POLICE WILL BRING JOY TO MANY POOR ON CHRISTMAS DAY

ood and Gifts Will Be Distributed to Needy From Station Houses in Many Districts.

Christmas dinners for hundreds of poor nilles and toys to bring joy to thouads of children will be distributed by



the food and cloth-ing for the worthy families in their respective districts, and they are enthu-sissic today over their success. In

many cases they say hat they have not only raised enough sovey for today's distribution, which will equire several thousands of dollars, but hey expect to be able to provide for several of the more destitute families inventional the winter.

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The plan has not been backed by any, ity appropriation, and their success is us entirely to their own efforts. They ope to be able to suply all the worthy amilies in their respective districts with a court food to less them for a number. hough food to last them for a number f days. An exhaustive investigation has been made, so that no family in ctual need is overlooked.

MERCHANTS LEND HELF. The police have been assisted in their forts by donations of money, food and eys by merchants throughout the city and by contributions from individuals. many cases, however, the money has en raised by benefit performances at e moving picture houses and by liberal ntributions from the policemen them-

ou Wolven, the big jolly turnkey at 11th and Winter streets station, will y Santa Claus for the tenderloin dren and will distribute toys at 4 ck this afternoon. Lieutenant Hey has obtained a monster Christmas which has been placed on the third of the station house and will be pt there until these "tenderloin kids" it tired of playing with it.

TO DISTRIBUTE 150 BASKETS. One hundred and fifty baskets of food Il be distributed at the station house. the same time, "Santa Claus" Woln, Miss Mary Gallagher, the matron, d Miss Matilda Silverman, superinident of the Evangelistic Association. id representative of the Volunteers of will distribute toys and andles to the boys and girls.

AT 20TH AND BERKS.

Baskets of food and toys will be given the poor of the 32d Ward by the police the 20th and Berks streets station ouse tonight. Some time ago the police ld a benefit performance in a moving ture theatre to raise money for the ristmas fund. Popular subscriptions the sale of tickets for benefits to be in the Norris street and Susquehanavenue moving picture theatres this soon and tonight will suppement the nd to such an extent that the police ill be able to distribute 60 baskets of od and several hundred toys. It is bewed that enough money will be left the police of the district to are for several needy families through-ut the winter. Lieutenant Samuel Little and Sergeant Lawrence Johnson are the riginators of the plan. The station house ill be decorated with a large Christmas ee, and Policemen David Hubbs and filliam Wilson will act as Santa Claus

AT PARK AND LEHIGH. At the Park and Lehigh avenues police

ation Lieutenant Charles Boyer and 53 licemen conducted an investigation of stribute baskets of food to 48 families. rough the efforts of Patrolman Sickger and Turnkey Oscar Ritchie a large ristmas tree has been put in the rollm. It will be electrically illuminated AT MANAYUNK STATION.

The police of the Manayunk station will ay Santa Claus to the poor of their ighborhood for the first time. Lieuant Frank Zinn is in charge of the stribution of food, clothing and coal. Miss Moore and members of the Amerin Rescue Workers will superintend e distribution of food and toys at the h and Buttonwood streets station. Lieutenant Andrew Hamilton, of the sigrade and Clearfield streets station. a instructed his men to aid the various aritable organisations and Mra. etchum in their work. Magistrate Wil-am Campbell its said to be greatly ininritable created in her work in Kensington

WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD INVITED. An invitation has been extended to he whole neighborhood to visit the bristmas tree in the station house at ith street and Langaster avenue. The alice have been working on this tree or several weeks. It will be electrically lighted and will be one of the most liaborately decorated in the city.

LOTS OF FUN FOR KIDDIES PLANNED AT RIDLEY PARK

RIDLEY PARK, Dec.M .- Nearly 200 chilren of all ages in the Millmont section near here, are expected to have the time The of their lives at the Christmas celebra-



Grove Inn this afternoon. Hushed and quiet no doubh, as children are when desply impressed the little ones first will gather around the Christmas tree and inspect the herbboued (I'e a a urs boxes which danta Clima will distribute the latternoon of the little lists will distribute the latternoon of t

fore the kiddles leave. Then will come provised for them.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL IN A STATION HOUSE

How Officer McGee Got for Kids a Christmas Tree.

