### Christmas In A Scotch City

Glasgow, the commercial metropolis of Scotland, with its well nigh million in habitants, can be chosen as an interesting illustration of the manner in which one-fourth of the people of the country spend the holidays. Many days before the store fronts on Argyll street-a thoroughfare as busy as any in the land-are gayly and profusely decorated with holly and evergreens. Above nearly every entrance signs of welcome and the compliments of the season are exhibited in holly leaves. On Christmas eve the stores keep open late. Either side of the thoroughfare is a mass of blazing, cheerfu! light. and there is a moving mass of humanity between. But when the stores close they close until boxing day. All the working people now get their Christmas boliday

On Christmas forenoon the ford provost or mayor presides at the annual meeting and breakfast given by the directors at the royal infirmary. His lordship makes a speech, after which there is a distribution of good things to all the patients in the large institution. Then he visits sundry other institutions for the care of the sick and poor, where there are Christmas treeing and feasting. By the way, Christmas day is one of the lord provost's busiest days. At 2 o'clock, according to annual custom for years past, he presides at the annual dinner given to from 5,000 to 6,000 poor men, women and children in the city hall, Albion street. His lordship and the city magistrates occupy the stage and take dinner with the poor. During the repast, which consists of soup, beef, an entree, plum pudding, tea or coffee and fruit, stirring Scotch airs are played on the big organ by the city organist. At the close his lordship makes a speech, which is reported verbatin in the newspapers It is usually a masterly production.

Outwardly the aspect of the city resembles that of Sunday Nevertheless thousands of people are moving about. The myriad of riveters in the miles of shipbuilding yards along the Clyde have come to the city with their wives and families and are attending the matinees or evening pantomime performances that have already been running. These pantomimes are a feature of city life in Scotland during the winter. Usually three open at the big theaters in Glasgow Christmas eve. They are rehearsed for weeks before. The playwright usually chooses as his theme a fairy tale. "Jack the Giant Killer." "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" and "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp" have been favorite themes. As a rule, the playwright retains enough of the tale so that the young folks can recognize the characters, but taken altogether the production becomes really a dramatic burlesque of local life and character. interesting, entertaining and even ele-

actresses of renown take the leading parts, while there are dazzling cos tumes, magnificent scenery and a gorgeous ballet thrown in. No wonder it is that often until the middle of spring the pantomimes enjoy a continuous run Latterly they become in a sense classics, for their libretti undergo weekly improvement at the suggestion of local wits noted for the pungency of their sayings and the fund of dry Scotch humor they possess. It is no exaggeration to say that these pantomimes are visited by some persons each night all the season through and by others fully a score of

Then there is the usual exodus of young men to the country at Christmastide. It is a common saying among Scotchmen that all roads lead to Lon-This is changed to Glasgow in some cases. There is scarcely a family of note in the Highlands that has not a son at the universities of Glasgow or Edinburgh studying for the professions of law, medicine, the put pit, the army or the home or foreign civil service. With what hope and pride the advent of the young student is looked for at the little railroad station up in the mountains on Christmas eve or morning! If he lives on an estate the next day he is given a side by his rustic countrymen in their annual Christmas day football match. The game is usually a stoutly contested one, umpired and refereed by the laird and heads of the estate. At the corner of the field is placed a cask of good Scotch ale, from which the players regale themselves at half time. Then the game resumes, and the second half is fast and furious. Around the ropes are the young women of the estate looking on with pleasure and discussing their choices in the dance list of the evening.-Brooklyn Eagle

Santa Claus In the Zoo. Santa Claus: "Tis Christmas eve (The animals looked pleasant), And each of you will now receive His yearly Christmas present. But I'd be glad if every guest Would mention what he'd like the best."

The tapir said: "That pleases me.
I'll state succinctly, therefore,
If I may be so bold and free.
The only thing I care for
Would be those matches on the shelf. With which I'd like to light myself."

His wish was granted. Then up spake
A timid little adder:
"Sir, but a trifle it will take
To make my Christmas gladder.
A slate and pencil, if you please.
Would let me do my sums with ease." The reindeer said, "You may believe

I'd be a happy fellow

If I were sure I would receive
A good sized umberrellow.

And also I'd like four galoche,
Yes, and a rubber mackintosh." -Walton Williams

#### His Defense.

"What defense," asked the grafter's wife, "did you make when you faced the investigating committee?" "I vehemently called the man who

had brought the charges a liar."-Chi-

Nothing is more disgraceful than insincerity.-Cicero.

His Mild Resistance.

Magistrate-Did you arrest the prisoner, McNutty? Officer McNutty-Of fer any resistance? Officer McNutty--Only \$2. yer honor.-Chicago News.

