

is atmas ick

ere be any Christmas
e?"
man who spoke these
ing along over a coun-
d he shivered as the
the snowflakes about

up my stocking on
s in the days of yore,"
bent his head to the
I try to forget that I
I and happy and had a
out me? Tens of thou-
ings will hang in the
s, and tens of thou-
will be made happy.

ered in his throat and
s, and the toes peeping
s shoes took on a deep-
s only three days to
e farmers were mark-
fatted turkeys, geese
e killed for the festiva
farmers' wives were
in pies and cranberry
ling as they thought of
had hidden away,
ms and its happiness are
sighed the man as he
k to the storm for a mo-
s breath. "It is my busi-
and suffer, to be hund-
d, to remember all the
st and not to think of the
s sorrows, and I will be
nd. Perhaps when they
frozen body on the high-
ve the pitiful expression
face they may smooth
zled locks and wish they
nd to me, and perhaps
y use me for a Yule log in
and joke about me as
nd toasting their feet. It
difference to me, howev-



S YOUR NAME WILLIE?"
e is no fat goose with sage
for me, no pumpkin pie and
es, no Santa Claus to drop a
ch in my stock"—
our name Willie?" asked a
his elbow.
' replied the wayfarer as he
nd saw a man with a silver
his breast and a club in his

y Willie?"
ame."
' come with me. Santa Claus
something for you after all."
 followed the silver star
ge and was lodged in a house
all the windows were barred
doors locked to keep burglars
d early the next morning he
en before a benign looking old
ho benignly asked:
dear man, are you expecting
g for Christmas?"
a thing," was W. W.'s sad and
ful reply.
I have a little surprise for you.
ing to give you three months in
nd if that doesn't cure your
I'll make it six next time. Be-
he prisoner and see that he gets
of ice water to drink."
the man who thought the world
ainst him did not get left after
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herds in Modern Bethlehem.
n the greatest height in Bethle-
a distant glimpse of even the
aranean sea may be perceived
clear, bright day. The strange
v of the surroundings of Bethle-
viewed from the town itself, as
as from all the neighboring
s, may have inspired in the
shepherd King David some of
inspiring psalms which have
the comfort of the afflicted
dout all ages.
i beautiful valley near Bethle-
re the "fields of the shepherds"
ered memory. These fields are
sed as pasture lands, and many
ing David may be seen tending
ock with the same care as the
erds of yore. When he rests in
a place during the sultry hours of
ay the sheep gather around him
chew the cud. If there happens
a wounded one or a little weak
e carries it on his shoulder or in
the bosom of his long white shirt.

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DURER AND LEONARDO.

Explanation of the Differences Be- tween Their Work as Painters.

Durer was born a German, Leonardo an Italian. This sums up much of the difference between their work as painters. The Italian race, under its sunny skies, has an inborn love of beauty. The German, in a sterner climate—"How I shall freeze after this sun!" wrote Durer, during his stay in Italy, to a friend in Nuremberg—retains to this day the energy that carved its way through the vast forests of his country and some of the gloomy romance that haunted their dark shadows. The German spirit is characterized by a "combination of the wild and rugged with the homely and tender, by meditative depth, enigmatic gloom, sincerity and energy, by iron diligence and discipline." Very remarkable qualities these, and to be found in Durer's work, which is the reason that we describe him as being so representative of the Teutonic race.

But it was not only the difference of race that helped to mold the genius of these two men differently. Each was a manifestation of the "new birth" of art and learning that was spreading over Europe—Leonardo of the form of it which appeared in Italy and Durer of that which prevailed in Germany.—St. Nicholas.

SHAVING IS ANCIENT.

The Custom Was Probably Followed in Prehistoric Times.

It is not improbable that prehistoric man shaved, for curiously shaped shells and flint flakes have been discovered which have been supposed to be very ancient razors. In remote parts of China men have their chins scraped, without water or soap, by instruments very similar to these, and the men of the stone age would most likely find out at a very early stage that to leave hair upon their face was to give a useful handle to their enemies.

That, indeed, was the reason why Alexander the Great compelled his soldiers to shave, and his order is among the earliest definite instances of shaving upon record, although there can be no question that the practice existed long before his day.

The oldest Egyptian sculptures show some men clean shaven, and others partially so, with curled beards. It is recorded in Genesis that Joseph, when he went from prison to the presence of Pharaoh, about 1500 B. C., "shaved himself and changed his raiment."

Alexander's Palace.

The palace of Alexander the Great was an imposing structure in its time, and the wonder is that any vestige of it stands today. It was built in a manner much more substantial than that of today, though advocates of steel construction claim that the modern structure will defy time as long as any of those built by the ancients. Time alone will determine how much truth there is in this contention. On the Asiatic plain are the massive remnants of an ancient gateway fringed with weeds, and, vaguely knowing who he was, the natives tell that this is all that is left of the palace of Alexander.

The Patient's Idea.

Dr. Price-Price (diplomatically)—I don't know whether I sent you a statement of what—er—you owe me. Mr. Knox—Neither do I. Dr. Price-Price—Ah, you didn't get it then? I guess I didn't send you a statement. Mr. Knox—Oh, yes, but it looked more like a statement of what you think I possess.—Catholic Standard and Times.

A Burning Mistake.

Bilkins—I never knew Cockshure to acknowledge that he had made a mistake. Pilkins—I did once. Bilkins—How did it happen? Pilkins—He put the lighted end of his cigar in his mouth.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Old Ocean's Joke.

"There's another bunch of bridal couples on that ship," remarked Father Neptune.
"Yes," replied the Atlantic ocean.
"I'm being crossed in love pretty regularly these days."—Philadelphia Press.

Of the best society it used to be said its conversation affords instruction, while its silence imparts culture.—Goethe.

A Friendship Christmas.

Eustacia—What shall we do this Christmas?
Edmonia—You give me back all the things I've given you that you didn't like, and I'll give you all the things you gave me that I didn't like.—Detroit Free Press.

The Foresighted Shopper.

With Christmas near I'm not distressed
With thoughts of what to buy;
No gifts to seek, my soul's at rest—
I bought them last July.

Their Christmas Presents.
Papa—I am afraid that I shall not be able to get the children any Christmas presents this year.
Mamma—Oh, John!
Papa—Well, it isn't my fault. I have tried my very best to open their banks.—Brooklyn Life.

His Plaint.
The Christmas cycle's here again
To irritate the soul.
He says that he gets neckties when
He needs a ton of coal.

An Insuperable Objection.
"I would like to give myself to you as a Christmas present," said young Poore to Miss Rocks.
"Papa does not allow me to receive expensive presents from young men," replied the maiden.—Town Topics.

Vanishing Pomp.
How worldly pride kin pass away,
I's takin' foh my tek.
What is a Christmas tree one day
Is kindlin' wood de nex'.
—Washington Star.

Let Her Pass.
The mistletoe above the door
Expectant swains were viewing.
A maid passed through, but she was
more
Than thirty. Nothin' doing!
—Philadelphia Press.

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