On Xman Eve little Jakie Krause into the 12th street station house was brought by Officer McGee for copping a big Christman tree.

Jake's toes were peeping through his shoe, his quivering lips were cold and blue; no ultra-fashion tagged his clothes

shoe, his quivering lips were cold and blue; no ultra-fashion tagged his clothes —Jake loked an heir to all earth's woes. The stern-faced Judge gave Jake a squint, which to the coppers meant a hint that Justice sure would get her due before the irate Judge was through. "What has the prisoner got to say? Why did you drag that tree away? Don't you know it is a crime to steal a tree at Christmas time?"

The frightened victim of the sluma, huddled there amid the bums, tearfully fooked up and said: "Please, Judge, me mudder she is dead, an' pop zone off upon a spree, an' eister Mame ain't got no tree; so I jes knew how sis would feel, an' dat's what made me up an' steal. It didn't seem jes right to me dat Mamle couldn't have a tree. I knew that mudder up above was watchin' me wid eyes of love, an' dat she'd know jes wot I meant—jouse can't buy trees widout a cent. So, Judge, your Honor, dat's me case, an' I don't think it's a disgrace to cop a tree for sister Mame, because de kid is sick an lame."

The fat-faced Judge, a son of graft, behind his pudgy fingers laughed. He placed poor Jake upon the "rack," then gave an order: "Take 'im back! And fook here, Officer McGee, you go and get that kid a tree and trim it to the Kalser's taste, or else consider you're diagraced. And say, McGee, Just pass the hat—we'll see the Krauses through at that!"

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WILL BREAK PRISON WALLS TOMORROW

Men and Women at Penal Institutions of City Will Have Day of Gladness on Christmas.

Christmas in a prison! How desolate the words sound! And yet a visit to any of the penal institutions of Philadelphia would show that even the cold, gray confines of a jail can be penetrated by the Yuletide spirit.

Christmas is a day of rest at the Eastern Penitentiary. There is no work and there is no school, and not even visitors are permitted. This, according to Warden "Bob" McKenty, is in entire accord with the wishes of the prisoners, who, if the real truth were known, are not as

keen about visiting days as the average person might imagine.

In keeping with the principles of democracy which prevail at the penitentiary, no gifts but those of the simplest and most useful character will be distributed, and no presents will be permitted to enand no presents will be permitted to en-ter from the outside. "Share and share alike is the guiding rule here," said the

However, the favorite dishes of the prison menu will be served at tomorrow's dinner, and in the afternoon the prison band will furnish a musical entertain-

Many of the men and women confined Many of the men and women confined at the penitentiary are some dollars rich-er than they were before the holiday season, due to the fact that there are skilful workmen among them, the prod-uct of whose labors made ideal gifts. It did not take Philadelphians long to real-ize this, and many did their Christmas opping at the penitentiary exclusively.

PRISONERS DELIGHT CHILDREN. The day will be made happier for the prisoners, too, because of the knowledge that through their efforts 145 little children are going to have a merry Christmas. Several weeks ago the men and women contributed voluntarily to a fund for the children of the prisoners, and almost \$250 was collected. With the money Warden McKenty has purchased sweaters and toys and dresses and dolles, and they have ben sent here, there and everywhere throughout the State.

AT MOYAMENSING PRISON. Although no gifts of any kind will be received at the Moyamensing County nditions in their district. They will Prison, Superintendent Fred A. Cooke has given orders for the preparation of a dinner extraordinaire, and Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury has sent the women prisoners a large victrola with many choice records the music from which will resound throughout the corridors during the day. More than a dozen Christmus trees will be erected at Blockiey, and Superinten-dent Daniel W. Seltzer and an army of volunteer assistants are having all that mortal men can do making ready for the big feast. Beginning at 5 in the morning, the nurses of the Philadelphia General Hospital will sing Christmas carols, and from then on the day is to be given over to merriment.

GIFTS FOR ALL. There will be wonderful dinners and gifts for all. In addition, several philanthropic candy merchants have donated many hoxes of candy, which will be dis-tributed. Another patron has promised a nice new 50-cent piece for every blind man in the institution.

PRIVILEGES FOR INMATES.