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## Christmas Eve In Rural England

It was a brilliant moonlight night, but extremely cold. Our chaise whirled rapidly over the frozen ground. The postboy smacked his whip incessantly, and a part of the time his horses were on a gallop. "He knows where he is going," said my companion, laughing, "and is eager to arrive in time for some of the merriment and good cheer of the servants' hall. My father is a devotee of the old school and prides himself on keeping up something of old English hospitality. He was always scrupulous in exacting our holidays and having us around him on family festivals. It was the policy of the good old gentleman to make his children feel that home was the happiest place in the world, and I value this delicious home feeling as one of the choicest gifts a parent can bestow." The squire ushered us at once to the company, which was assembled in a large, old fashioned hall. It was composed of different branches of a numerous family connection. They were variously occupied, and a profusion of wooden horses, penny trumpets and tattered dolls about the floor showed traces of a little troop of fairy beings that had frolicked through a happy While the mutual greetings were go-

ing on between Bracebridge and his relatives I had time to scan the apart-The grate had been removed



from the wide, overhanging preplace to make way for a tire of wood, in the midst of which was an enormous log, glowing and blazing and sending forth a vast volume of light and heat. This, I understood, was the Yule log, which the squire was particular in having brought in and illumined on Christmas eve, according to ancient custom.

It was really delightful to see the old squire seated in his hereditary elbow chair by the hospitable fireside of his ancestors and looking around him like the sun of a system, beaming warmth and gladne very dog that lay stretched at his feet, as he lazily shifted his position and yawned, would look fondly up in his master's face, wag his tail against the floor and stretch himself again to

sleep, sure of kindness and protection. Supper was announced shortly after did, yer honor. Magistrate-Did he of- our arrival. It was served up in a spacious oaken chamber, the panels of which shone with wax and around which were several family portraits, decorated with bolly and ivy Besides the accustomed lights, two great wax tapers. called Christmas candles. wreathed with greens, were placed on a highly polished buffet among the family plate. The table was abundantly spread with substantial fare. but the squire made his supper of frumenty, a dish made of wheat cakes boiled in milk, with rich spices, being a standing dish in old times for Christ mas eve. I was happy to find my old friend, minced pie, in the retinue of the feast.

The supper had disposed every one to gayety, and an old harper was summoned from the servants' ball. \* \* \* The dance, like most dances after supper, was a merry one. Some of the older folk joined in it, and the squire himself figured down several couples with a partner with whom he affirmed he had danced at every Christmas for nearly half a century.

The party broke up for the night with the kind hearted old custom of his wife in tones of thunder, "come shaking hands. As I passed through the hall on the way to my chamber the dying embers of the Yule log still I'm writing a sermon on 'Bearing One sent forth a dusky glow, and had it Another's Burdens.'" - London Titnot been the season when "no spirit dares stir abroad" I should have been half tempted to steal from my room at midnight and peep whether the fairies might not be at their revels about the hearth.

I had scarcely got into bed when a strain of music seemed to break forth | insist on keeping young after it is imin the air just below the window. I possible."-Chicago Record-Herald. listened and found it proceeded from a band which I concluded to be the waits from some neighboring village. I drew aside the curtains to hear them more distinctly. The moonbeams fell through the upper part of the casement, partially lighting up the antiquated apartment. The sounds as they receded became more soft and aerial and seemed to accord with quiet and moonlight. I listened and listened. They became more and more tender and remote, and as they gradually died away my head sank upon the pillow, and I fell asleep .- Wash-

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I love your pretty eyes of brown-My own are dark and blue-But as they're only glass, my dear, They'll see no faults in you.

My china lips, they long to kiss
All your dull cares away,
But I must wait for three long weeks Until our wedding day

However, time will pass, sweet maid, And then we'll never part.

I swear to love you all my life
With my true wooden heart.
Your own

REGINALD.

Such was the love letter written by Reginald Graham of New York, a beautiful doll twenty inches tall, light hair, blue eyes, with long dark lashes, to his ladylove, Miss Alice Winchester, a brown eyed doll beauty of Boston.

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time at the home of the doll bride. But making the clothes! Grandmas cousins and aunties spent days using their nimble fingers to fashiou the ting manly garments, as no little girl could possibly do the difficult sewing.

It was decided that a black broad cloth suit must be made, but as a f : dress evening coat could be used only for formal occasions a tuxedo or dis ner coat was finally agreed upon as being of more service.

All the time we have been telling about the bridegroom dear little Alice has been so busy having a long white satin wedding dress made, a real lace veil and the daintiest kind of lace trim-

A traveling gown of cloth, an automobile coat of champagne color, a white hat with feathers and flowers. all have been prepared for the "going away" costume

A procession of twenty little girls with their dollies follows Reginald and Alice, who march into the drawing room to the music of a wedding march played on the piano; then into the dining room, where the dollies sit at a table that has been arranged for them, with a tiny wedding cake deco rating the center.

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Bright Miss Nancy Etticoat, Used to standing long, Shone beside Tom Tucker.

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Bobby Shafto, from o'er the sea, Was in a happy mood: I saw him gazing bashfully At dear Red Riding Hood

Little Miss Muffet had left her tuffet
And surprised us all, oh, my'
By going to a corner with little Jack
Horner And sharing his Christmas pie

Shy Bopeep without her sheep Many sweet glances won. And there without his little pig Was Tom, the Piper's Son

Marjorie Daw and big Tom Stout Attracted much attention And many more whose names, alas, I haven't room to mention

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—Julian Jerome

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