CHRISTMAS CAROL.

The earth has grown old with its burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is young.
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair,
And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air,
When the song of the angels is sung.

It is coming, old earth, it is coming tonight
On the snowflakes which cover thy soil
The feet of the Christ child fall gentle and white,
And the voice of the Christ child tells out with delight
That mankind are the children of God.

On the sad and the lonely, the wretched and poor,
The voice of the Christ child shall fall;
And to every blind wanderer opens the door
Of a hope that he dared not to dream of before,
With a sunshine of welcome for all.

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field
Where the feet of the holiest have trod,
This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed
When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed,
That mankind are the children of God.
—Phillips Brooks in Youth's Companion

BABY'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Little Margarita Had Her Own Views About Making Presents.

We were talking over Christmas gifts at luncheon, when Margarita said:

"Want to buy Kis'mas p'esents too! Want to buy Kis'mas p'esents too!"

As once Uncle Jim exclaimed:

"So Margarita shall buy Christmas presents!"

Upon which Margarita rewarded him with a smile enchanting enough to have made a far poorer man than Uncle Jim do exactly what Uncle Jim did. He pulled a big roll of bank bills from his pocket and put them in the little one's tiny hand.

"That is all nonsense, Jim! Don't you do it!" said papa.

"She will bankrupt you in an hour," said Inez.

"I wouldn't, Jim," said mamma gently. "She knows no more about the worth of money than any other little two-year-old girl, if she is my baby and your niece."

"You were two and a half years old last month, weren't you, pet?" cried her uncle, catching her in his arms. "And you shall buy some Christmas presents if you want to. We don't care what they say. We will show them that Margarita has as much wisdom as some older people in selecting gifts. We know, don't we, pet?"

And of course Margarita said yes.

So it came about that as the others were engaged I accompanied Margarita that afternoon on her first round of Christmas shopping. I had my strict injunctions from Uncle Jim not to urge any purchase upon the child, but to allow her to have her own choice in everything, provided prices did not exceed a certain sum.

When Margarita's nurse brought her down to the carriage she did look sweet and wise enough to almost win me over to Uncle Jim's opinion.

Thinking that books would please the little one as much as anything, we drove to a book store and made our way from counter to counter. At first nothing seemed to interest Margarita so much as the gay crowds of people. Finally, she looked up from a picture book, in reply to my question, "What do you want to buy for Maurice?" she said, "Want to buy tandy lelephant."

At the confectioner's there was a grand array of sugar animals, and Margarita seized upon a white elephant, and was perfectly satisfied.

"Will the little lady have anything else?" asked the saleswoman politely.

"Do you want to buy anything here for Ines or Uncle Jim or nurse?" I asked.

But the yellow curls shook decidedly as she answered:

"Nuffin now."

Our next stop was at a large fancy goods store, and I thought that here the little girl would certainly see something to strike her fancy. But the beautiful things were passed unheeded. At last she said:

"Want to buy mamma a tandy titten!"

As Tony, the coachman, said that there was a confectioner's near by, we drove there instead of to the place where we bought the elephant.

A saleswoman informed me that I would find the animals at the lower end of the store, whereupon Margarita said:

"Don't want to buy animals! Want to buy a tandy titten!"

Of course everybody within hearing laughed, and I hurried Margarita along toward the counter where kittens were kept.

The purchase made, other stores were visited, but all to no purpose. Five times we returned to one or the other of the two large candy stores for a "tandy wabbit" for nurse, a "tandy piggy" for Ines, a "tandy but'fly" for Nannie, a "tandy mousey" for papa, and, to cap all, which was, like the others, her own choice, a "tandy monkey" for Uncle Jim.

"Aren't you going to buy me anything?" I asked.

"No," said Margarita, rather wearily, "I lovee 'ou!" as if love were enough, and I felt that it was.

Contrary to my expectations, the little one was silent in regard to her shopping, and even Uncle Jim asked no questions.

