

Top Tree Table Decorations

Miniature Christmas Emblem May Be Surrounded With Presents Tied With Red Ribbon.

Decorate the table with a Christmas tree, one of the toy ones, and pile around its foot a quantity of presents tied with red ribbons. These should be only what a college man would call "grinde"—perhaps a tiny piano for a would-be performer, a lantern for the one the points of whose jokes are difficult to see, a placid paper golf bag for the enthusiastic player, and so on, each with a rhyme or quotation, says Harper's Bazar. If one considers a goose a somewhat undignified bird, ducks may be exchanged for it, either the domestic fowl or the more expensive canvas-back or redhead. Fried celery is very good with ducks, the crispest is very good with ducks, the crispest pieces dropped in batter and then cooked in deep fat. But the apple sauce croquettes should not be omitted even with this. For this informal dinner there is a very good and innocuous drink to serve with the heavy course—sweet cider, spiced and sugared to taste, cooked ten minutes and served hot.

My King

Full soon the chime upon the hill
Will tell me of the happy morn.
When angels sang the first Good Will—
The tidings that a King was born.
Then teach to me the soothing strain
The holy angels loved to sing,
I long to be thy Child again,
O Blessed Savior, be my King.

How oft my wavering feet refused
To tread Thy path, so stern and steep,
How oft indeed have I abused
The gift thou gavest me to keep.
And yet methinks I hear again
The song the angels once did sing,
And hope my faith is not in vain,
O Blessed Savior, be my King.

'Tis sweet to feel that all Thy care
And pain and sorrow is no more,
'Tis sweet to know that Thou art there
To greet me on that foreign shore.
That Thou, so tender, meek and mild,
Wilt let me kneel beneath thy wing,
Wilt save thy trusting, trembling child,
O Blessed Savior, be my King.
—A. T. M.

It is hard for a man to keep an automobile and the Sabbath.

Why We Celebrate on December 25

Nobody knows whether that is the exact date on which Christ was born or what people first celebrated the festival on that date. After the triumph of Christianity the prejudice of the early Christians against the celebration of birthdays as heathenish died out. Some time between 337 and 352, Pope Julius directed Saint Cyril to ascertain the correct date. He reported that the western churches observed it on December 25, although other churches kept the day in January, April, May, March and September. Pope Julius was so satisfied with Saint Cyril's report that he set December 25 as Christmas Day, and our observance of that date has come down to us from that decision.

MISTOOK ITS MEANING

(From the Edinburgh Scotsman)
She had been hoping that Bill would get Christmas leave. But, alas! he was unsuccessful in his application. Knowing how disappointed his wife would be, he sent an order to a local store for a sewing machine, thinking that would be her choice of a Christmas present. The crate arrived before Bill's letter of explanation, and, on examining it, the good lady gave a loud scream, and, seizing a hatchet, proceeded to open it.

"Why, what's the matter, Mrs. Smith?" cried a neighbor who happened to be present. Pale and faint, Mrs. Smith pointed to an inscription on the crate. It read: "Bill inside!"

"DWOLL ERRIN" and "SHIN FANE"

In answer to numerous inquiries, the New York World prints the following information on the dail Eireann:
How it is spelled—dail Eireann.
How it is pronounced—dwoll Erin.
What dail means—House of representatives.
What it is—the Irish house of commons, meeting place for the eighty-five representatives of Shin Fein Ireland. It is now held in Dublin, but can be held any place designated by the members. In Easter week, 1916, it was held outside of Nelson's pillar in Dublin, when the members assembled to read the constitution of the "Irish republic."
By the way, Sinn Fein is pronounced "Shin Fane."

In England, dishwashing is a prolific cause of insanity. Stack 'em up, dear, and go to the movies.

Ancient Christmas Toys

Rag dolls are as old as the hills and so are dolls with movable arms and legs, toy dogs, rocking horses and a host of other things that bring delight to the children on Christmas morning.

Recent excavations in the ruins of ancient Rome, Greece and Egypt have placed the British museum in possession of an interesting assortment of these relics of early Christmas days, some of which may possibly have been given to the children of the followers of Christ at a time when the observation of Christmas day was an innovation.

In the nursery of a newly excavated house at Behnesa, Egypt, a fairly well preserved rag doll was found with arms and legs still intact and painted face. The doll is by no means a beauty and does not compare with the Christmas dolls of today, but nevertheless it must have brought joy to a little girl's heart nearly 2,000 years ago.

The jointed dolls of long ago were made to sit down, stand up and move their arms, but they didn't close their eyes or squeak "mamma". Among the toy dogs, horses and donkeys are some made of stone and baked clay and others carved out of wood.

Yes, Bill, you may draw the salary, but don't forget that your wife earns half the money.

Her Christmas Joy

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o7—our very first in our own house, Auntie. Everything is ready. Here's your cloak and bonnet. Come on, we can't wait another minute!"

And presently the big automobile was gliding smoothly over the snow with its load of Christmas happiness, and Miss Ellen was saying joyously to herself.

"A home with the children again! It seems almost too good to be true, except that it's Christmas and nothing is too good to be true, then. And they did not forget me, and that is the best of all, for

"With all the joys of Christmas blest To be remembered is the best."

—American Messenger.

SHE KNEW A GOOD THING

During a dangerous epidemic in a small western town every infected house was put under quarantine. After the disease had been checked the health officers were taking down the quarantine signs, when an old negress protested.

"Why, Auntie," said an officer, "don't you want me to take that sign down?"
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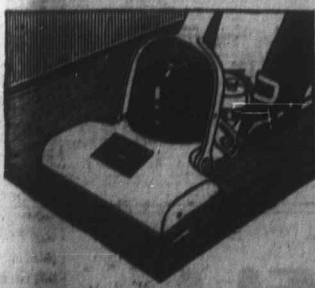
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