

THEIR FIRST CHRISTMAS



THEIR FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE MOST LASTING. FOREIGNERS WHO ARRIVE IN AMERICA DURING THE JOYOUS CHRISTMAS SEASON WILL ALWAYS HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF OUR BIG HOSPITALITY



PRESENTS TO IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

But, as it is, these thoughts fit across the mind and are lost. So much attention is paid to making light the hearts of the new arrivals that there is no time for retrospection or sad memories. Should a ship arrive on Christmas eve, the day before or even on Christmas itself, immediately there begins a round of festivities. The happy times are not of one day's duration, but last clear until New Year's day. In the first place, a tree is usually erected at the docks, and here the regular ship visitors, with many of the city's social workers, and the new arrivals in finding their friends and distributing toys and candies to the children.

If one wants to see life in its various phases and the real Christmas spirit exemplified, this is the place to go, for here many happy holiday reunions take place—the greetings between husbands and wives, fathers and children, grown-up children and their aged parents, brothers and sisters and sweethearts. Each case has its own story and each holds its own interest. There is no false modesty here, and the knowledge that other eyes are gazing on their greetings never mars the warmth and affection displayed in the tight embraces. Here, too, the customs of every country are brought into notice. Some kiss on one cheek and then on the other, while others prefer the more familiar method. Some men kiss one another as fervently as they do the women, while others merely clasp the hands of their relatives.

These scenes, it is true, take place at all times of the year, but the coming of Christmas seems to bring more joy into the meetings. There is a double reason for rejoicing, as the families are not only reunited, but are spending the holidays together once more. In some cases the rejoicing is triple-fold, for many of the Christmas lessons come here at special pleadings and before the Yuletide sun has set will have become brides.

This year there will not be as many Christmas brides, for the girls living in the war-torn countries will be needed at home to till the soil while their fathers and brothers are off to the front. Besides, the ships of the American lines are the only vessels reaching this port. This means that there will be a marked falling off in every type of foreigner, except those who are able to reach the English ports.

The cases of those who do come

FRUIT-PICKING DEVICE

To simplify the work of gathering fruit which does not necessarily require hand picking, a canvas apron device has been invented which in appearance is similar to a large umbrella. The device is described in Popular Mechanics Magazine. It is so arranged that it may be placed about the trunk of a tree, forming a funnel into which apples or oranges are caught as a tree is shaken. In the center of the device is a cloth arranged in such manner as to break the fall of the fruit as it rolls into the chutes and is discharged in baskets or boxes placed on the ground. The canvas is supported by radial arms which may be folded over one side to permit the device, which is mounted on a cart, to be wheeled between the various rows of trees in an orchard.

WHERE COURTSHIPS ARE LONG

Young ladies in Russia are not at all averse to long engagements, and use all sorts of artifices to stave off a wedding day as long as possible. In no country in the world are courtships so abnormally long as in Rumania, where engagements commonly last from fifteen to twenty years. In fact, there recently died, at the age of ninety-nine, an old man who had been courting for years and who was married on a death bed.

LIVELIER TALKER THAN STEPPER

"Step lively," yelled a conductor to two old women who were trying to board a cross-town car at Broadway and Thirty-fourth street the other day. "Step lively there, will you?" he called again. "Step lively, yes, idiot," answered one of the old women, trying to pull herself up to the step of the car. "We look as if we could step lively now, don't we? Wait till you are as old as we are and see how lively



EMPTY CUPS ARE FILLED WITH COFFEE

empty cups are filled with coffee in the twinkling of an eye and ice cream appears on an empty saucer just as quickly—that is, after a cloth has been placed over the saucer and the mystic words pronounced. To the foreigners the magician is a novelty; they never tire of his tricks and stunts and greet the close of his performance with much applause. The encore brings the best part of the program, for that has been carefully saved until the last. A cloth is stuffed into a high hat, and when it is withdrawn, flags of every nation appear.

