

A BIG STOCKING FOR SANTA CLAUS TO FILL.



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Baby stockings are such tiny things that Santa Claus might fail to see them at all as he bustles around in the dark distributing his offerings to good little children.

The Christmas Tree. Who invented the Christmas tree? Whence does it come? It is a curious fact that most of the old chroniclers have thrown a veil of mystery around the Christmas tree and make no attempt to explain its origin.

It has been stated that the tree came to us from Egypt. This legend is well propagated in old Irish and Welsh fairy tales. The idea is that in ancient Egypt they used a slip of the palm tree with twelve shoots on it at certain winter festivities.

Consequently any one who is equal to the effort may believe that the modern Christmas tree represents that twelve shoot slip of palm. Minds of less stalwart credulity may prefer to trace the Christmas tree back to Germany only, where they had Christmas trees long before they ever heard of in England or France.

Christmas Don'ts.

When Christmas is over don't forget to write notes of thanks to your friends and family who have been kind enough to present you with Christmas remembrances. A great many girls and boys receive gifts with pleasure and show them to their elders with pride, but neglect to thank the donors. A thing worth receiving calls for gratitude.

When you receive the merest trifle in the way of a Christmas gift don't forget that it has cost some one time and money and that the "some one" had you in heart and mind when choosing this particular little gift, simple and inexpensive though it may be, and do not neglect to show your appreciation of it.

A Tree Party.

Everybody likes a donkey party, but that patient animal has done its duty so long without kicking that we really ought to relieve it. A good substitute for the donkey is a Christmas tree drawn on an old sheet in charcoal or else painted in a vivid green. Each child receives a little parcel (crumpled up newspaper carefully wrapped and tied with red cord). The child is blindfolded, placed at a distance from the sheet, turned around three times and then tries to pin the parcel to the topmost point of the tree.

A Christmas Carol.

Chime, chime, chime, chime. Christmas bells are calling. Now, as in the olden time, On the echoes falling. Clearly on the frosty air Of the Christmas morning Comes the message sweet and rare As a gentle warning. Peace on earth, good will to all! Thus the bells are ringing. Young and old obey the call Of so sweet a singing. Petty quarrels are put aside, Christmas love beginning, Banish selfishness and pride, Every thought of sinning. Chime, chime, chime, chime, Christmas bells are calling. Joyously at Christmas time On the echoes falling.

A SANTA CLAUS RHYME

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This is the Pack That Santa Claus brought at Christmas.



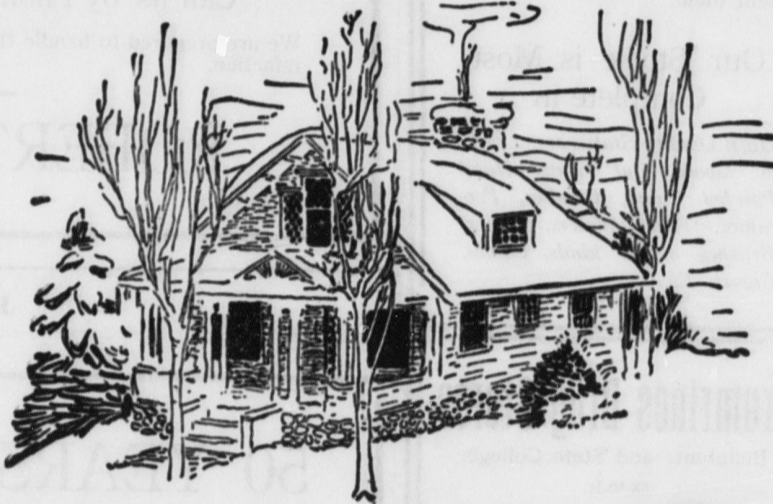
This is the Sleigh That carried the Pack That Santa Claus brought at Christmas.



These are the Reindeer That drew the Sleigh That carried the Pack That Santa Claus brought at Christmas.



This is the house Where the Reindeer stopped That drew the Sleigh That carried the Pack That Santa Claus brought at Christmas.



This is the Chimney big and wide That Santa Claus climbed down inside At the House where the Reindeer stopped That drew the Sleigh That carried the Pack That Santa Claus brought at Christmas.



This is the Stocking long and fine That the little girl hung at the end of the line There by the Hearth, where, all in a row, The stockings hung waiting for Santa, you know; They hung by the Chimney big and wide That Santa Claus climbed down inside At the House where the Reindeer stopped That drew the Sleigh That carried the Pack That Santa Claus brought at Christmas.—From St. Nicholas.

This is the Hearth, where, all in a row, The stockings hung waiting for Santa, you know; They hung by the Chimney big and wide That Santa Claus climbed down inside At the House where the Reindeer stopped That drew the Sleigh That carried the Pack That Santa Claus brought at Christmas.



DIARY FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT

Peculiar but Pleasing Remembrance Showing Absent Friend Was in Mind of Donor.

On Thanksgiving day a man sat down and began to write to a distant friend. But he wrote only a few lines, and laid it aside. The next day he took up the pen, put down the new date, diary-fashion, and wrote some item of news of interest to them both.

