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In fact, when the first explorer lands of Mars, he shouldn't be too surprised to discover that Santa, and even Rudolph, got there Sharing of Christmas customs however only some the celebration is scheduled the celebration is scheduled.

and times, uniting them in both religious and secular observances of the season.

In Holland
Gifting season in Holland traditionally begins on December 5 and is called "Strooivand" or "strewing night". Children place their shoes by the fireplace, filled with carrots and hay for St. Nicholas' horse in the expectation that on the morrow the shoes will on the grant of the same transfer of the Holy Land two years earlier, he had t in the expectation that on the morrow the shoes will contain candy, fruit and toys.

Pay no attention to what critics say. There has never been set up a statue in honor of a critic.

In Scotland-

mong the Portuguese. Families gather on Christmas Eve for dinner at the home tivity.

A procession of pilgrims comes to the place where the celebration is scheduled They carry clay figures of Mary and Joseph, and they seek shelter from the "innkeepers" within.

Eve for dinner at the home of the oldest living relative. After the children have gone is placed before the fireplace, and around it are grouped the childrens shoes which serve the same function as Christmas stockings ion as Christmas stockings

Remembers Bethlehem

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," a U.S. carol, was written by Episcopal Bishop Phillips Brooks in 1868, while he was rector of Holy Trinity Church in Philadel-

In Scotland—
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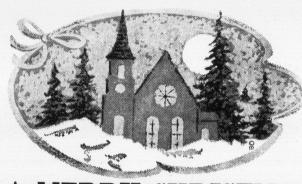


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