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## SANTA CLAUS WILL COMETO-NIGHT.

'Tis merry Christmas eve again, the streets are bright and gay,
And they forms are watching the holiday The busy stores are radiant, and decked with And happy, smiling faces blend with the joy-See the tiny footprints mingle, impressed up The trail of little darlings ever passing to They talk of dear old Santa Claus, of dolls-

Hear their merry shouts and laughter, expressing fond delight, As they whisper to each other "Santa Claus ed that there was some risk, as many of the E'en now he bounds o'er mountains high, within his mystic sleigh, And little hearts will bless him on the dawn of Christmas day. Still onward thro' the drifting snow the panting reindeers fly.

time is passing by ;"
Then little "Vixen," "Dash" and "Dart" all being in the lead, Rush madly o'er the dreary course with fast increasing speed, "Run on! cheer up! my fleeting pets; an- the unaccustomed path between the stone And we'll reach the silent city, where loved

Swiftly, surely, without the least betraying Thus' Santa Claus the warning gave, and told them what to do:
"Vixet." "Cupid," "Dash," and "Dunder"
"Blitzen," "Tom" and "Billiboo;" Not forgetting little "Stupid," even he would

"Slowly, we are in the city; when I give Do not falter; are you ready? steady now! away we go Softly sounds the silver bugle, and the little Leaping high toward the housetops, follow-Little 'Stupid' and the others safely on the Soon began a noisy pat'ring of each tiny, Silence, 'Stupid,' stop it, 'Vixen,' this is not Don't forget my parting warning-please be

Then the jolly, funny fellow, quickly down | guide. Muffled in fur-covered garments, all, except hts eyes and nose Now, he sees the little stockings, hanging And while watching all around him candy- crowd of people now are upon the road, go-"I will fill each baby stocking whilst the darthey liked the best : Gazing fondly at their bedside ere he mounts

Christmas to you all Leaping to each snowy housetop, soon his Little eyes are slyly peeping round the room

Tommy, ain't he dood? sleigh bells far away Santa Claus had left the city ere the dawn of Christmas day!

# A CHRISTMAS SONG.

A carol of joy, a carol of joy, For the glorious Christmas time While the heavens rejoice and the earth is

Let the merry bells sweetly chime Let us seek the crib where our Savier lies, See, the Shepherds are kneeling there; Let us offer, with Mary and Joseph, Our worship of love and prayer.

A carol of praise, a carol of praise, With the angels let us sing; Let us welcome with notes of rupturons

Our Savior, our God and King. Oh! would we could offer him worthy gifts.
Oh! would that our hearts could love.

With some equal return, the Holy Child, Who for us left his throne above! A carol of joy, a carol of joy, Let the whole earth gladly shout;

A carol of praise, a carol, Let us sing of the Christmas time,

While the heavens rejoice and the earth is And the merry bells sweetly chime.

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Do not lorget the children. Let it not be was seen in the world for Said that Santa Claus has neglected one of Greek convent of Elijah, where other stories amateur and professional players.

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The expense of making them Jerusalem are visible—"twined in mutual happy is small and the reward that will follow their justy shouts when they see their point, too, can be seen the sugar-loaf moun-The New York World has no superior on amount and the trouble. Our first thought and round. It is the scene of a massacre of happiness of the little ones.

Christmas comes but once a year, And when it comes should bring good chear," ---

A CHRISTMAS COMPOSITION. - Ryder's boy has written the following composition on the subject of Christmas: "Christmas comes every year and it is the

best day in the year exceptin' Fourth of low and around is something more attractive to both eyes and memory. It is the field of and pistols Hookey fired off an old gun one Boaz and the scene of that sweet story of fourth of july and it kicked him agin a hidrent and an awful bunch growed on his bend and he didn't know much for two

## CHRISTMAS!

THE STAR IN THE EAST! THE LIGHT THAT SHONE WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN "-WHAT BETHLEHEM IS TO-DAY-SCENES OF THE SA-VIOUR'S BIRTHPLACE.