Clowns and pantomime artists perform stunts for the children, and these are received with much delight. Then Italian and Polish singers, as well as those of other nationalities, render national airs and anthems. The immigrants often oblige by singing the various songs of their fatherlands. The program is generally arranged so that all will be pleased. It is true that all cannot join in the one chorus, but those of the different nationalities join their representative singers in the refrain of their favorite Christmas hymns. Interpreters are always on hand to give any necessary explanations.

After the concert refreshments are served and gifts and candy distributed among the grown-ups. Handkerchiefs and various other useful presents are given to the women and cigars to the men.

Then comes the real treat. The children are gathered around the tree and the gift-filled stockings and the Noah's Arks and other attractive candy boxes are taken from the branches and distributed among the little ones. It is pleasing to watch the joy on the faces of these children as they receive their gifts, and all of them join together in examining their stockings and in having a good time in general.

This scene around the Christmas tree would be hard to equal, for here are to be found Italian, Polish, Hungarian, German, Russian, English, Scotch and, in fact, the little ones from every part of Europe. Last year there was an interesting group of three Hindu children, who were the pets of the station.

If the weather is not too severe the children are usually permitted to play on the roof garden at the close of the festivities, and there the toys are distributed by the young aids, who assist the workers. The children have plenty of room to indulge in the games and they have the time of their lives.

What is probably the most interesting feature of the Yuletide parties is the fact that the representatives of every denomination unite with the matrons and nurses in lightening the hearts and making merry the immigrants. A real holiday spirit is displayed, for there is no distinction of any kind, either of race, creed or nationality. Jews and Gentiles join in aiding those from every country, and in last year's contingent there were even three stowaways, who had been taken from a ship on Christmas eve.

NECK AND NECK

Would-Be Hunter—Here I am, tied to my desk, during the hunting season. Wish I was a young bachelor amster just after Christmas!
His Friend—Elucidate?
W. H. H.—Oh, I might be able to exchange some of the ties.—Albany Argus.

THE IDEA

"I see where a very clever dog is the star of a play lately produced."
"I suppose they did that to make it a howling success."

FIRST COMPENSATION POLICY

The first compensation insurance policy of the State workmen's insurance fund has been issued to State Treasurer Robert K. Young, chairman of the State Workmen's Insurance Board. This policy is number one and covers the compensation liability of the Wellsboro Electric Company, Wellsboro, Pa., of which Mr. Young is president. It was chosen as the initial policy from the several thousand applications for compensation insurance on file. The premium payments aggregated \$124.50.

STATE ROAD WORK BREAKS RECORDS

According to the State Highway "News," the only newspaper published on Capitol Hill, the State Highway Department in the working season just closed, maintained 8262.68 miles out of the total mileage of 10,200 miles in the Pennsylvania system. This statement, based on the reports of engineers in the Department, shows the greatest amount of maintenance work ever done in the State. Practically all of the work this year was maintenance, and in addition to the vast mileage covered, 356.99 miles were resurfaced.

THE SUBMARINES MEANS TO DO SERVICE THE IRISH SEA.

Deadly German Implements Barfare Anything But Pleasant for the Crews of the Boats.

A gray shadow nestled over the sea. No other sound than the ping of the water against the body of the U-boat could be heard. Slowly, slowly, darkness gives to the friendly light of the comday. Ghostlike, the submarine creeps over the dark green waters of restless North sea, the searchlights following as long as darkness lasts.

Along the coast in the early morning the big Krupp monsters open their mouths, awaiting the onslaught of the enemy's navy. We hear the sailors and marine infantry tramping to their daily tasks; now and again the sound of a command on land reaches our ear. On the quay we see our men-of-war, their cannon looking out of the gun holes as much as to say, "We are waiting."

Behind the porches of the submarine the sailors rush to and fro and the sentries at the tanks keep silent watch, their loaded rifles always ready to shoot. Short commands and the chiming of the signal bells put us on our guard; the eyes of the men are on the glass plate on which the command is inscribed whenever the commander moves the lever.