On Christmas eve I went to the drawer where I had put the gifts that Margarita had bought, but not a package was there. I felt almost certain that Margarita had not touched them, for she was not a meddlesome child. But if she had not been asleep I would have questioned her. As it was I searched everywhere, but could find no trace of them.

The next morning I asked Margarita about it.

She looked up innocently and said, with the sweetest smile in the world, "Oh, I eated up thum all!"—Toronto Empire.

A Chance for a Fortune.

There survive in this city a few hand cork cutters who still contrive to make a sort of living in competition with the cork cutting machines and the peasants of Catalonia. One of these men hangs out a curious sign in an east side street. It is a glass case containing the model of a house all of cork. It is possibly the house that Jack built, for there are bits of cork to simulate bags of grain. The factory is a shed in the rear of an ordinary dwelling house. Here, with the aid of some simple machinery, the cork cutter manages to eke out an existence. His chief grievances are the competition of machinery and the problem of disposing of the waste.

Light as cork is, tons of clippings accumulate, and although various uses have been discovered for this refuse, it brings little or nothing when sold, and constantly accumulates to the embarrassment of the corkcutter. There is a comfortable little fortune for the man who shall devise some really profitable use for cork clippings.—New York Sun.

How They Got Along.

A Nantucket woman tells of the annoyance to which the Mitchell household was subjected, after its daughter, Maria Mitchell, became famous, at the hands of two importunate tourists. Its privacy was so persistently and unwarrantably invaded that its members felt occasionally that politeness ceased to be a virtue. One persistent woman, who got herself admitted on a shabby pretext, so wearied a sister of Miss Mitchell, into whose hands she fell, that when the woman after a series of searching questions wound up with, "And what do you do in this dull town after the tourists are gone?" the other replied, with a drawl natural to her, "Oh, we cut off our coupons."—Exchange.

An Enigma to Men.

Most men think that the ways of that woman is past finding out who rails against the male sex for chewing ten cent plugs of tobacco and expectorating on the pavement, yet who goes herself and deliberately wipes up that same pavement with a twenty-five or fifty dollar gown that her father or husband earned by the sweat of his brow.—Albany Sun.

Beatly composed after playing a prelude on the organ, or while taking his "ante jantacular" or "post prandial" walks he found in the solitude of the dense forests something more profound and supportive than anything he could find in books.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS.

Celebrated as a Holy Day Since the Year of Our Lord 98.

At midnight on the 25th of this month the birthday of the Saviour of mankind will have been celebrated for the seventeen hundred and ninety-second time, for Christmas was first kept as a holy day A. D. 98. We have no means of determining the exact date of the Saviour's nativity.

As to the year, preponderance of opinion and of such evidence as we have seems to favor that of 4 or 5 B. C. As to the month, December is the height of the rainy season in Judea, and, therefore, the fact, as stated by the New Testament, that shepherds were watching their flocks on its plains while stars were shining in the heavens on the night of the Saviour's birth, makes it extremely unlikely that it could have occurred in that month. Many learned treatises have been written and plausible arguments advanced to prove that it must have taken place in October, but the question will ever remain in abeyance.

For the first three centuries Christmas was one of the most movable of all religious festivals. The Eastern church observed Jan. 6 as the anniversary both of Christ's birth and circumcision. But in the Fourth century Pope Julius I ordered an investigation of the matter, and after long deliberation the theologians of both the east and the west united in appointing Dec. 25 to be kept as Christ's birthday. It seems not improbable that in selecting Dec. 25 as the date of the greatest event save one—the crucifixion—in the world's history the worthy fathers were influenced by a desire to supplant the many heathen festivals of the winter solstice, such as the Saturnalia, or great festival of Saturn and Ops, which began on Dec. 19 (or after Cæsar's reformation of the calendar on the 17th) and continued for seven days.