Many special privileges will be allowed the inmates of the House of Correction at the mmates of the House of Correction at Holmesburg temorrow. In the first place, breakfast, which ordinarily consists of bread and coffee, will be supplemented on Christmas morning with a large Dutch cake with plenty of raisins in it.

Early in the morning many of the Cathulic inmates will feave their cells and go to the little chapel on the first floor of the main building, where Mass will be cele-

main building, where Mass will be cele brated by a priest from St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church, Tacony. Later, a serv-ice for the Protestants will be held in the

WANAMARER TO SPEAK. Arrangements for the religious exercises of the city.

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On Christmas merning, following the of 407 Spruce atreet, a sister of John may allow the police, will be wanted the season of the city. of 407 Spruce street, a sister of John Wanamaker, Addresses will be made by Mr. Wanamaker, the Rev. Hugh C. Mc-Wandmarker. Accesses we be finded by Mr. Wandmarker, the Rev. Hugh C. Mc-Bride, pastor of the Tacony Presbyterian Church, Mrs. False and William A. Patterson, the superintendant. Members of the choir of Bethany Presbyterian Church will sing Christmas hymns for the men. A real Christmas dinner, constaining of turkey, cranberry sauce, colery and all the other good things that go with such a feast will be served.

Asile from being a day of big "eafs." the day is of special importance to the immalae because, for the first time in the history of the institution, the old atriped suits will not be worn. The man hareafter will wear dark brown coats, trousels and caps. This is the most satisfactory Christman gift that could have been devised for them.

"Good Fellows" Haise \$85,000 DEFENST, Due, 24-An organization of

devised for them



TWAS the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there; The children were nestled all snug in their beds.
While visions of sugar-plums danced through their heads;
And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap.
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap—
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter. When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen enow, Gave a lustre of midday to objects below; When what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny raindeer, With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled and shouted and called them by name: "Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen! To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall! Now, dash away, dash away, alsh away all!" As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, So, up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With a sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas, too. And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof, And then in a twinking I heard on the roof.
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof,
As I drew in my head and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back.
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow. His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the snoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face, and a little round belly
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf—
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight:
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

CLEMENT C. MOORE. MRS. STOTESBURY AS SANTA

Society Matron Will Entertain Kiddies at Starr Garden.

Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury, will act as hostess to 600 children from the poorest and most congested section of the city at a dinner, at which ice cream, cake and other delicacies will be served. A box of fruit and nuts and toys will be presented to every child by Mrs. Stotesbury in the gymnasium of the Starr Garden Recreation Centre, 7th and Lombard streets, tonight.

The elaborately trimmed and electric lighted Christmas tree that was one of the principal decorations at Mrs. Stotes-bury's ball at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Tuesday night, will be one of the featuren

at the Starr Garden celebration.
Following the dinner an entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Misses Linda Styer, A. Ewanda Ginder, Caroline Liveright and Edna Laughlin, teachers at the recreation centre. The arrangements are in charge of M.

Gerson Fall, principal of Starr Garden. He will be assisted by Peter Schmid, Wil-liam R. Meyers and John Harris. Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, Girl Scouts and of the Theodore Starr Club will

Sixty Stockings Decorate Stage of Lyric Theatre.

Sixty allk stockings are hanging announcing that they expect to be given

Christmas party, Emma Trentini and Clifton Crawford, stars of the company, have commissioned Manager Blumberg to buy a big Christmas tree, and suspecting that Santa Claus is not very familiar with theatres, they are going to play the part themselves. The regular Christmas celebration will be held tonight after the performance.

SANTA CLAUS COMING TO JERSEY PINE BELT

NEW LISBON, N. J., Dec. 24.—Santa Claus is coming to many of the children in the pine belt here this year for the first time. It seems hardly believable, but it is a fact that many of the little ones in the pine belt have never heard of Christians Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maof Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ma-comber, social service workers, who have charge of the colony of fachle-minded, near here, have arranged to have a community Christmas tree, which will be the first that has ever been trimmed in the pine belt, and many children here will receive their first Christmas gifts.

