



Text-Lake ii., 10: "Benold 1 bring you good tidings of great joy." Gloria in Excelsia.

GE more the hallowed, child as the stars looked down upon

upon the earth. At last sent through the ages this word, "Suf-



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Christmas festival, dedicated to happi-ness and good-will, has fully come. This morning the whole city has wak-tor childhood. From that hour Jesus' dren in the shy." The image of the ened to quadrapied ley. The very at- disciples began to make life happy for god stands by the river at Nikko, and mosphere of our earth is rosy, stained children. with the rich colors of the heart. All

windows are bright with holly and evergreen. Parents have discovered that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Youch overflows with animal spirits. Suddenly the aged have shed their years and become young again. Before the light had fully downed the carols had begun to be heard in the churches. And every passing hour will behold larger multitudes thronging to these temples of the soul. All feel that no dowers are sweet enough. no songs bright enough, no gifts rich enough for the Christmas Day. For

His thought of childhood is the very eart and genius of Christian civiliza-

Because Christ-Christmas and the Golden Age. mas stands for the child, as the father of the man, and for the cradie. as the one point where futurity is vulnerable, it will yet usher in the Golden Age. To produce an ideal world we need only one thing-a Christmus that lasts all the year. When the sun rises it throws its beams of sunshine forward a half hour in advance of the orb of fire. When the sun sets the light lingers long in the clouds. And the Golden Age means that the approaching Christmas will cast its concrotts beams forward toward July. and that when the Christmas Day has passed its peace and good-will will linger to lend light to those months that end with June. To-day parents give gifts to their children, the prosperous help the poor, the happy stretch out friendly hands toward the widow and the fatherless-the Christmas spirit has ransformed selfishness into service. This morning, without changing a sinde law, economie or political, lot the tolden Age is come. It seems that to woduce an ideal world, without sorow or strife or sin, it is only necessary hat the beams that stream from this wight day should encircle our cold

arth, not in robes of frosty selfishness, but with the sweet blossom of the Little wonder that in the far-off forest and valley and plain, in the frozen North and in the sonny South, in the innumerable homes of this great Republic, all people, young and old alike, through gifts and song and good-will, celebrate this greatest day and the greatest event that has ever befallen our earth. The civilization that advances and rolls forward like a golden flood represents a spirit that set forth from Bethlehem. Universal happiness and wisdom and peace will come to our earth when the Christmas comes to stay all the year .- New York World.

> The Santa Claus Letter. We smiled when little Willie wrote

His note to Santa Claus. And yet we diin't have the heart To bid the youngster pause. For have we not in science kept The hopes that we have prized Without the chance that Willie's have Of being realized?

Let him who in his day dreams builds Let him who in his day-dreams huilds No castle in the air. Who never hopes the morn will dawn With gifts surpassing fair. Who never made the best of less Than what he fain would ask.— Let him make bold to stay the child In his fond, trustful task.

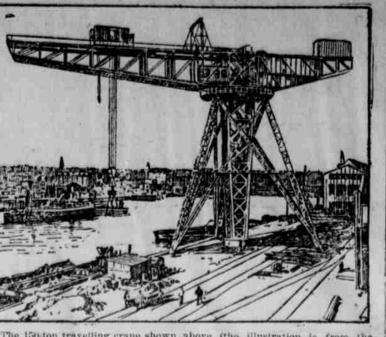
The Japanese Santa Claus.

This has been called the era of children, so much are the little ones thought of nowadays and so complete gracious Christmas time is the little town of Bothlehem, and who upon the earth. At last sent through the ages this word, "Sufthe long year of toll over fer little children to come unto Me." showed us the way. In a country tools and arts and indus-tries is all but ended. The not one of My little children" and and the babies are treated with woninto his lap the passers-by pour little

They founded homes for the exposed white pebbles, in case the god should children who had been left to starve. forget to gather them and the children They founded schools for orphaned have nothing to play with



A 150-TON LOADING CRANE.



The 150-ton travelling crane shown above (the illustration is from the fron Trade Review) has been crected at Duisburg, Germany, for boat un-It is a steam crane, despite the marked favor which electricallydriven holsts are enjoying at present.

The boom of the crane also exhibits a peculiarity that it does not awing through a complete circle. In the rear of the machine, fastened to the edge of the wharf, anchor supports project and at the same time do not interfere with the movement of the load.