The distance from Jerusalem to Bethlehen s but half a dozen miles. We proposed to go to and from it in a morning. Our vehicle and female French driver were retained for and sugar plums,

And wonder why it is they never see him and stony, and the streets narrow, we riskthe purpose. Although the road was rough ed the carriage and ignored the donkey on the pledge of the guide. The sequel showstreets were impassible for a carriage.

per aqueduct and over the upper part of Gion, and then drive nearly due south. The bed of the Kidron, in the deep valley on our left, pursues its empty way to the Dead Sea. while on our right and to the west, along the horizon, in broken and gray masses lie the mountains of Judah, shutting out the Mediterranean. One lonely person we meet amid walls before we reach the direct way to Bethehem. He wears a stove-pipe hat. Its ones calmly sleep; lehem. He wears a stove-pipe hat. Its Then mount upon the housetops with one strageness and awkwardness in this land of robe, fez, and turban creates a smile. When we reach the main road and leave the "hill of evil counsel" on our left, we find the way filled with laden camels. Under the lash of the guide these gave the way, and with considerable malice both they and their drivers fumble and tumble about awkwardly amid To take the upward flying leap as bravely as the rubble of the road. The olives are thick, perforated, and old, in the fields, within the

"Where," we ask of the guide, "do they get so much stone for the walls?" They are ten feet wide, and three high, and. like the Dutchman's wall of the anecdote "when they fall down they are higher than when they stand up !"

"Oh! a few are left over," responded the

How the hardy olive can find sustenance on such "stony ground" is a miracle. igntes the flerceness of the sun. What a ing to Bethlehem and Hebron and to Beersheha even to Rehebeth ! Nine out of tan more than three-fourths have their eves sore or shaded ; and these are Arabs ; whose suit stripes, brown and white, which reminds us of the dress of our penitentiaries, depend-Christmas day is brightly dawning, he is ing in the face of the wearer. They carry the long Damascus gun and a pientiful pouch, for the desert and danger. Cactuses Baby forms are slowly creeping o'er the floor with noiseless tread—

with their big staks and leaves, furnish some of the hedges, and "turn" the animals "Tum, on. Alice, here's your dolly, wid its from the fields. We meet some, who are pretty little hood, And I'se dot my horse and wagon, brudder blue-eyed and good-eyed, in European dress. These are the German colony, which here Hark? How faintly sound the echoes of the thrives upon the old stony soil and makes its crops of grape and grain in their season, or

> brown herbage and the green leaves left on the trees. The land is not unlike the dress of the white with the lime of many summers.

"Ah! this is fine land!" we say ironically to the guide. "Good land ! I guess it is," responds the

wouldn't hold up so many stones and rocks, Good deal of heft about it."

vineyards of the Germans appear, and the walls have a trim look. Thrift, Teuton I thy name is thrift! Old olive roots, twisted and as difficult to unravel as the philological She has waited long for this promised day, roots of our college days, appear on the backs.

Let the glorious song flow out, of multitudinous donkers, going up to the of multitudinous donkeys going up to the city, while going from it, from the terraces, on the heads of blue-robed, tattooed Arab females, are baskets of mannre gathered in Jerusalem. The plain of Raphiam is spread around us, two miles wide by three long. MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN.-The children Here David defeated the Philistines, and must not be forgotten on Christmas eve .- many other associations cluster. Among Many parents are thoughtless about the lit- them the cave of Aduliam has been verified, tle ones, and look upon presents and festivi- which another Samuel has described, and the ties as childish things that are better neglect- well of Bethlehem, "which is by the gate," ed than attended to. What if these atten- for the water of which David was athirst, tions are childish? How many of us cannot comes in for an explanation from our Biblilook back to early days and still remember cal guide. These, however interesting, must the disappointment awaiting us, when, at not draw us aside. We have passed the traearly dawn on Christmas morning, we crept ditional tree where Judas hanged himself, out of bed and down stairs to find the stock- and the rural abode of Caiaphas, the High Ings empty and that Santa Claus had not | Priest; but these nebulæ of tradition detract been at our home. Ah! the tears that fell not from the main object-Bethlehem. The and the choking sensation that welled up in well of the magi, however, is one of the inand Short Stories, Comic Ballads and our throats then, can never be forgotten.— cidents of the main object, and a premystory one Foems. Fairy Tales and Sailors' And when we went out and met our play- is told of it, although it is not recorded in our throats then, can never be forgotten .- cidents of the main object, and a prettystory Yerns.
4. The Housekeeper's Columns-What Every mates and found that Santa Claus had not the history of Matthew; for did not the wise forgotten them, it seemed as if all the world men, after leaving the presence of Herod, were unkind, and that there was little to here stoop to draw water? Was it not here that the reflection of the star which led them Do not forget the children. Let it not be was seen in the well? Then we pass the well filled stockings will ever repay the tain called the Tomb of Herod. Itals high on Christmas morning should be for the Franciscians; but it sinks into nothingness as Herod did, compared with those he persecuted, along with that dim vision, shining hard and bluish like steel twenty-five or more miles away through avenues of black and sunburned mountains. That is the Dead Sea. This is our first gimpse of this famous laboratory and sport of nature. Below and around is something more attractive