CITIZEN GIVES \$500 FOR POOR KIDDIES' CHRISTMAS

WILMINGTON, Del. Dec 24—Wilmington's biggest and pretitest Christmas tree is in place and beautifully decorated with colored lights and other electrical effects. is not a community Christmas tree, but stands in the city court room at the ity Hali and is for the poor children

taken into the courtroom, given a sight of the tree and then furnished with bage of candy, fruit and some useful gift, probably stockings and caps. For the ove and girls there also will be some

The Christman tree and gifts for the poor children are given this year by a pruning resident who refuses to allow his name to be used. The expanses of the calebration are severed by a check of \$500, which he has given to Chief of Police George Black for that purpose.

SANTA CLAUS WILL CALL

HOSEMONT, Dec. 24.—Santa Chaus will not be too huse to pay a call at the hume and hospital of the fieed Shapelerd here. He is expected to movie some time late there will be a temporary and the children will be a price of the institution have been waited to the play of the play of the institution of the late of the play of the play of the first will be set of the play of the p

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT RULES CHINATOWN AS NEVER BEFORE

'Melly Clistmas' Is Favorite Greeting Among Celestials Who Will Celebrate With Turkey Dinners.

"Melly Christmas," laughingly shouted Moy Duck as he greeted Policeman Burns, familiarly known as the "Chinatown Cop," when that individual strolled ace street on his first round o the district.

"Merry Christmas to you, Moy," anawered the bluecoat as he extended his hand to accept the proffered cigar. "Gee whiz, these Chinamen are cer-

tainly becoming more civilized every CHORUS GIRLS WAIT FOR SANTA year," said Burns, turning to his companion. "I remember the time when Christman was nothing more to these Celestials than a 'Blue Monday' is to us. row on the Lyric Theatre stage, waiting those restaurants. Every one is decorate claus. They belong to the chorus girls of "The Peasant Girl" company, who have taken this method of greens. Turkey dinners are on the menus and all the establishments are giving away souvenirs of the occasion. This year will see the biggest Christman celebration in Chinatown."

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PREVAILS. Truly Chinatown has changed. Five years ago a visitor to the Celestial quarter on Christmas Day would have found the inhabitants standing on doorstops and squatted in dark basements smoking, but nowhere would be find any mign of a holiday.

Let him retrace his steps tomorrow. He will be greated on every side with a salutation, and, if he be known, a small remembrance in the way of a silk handkerchief or perhaps a cigar or a package of fine tea. Chinatown has awakened to the realization that Christmas is a time for rejoicing, a time for gift-giving and a time for feasting.

Nor is Chinatown without its happy children. There are more than a dozen little tots-full-blooded Chinese-who would be just as disappointed as other children were they to awaken on the morrow to find that Kris Kingle had not filled their stockings with goodies. It is no unusual sight nowadays to see a Chinese acting in the role of Santa Claus and carrying on his back a Christman tree.

TURKEY DINNER ESCAPES

Big doings are looked for in Chinatown tonight. Three hig turkeys purchased by Lee Lung, which were to have occupied a principal part of the dinner mean at a love feast tomorrow, broke out of a coop in which they had been denfined for fattening purposes last night, and led Chiness and policemen a lively chase on

Race airect.
At times the birds took to the wings and outraced these who pursued them. One fell a victim to a well-directed blow from a policeman's club, but the others obably decorate a table other than

AT ROSEMONT HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS SHOOT AT GUN CLUB The South Philadelphia Gun Chab has arranged a shoot for Christmas Day; be ginning at Fis a. m. in the allermoon there will be a live bird shoot with primer for the pinner. The committee in cases of the affect uncludes Andrew Donner, ticking Springer, Frank Appair William Worlder, theory Trues and the pinner, there are not the pinner, the primer, Frank Appair will be be good to be a first unclude Andrew Donner, ticking Springer, Frank Appair will be be good to be a first uncluded whom the first who had haven Khowe wast the will be the first and the pinner, the property of the contract of the contract of the contract of the pinner, the property of the contract of

KRIS MUST GO FAST TO VISIT ALL TOWNS THAT EXPECT HIM

"Eight Tiny Reindeer" and Well-filled Sleigh All in Readiness for Their Great Dash Tonight.

Santa Claus has announced that he is all rendy to start. There is pienty of hard work in store for him both today



and tonight. He has to see to his reindeer, their harness and jingle bells; and then he will spend several hours looking over the mon-ater sleigh which has been stored 365 days—or rather 364, to be exact.