THE STATUE OF THE SUMERIAN particular period, identify it as be-KING DAVID.

By Edgar James Bank; Field Director of the Eabylonian Expedition of the University of Chicago.

The white marble statue of the Sumerian King David was discovered by the expedition of the University of Chicago while excavating at the corner of the ancient temple hill at the ruin known as Bismya, in Central

longing to the same age as the famous bas-relief in the Louvre and a statuette in the British Museum. The great Assyriologists of Europe assign the figures possessing these peculiar chareach, with the greatest case. acteristics to about 4500 B. C., and

no Assyriologist of repute, and who is acquainted with the earliest Babylonian art, would question the date. The statue, fully 1500 years earlier than any other from Babylonia, not

only presents history with the name of a forgotten king; it is a perfect specimen of the most ancient art in the world, and opens a new chapter in the history of the earliest known people of Mesopotamia.-Scientific American.

HOOKS TO HOLD THE MEAT.

Until carving is taught in the public schools as a part of the general program of education the average man will never become an artist as a carver. There are very few people who can develop a system without having a foundation plan of some sort for a guidance, and, despite the universality of the cook-book in the modern home, very few men ever reach that perfection in their allotted task that they look for in the housewife in the culinary department. However, the instructions to cut along the line C D to the line A B, etc., are no longer as cabalistic in significance as they once were. True, the primitive appliances for carving have for the most part not improved much, except in the matter of form or shape; but this is all to be changed in the near future, as a Chicago inventor has devised a carving appliance that should make the task almost mechanical. This device is a

meat holder for carving platters, the



The Champion of Champion Strong Men Was Donald Dinnie, a Braw Scot.

NOTHER champion strong

much overdone.

strength is nothing."

life to lemonade and common sense The average duration of life is double what it was 100 years ago, and there is no good reason why man should not live past the century mark."-Victor Smith, in the New York Press.

FALCONRY

A Sport That Still Belongs to the Life of the Earth

man looms up on the ath-letic horizon. Gruhn by name, a London-born Ger-Most persons today think of falconry as a sport belonging to the picturesque past-to the day when knights and man. This champion strongpages and fair ladies, mounted on man business has been steeds with rich trappings, their hood-Henry Labouchere ance said-and his opinion on any sub-lect was always worth having-refered hawks perched on their gauntleted wrists, rode through green fields in such a gaily moving rageant as poets ing to Rochester, the hero in "Jane and painters loved to celebrate. But in Eyro" (and what a hero! matinee idols Chitral, a State on the northwestern please noteb, "what earthly good does frontier of India, under British suzerit do to your fellow mortals even though you can bend a poker double ainty, it is still the popular pastime, and the skilled Chitrali falconers think with your hands, etc. Mere brute nothing of training a wild hawk-the wildest of wild creatures-to obedience

Charlie, or Charley, Mitchell-as and serviceableness in fourteen days. shrewd as you make 'em and wealthy and have even been known to acnow-(old-time boxing is to modern complish the feat in five. Major R. L. boxing what the horse car homeward Kennion, who went hawking with plodding its weary way is to the swift-Shuja-ul-Mulk, the mehtar, or native y "unning trolley) once said: "I've no ruler, of the country, has recently deuse for champion strong men, socalled. scribed the sport as he saw and shared They make me tired. 'They're the biggest babies in the world. If they

The ground covered was wild and are not headliners in the bills at a precipitons, and the quarry, driven up benefit they put up a holler, and back ou the approach of the hunters by out at the last moment." A former beaters posted beforehand, was the champion all-round athlete now in chakor, a kind of fine, large native New York (he is a Scot) says: "My alpartridge. most invariable experience has been

"Almost as the first distant shouting that these so-called strong men cerof the beaters reached us, a yell of tainly lack the fighting instinct. Jef-'Hai! Hai!' (Coming! Coming!) and fries could take Sandow, Rolandow, garments wildly waved in the air Hackenschmidt and Gruhn in a ring signaled a single chakor. A stiff wind in one night and knock them out one was blowing down the valley, and he after the other inside of three rounds. passed out of gunshot below us at a terrific pace. As he went by, the

"One would think, from the amount mehtar balanced and swung forward of sickening gush that appears from the goshawk on his fist, and the bird, time to time about these so-called with two strokes of her powerful champion strong men, that a strong wings, was launched in pursuit.

