

## The <br>  Bough













fantastic celebrations
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$\qquad$ spectacle of dramatice mysteries and
moralltes given by personages in gro tesque masks and singular costumes.
The scenery usually represented an infant in a cradle surrounded by the VIr
II Mary and St. Joseph, bulls' heads cherubs, eastern magi and many ornaments.
Then there were the Christmas carols or some which recalled the songs of
the shepherds at the Nativity. These
songs were attended by dances to the songs were attended by dances to the
rhythm of the various muslcal instruments. Everybody joined this merry
making, and the wild music and sing making, and the wid music and sling-
ing were kept up the livelong night.
of these ancient Christmas carols but few have been preserved to us. The fore-
going seemed to be the custom of all In Italy it was the custom of the Calabrian minstrels to descend from
the miountains and discourse their wild the nountains and discourse their Mila
music betore the shrine of the Virgit
Mary. He England and on the conti-
nent the bells are still rung at mid-
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once for a religious and merrymaking festival for every rank and age, the
festivitites commencing on Christmas ve and lasting till Condlemass, and erNight (Jan. G). In the houses or no-
bles a "lord of misrule" formerly was apponted, whose duty it was to pro-
vide the rarest amusement and whose
rule lasted from All Hallow eve rull Candemas. They lived on the fat
of the land, amd all of the tenants were
invited In to share the general fun and



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