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Xmas Near the North Pole

I THINK Christmas, 1883, was my most memorable one," said General Greeley, the arctic explorer. "With my command I was proceeding southward in the hope of obtaining help, and about the 20th of October we encamped ourselves in a little hut at Cape Sabine. Our supply of food was running very low, and we were on very short rations, every one being allowed just food enough in each twenty-four hours to sustain life. Under these depressing circumstances and amid the awful silence of the polar night the cheerfulness that we continued to maintain was remarkable. It would have been a splendid opportunity for Dickens' character, Mark Tapley, who was always seeking some specially depressing situation in life to show how jolly he could be under adverse circumstances. As the Christmas season approached we all looked forward to it with eager anticipation, not only as a festal day the associations and memories of which would to some extent vary the wearisome monotony of our lives, but because we knew that the winter solstice would fall about Dec. 22 and that then the sun would return and the long, dreary night be at an end.

"Christmas day came at last, Christmas in the arctic regions! At 6 o'clock



TELLING CHRISTMAS STORIES.

We had our breakfast—thin soup made of peas, carrots, blubber and potatoes. Our Christmas dinner was served at 1 o'clock. Hearken to our menu, ye who will sit down the coming Christmas to roast turkey stuffed with oysters: First course, a stew of seal meat, onions, blubber, potatoes and bread crumbs; second course, served one hour after first, a stew of raisins, blubber and milk; dessert, a cup of hot chocolate. The best and most Christmaslike feature of this meal was that we were allowed a sufficient quantity of it to satisfy the pangs of hunger. Our enjoyment of the dessert, one cup of chocolate, we tried to prolong as much as possible. Over it we told each other Christmas stories. We exchanged reminiscences of bygone Christmases at home with the loved ones so far away. We discussed the probability of our ever reaching our own firesides again, and we entered into an agreement that if we got back to civilization before another Christmas we would pass the day together in memory of that awful Christmas we were then spending in the realm of the relentless ice king. Alas, many of those brave fellows never lived to see another Christmas!"—Buffalo Express.

Christmas Dinner Recipes.

Chestnut stuffing is the most delicious that can go with a Christmas turkey. Shell a quart of Italian or French chestnuts. Put in hot water and boil until the skins are softened; drain off the water and remove the skins. Press them, a few at a time, through a colander and season with butter, salt and pepper. Add chopped parsley, onion and bread crumbs and season with stock.

Giblet Sauce.—Boil the giblets until tender; chop them, but not too fine, and add a tablespoonful of flour to the pan in which the turkey was roasted. Brown the flour, stirring constantly, adding slowly a cupful of water in which the giblets were boiled; season with salt and pepper and add the chopped giblets.

A Country Named For Christmas.

South Africa was discovered by the Portuguese, who were searching for an ocean road to India. Bartholomew Diaz was the commander of the two little ships that formed the expedition in 1486. Eleven years later Da Gama took another Portuguese fleet south. He discovered Natal on Christmas day and thus named it in consequence.

Tale of a Christmas Survivor.

"But where is that beautiful tail you had day before yesterday?"

"The farmer said, 'Heads I win, tails you lose.' Well, I took my heels and lost my tail, but he did not win my head."

XMAS A DAY OF TERROR.

Hard lines of the Players Who Entertain Theater Crowds.

In the vaudeville houses where continuous performances are given Christmas day strikes terror to the most time hardened dramatic soul.

The doors open anywhere between 9:30 and 10:30 a. m. and close at about midnight. The headliners play their customary two turns, but those lower in the dramatic scale play "on demand," generally about four times. If an act is particularly weak, it is used to "chase" out the audience—in plain English, to tire it into leaving the house and making room for the line waiting in the lobby.

The low salaried vaudeville actor, therefore, eschews any Christmas dinner and ties himself to the nearest quick lunch counter, there to feast on turkey sandwiches, execrable coffee and pie as heavy as his spirits. By the time he has done his last turn on the stage he is more ready for bed than for the festive board.

To the unsuccessful actor Christmas is likely to bring that blessing of the Rialto, a "turkey date."

Scattered within easy access of New York are numerous small cities, or, more properly speaking, towns, where good shows never come. Of these the catchpenny manager keeps a list, and on quick notice he scours Broadway for cheap, unengaged talent, from which he organizes his company, rehearse it hastily in some playhouse conveniently idle at the time, rushes some cheap printing upon the poor, unsuspecting town and lands there bright and early Christmas morning. The population, show hungry, welcomes the holiday diversion and packs the town hall, matinee and night.

The actors are thus assured of a good Christmas dinner and supper and a percentage of the box office receipts. Usually these are divided according to the importance of the roles played by the actors. This will tide them over until New Year's day, which brings another "turkey date."

Many an actor now featured on Broadway has played his share of "turkey dates." One in particular tells how, with five associates, he put on "The Clemenceau Case," not abashed that the cast called for no less than twelve capable actors, and was quite radiant over the returns of "one Christmas dinner with trimmings" and \$125 to be divided among the actors.—Washington Post.

CHRISTMAS "BARRING OUT."

A Strange Custom of Schoolboys and Teachers.

"Barring out" was one of the Christmas customs greatly in vogue in England three centuries ago. It is a custom that obtains not only in England, but to some extent in our own country, to this day, although it is not particularly a Christmas custom in our country. "Barring out" was the keeping of the teacher or master out of the schoolhouse until he yielded to such terms as the boys of his school chose to dictate. If the boys were able to keep the teacher out of the schoolhouse for three days and nights he was bound by all the laws of the custom to come to terms with the boys and to grant them all that they demanded in the way of half holidays and abbreviated lesson hours and extended recesses. If, on the other hand, the teacher outwitted the boys and regained possession of the schoolroom, the chagrined pupils were bound to submit to such terms as he chose to dictate. As these terms usually included the severe trouncing of all the boys having anything to do with the barring out of the teacher, the boys were on the alert to keep him from defeating them. More than one Christmas time of rejoicing has been turned into a time of weeping and wailing on the part of boys whom some barred out teacher has defeated.—Leslie's Weekly.

A Laundry List For Christmas.

For a laundry list obtain a delicate book slate with two or three leaves and bound in cloth. From embroidery linen cut a piece sufficiently large to face the front and back and with a margin a quarter of an inch wide all around.

On one-half of the piece mark the words "Laundry List" within a frame at the middle, and to decorate the remainder of the piece draw a conventional flower design.

When the work is finished, apply the linen to the slate and cover with glue by turning the edges over and making them fast to the inside on a narrow edge of the cloth binding that is usually left between the edge of the slate part and the binding.

At the top hinge corner attach a ring with bow and ribbons, by means of which it can be hung in a convenient place, and at the knot tie a piece of string half a yard long, to the end of which a pencil may be attached.

Christmas Wreath Oranges.

The wonder orange may be used to conceal small Christmas gifts, and it also makes a pretty decoration for the tree. Take a good sized ball of coarse orange colored worsted and begin winding it about the present. If the gift is not symmetrical enough to admit this, first wrap it in crushed tissue paper.

After the worsted is completely wound so as to make a ball the size of a big orange fasten green tissue paper leaves in a cluster about where the stem should be and a loop of baby orange ribbon with which to hang it up.

The wonder orange can also be used to stuff into the toe of some expectant Christmas stocking.

Merry Christmas!

Be merry all, be merry all!
With holly dress the festive hall;
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—W. R. Spencer.

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