man was not only a rara avis, but an "As she got under way the Chitralis up-to-date institution. Nothing of the raised a prolonged shout, and the excitekind. Why, in our own day there was ment was so infectious we could barely the great Highland model, Donald Dinrefrain from cheering her on ourselves, nie, the greatest all-round athlete the We leaned over the wall to watch the world has ever seen. I have seen result, and were in time to see the fly-Dinnie not only lift but dance about ing chakor a brown ball 200 yards the stage for some time with a ton away; but a bigger brown mass was strapped to his shoulders. I have seen rapidly closing on it, and the two came him slowly muscle up with his right to earth together. A falconer at once arm-not jerk up: that's nothing, for it plunged down the hill to retrieve the brings the whole body into play-a 178quarry and take up the hawk. pound dumbbell: then hold out his arm

"The mehtar immediately turned and took a fresh hawk on his fist, but scarcely had he done so when shouts of 'Hant! Hani!' (Many coming!) came

"The Highland idea of the athlete from the stops, and a covey flew down means not a runner or jumper, but a the wind close below us. The mehtar strong man first; then if he likes he threw off his goshawk, and another may be also agile. Dinnie held the of the party a shaheen falcon.

record for putting the sixteen-pound "And now the game was at its height. and the twenty-two-pound shots, and Cries of 'Hai! Hail' or 'Hani! Hani!' at some of the Highland gatherings I followed each other in quick succeshave seen him take prizes at flat rac- sion, and the chakor shot by in single ing, in almost record time, notwith- birds and coveys. One after another standing his 225 pounds. He could the hawks were thrown off, and it clear the hurdles like a deer chased was a magnificent sight to see the by wild hunters through the Adiron- great birds wheel round in the wind dacks. He was certainly the most and dart in pursuit. As each was magnificent specimen of athletic man- thrown off, a falconer dashed after hood I ever saw, and I have seen all her at full speed to take up the hawk the top-notchers-black, white and yel- if a kill had been scored, or to call low-in the last thirty years. In his prime, about fifty-six inches around It will be observed that these swift

the chest and nearly nineteen inches hunters of the air were all "she." around the blceps; trunk and limbs Male birds, or tercels, are also emlike a gnarled oak tree, and five inches ployed, but never at the same time taller than either Sandow or Hacken- with the female, because in the falcon schuildt; and all over as rugged as the family the lady is unmistakably the rugged Highland hills whence he better man. She is larger and stronger sprang. We never shall look upon his and at least equally fierce; and in the excitement of the occasion is too like

"But, I repeat, this champion strong- by to mistake her neighbor's mate, or man business gives me a pain. There's even her own, for the quarry, and to Corbett. When in training for his last strike him down without allowing time

encounter with the lusty boilermaker for explanations, he made the mistake of his life fiddling

THE STATUE OF THE SUMERIAN KING

DAVID, FOUND AT PISMYA, BABY-LONIA, AND ERLIEVED TO DATE BACK TO 4500 B. C.

Babylonia. Despite the discoveries of the fine old crematorium, the first that has come to light, and of the use of the arch in Babylonia as early as 4000 B. C., the finding of this ancient work of almost prehistoric art is one of the most interesting results of the expedition. When found it was lying upon its back, its head was missing and the toes, which were broken from the feet at the time of its fall from the platform above, were lying just beneath it. The head was later recovered from another part of the ruln. In places, especially upon its face, is an incrustation of saltpeter, common to objects which have long been buried in the soil of Babylonia; other parts of the statue are as perfect as when it left the hands of its sculptor. The statue is 85 centimeters high and S1 in the circumference of its skirt. The head is bald, the face beardless, the triangular eye sockets, to which ivory eyeballs were once fitted and held in place by means of bitumen, are now hollow. The shoulders are broad and square, the body thick and short, the well-shaped arms are free from the body, and the hands, according to the usual Babylonian custom, are clasped in front. The upper haif of the statue is nude, and from the walst is suspended an embroidered or pleated skirt intended to represent heavy wool or fur. To give support to the statue, the bare feet are imbedded in the pedestal. Upon the right shoulder, the clearly cut inscription of three lines in the old Sumerian or pre-Babylonian language, reads as follows; (The Temple) Eshar, King Daudu (Daud-David), King (of) Udnunki. The name of the king is entirely new to Assyriologists. The names of the city and temple were first read upon the great stone of Hammurabl, ecently discovered by the French in Persia. The age of the statue is beyond doubt several centuries more than six thousand years; the approximate date of 4500 B. C. is fixed in several different ways. First, the archaic character of the writing is that employed only in the inscriptions long antedating the early Babylonian king, Sargon, of 3800 B. C. The characters of the inscription are lineal and nearly hieroglyphic; the wedge-shaped characters were not yet developed. Second, the statute when found was lying beneath the platforms of several reconstructed temples. The up permost of the platforms contained bricks inscribed with the name of Dungi, of 2750 B. C.; beneath it was a platform constructed of the bricks of Sargon, 3800 B. C.; still lower were traces of several other reconstructions The statue was beneath all of these among the ruins of a temple built of small plano-convex bricks which all Assyriologists assign to the middle of the fifth millennium B. C.

