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By way of emphasis for his words thing to cure your bilious-ness. You need Ayer's Pills. Frank Lane threw across the room the

> sank back with a groan. He had forgotten his sprained ankle. The pain in it made him remember. it was almost intolerable for a few moments. But that was not what brought

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what you would appreciate for a Caristmas gift.

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By MARY WINTHROP

THE man who said that a big apartment house was a vil-lage in itself didn't know a thing about it, or else he had never been in a village. Lord! I would say it was a collection of hostile camps, with a janitor as the only means of the couch that the girl's heart went out

gayly illustrated magazine he had been pretending to read. It landed with a crash, bringing with it to the floor a small vase which stood on the corner of the mantel. Broken bits of porceain rolled in all directions.

The young man started to his feet. The vase was one of his childish relics. Every bit was precious. But he

the tears to his eyes—tears of weak-ness and loneliness. He was remem-bering that it was the day before Christmas and that he was shut up in his bachelor apartments with a sprained ankle. A solitary dinner at the club

ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren Street, New York

was never wildly festive for Christmas, but even that was to be denied

There was a rattling at the hall door Lane hastily brushed aside the tears as the wife of the janitor came in. Womanlike, she was compassionate. Her face beamed as she cried: "A package for ye, Mester Lane. Th' postman jest left it, an' I hurried it up, thinkin' it might cheer ye a bit. It's sure some prisint a lady fren's been a-sendin' ye.' The invalid laughed shortly. From a lady friend! He had been raised in an orphan asylum and as far as his knowledge went had not a living relation. His position in the busines world was entirely due to his own pluck and energy. He had not had

When the woman had gone, he still looked curiously at the package in his lap. It was in bad order. The string was loosened and the enveloping paper torn. The address was blurred, but he could still make out faintly the inscription "F. E. Lane" and the name

His fingers trembled with eagerness as he slipped off the outside wrapper and disclosed dainty tissue paper and ribbons. It must surely be from a girl,

Inside was a creation of violet silk. He eyed it dubiously, but then his face cleared. He had seen similar curios in shop windows. It must be a handker-chief case. But the name of the sender? He took hold of the case gingerly and

shook it. He carefully turned it inside out. No card appeared. It must have slipped out on the way. He sniffed appreciatively. The case was strongly scented with violets. It almost seemed as if the fair donor herself was glorify ing his room with her presence.
Yet the question of who had sent i

still remained unsolved. He knew whom he wished had sent it—the girl in the flat above. She was the girl who when she came in from the office of an evening, sat down at the piano and rattled off a jolly twostep—that was when things had gone well—or crept in quietly and sang soothing lullables— that was when the day's work had left her wornout and blue. Lane sympathized, for he had felt just that way

"B-r-r-" rang the electric bell. Land frowned as he reached his hand back for the button. Why need commonplace realities in the shape of the jan itor break in upon his day dream? Then he straightened up suddenly. The figure standing in the doorway was not to be confused with the janitor. It was a girl with rebelliou struct a pair of serious dark eyes. It was the girl of the flat above.

The girl stood uncertainly a momen in the gathering dusk, then stepped forward with sudden decision. "I beg your pardon for intruding on you," she said apologetically. "I don't be-Neve you can even see who I am in this semidarkness. Won't you let me light up? I am the girl from the flat above." As she spoke she turned to the switch. In a moment the room flashed into a blaze of light.

Lane still stared at her as if at a vision, but the years of business training came to his aid. "Won't you sit down, Miss Fane?" he said courteously. "I can't rise-a little trifle of a sprained ankle." "Yes, I know," the girl interrupted

pity very sweet.
"I don't want to trouble you," she
And when you to the ward motes do rewent on, "but I am looking for one of my Christmas presents which is lost, strayed or stolen. It must have come, for my cousin writes that it was mailed to trouble you, she pair hope such good men will be chosen there as will not grudge the watchman good strong beer.

As for St Distaff's day, which closed

As for St. Distaff's day, which closed some days ago." Instinctively Lane spread his hands over the dainty trifle lying in his lap. Yes, the pillow hid it from view.

"It is a handkerchief case made of purple silk. As our names look something alike. I thought it rought to receive the feat the feat that the feat th Yes, the pillow hid it from view.