Then we must not forget the toys; they have been all packed and sorted-in fact, all its in readiness for tonight—the big

night.

Santa Claus was up bright and early this morning. He combed his snow-white beard and filled his clay pipe several times, and yet there seemed to be a shade of sadness lurking in his kindly gray eyes. It may be that he was thinking of the children of Belgium. He fingered the pages of his ledger thoughtfully and suddenly rays of hope brightened his eyes.

"Many children abroad," said he, think-ing aloud, "may miss me this year, bless their little hearts. I'll make them happy sooner or later and I'll repay them for some of their suffering. The children in and about Philadelphia have been gen-erous and kind-hearted, and I will soon he on my year to wish them a hearty.

be on my way to wish them a hearty, though silent, 'Merry Christmas.'" Tonight Santa Claus will start on his round. It is whispered that he loves the open country, where his reindeer can have full sway. At any rate, he is likely to visit the towns and cities outside of Philadelphia before turning rein for this

Christmas trees, in many cases commu-nity trees, all illuminated, and the sing-ing of beautiful Christmas carols will be ing of beautiful Christmas carols will be features of Christmas celebrations held in many towns and cities. Pennsylvania and New Jersey residents have been untiring in their efforts to make the celebration this year a great success. In virtually all localities festivities have been planned for the poor and the sick, and few children will miss the warmth of merry Christmas cheer.

"Listen, my children, and you shall hear" how some of the cities and towns are prepared to receive Santa Claus: are prepared to receive Santa Claus;

GOVERNOR TENER IN ROLE OF SANTA CLAUS AT CAPITAL

HARRISBURG, Dec. 24.—Christmas spirit prevails among many of the Har-risburg school children. Grace Methodist Church here has sent word to the Harris-burg Home and War Relief Committee, which recently sent funds to France for the purchase of ambulances, that the usual Christmas entertainment for Sunday school children has been abandoned as the children wish to send the expense money to buy milk for the Belgian poor. Many other colebrations have been plan-Many other celebrations have been plan-ned, however. Tonisht more than 10,000 are expected to greet the municipal Christmas Tree at Front and Market streets. Many will join in singing Christ-mas carols and Mayor John K. Royal will deliver a short address. Governor Tener will act as Santa Claus tomorrow morning at the executive man-sion and distribute candy to the poor children who call there at 8 o'clock. Many of the poor families will be looked after by the local charity associations.

COMMUNITY XMAS TREE

GIVES JOY TO NORRISTOWN NORRISTOWN, Dec. 24.-For the first ime in its history Norristown will have a community Christmas tree. A pine tree 50 feet high has been erected near the courthouse, and will be lighted with hundreds of electric lights. The trimming of the tree is in charge of President Jamison, of Town Council, father of the project, and other prominent members of Town Council and prominent business

At least 150 poor families will receive Christmas was nothing more to these clestials than a Blue Monday is to us. "But things have changed. Look at "But things have changed. Look at no time, perhaps, in the history of Norristown has there been such an inclination to charity at Christmas time. The spirit of charity seems to permeate the air, and organizations and individuals are trying to outdo each other in giving and making Christmas cheer. Many gifts will be distributed to the poor children by the Perot Club, at Carney's cigar store. The Norristown churches, public schools the Salvation Army and other organiza-tions and individuals have been untiring in their efforts to have the Christmas celebration here this year a great suc-

MAYOR M'CLAIN AS SANTA AT LANCASTER CHILDREN'S HOME

LANCASTER, Dec. 24.-Lancaster will have its first community Christmas observance this year. There will be no Christmas tree, but Christmas celebra-

Christmas tree, but Christmas celebra-tions and entertainments have been ar-ranged for both today and tomorrow.

The Mayor, Frank B. McClain, will be the Santa Claus at the feativities for poor children which will be held at the Home for Friendless Children. Toys, sweets, and other gifts will be distributed. The 3d Ward Republican Chib will entertain the poor children of the ward at its head-quarters. Next Tuesday Charles M. Howquarters. Next Tuesday Charles M. How-ell, manager of the Colonial Theatre, will give a vaudeville performance for all the poor children of the city.