ce all strife and enmity have disappeared from the market place. To-day all swords are sheathed. This morning misers have become generous, pessi mists have become optimists, while generous natures glow and effulge like the sun. Verily, Christmas lies like a bar of sunshine across the face of our dark earth.

Christmas Chil- visitant from a - To-day, if some dren's Day. dren's Day, celestial realm were to draw near to our earth for the dest time, to go away again when darkness falls, the angel would carry with him the conviction that there is one sunny planet among the host of worlds where all childhood is rich and happy. knowing no cars of sorrow. And it is literally true that this era of happiness for children is distinctly traceable to the Christmas event and the Christmas. spirit. All children do well to celebrate the Manger Child, because it was Jesus who discovered childhood. When rulers and titled men questioned Him. Jesus placed a child in the midst of them and said: "Of such is the king-dom of heaven." Socrates sneered at the grief of a mother weeping for her . If Plato suggested that every babe village should select a distant hilitop and build a pen for the exposure of unwelcome children; if Aristotle urged laws making the drowning of sick and weakly children compulsors on their parents; if Seneca said, "We slay the worn-out ox and horse, and it is not wrath, but reason, that separates weak children from strong;" if Cicero rebuked his friend for grief because he missed the dead babs, then every lover of childhood must rise up to speak for that Christ who took a child in His arms, whose love brooded over the

THE BOAR'S HEAD.

The Ancient Predecessor of the Turkey.

children who had been cast off by poor parents.

They founded asylums for girl babes left in the market place by parents to whom they were unwelcome They purchased suffering children

from their slave masters. For children schools began to be counded, books written and colleges stablished.

For children the wheels of Industry urned around.

For children the walls became beautiful with pictures, and sheives were filled with books.

For childhood homes became happy. usic became high and sweet. Gallery and library took on new race and richness.

EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS All institutions are tested by their Santa Claus-"Ha! Ha! Here's the usual list of urgent necessities, I suppower to serve childhood and strengthn youth.

To day all institutions are beginning to imitate the wise men from the East, who brought to the Divine Child that who brought to the Divine Child their hang up er odderwise, but would like gold and aromata spices, men frank- a stockin'-full, too, so please use mine

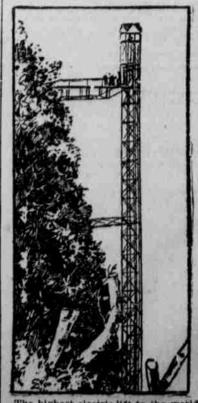
ter measure it wit' an' den dump hisn Christ's estimate of the value of alldhood has conquered the world. Swipsey Dugan.'"-Puck.

Third, the style of the art, the tri angular-shaped eyes, the nose forming a straight line with the forehead, the style of dress employed only at that

HOOKS ON THE MEAT PLATTER.

general scheme of which can be wen at a glance from the accompanying illustration. The frame consists of expansible members having booked portions adapted to engage with the edges of the platter, and, of course, adjustable to any size. These arms carry books which are adjustable thereon and adapted to engage with and hold the roast or fowl securely, allowing the carver great freedom of movement .--Philadelphia Record.

HIGHEST ELECTRIC-LIFT.



The highest electric-lift in the world the 520-foot iron tower from which visitors to the Burgenstock gain a view over the Lake of the Four Cantons.