"Ruth and Luke !" cried out the guide.

We leave the Jaffa gate and under the up-

"Why do you ask ?" says the guide, "don't you see the fields are full of stones?" "But no one could miss any stones out of

those fields," we remarked.

We are happy in a breezy day, which mit-For I heard them tell each other everything of these are upon donkeys and camels; and and swimmers of an archeological turn can priest. He shows us the manger. He ex-Whisper gently as they slumber, "Merry is sometimes gay in color, but generally of that fashion, and were content to see the mon in the hilly places of Palestine. This the openings in the ageduct. several crops in one season. Some herds of Or perhaps this white soil hath dews. Cer- tions they do not detract from the fact esblack and white cattle of Dutch breed are

> Arabs-brown and white. It is burnt with the sun of the now departing summer, and

seen picking up a quiet rumination from the

guide, who is from the state of Maine ', or it

But we notice that where water runs the

the world's Savior !

decree of Herod

after an insurrection by the Arabs, Ibrahim | whether for studio or library, for the orator In Dicelege on heavy cape with arish gold notice, the sale of this beautiful work of at at it per copy has been simply unprecedent ed. In order that exercised in the beautiful nor dicelege in the beautiful nor dicelege with an analysis of the beautiful nor dicelege with the same and an enormous flavor of the colors, reduced to vari leads the colors, reduced to vari leads and the colors, reduced to vari leads and the colors, reduced to vari leads of th Two Blossoms.—The Christmas and the New Year are two rare blossoms, full-blown and redolent with fragrance, clinging to the and redolent with fragrance, clinging to the dead stalk of the dying year. Let usgather their leaflets while we may, lest they tall to their leaflets while we may, lest they fall to as pretty a picture in its frame of rock as an family of Jesse and their exploits-Joab, sammer," this story of the manger is a theme ties."

is not unlike those domed temples which we of Joseph coming from Galilee out of Naza- The locus in quo of such a story, even tho have seen for the burial of holy men in Al- reth; in fine, the Incarnation of the Word it was almost lost in tradition, must be a giers and Syria. It is the tomb of Rachel. here in all its mystery, each and all are a part, the mise ensence of that wondrous Surrounding it are found the slovenly tombs | poem which resounds from the simple cave | drama, Even skeptics cannot ignore the of Mohemmedans, with their rough tomb- in Bethlehem, with a sweeter and londer fact that the event has, as the apostle phrased