This presumption is made more probable from the fact that for many centuries the festivities of Christmas were prolonged until "Twelfth night," Jan. 6, and even till Candlemas day, Feb. 2, while they usually began as early as the night before All Saints' Day, or Hallowmas, thus showing the desire of the early fathers of the church to make the heathen converts to Christianity feel that they had lost nothing in harmless pleasure and enjoyment by the substitution of the Christian festival for the heathen one.

Not only did the Romans observe this period of the year as a time for mirth and rejoicing, but many of our most familiar Christmas usages are derived from the old heathen festivals which Christmas replaced. The custom of giving Christmas presents, now so universally observed, was derived from the old Roman Saturnalia or Feast of Saturn, above mentioned, at which it was customary for all the members of a household to offer gifts to one another.

The Yule clog, or log—the great stick of timber placed in olden times upon the Christmas fire—was derived from the Saxon feast of Jul or Yul, at which a similar piece of timber gave the principal fire and the principal light. The Yule clog and the superstitions connected with it are among the most venerable of Christmas associations. The Yule clogs that blazed in the vast halls of the old English feudal barons of the Middle Ages were huge trees, and we are told that even just before the close of the last century the mansion of an English gentleman residing near Shrewsbury was totally destroyed by fire in consequence of too large a Yule log having been lighted on his hearthstone. When the Yule clog was not all consumed before dawn and burned on into the light of Christmas day, its ashes were carefully preserved until the next Christmas eve.

The custom of decorating churches, dwellings and places of business with evergreen, holly, laurel, bays and mistletoe at the Christmas season has also a heathen origin, being a perpetuation of an observance of the old British Druids, whose belief it was that kindly sylvan spirits sought these ornaments of living green and hovered near them, untouched and unharmed by nipping frost, until the death of winter.

Those same old Druids attached much importance to the mistletoe, investing it with a peculiarly hallowed and mystic character. They regarded it as an emblem of love and believed that it typified the beneficent feelings of their gods toward mankind. It is doubtless to this old Druidical association of the mistletoe with love that the English custom, which still obtains, of enforcing the forfeit of a kiss from any female who is caught under a branch of it at Christmas time is traceable.

By the celebration of Christmas, with its grand liturgy, its magnificent music and its pictorial and dramatic representations of the principal events in the life of him whose birth it commemorated, the church sought to replace these heathen festivities and to lift up the minds of the people to something higher and holier, though from the first the day was regarded both as a holy commemoration of a most sacred event and as a mirthful, joyous festival. In the Middle Ages the festive observances of the day often so far overtopped its more sacred features that the clergy were frequently compelled to check the unseemly merriment of their flocks.

The name of Christmas assigned to the festival was derived from Christ and the Saxon maesse or mass, and the two words were combined to denote a special service in honor of the birth of the Son of God.

Probably one of the most generally known of the old Christmas observances, next to the giving of presents, is the singing of Christmas carols. These were pious canticles designed to replace the ribald songs of the old heathen festivals, and the custom of children and even grown people going about from house to house singing them at the door on Christmas eve and being rewarded with Christmas cheer and Christmas spending money is maintained in many parts of England even at the present day.—New York World.

Why the Shark Is Always Hungry.

As it is a source of wonder how the flea manages to exist in the sand, where his chances of obtaining a meal may not occur once in a lifetime, so naturalists are puzzled as to how the shark maintains himself. The ocean is wide, and the number of men who fall overboard small indeed in comparison to its area. The vast proportion of sharks, then, must go through their lives without a remote chance of obtaining a meal at the expense of the human kind.

There is no ground for the supposition that the shark can exist upon air; he is not like the whale, provided with an apparatus that enables him to sweep up the tiny inhabitants of the seas. He is too slow in swimming, and infinitely too slow in turning, to catch any fish that did not deliberately swim into his mouth; and unless we suppose that, as it is said of the snake, he exercises a magnetic influence over fish and causes them to rush headlong to destruction between his jaws, it is impossible to imagine how he obtains a sufficient supply of food for his sustenance.