Mrs. George Gould is to have pub-lished a book on har recent trip abroad,

with weights and trash of that kind to make himself strong (sic), instead of there just as well as long toms and pom-poms.

at full length and with his open palm

support a fifty-six-pound weight for

some time.

very often, alas! at the expense of his The game isn't worth the Plain living; high thinking! bono? candle. Sandow by the hardest kind perfection. But very ordinary-looking chaps are walking the streets of New

virtue of some inherent nervous force, or whatever you like to call it, could make some of these so-called champion strong men look like thirty cents in a rough house. "One night, in the wee sma' hours, I

saw quite a slim-looking chap toss about, not one, but seven of the finest, all-powerful looking men that could be got together. He handled them as if they were so many empty sacks of flour. 'We are Seven' had to execute a sort of wedge-like interference maneuvre before they could subdue this unknown Samson. Truly the world doesn't know its greatest men. "Now, what is the conclusion of the

whole matter? Perfect health, endur ance and vitality, not brute strength. And these must be worked for just ar hard as in getting muscularity. One of the greatest laws of life is activity. The wise for cure on exercise depend; God never made His work for man to mend.

"In nature nothing is given; all is sold: The first wealth is good health (wholeness, soundness), and it must be worked for like material wealth. Don't jump into a car on the slightest provocation, but see it out, even though you have to walk fifty blocks. "The best medicine chest is deep breathing. It is irksome at first, but keep it up and great will be your re

ward. Hackenschmidt says that five minutes' vigorous exercise every morning is all that is required at home. And when the good things of life are put before you in the tempting shape of all the delicacies of the season, have the moral fibre to say-'Well, blessed be he who cries, "Hold! Enough!"

Edison says people cat too much and Napeleon said that most of us dig our

A Christmas Package

The real things in this world are the sticking religiously to his natural bent unreal; the things which we are sure -quickness in jabbing and getting are the intangible-memory, sentiment. away. He danced around the erst- As we verge past the meridian of life while redoubtable John L. like a the lessons taught us in childhood cooper around a barrel-as quick as a come back to us revealed as truths daucing shadow-and cut him to pieces. misunderstood. In youth and middle Little rapid-fire guns sometimes get age we doubt these truths. Apparent contradictions confront us on every band. But the passing years tell us

"If so inclined, any one by incessant unmistakably, if we have eyes to see practice over a series of years can and hearts to understand, that the make himself exceptionally muscular, contradictions are but seeming. Except ye become as little children, ye vitality; but, as we have said, 'cul cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

I saw a poor old woman at Christof labor has worked out his idea and mas time put a package in one of Unideal of the strong man to wellnigh cle Sam's mailing receptacles for large parcels; a postage prepaid package of happiness. She had a thin, worn and York to-day, pursuing their modest faded red woolen shawl over her head, vocations, who do not know what a As she turned I saw her face. It was dumbheil or a barbell is, but who, in beautiful, though rugged and homely. Her thoughts were far away with the loved one for whom the package was intended, and her features anticipated the pleasure of the recipient; a plain, simple, homely face lit up, beaufified.

transfigured by love and self-sacrifice. No one could look at her and not say, with reverence, truly it is more blessed to give than to receive.-George Harrison McAdam.

Tough on English Pathers. Dr. L. I., Taylor, the Brooklyn clergy-man whose sermons are now transmitted to invalid and deaf parishfouers by telephone, has an apt way of bringing out a point with an anecdote. At a men's meeting be said recently: "Fathers ought to consider their children and look out for them more than they do.

"In London recently a boy entered a butcher's and said:

"'Gimme a pound o' steak-rump or round-and let it be good and tough "The butcher was amused. He laughed.

"'What do you want it tough for? he asked. "Cause if it's tender.' said the boy,

'father eats it all up himself; but if it's tough, us children get a whack at

New Tobacco Fields. The experiments that are being made in the Madras Presidency with the curing of tobacco, grown there, are of a most encouraging nature, and there is no reason why Indian-grown tobacco if it gets fair play, should not cut out American in the English market.—Calcutta Englishman.

In Paver of a New Cable

graves with our teeth. "It was Montesquieu, I think, who said that dinner killed one-baif the people and supper the other half. Voltaire, a perfect glutton for work, said at eighty four that he owed his