"It is a handkerchief case made of purple silk. As our names look something alike, I thought it might have come to you by mistake." She looked the content of this part of the custom for women to result of the custom for women to result of the custom for women to result of the custom for women to results are plutocratic, but the apple belongs to the populace. It is symbolic of the country store and the corner grocery. It breathes the free spirit of the sume for a few hours their labors at the custom for women to results are plutocratic, but the apple belongs to the populace. It is symbolic of the country store and the corner grocery. It breathes the free spirit of the sume for a few hours their labors at

with a lie. "Yes, I have it. I thought it was mine." And he held it out weak-ly. Then sudden inspiration came to "I wish you would let me keep inin. "I wish you would let me keep it," he said pleadingly. "I will buy you anything else in its place that you like." Miss Lane's color deepened. "Why?" she asked wonderingly. "Because," he said vehemently, "it's

the only Christmas present I shall have. I have been lying here in the dusk imagining who might have sent it to me, and I can't bear to give it up. I would not care so much if I was up and around. You don't know how blue a "Fa" fellow gets shut up here all alone. Lit-

He looked so helpless lying there on the couch that the girl's heart went out when a bay of Fundy fog surto him, and she had a fashion of fol-lowing her heart more readily than her back. After groping our way east for head. "You poor fellow!" she said gently. "I know just how you feel. You shall keep the handkerchief case. Coussial keep the handkerchief case. Coussial I was thrown clean overboard. I in Laura will never know, and I have know now that the keel of our boat colseveral others. And you must count it lided with the spur of an iceberg. as a real Christmas present from me.
Only don't give me anything in its place
except to wish me a merry Christmas

When I rose to the surface I heard the
old man shouting, but I couldn't answer him, and it seems to me that the when I come down to see you in the morning. I will bring some of the good- and then we were separated altogether morning. I will bring some of the goodies from my home box. They will make
you forget all about the ankle."
She hurried away. Lane did not know
that it was because she wished to hide
tears brought to her eyes by the dumb
look of gratitude on his face. And he

handkerchief case at one and the same time on that memorable Christmas eve.

XMAS WITH THE GERMANS. Scenes In the Shops and In the Re-

As the handsome shops reveal the Christmas of the rich Germans, also we see the Christmas joys of the other, the peasant class. The toy stores—the dolls in all the national costumes of the world, and windows all bristling with combating soldiers. Candy shops! Candy is distinctively American. In Germany and France it is bonbons; in England sweets. The Germans do not eat candy as a habit, as we do, but on Christmas time, according to their idiom, "it goes loose." But it is the "pfefferkuchen" that is the great distinguishing delicacy of Christmastide. Not a house, family or person in Germany is without it. It is a sort of hard pice cake, made in all sorts of shapes. The writer spent last Christmas in the home of Baron von Shierbrant. The day before Christmas the drawing rooms were closed. No one dare enter except the baron and baroness, who came in and out of those rooms very quietly and mysteriously. On Christmas eve the first event of interest is the Christmas eve dinner, which is haracterized by the serving of "karpfen in bier" and the bringing forth from their secret hiding places of the fa mous Christmas cakes, marzipan, pfef fernuesse and pfefferkuchen. Dinner ends with the joining of hands and all saying, "Gesegnete mahlzeit."-Washington Post.

"I'll be glad when I'm a grownuj nan," said the thoughtful youngster. "Why?"

"Because then I can get my Christ-mas presents without having to be good beforehand."—Washington Star. "Chris'mus kin be made so much pleasanter of the stern parunt will on'y let his min' wander back tew the time

neypiece himself," says Ole Nutmeg. Ballads of Yule.

Though some are dead and some are fled
To lands of summer over sea,
The holly berry keeps his red,
The merry children keep their glee.
They hoard with artless secrecy
This gift for Maude and that for Molly,
And Santa Claus he turns the key
On Christmas eve. Heigh-ho, the holly!

Amid the snow the birds are fled; The snow lies deep on land and

Friends, let us pay the wonted fee,
The yearly tithe of mirth, be jolly!
It is a duty so to be,
Though half we sigh, Heigh-ho, the

holly! A Quaint Old Custom

A quaint but almost forgotten cus-tom was revived when the mizzenmast was being stepped in a schooner launched in Maine recently. Mr. Stone, Captain Charles Trask and Mr. Mulvaney all put new quarters on top of the keelson, so that when the heavy stick came down it closed over it for good and all. "It's so the vessel will never be without money," said Mr.

A LONG CHRISTMASTIDE. Colidays That Extend Into the New

While in this country, as in England, dermany and other parts of Europe, the joyous spirit of the Christmas fes tival is by no means limited to Dec. 25, but finds expression in many ways in the life and amusement of the people both before and after that day it-self, comparatively little attention is paid here to the observance of the numerous designated holidays which in other lands go to make up Christmastide. The period opens with St. Thomas' day, which falls on Dec. 21, and closes with St. Distaff's day, on Jan. 7. The first named festival is known in some parts of England as "Doling day," on account of the dis-tribution of the bounty of charitable individuals, and in most English cities at the present time the day is given up largely to the anniversaries of chartable societies and the distribution of benefits among the poor and needy. It is also the day chosen for the election of church officers, a custom adopted here in some denominations, and it appears also from the old rhyme that

the same time: sympathetically. "The janitor told me.
I am so sorry." The man found her
And Christmas now can't be far off, you'll

HRISTMAS ON AN

Ray Lambertson, a Nova Scotia lad of eighteen, who was taken off an iceberg at sea by a passing ship and treated in Bellevue hos-