Thursdays to wall and burn incense. There rocks we left but a fortnight since,

born, but Rachel died. All agree to this; It has been honored, as well as fixed, since God, could not be overthrown. The evidence and it is pleasant to have brothers-both He- the second century. Over it, in the third is that to-day its results appear in civillan brew and Moslem, both of whom claim a fee | century, the mother of Constantine erected | tions? What a moral and religious work simple in all that concerns Jacob-agree up- that church which is the oldest in the world. has been accomplished by its energy! Beon something. Here Jacob set a pillar to Some of its columns are from the temple .- ginning at this small fountain, what a fruitmemorize the last resting place of her whom | Here in one corner of the church we perceive | ful spreading stream of light for the irradiahe won after such a romantic, though dili- a lonely hermit. He is insane. He has been tion of the dark problems of our life ! tory, courtship. Seven years was nothing twenty-five years in this place, drawn, like As I came from the church I did not hear "for the love he bore her." "And as for many others, by the wildness of his vagaries the angels above chanting the millennial me:"-how sad the simple story-"I buried about the unknown world. He is a Chal- dawn; but, nevertheless, I did not cease to her there, in the way of Eprah-the same is | dean, and it is said, was a shelk of his tribe. | believe that in "this city of David had been Who is the strange man we see sitting the temple, here brought to decorate the Nor will I unto my last moment believe othwearily at the arched door of the tomb? birthplece of Jesus, this strange man ap- erwise than that for this advent-the great-What brings this pilgrim here—he of the pears. Had he lived in the time of the Sa. est upon our star—"glory should be given to grizzly beard and long, unkempt hair? He viour, and had his faith been then as now. God in the highest," and that out of it shall is no Arab-no Hebrew. He wears no bour- perhaps the demon of insanity might have come "on earth peace, good will to men "nous of stripes and no dark gaberdine; only been exercised. But the crypt we seek - 8. S. Cox in New York San. a plain black garment, dusty, like his bare There are two chapels here, leading to the feet, with travel. We asked him, through place of Christ's birth; one is Greek and the our Yankes Arab guide, not altogether in other Armenian. On the north side there is curious at this sad, strange and lonely ward- a Catholic convent and church. From this er at the birthplace of Benoni- 'son of my | there are steps to the boly spot. We choose sorrow"-Is he, too, like us, a pilgrim to the to go by the Latin way. There are many tomb and shrine of our elder day? Yes, he reasons why I prefer the Latin way in the is a pilgrim, like us-and from Russia. He Orient. No traveler can fall to note the

is a Greek priest from the Voga, and fives learned, modest and elevated tone of the spiritually upon Jordan's stormy banks, Latins, compared with the Greeks and waiting for the rain to fructify his fields. He | Copts. I do not mention this because I am owns lands hereabout also, and has some partial, but from reasons which are the rehither to make his new leases. Thus was sult of observation. our Illusion of the pligrim at Rachel's tomb | The priest at this spot makes the "drudgedissipated ; for even here the cause of the ry divine" as well as intelligent. We are pilgrimage was causi lucri. Near by, on the welcomed to the convent by him. Like west, in the village of Beit Jala, live the most of the Catholic priests in the East, he Greek and Armenia patriarchs, so that this speaks French. Our guide seems to be a is a plous precinct, and land is none the less favorite with him. He invites us to a glass valuable because it is not cultivated by the of native wine or tea, and under his direc-Arabs, or overrun by Bedouins; Christians tion and with lighted taper we take our detill it. At this point you may go to Solo- vious way below, Many tombs line this mon's pools. They are one of the wonders dark path, and among them is the tomb of of this vicinity and worthy of minute de. St. Jerome. It is to his patience, goodness scription for their beauty, size, history, and and scholarship the world owes the Vulentepermaney. From them yet waters flow into or Latin edition of the Bible. It was here the mosque which is built over the temple, that this early and great father gave his for-Here is the sealed fountain referred to in ty years of seclusion for the glory of God Solomon's songs. It is said that these pools and the benefit of mankind, Approach the were repaired by Pontlus Pilate, but that chapel or the Nativity. You all know it by would not make their waters more agree. the Latin inscription and the silver star in able. Maiden-hair ferns abound about them the centre. We are led into the vanit by the take a plunge and come up beaded with an plains to us that in "those days" stables tiquities. We had no occasion to study in were not usually found in the caves so com-

Arab women fill their goat skins from one of cave is many feet below the floor of the church. It is 33 by 11 feet, and decorated The hill tops show little villages after we with marble. Precious lamps burn before leave the Hebron road, but none look as figures of saints, chief among them St. Jeblithe and prosperous as Bethlehem, as she rome. Sixteen silver lamps burn over the sits crescent-shaped upon the mountain spot where the star indicates the place of side. How or whence come its vine, fig and birth, Another recess shows the spot where olive luxuriance I cannot see, except that the the wooden manger, now in Rome, was water comes mysteriously from the pools of found. Other spots are shown, as the chap Solomon, for is it not said in Ecclesiastus: el of St. Jerome, and the chapel of Joseph, "I made me pools of water to water there- where the angel appeared to tell him to fly with the wood that bringeth forth the trees?" to Egypt. If these are apocryplal traditain it is that in ann around Bethlebem tablished by scholars and antiquarians, and something else was grown in early days confirmed as well by what St. Jerome wrote than the sheep that David tended here- as by his selection of this spot for his duties abouts, or the fion and the bear which he and fasts. He believed it to be the place, as fought. Here were once the fruitful barley his life and death bore witness. Never did fields which Ruth gleaned after the reapers art consummate so splendid a representation when the great love arose in the breast of of self-abnegation as that wherein Domeni Boaz, out of which grew the stock of Jesse chino portrayed the last scene in the life of and David-a line ever made benign by hav- this Dalmatian saint and hero, who verified ing as its pleasant places the vicinity of Bath- as well in his life as by his death his faith in lehem, and its ancestress Ruth, and its des- the goodness and glory of the gospel whose