SANTA WILL BE ON HAND AT COMMUNITY GATHERING

DRENEL HILL Dec. M.-Regardless of snow, but balking at rain. Santa Claus has promised to appear at the community Christmas tree at Garrett and Runnyhas promised to appear at the community Christmas tree at Garrett and Runnymede avenues here tonight for children of Adingham. Garrettford and Drexel Hill. The hour has been set at L22 and old Santa has promised on the faith of his snow-white heard that all "kiddles" prayers will receive a present: that is, weather permitting. If it raises Santa Claus will keep the next fair night open on his engagement book.

The tree will be illuminated heautifully and healde it many persons will unite in

and healde it many persons will unite in singing the old carols. The singing will be by adults and school children at the community and music will be furnished by the Garrettford Band. The Drene Hill Civic Association has charge of the arrangements and is asking all residents to co-operate by illuminating their homes

CHRISTMAS CHEER APLENTY FOR WEST CHESTER'S POOR

A GREAT MYSTIC STORY BY HAROLD MACGRATH

Synopsis.

Zudora is left an orphan at an early age. Her father is hilled to a gold mine be has discovered. Half an hour after learning of the death of her husband. Nuclora mother—a tight-rope walker with a dirousle seased with verigo, falls and is hilled. Zudora and the fortune from the notice, and the seased with verigo, falls and is hilled. Zudora and the fortune from the notice, and the sease left to the guardinantic of press of great beauty. Zudora, giving promise of great beauty, and the humself up as a finite mystic and is known as Hassam All, decides in his greed that Zudora mussile before she comes into possession of her great fortune, so that if may be left to him, the next of kin, and he prevails upon the gift to leave her money in his hands three years longer and to say nothing to any one about the fortune at laws a law as a law a country of John Storm a young lawyer, for whom Zudora has taken a fance, and he commands the gift to but the man out of her mind. Storm as taken a fance, and he commands the gift to but the man out of her mind. Storm an infect, and he commands the gift to but the man out of her mind. Storm are young lawyer, for whom Zudora has taken a fance, and he commands the gift to but the man out of her mind. Storm are will marry no one.

"Well, well," said Hassam All, "It compromise, Solve dy next 20 cases and you can marry him fail in a single case and you must remove the law of the colored help was feeling from her weight airer night, there appeared the heroic form of a skeleton hand with a black epot in the prim as If made by an enormous build. Storm goes home to unravel the mystery and writes to Zudora to come to his said. Hassam endeavors to dissuade her from going.

Zudora goes and becomes nearly convinced that Hassam endeavors to dissuade her from going. make a long story short, I was carcless in handling the gun, and some of the charge went into Bolton's hand. The best third we can do, then, is to locate him. He wasn't always quite right in the upper story. But how the dickens he should come to think up such a hoax and spring it after all these years gots me." Zudora said nothing. There was noth-Subora said nothing. There was norming for her to say.

"So we'll take a look into Jimmy's affairs," concluded John.

But Jimmy had not been seen by any one for several weeks. The spectre stiddenly ceased operations. A week passed, and both Storm and Zudora concluded to

nis and flassam sheeavors to dissuade de-from going. Zudora goes and becomes nearly con-tineed that Hessam is at the botter, of the mystery. The hand appears suddenly on the side of the house. All the but eave but a housemaid and a chore-boy.

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shotgun and started out with blood in his

eye. The result of his rage and excite-

ment was a badly lacerated arm for the

John intervened. The poor girl had only

been curious to see how near she could

cene vividly.
"I used to come home during college

SOCIETIES WILL DISSEMINATE

MRS. PARKE SCHOCH WILL BE

EVERY WARD IN BRYN MAWR

ham B. Morris, Santa Claus will be able

to distribute gifts to the poor children at the brilliant Christmas tree which had

seen erected in the children's home here.

sides. One beauty of the gifts is that the children have no idea from whom they come. Many will close their eyes tonight with the thought that a real

Santa is grouning his reinder before making the rounds of the chimney tops. The preemits will be distributed through the efforts of the Children's Christmas

TWO SANTAS WILL GIVE

children.