Indeed, it would appear that it is only when he gets the good luck to light upon a dead or badly injured fish that the shark has ever the opportunity of making a really square meal. His prolonged fasts certainly furnish an ample explanation and excuse for his alleged savagery of disposition.—London Standard.

Art in Telling Lies.

Telling the truth is an art, but not nearly so difficult an art as telling lies. It is within reach of any man's power, if he will take time and pains, to relate the thing that is. It takes a man of imagination and strong memory to bring forth the thing that is not. Besides, the liar cannot carry his lie all over the world and back to the creation; at some point or other he must piece it on to the universal truth, and to do that neatly he must be a good workman, but this is only part of the greater question as to vice and virtue generally. Virtue is for all who love it; in order to become an accomplished villain a man must have natural aptitude, careful training and immense powers of application, and at any time the villian may be ruined, as a villain, by the unexpected coming to life of conscience.—All the Year Round.

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A ring would be a very appropriate gift for a Christmas belle.—Norristown Herald.

The most useful Christmas present this year would seem to be a pair of goloshes or an umbrella.—Baltimore American.

The cash girl in the notion store didn't need anybody to tell her that Christmas was coming.—Merchant Traveler.

A green Christmas makes a cross coal man.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Miss Cumso—I don't know what to give papa for a Christmas present. Mrs. Cumso—Give him one of those new long handled umbrellas. I need it ever so badly.—New York Sun.

What a good thing it is that Christmas comes once a year. We are then able to take note of the number of mean men whom the Lord allows to live on from day to day.—Kearney Enterprise.

Wicked Hints.

"Say, boss, give me a few pennies to buy something to eat, will you?" said a ragged urchin to a man hurrying through Mail street at 6 o'clock Christmas eve.

Now the one appealed to had just been buying Christmas presents for a score of sisters, cousins and aunts, to say nothing about the numerous rattles, dolls, etc., which he had bought for the members of his own immediate family, and consequently he was feeling rather poor.

"Can't do it, sonny," he said rather gruffly, as he hurried on.

The boy assumed a tone half sorrowful, with a touch of independence in it, and said to the retreating figure:

"Boss, I hope you will have a Merry Christmas."

The man stopped, turned around, dug his hand into his pocket and handed the urchin a quarter. Then he hurried on again.

Ten minutes later the same urchin entered a hallway where half a dozen street arabs were assembled.

"Hi, Jimmy!" he yelled as he entered, "see what de bloke give me (showing the quarter). Let's play 'craps.'"—New York Tribune.

Still Believed in Santa Claus.

Faith in the Santa Claus myth hasn't entirely faded out of the juvenile mind, though even the very youngest representatives of the present generation are apt to be sceptical. The proof:

Little Bettina, three years old, has a rag doll with whom her relations are particularly tender and sympathetic. A morning or two ago this doll was discovered near the fireplace in a shocking condition. She was black in the face and, in fact, black all over, and the smell of soot about her was very strong. It was a mystery until Bettina was interrogated. The condition of the doll made her look a little rueful, but she brightened up, and said:

"I figured to Patty all the things I wanted for Christmas and sent her up the chimney to tell Santa Claus!"—Boston Transcript.

Old Time Epicures.

Listen to the enumeration of good things described by Whistlecraft to have been served up at King Arthur's table on Christmas day. If the list be authentic, there is less reason to wonder at the feats of courage and strength performed by the Knights of the Round Table:

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Teal, mallard, pigeons, widgeons, and, in fine,
Plum puddings, pancakes, apple pies and custard,
And therewithal they drank good Gascon wine,
With mead and ale and cider of our own;
For porter, punch and negus were not known.
—Christmas Book.

Mrs. Snowden—I hear that Jimmy Jenkins, the coachman, has eloped with old Moneybag's daughter. Mr. Snowden—That will tickle the old man immensely. Mrs. Snowden—How so? Mr. Snowden—Why, the old skinflint will get out of giving her a Christmas present.—Kearney Enterprise.

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