"Father and I went out fishing on Christmas eve last from Clark's har-bor. We were after mackerel and lay back and wished that the morrow on the side, and at one time it turned a complete somersault and threw me Before another Christmas the two once more into the water. I had a fiats were empty. Mr. and Mrs. Lane | good mind to give up then and accept were keeping house in a large flat on the ground floor. His wife always de-clares that he stole her heart and the being probably drowned the family would have to depend on me. So made another effort. The berg was rolling and presented many sharp points here and there, one of which I seized and by its means lifted myself to the ledge from which I had been

> "Realizing that I could not maintain myself in that position, I climbed once more to the top and this time found myself in a saucer shaped cavity. Whipping out my knife, I hacked away for dear life until I had scooped out a



ivie, bayes and whatso still deeper hollow, and after much hard work I succeeded in gathering quite a pile of pebbles and sea weed, on which I rested my feet. Meantime my body from the waist up was exposed. Even at this I was in danger of falling out or off when the berg tolled over, as it frequently did. I was my body from the waist up was exrolled over, as it frequently did. I was therefore obliged to be constantly on the alert. Exhausted from my exertions and though fearing that sleep might mean death, I could not resist the drowsiness that came over me; so I fell asleep. When I awoke after a few hours it was night, and the stars were in the sky. Though my hands and feet were numbed, I did not feel houses, so that the people were sore aghast at the great tempest."—Leslie's as cold as one might imagine. It is useless describing my sensations. I thought of the sad Christmas mother and the kids would pass without me and, perhaps, without the old man, and I prayed to God to save me. I was glad when the morning came—Christ-

mas morning—but I suffered fearfully from hunger and thirst, especially from thirst Christmas day passed over me like Christmas eve, and at the dawn of the 26th I gave up hope. But one should never despair even though hundreds of miles out at sea on an iceberg, for that evening I was taken off the berg by a boat from the barkentine Sea Serpent, commanded by Captain Ferguson, and bound for the Azores. The captain treated me well, and after

staying on the Azores a few weeks I came to New York in a Liverpool brig-"That is about all," concluded the roung fisherman from Nova Scotia "And, say, doctor, I don't want to spend no more Christmas days on a erg."-Washington Post.

Kitty's Christmas Speech. church was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens and the ai was laden with their odor. As the service was about to begin little Kitty pulled her mother's sleeve and said in an awe stricken tone, "Oh, don't it smell solemn!"-Christian Work.

Christmas day begins in the middle of the Pacific ocean on the one hun and there is where Santa Claus starts and ends his great and only journey of

Christmas In the West. Deadshot Dick — Any fun in B'ar Freek on Christmas, Bill? Grizzly Bill-Waal, we had a purty oig Christmas tree. Deadshot Dick—Anything of much wo Chineymen.

Silver or silver and glass tollet arti-cles are always acceptable to women. Some of them are brush, comb, powder box, cold cream jar, buttonhook, curlng fron, glove stretcher, atomizer, per-

of the apple: "The apple is the mos emocratic of all fruits. The pomegranate is priestly, the grape is royal, the orange is luxurious, the peach and at him expectantly.

Now, Lane had been mentally planning how he might keep that handkerchief case. He was a thief in everything but the deed. But he could not

HANGING HOLLY



ORIGIN OF XMAS GREENS. They Were Used at Christmastide Five Centuries Ago. The use of evergreens at Christmas time is older than the Christmas tree, the Christians seeming to have copied it from their pagan ancestors. In a very old book we find this reference to the use of evergreens at Christmas time: "Against the feast of Christmas were likewise garnished, among the which I read that in the year 1414, by ard of tree, being set up in the midst of the pavement, fast in the ground, nailed full of holme and ivie, for disport of Christmas to the people, was torn up and cast down by the maligtorn up and cast down by the malig-nant spirit, as was thought, and the stones of the pavement all about were cast in the streets and into divers

On the Christmas Tree.

The old fashioned stockings and hearts and crosses and animals cut out of tarlatan outlined with worsted and then filled with flat candies and tied on the tree are always popular orna-ments. Sugar figures bought in the confectionery store will serve to break the monotony. The baker at Christmas time usually has his windows filled with horses, dogs, cats and men and women made of delectable cake dough and artistically ornamented with color-ed sugar curlycues. These are toothe and attractive to the small boy

and girl.
Candles in small candle holders are always scattered well over the tree. It is a wise precaution to keep a pan of water in which is a wet sponge in case of accidents. When a spark falls upon a bough, the sponge quickly applied to the spot will check the spread of the Weshington Star.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS.

From the Gospel According to St. Luke, Chapter 11, Verses 7-20. And she brought forth her firstborn on and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, be cause there was no room for them in

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them: "Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tid-ings of great joy, which shall be to all "For unto you is born this day in

the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. "And this shall be a sign unto you swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host

praising God and saying:
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

And it came to pass as the angels were gone away from them into heaven the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to

Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen it they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

But Mary kept all these things and

those things which were told them by