PRESENTS AT JENKINTOWN

IENKINTOWN. Der. 14 - This year für the first time Isukintown will have a community Christmas tree. The tree not only is 24 feet high, but, wonder of wonders, two sistinct Santa Clauses will distribute presents to more than 500 children.

children.
The community Christmas tree has been exected under direction of Chief Surgans Andrew in front of the Junkingson Borough Hall. It will be literatured by

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The nurses' house will have its celebra tion, and tomorrow the nurses will be

YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN

HOSPITAL WILL HAVE TREE

celebration.

return to town, but to return secretly the first time the hand made its appearance again

nrai time the hand made its appearance again.

Oddiy enough, Storm also had vague susplicions regarding the brain behind Bolton, but, and perhaps fooliably, he refrained from confiding to Zudora. He had become reasonably sure that Hassam All was somewhere in the background. Jirmy Bolton was incapable of perpetrating a hoax of this peculiar order without capital. At any rate, he was determined to put the matter boldly to Hassam All.

Amed was not going to admit him at first. Orders were orders; but whas Storm declared that he would come back with a policeman, Amed concluded to accept the lesser of two evils. Storm found himself in the familiar drawing room. Zudora seemed everywhere—in the arrangement of the flowers, the pictures, the music rack.

the music rack.
"Well, sir," said a cold veice from be-hind, "this is an honor forced upon me.
I have forbidden you the hospitality of

THEN the spectral hand appeared the next night, old man Storm seized his lousemaid. The old man accused her, but

hind, "this is an honor forced upon me. I have forbidden you the hospitality of this house."

"I am well aware of that," returned Storm, quite as coldiy as Hassam All. "I have not come for hospitality. What I demand to know is, what the devil dryou mean by setting a half-witted boy up to such a beastly game as that spectral hand?" Storm shook his first under Hassam All's nose.

All the fury against this young man bubbled up in Hassam All's heart, and incautiously was permitted to overflow the brim. He wanted John Storm dead, dead at his feet. He suddenly drew back his hand; but Storm was too quick for him. Amed, seeing his master in danger, seized a vase and stole up behind Storm. But from her boudoir above Zudorahad heard the loud voices. She hald in her hand only a book. She flung it with more accuracy than is generally credited to the feminine arm. It hit Amed squarely on the shoulder; and the vase clattered to the floor.

Copyright, 1814, by Harold MacGrath. get to the spectre. She was fortunate to have escaped with her life.

Later, John began to show preoccupation, and when questioned by Zudora he admitted that there had been an episode of his younger days that he had all but forgotten. The dark spot in the palm of the hand had finally brought back the scene yieldy. days to hunt a little. There's quall and partridge galore in November. I used to take young Jimmy Bolton along to carry the game. He was only a kid. Well, to

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Girl, of Jenkintown, has erected a big tree in the Wilson home on West ave-nue. She has obtained the names of more the city's poor long after Christmas Day has passed. Already thousands of dol-lars have been spent, but there is still much to be done. nue. She has obtained the names of more than 189 deserving children of Abington and Moreland Townships and promises not to forget them in the Santa Claus mail list. Many Jenkintown residents have congratulated Miss Wilson on her remarkable work. Christmas Day will bring cheer to many poor children here. All the relief societies have combined and a Christmas banquet will be given to more than 1000 children, and a huge Christmas tree is laden with gifts to delight their young hearts. One of the local newspapers has been a most liberal contributor for the

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT ABOUNDS AMONG READING'S PEOPLE

READING, Dec. 21.—More than 60 Christmas trees have been erected by prominent citizens along the city's main thoroughfares much to the delight of the poor children. The large community Christmas tree at 5th and Penn streets will be brilliantly illuminated at the stroke of midnight tonight, while hundreds sing carols to the accompaniment of impressive band music. CHRISTMAS CHEER AT CHESTER CHESTEIL, Dec. 24.—Many destitute families and several thousand needy children here are assured of Christmas cheer. Tomorrow morning toys and sweets will be given out to children at the homes of the Chester Lodge of Elks and the Chester Nest of Owls. Baskets of provisions will be sent to the homes of members where want stalks.

of impressive band music.
"Self-Denial Day" has already been observed here and hundreds of dollars have been contributed for the purchase of toys. visions will be sent to the homes of members where want stalks.