cendant Jesus, the son of Mary and Joseph! tidings were chanted first in the starry vault Here is the source of the Kings of Judah and of Bethlehem ! Doubt as we may as to the Milk Grotto, We halt at the gate of the town. We are, the Shepherd's Grotto, the Mugi' Well, Daowing to impediments, compelled to aban- vid's Well, and the burish of the 20,000 innodon our carriage. We are surrounded by a cents murdered by Herod here ; doubt as to bevy of Betlehem girls. One is exceedingly the alterhead's fold, the alter of the "wise pretty and does not degrade the [neigh] & men;" doubt-doubt that Christ was born hood of Ruth by unseemly screeching for immaculate and miraculously; but one thing alms. She plies a pair of pincers, and turns is indubitable—that Christ was here born, in and twists upon the wires olive beads for and that from this Nativity arose a light rosaries, 'with a property of easiness,' which "which before was never on sea or land," Shakespeare commends in the "hand of lit- and for the faith in whose benificent and tle employment,"My wife buys one and con- beavenly guidance thousands have perished tracts for another rosary, to be made before as martyrs and millions have risked their eter-

nal salvation! What place can be more boly, These dozen girls, of whom "Eothen" unless it be that consecrated by His death? makes an extravagant picture of coy and | There are said to be only two places in debonair loveliness, are vivacious and some- this Holy Land superior in sacred associawhat pretty, and would be more so if not thous to this place : Jerusalem and Nazareth. dirty and sore-eyed. They wear little close To my mind, Bethlehem has no superior, cottage caps, with two or three rows of coins unless it be Jerusalem. "Why?" will occur lapping closely on each other, and in the to the learned Bible student and to the verisum making quite a dowry. They jingle est child who has read the Gospels. Bethlemerrily when shaken. I would not depre- bem is not one of the mountains which comciate these Christian maidens, for these are pass Jerusalem, but it has its lofty thought. not of the Moslem religion, whatever their It is a beautiful pearl in the diadem round blood. But I cannot fall to portray one about the royal city. It is not the scene of beautiful woman-a young mother, who, be sacrifice and sepulchre; but it is the scene of it reverently, recalled, if not the Maconna, the nativity and of the magi, and of the anthe picture of her by Raphael, "La Perla" - gelic song which ushered in the purest and in which the magi are offering gold, frankin- greatest life ever clad in flesh. Among the cense, and myrrh. She sat apart upon a hundreds of books of travel and description stone under the shade of an archway, nurs- of this country, the Bible is the best guide er by religious services, social gathering or a ing a babe. Her hair had that rich auburn book after all, and in many ways. In no one and ethereal fineness with which Murrillo way is it more so than in its references to favors his Madonn as, which are likenesses, this spot, over which the star shone, and the by the way, of his Andalusian wife. I won- angels chanted of peace. No amount of deder if, peradventure, this beautiful Bethie-generacy, superstition, exaggeration, tradihem mother might not have in her veins tion, or pollution, no surrounding, however some of that precious blood of the house and disenchanting, detracts one beam from the lineage of David that escaped the murderous radiance of that star, or gives one dissonant note in the scrapbic hymning which here Bethlehem has 4,000 people and 500 houses filled the heavens with a new-born joy! The Many of the houses are substantial. The genius of painter and sculptor has illustrated streets are so narrow that our guide has to the story of the manger and their gifts and ride ahead and employ people to move im- worship, the choir of angels, the awe struck pediments out of the way. It is said the shepherds, the flight into Egypt, the beautipediments out of the way. It is said the shepherds, the flight into Egypt, the beauti- which have required attention during the people are handsome. That reputation may ful face of the Madonna, with its golden year. Is it may wonder, then, that young come from the ruddy cheeks of David, or aureole, and the majestic, masterful and the graces of Ruth, or the pictures of the meiancholy features of Him who became ure and gladness? Madonna, One thing must be said of the here the genlus of love unto mankind .town, and that is that if it has any beauty or What place, therefore, in all this calcined

Pasha, then ruler, riddled the Moslems unto or artist, for the disciple or crusader? their leanets while we may, lest they fall to the wintry earth and perish. Let us scatter the holiday blossoms far and wide, bearing little and great joy to human hearts, whis pering hope and comfort to all.