We are going now forward at full speed to meet our prey. Hours and hours pass and our boat is still above the water, steering towards the British coast, but no enemy as yet is in sight. It seems as if our little boats had driven them away and into safe harbors. Merchant ships appear, but they move cautiously in the now dangerous North sea.

A day has passed, the sun has set and darkness again rules over the dark green waters. In the tower the commandant and chief engineer are examining charts controlling the man on the lookout, taking the glass to search for their prey.

We have now arrived in the heart of the enemy's waters and have to be doubly cautious.

Again hours passed. Attention! a ship is in sight, its lights are dim and the U-boat follows in its wake; another signal and the little monster makes ready to fall upon its prey. Signal after signal follows; the gasoline motors stop and electricity does its work; the U-boat dives; nearer and nearer it comes, unbeknown to the vessel that is in danger.

The vessel is called on to stop; it tries to escape and a well-aimed shot from the submarine crosses the bow. The ship attacked pays no heed to the command of the U-boat the signal is given, the torpedo is fired and the enemy ship, man-of-war or merchant vessel, has done her last sailing—Maxim Hanschild in Uber Land and Sea.

BITTER CURE

A grimly humorous incident of the war is told in a letter written by a soldier to his mother in England:

"There's one chap in our company that's got a rippin' cure for neuralgia, but he isn't going to take out a patent because it's too risky and might kill the patient. Good luck's one of the ingredients, and you can't always be sure of that."

NO FRIENDS OF J. BARLEYCORN.

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ANOTHER WAR HORROR.

A dirty little urchin went into a grocer's shop and asked for a ha'porth of soap.
"Go and buy your ha'porths where you buy your pounds from," replied the grocer.
"We've never bought any before," answered the urchin; "we always wait for samples to come round, but since the war's been on they've not been round so often wiv it!"—London Tit-Bits.

SAVE HIM TROUBLE.

Professor—You should study harder and try to take a degree.
Freshman—Waste of time. When the governor dies and I inherit his millions I'll endow a university and they'll give me more degrees than I'll know what to do with.

SUPERFICIALITY.

She—Phyllis Featherweight is going to study geology.
He—Well, I am glad that she'll at last get beneath the surface of something.—Yipsie.

Beware of Spellbinders.

One trouble in being carried away on a wave of oratory is that you have to walk back.—Washington Post.

Original "Canary Birds."

Canary birds came originally from the Canary Islands, and were not yellow, but olive green.

British Capital in Canada.

Fifty per cent of Canadian fire insurance is by British companies.

Temperance

(Conducted by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.)

A WORLD-WIDE WAR.

"A world without a liquor nation by 1930"—this, said Daniel A. Poling, in an address delivered at the Panama-Pacific exposition, this is the goal of the National Temperance council. The membership of this organization, of which he is president, is made up of leaders from 37 national religious and reform societies and its activities are to be international in scope. The first great word of its declaration of principles is unite, the second educate, and the third exterminate. "The temperance fanatics today," affirmed Mr. Poling, "are not preachers and women, but railroad presidents, owners of steel mills, scientists, popular novelists and war lords. Medical authorities are laying charges against the door of John Barleycorn that the most rabid temperance orator of five years ago never dreamed of making."

"Chief Actuary Hunter of the New York Life Insurance company has claimed prosperity in human life for Russia as the result of the prohibition of vodka that takes away the breath of a third party prohibitionist."

"Sam Blythe is writing temperance articles for the Saturday Evening Post that discount the Union Signal."

"William Jennings Bryan, delivering a temperance address in Cooper Union, New York, has used language that vies with the choicest epithets John B. Gough ever employed."

"The Carnegie Steel works is stricter in its total abstinence requirements for its employees than is the average church for its members."

"And just now Emperor William and Czar Nicholas have, in the trenches of Flanders and on the plains of Poland, Galicia and Russia, the greatest temperance societies in the history of the race."