The Salvation Army will furnish dinners to at least 1500 persons. The Children's Aid Society will decorate a Christmas tree. Among the other societies which will distribute Christmas cheer are the Ladies' Benevoient Society, St. Vincent de Paul's Society and the Mercy and Help Society. been contributed for the purchase of toys, candy, sweets and clothing for the city's poor. The merchants and Chamber of Commerce will act as Santa Claus and even the wearers of torn and ringed stockings will not be doomed to disappointment. The unfortunate "grown-ups" will also be looked after. Empty coal bins will be replemshed and Christmas baskets distributed.

WAYNE'S SANTA CLAUS LADY MEDIA SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN AID WAR VICTIMS

WAYNE, Dec. 24.-Christmas carols and MEDIA, Pa., Dec. 24.-Many Media Sunimpressive music by many of the school children will be the feature of the Christ-mas celebration here. The Wayne com-munity Christmas tree has been decorated day school children instead of receiving presents at the many Christmas celebrations here will give to others, who they feel are more in need of the welcoms Christmas cheer. The money usually spent for refreshments at the Methodist Sunday School will be sent to Belgium, and each pupil will bring an article of clothing which will be sent to the Deaconess' Home in Fhiladelphia. At all the other Sunday schools the pupils will bring gifts for charity. There will be no organized effort to relieve the poor of day school children instead of receiving elaborately and residents old and young are anticipating the happy event. Mrs. Parke Schoch, of Wayne, will be the 'Santa Claus Lady' for the children of the Radnor township schools. She has received many contributions, and these, together with her own donations, will assure the children a "Merry Christorganized effort to relieve the pool Media, as no destitute cases have

The Civic Association Christmas free the Civic Association Christmas free has been erected in front of the Cours House, and besides the brilliant electric filumination the combined choirs of all the Media churches will sing their Christmas greetings. The Ray, Henry S. Noon, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will BRYN MAWR, Pa., Dec. 24.—Every ward in the Bryn Mawr Hospital will have its Christmas tree so that the sick will know they are not forgotten. Through the kindness of Mrs. Effingdeliver an appropriate address.

CAMDEN CHARITIES UNITE TO HELP POOR AND NEEDY

Charity workers and organizations that dispense charity at Christmas time are operating under a new system in Camben this year. In former years, when each club or association operated entirely independent of one another, it was found that much of the charity dispensed was duplicated, in some instances one family being provided for by three and four charities, while others, and in some cases the most worthy ones, received no help. the guests of Dr. George Gerhard, of WILL DISTRIBUTE GIFTS COLLINGDALE. Dec. M .- There will be a real Santa Claus in Collingdale, Bright and early tomorrow morning more than the most worthy ones, received no help 130 children in the neighborhood will find dainty packages containing toys, sweets and useful articles at their doors or bed-

charities, while others, and it some class the most worthy ones, received no help whatever.

This year things are different; a central organization has been formed which is known as the Registration Eureau or Associated Charities. This organization is supported by all the clubs alike and to it is left the investigation and supervision of all charity at Christmas time, as well as throughout the entire year. The bureau receives all applications through whatever source they may come and causes an investigation of each case to be made. The names investigated are turned over to the respective clubs, thus avoiding duplication.

Among the Camilea organizations dispensing charity this year are the Elia, the Peter J., the Moose, the Rotary Chib and most all of the churches. The responses to appeals for funds this year have greatly exceeded those of former years.

Cheer Association of Delaware County. They will be sorted in the Collingdale Haptist Church, and after 8 o'clock, when the "tots" are in bed, the delivery will begin. More than 50 young men and women, many of them social favorites in the neighborhood, will help in the Among those who have taken a leading Among those wind nave seem a maning part in providing the Christmas cheer are Mrs. William Besson, Mrs. K. A. Stephenson, Miss Martis Phano and David Lamphelmer, of Collingdale; Mrs. H. Gretz, Drexot Hill, Roy York, Addas; Miss Edith C. Sparks and Miss Florance Jordan, Norwood; Miss McAllister, Classiden.

POOR OF GLOUCESTER. TO GET XMAS BOUNTIES

poor of Gloucester City will be well in the care of tomorrow. For a month pass a combined competition

combined competed by the years churches has be busy preparing distribute for chething, carees a toya to the home. They have a bust and the bust feath was your feath was your to feath was your to feath was your toy a remeded. Their will are to the toy to