So each day from Thanksgiving till Christmas he added something to the letter, as he would in a diary, ending and mailing it just in time to reach his friend on Christmas morning. At the top he had written this message:

"This is all the gift you get from me this year; but it carries more thought of you and more love, I imagine, than do some more costly ones I am sending. But just put it in your pocket for a dull January day. It will keep."

And this was a letter from a man to a man! Damon and Pythias, David and Jonathan still live in our prosaic American business world.—Mother's Magazine.

PRESENTS BOUGHT FOR SHOW

Exploiting One's Own Vanity in Bestowal of Gifts is Poor Policy.

The most miserable Christmas present, the kind that no human being is rich enough to afford, is that which is bought to make a show, to exploit one's own vanity.

When you are tempted to buy a "show off" present, remember that the recipient has some rights. One who understands will be made unhappy by that kind of gift. You know yourself that when you receive a present that represents a great sacrifice on the part of the giver it makes you feel miserable, even when the right spirit is behind it.

The cost in money is about the poorest of measures for any kind of a gift. The thoughtfulness in it, the recognition of a desire for things unasked for, the affection that goes with it, counts for much more. Every Christmas each of us receives a message that means more than the most expensive gift. Yet we forget that sometimes in the perplexing selection of presents for others.—Woman's Home Companion.

Timid About Bathing. Archibald Colquhoun relates that "there is a strong prejudice in Nicaragua against bathing and even washing while on a journey and for some days afterward. The dust is not washed off the face for some days after arrival, especially if the traveler has come from the 'tierras calientes' (hot country, or lower region), for a too sudden opening of the pores of the skin will certainly produce fever, according to popular belief. The people of Nicaragua, according to Spuler, are generally scrupulously clean in their persons, except when traveling, and then the use of water is prohibited."

The Agriculturist's View. Two farmers on a visit to Liverpool stood upon the platform of a railway station, when a lady passed dressed in the height of fashion. "Theer, Jim," said one, "what do you think of that, lad?" Jim looked at her for a minute and then said, "Ay, Tom, it's had ground that takes so much top dressing!"—Liverpool Mercury.

Fate. "My good man, how did you come to be in prison?" "Fate, I guess, ma'am." "Fate? I don't understand you." "Well, you see, it must have been ordained that somebody would be in this cell when you came along asking fool questions, and of course I had to be the guy."—Detroit Free Press.

How She Knew. Nan—When young Mr. Gayman was introduced to me the other day I thought he seemed painfully embarrassed. Fan—He didn't seem so to me, but on looking him up in the commercial directories, I found he was.—Boston Transcript.

Seeking to Be Exact. "My grandpa had a perplexity fit yesterday," said small Dorothy. "Perplexity fit?" echoed little Clarice. "You mean a paralytic stroke, don't you?"—Stray Stories.

Ghosts. Little Marguerite—Daddy, what is a ghost? Daddy—A ghost is a thing which you see when it is not there.—Christian Register.

Find the cause of each wrinkle on a man's face and you will find it was put there by worrying over something that worrying could not help.

Medical.

Heard in Bellefonte

HOW BAD BACKS HAVE BEEN MADE STRONG—KIDNEY ILLS CORRECTED. All over Bellefonte you hear it. Doan's Kidney Pills are keeping up the good work. Bellefonte people are telling about it—telling of bad backs made sound again. You can believe the testimony of your own townspeople. They tell it for the benefit of you who are suffering. If your back aches, if you feel lame, sore and miserable, if the kidneys act too frequently, or passages are painful, scanty and off color, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that has helped so many of your friends and neighbors. Follow this Bellefonte citizen's advice and give Doan's a chance to do the same for you. William McClellan, 24 E. Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pa., says: "I suffered for a long time from pain and lameness across my back and some mornings I could hardly get out of bed. My back ached constantly and the kidney secretions were irregular in passage. Hearing a great deal about Doan's Kidney Pills, I decided to try them and procured a supply from Green's Pharmacy Co. They cured me and I am now enjoying good health. My advice to anyone afflicted with kidney complaint is to take Doan's Kidney Pills. You are welcome to publish my endorsement at any time you desire." The above statement must carry conviction to the mind of every reader. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask directly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mr. McClellan had—the remedy backed by home testimony. See all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. "When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name." 58-59

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A large line of Men's and Boys' Sweaters, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs at all prices, also a large line of Men's Neckwear and Silk Hose.

LaVogue Coats and Suits Reduced.

This month we will make Clearance Sale prices of Coats and Suits. Every garment in this department must be sold now. We never carry any Coats or Suits over, and the greatly reduced prices always help to keep our stock clean. Children's Coats included in this clean-up sale.

Christmas Fur Sale.

Our entire Fur Stock has been re-marked at greatly reduced prices. These prices will put the selection of fine Fur Sets within the reach of the most conservative buyer. Single Muffs and Children's Sets included. Come early and make your selections, as the early buyer gets the first choice.

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