Christmas on A Canalboat

"How are we going to spend Christmas?" exclaimed the good natured Mrs. Captain Boggs, seemingly a bit surprised at the question, for canalboat folk are sensitive of any criticism aimed in their direction.

"Why, we're going to spend the day just like other folk. Some think be-cause we live on canalboats we don't have any comforts and eat like savages. My, but I'd a heap sight rather live down here than in a flat like my niece's. She's got six rooms, and they don't begin to be as big as mine.

"If you think there ain't room just look here," and Mrs. Boggs displayed the secrets of a suit of rooms, the ingenuity of the arrangement rivaling the den of the New York bachelor girl. Out of the main cabin, which served as living and dining room combined, two alcoves jutted, besides an infinitesimal corner dubbed the kitchen, but which was even tinier than the modern apartment house kitchenette.

While under ordinary circumstances the kitchen was part of the cabin proper, two doors at right angles to each other could be drawn out, which, meeting, formed a room by itself. shiny coal stove or range quite filled the compartment, leaving just room before it in which to work, while above it every inch of wall space was utilized with pots and kettles and kitchen uten-

sils of every sort.
A low cupboard opening into the hold contained more articles of kitchen use, as well as vegetables and canned goods. Bunks were displayed in the view of the cabin. But from the re-cesses of the boat Mrs. Boggs pulled out a sliding door, which completely divided the space into two rooms, and when curtains were drawn into the cabin the occupants enjoyed all the privacy desired.

A big divan could be opened up at night into a roomy double bed, and another bunk, "just under the eaves," was sufficiently large to tuck two small youngsters away. Chests of drawers built in, wardrobes and cupboards in out of the way places sup-plied room for bedding, clothing and the boots and shoes of a family of children.

One of the biggest surprises in the boat, one which conveyed a hint that might be applied in small houses where room is at a premium, was the preserved fruit lockers.

'We all do up our own fruit," went on Mrs. Boggs. "You see, while we go up the canal we are in the country of the time, and it is much



"I'D A HEAP SIGHT BATHER LIVE DOWN HERE."

buy it in winter, and this is where we

Going to the stairs up the companion way, she pulled out tiny drawers, Small knobs jutted out from the face of each step with which to open the drawers, while within there was quite room enough to allow pint fruit jars to stand upright.

A cold storage room was tucked away in the hold, into which a small door about two feet in height opened. The dining table was a folding affair which turned up against the wall of the cabin when not in use.

When some surprise was expressed at the presence of a sewing machine in the room Mrs. Boggs said: "Oh, that's nothing! Many of the boats have organs as well, and there is one fitted up with a porcelain bathtub. So, you see, we have some of the luxuries of city houses and plenty of good air and sunshine. A concert is to be given on one of the boats here New Year's eve, and if you should like to come down we'd be glad to have you and show you a bit of canalboat hospitality."

A Christmas Game.

The "chest" may be arranged in any way that will hide one of the players. The game is based on the old poem, "Mistletoe Bough:"

The mistletoe hung in the castle hall.
The holly branch shone on the old cak
wall.
The baron's retainers were blithe and

A-keeping the Christmas boliday.

The "retainers" all form a ring about the "lover," who is blindfolded. The retainers sing:

Here we are so blithe and gay, Keeping our Christmas holiday. One will hide in the chest hereby. To guess who it is you must surely try.

With that one of the "retainers" runs and hides in the improvised chest.

The "lover" is led to it, and he may ask questions of the hidden one, who may reply by "Yes" or "No," disguising the volve. By these answers the "lover" must tell who the retainer is.
If he fails he must try again. When

Scott's Rhyme of Merry Christmas

Heap on more wood! The wind is

But, let it whistle as it will, We'll keep our Christanas merry still. Each age has deemed the newborn year

The fittest time for restal cheer, And well our Christian sires of old Loved when the year its course had

rolled And brought blithe Christmas back

With all his hospitable train.

Domestic and religious rite Gave honor to the holy night. On Christmas eve the belis were rung; On Christmas eve the mass was sung; That only night in all the year

Saw the stoled priest the chalice rear. The damsel donned her kirtle sheen; The hall was dressed with holly green; Forth to the wood did merry men go To gather in the mistletoe.

Then opened wide the baron's hall



THEN CAME THE MERRY MASKERS IN.

Power laid his rod of rule aside, And Ceremony doffed his pride. The heir, with roses in his shoes, That night might village partner

All hailed with uncontrolled delight And general voice the happy night That to the cottage as the crown Brought tidings of salvation down.

The fire, with well dried logs supplied, The huge hall table's oaken face. Scrubbed till it shone, the day to grace No mark to part the squire and ford.

Then was brought in the lusty brawn By old blue coated serving man: Then the grim boar's head frowned on

Crested with bays and rosemary. Well can the green barbed ranger tell How, when and where the monster fell, What dogs before his death ne tore And all the baiting of the boar.

The wassail round, in good brown

Garnished with ribbons, blithely trowls, There the nuge sirloin reeked; hard by Plum porridge stood and Christmas pie Nor failed old Scotland to produce At such high tide her savory goose

Then came the merry maskers in, And carols roared with blithesome din; If unmelodious was the song. It was a hearty note and strong. England was merry England when Old Christmas brought his sports

Twas Christmas broached the mighti-

'Twas Christmas told the merriest tale; A Christmas gambol oft could cheer The poor man's heart through haif the year.

-Sir Walter Scott.

THE WREN BUSH.

An Old Custom Still Observed In Ireland at Christmas.

observed in Ireland at Christmas few are more curious than the practice of carrying about "the wren bush" on St Stephen's day, and antiquaries are puz zied to explain why the poor little "king of all birds" should be put to death on the festival of the first mar

The most probable explanation is that the wren was sacred to the Druid and other pagan rites at the festival o the winter solstice, which almost com-cided with Carlstonas, and consequent ly the clerky urged their converts to destroy the birds which were assact ated with such unboly rites, Just as St Patrick's relentless destruction of the images of serpents, used in the ancies pagan worship of Ireland, gave rise to

Gave the snakes and toads a twist And banished them all forever:

This seems the more likely because "wren," also means "a Druid," and old folk still call "Jenny" the "Druid bird" and say that she has the gift of prophecy and that those who can interpret her twitterings as she hover about a house or flies from bush to bush can read the future. In the library of Trinity college, Dublin, there to interpret the notes of the wrea.

Mand F. Serrens in Londonn's Mane

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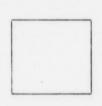
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