"There is a white ribbon around the world."

A MAYOR'S TESTIMONY.

Mayor James K. Hanna of Des Moines, Ia., gives his personal testimony to the advantages of prohibition as follows:

"The saloons were closed on the 15th of February. All the desirable locations were picked up by other businesses within the next few weeks following. A few out-of-the-way locations are still vacant."

"I cannot see that there is any appreciable effect because of throwing men out of employment and certainly no increase in demands for charity. In fact, it is exactly the other way. The men who lost employment have gone into other lines. Some of them have followed up their former calling in other cities, but the men who were spending in the saloons the money which their families needed are now buying groceries and shoes instead. The consequence is a very much better tone in every way. In the first place their families are not now in want and in the second place, they are paying their bills for the ordinary necessities. This is making collections noticeably better in other lines, so our merchants report."

"Our experience proves that a decisive policy can handle the bootlegging very effectually. There will be some illicit sales, to be sure, but they can be reduced to a very small minimum."

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DOMESTIC TEMPERITY.

Stella—Are they a strange family?
Hella—Very; they can keep a secret, a car and a cook.

THE FIERY YEAR.

The Plymouth Rock—Terrible times. The Lohorn—Yes; I didn't lay my egg to be an omelet.

TO CURE A BOLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box.

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DO YOU NEED A KIDNEY REMEDY?

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything, but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble, it may be found just the remedy you need. Swamp-Root makes friends quickly because its mild and immediate effect is soon realized in most cases. It is a gentle, healing, herbal compound—a physician's prescription which has proved its great curative value in thousands of the most distressing cases according to reliable testimony.

All druggists in 50c and \$1.00 sizes. You may have a sample size bottle of this always reliable preparation by Parcel Post, also pamphlet telling about it. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and enclose ten cents, also mention this paper—Adv.

Comfortable Solitude.

"Aren't you afraid to be alone in the woods?" asked the sympathetic man.
"No, sir," replied the old guide; "when I'm alone in the woods nobody is liable to pick me for a deer. It's the only time I feel safe."

Time's Changes.

"What has become of the candidate who used to have his photo taken beside a load of hay?"
"He may be a little out of date. However, no candidate has yet mustered up the nerve to have his photo taken beside a stock ticker."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Sure Sign.

Gov. Locke Craig was talking in Raleigh about the difficulties of the profession of politics.
"I am in hearty sympathy," he said, "with the ward leader who announced to his friends the other day that his new son—a nine-pound baby—bade fair to grow up a very successful politician."

How can you tell that already, Jake?"

"No," said Jake, "but he has already started trying to kick and shake hands at the same time."

AT THE FIRST SIGNS

Of Falling Hair Get Cuticura. It Works Wonders. Trial Free.

Touch spots of dandruff and itching with Cuticura Ointment, and follow next morning with a hot shampoo of Cuticura Soap. This at once arrests falling hair and promotes hair growth. You may rely on these superacremy emollients for all skin troubles. Sample card free by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. XV, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Wasn't Sure.

Pyker—By the way, you are a married man, are you not?
Hyker—Don't know. I was this morning, but I haven't had a chance to peruse the court news in the evening papers.

Not Gray Hairs but Tired Eyes

make us look older than we are. Keep your eyes young and you will look young. After the Movies Murine Your Eyes. Don't tell your age. Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago, Sends Eye Book on request.

Bum Throwing.

"There is a great demand for bomb-throwers in Europe."
"Gee, we had one on our team last year."

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Dr. Williams* in Use For Over 30 Years. In Children Cry for *Wm. D. Dr. Williams*'s Castoria

No Cause for Mirth.

Friend—So this is one of your jokes, is it? Ha! ha! ha!
Humorist (testily)—Well, what are you laughing at, anyhow? Isn't it a good one?—Passing Show.

To Keep clean and healthy take Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

They regulate liver, bowels and stomach.—Adv.

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