they will reside in the future.

DOUGLAS-TEETZEL.

A wedding of interest took place at 33 Pitt street, Chatham, at 3 p. m., Saturday, December 16, when Clara Louise Teetzel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manson D. Teetzel, was married to George Stewart Douglas, son of Robert A. Douglas, all of Chatham. Rev. W. R. Vance of Ilderton officiated, assisted by Rev. T. E. Higley, great-uncle of the bride.

In the absence of her father, who is at present in the south, her brother, Hugh M. Teetzel, gave her in marriage an important feature.

The ceremony took place in the drawing-room in front of a bank of evergreens and hollyhocks. Mr. Alfred Thomas of Chatham was the best man and Miss Mabel Handysides of Chatham played Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus.

The bride wore a French gown of white crepe de chine, georgette and old lace, and veil with orange blossoms and silver hair-band. The groom wore a tuxedo with touches of silver and silver hair-band.

During the signing of the register Miss Maxwell played Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

Christmas colors were carried out in the decorations and in the buffet luncheon which followed the ceremony.

The assistants were Misses Vada Pickering, Dorothy Thomas, Rose Higley, Myrtle Stevens and Myrtle Teetzel.

Out-of-town guests were Rev. W. R. and Mrs. Vance of Ilderton, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ferguson, West Lorne; Mrs. E. H. Beaton, Ottawa; Mrs. Beaton of Blenheim, Mr. C. H. Maclean of Buffalo and Mrs. Frank Tanton of Byron.

A GOOD GIFT. If you suffer from headaches that could be more acceptable than a tube of Malby's.

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STORE OPEN EVENINGS.

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ST. LAWRENCE MOTHERS' CLUB.

Holding a pleasant social meeting this week at the home of Mr. F. Walde, Huron street, the members of St. Lawrence School Mothers' Club made arrangements to decorate the school for the children's Christmas entertainment Thursday evening.

Mrs. Worrall read "A Christmas Story," which was much enjoyed.

HOLD PARTY AT PARISIAN LAUNDRY.

A jolly event for the Parisian Laundry employees this week was a

Christmas party held in the dining-room, a turkey dinner, followed by a sing-song, dancing and cards.

ASKIN STREET JUNIOR M. C.

The regular meeting of the Askin Street Junior Mission Circle was held Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Ida Ashbrook, Wortley road.

Following the regular reports a charming program was given, including solos by Miss Dorothy Roy and Miss Clara Kilmer, and readings by Miss Olive Roy. An inspiring address was given by Rev. Mr. Morris, the subject being "The Loss Sustained By Losing Christ." Mrs. Childs continued the study of the life of

Mary Reed, telling chiefly of Christmas among the lepers. The meeting, which was closed by a dainty supper, was presided over by Miss Genevieve Mitton.

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