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#### THE FEAST OF CHRISTMAS.

Pestival days, or holy days, on which religious services were held, have been common among Pagan, Jewish, Mohemmedan and Christian nation. The festival days observed at present in all Christian countries are of two kinds, movable and fixed; in othor words, those which are always kept on a certain day of the year. Among the former is Easter, which regulates all the movable holy days. This festival, which derives its name from the Saxon goldess Eostre, to whom homage was paid in the month of April, was first kent by some of the early churches on the same day as the Jewish Passover, by others on the first Sunday after the first full meon in the year. Uniformity was established in A. D. 525 by the Council of Nice, which ordained that Easter should be kept in all Christian churches on the same

day, which should always be Sunday. When, as a festival, Christmas was first kept in commemoration of the birth of our Saviour is not known. There is, however, a melancholy proof that it was observed in the time of the Emperor Diocletian, who reigns ed from A. D. 284 to 304, for history records that the tyrant, when at Nicomedia, finding a number of Christians in the churches to celebrate the Nativity, ordered the doors to those within them to be burned. But there does not seem to have been any uniformity in the period of observing the day until Pope Julius L., in the fourth century, ordered it to be kept on the 25th of December. It is, howdid not occur in December, as that is the rainy season in Judea, when shepherds do not watch their flocks by night in the pastures. Perhaps the reason why this festival was fixed near the winter solstice was that almost all the ancient nations regarded that period as an important one in the year. This probably arose from its being the time at which the days begin to lengthen and when nature seems to renew her energies for the production of the warmth and fruits of the

Christmas (Christ-Mass) is observed with peculiar solemnity by certain denominations of Christians, while others reject its religious aspect but keep it as a social noliday. The enstom of decking houses and churches at Christmas with evergreens is derived from the Druids-priests or ministers of the ancient Gauls, Britons and Germans-who believed that the sylvan delties-goddesses of the woods-would come and dwell among the trees which retained their leaves when the other portions of the forests were deprived of their foliage. The planting of a tree covered with presents for the "little ones," the names of the person for whom the gift is intended being given, but the name of the donor concealed, has been customary in many parts of Germany and in the northern districts of Europe from time immemorias.-The Puritan Parliament of England abelished Christmas, and it was for a long time regarded with but little favor by their descend-

ants in New England. Christmas carols and music on that day can be traced to an early period in Saxon annals. Under the Tudors, in England, sluging merry carols on Christmas was common. But they gradually became ribald and profane and the custom was to a great extent abandoned. The oldest collection of Christmas carols in English bears the date of 1521. Santa Claus (St. Nicholas), whose supposed descent in the chimney on Christmas night and whose liberality has been for ages the wonder and delight of many juvenile possessors of toys, ginger-bread and mint-sticks, was first introduced under the name of Kris Kringle to the inhabitants of the Western Continent by the Dutch residents of New York State. Christmas has been made a legal boliday in the greater part, if not in all of the States, and is generally observed eith-

suspension of business. The custom of spending the last days of the year either in devotional exercises or in a withdrawal from every-day pursuits appears. to be of very high antiquity. The Romans devoted the latter part of February, then the had month of the year, to the Februaria or explotory sacrifices which have given its name to the mouth, and the Greeks employed a portion of June, the end of their year tian countries the interval between the machange of nets of gindness, and the relaxation from the pursuits and employments and old, the "grave and the gay," hall Christ-mas, the first of those holidays, with pleas-

GOOD OLD SANTA CLAUS.-The popular ldes of Santa Cians finds its origin in certain German villages. Santa Cians, known as Knecht Rupert, was not there an abstrac but a man, to whom before Christmas all the