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groes in the large towns and cities, but receives little attention in the rural districts.

Christmas commences on Christmas Eve and extends to New Year's Eve.

In old times, Christmas was the occasion of extended festivities for both master and servants. It is a saying that "there could be no Christmas where there are no negroes." The plantation house was decked with evergreens, holly and mistletoe; invitations were extended and accepted for miles around. The young and old made this the occasion for visiting their friends and acquaintances, and a fox hunt was one of the sports most keenly relished by the ladies as well as gentlemen, and many a fair girl vied with the oldest hunters in leaping fences and ditches to be in at the "death," as a trophy of daring and skill.

At this season the tobacco crop was secured, the corn harvested and the cotton picked, ginned, and generally sold. The winter's supplies for the servants were usually now distributed, and bright colored calico dresses, smart ribbons and gorgeous bandannas were conspicuously displayed. New shirts, jackets and pants, gave the added idea of comfort. The lucky recipients of "moss" and "missus" of "doss" were of the proudest and most envied.

All work was discarded, and even the "choss" fell to the lot of the masters, and every servant was agile with the preparations for the grand party at the "big house." The "mammas" made the "chillen" presentable by the ingenious manipulation of sundry cast-off plantation garments.

Aunt Dinah's kitchen was a wonderful laboratory of the culinary art. Gobblers, geese, chickens and ducks, as well as pigs, pigeons and game, were the raw materials which were transformed by her magic into toothsome viands, for the master's table, well knowing that in addition to the "barbecue" not a little would fall to the share of the servants.

During these holidays the slaves were permitted to leave their own and join in the festivities of the neighboring plantations with perfect freedom.

The banjo and fiddle were the stimulants to jolity, not forgetting "mass's treat of corn whiskey with pig tracks in it." Old Toke, seated on a barrel with his fiddle, and Dick with his banjo, were the masters of the ceremonies. A couple of "boys" would enter a circle and commence a "shake down," "double shuffle," or "tuck-a-hoe." As the time quickened, the feet, legs, body, head and arms, all seemed separately alive to the rhythm of the music. The perspiration would pour from their bodies, but still there was no lagging. The spectators, old and young, men and women, one after another now commence to beat the ground with the feet, vibrate their heads and arms, and utter peculiar inarticulate shouts by way of rhythmic emphasis, until they resist no longer. Faster and faster urges the music, legs, bodies, heads and arms mingle in inextricable confusion, and faster and faster they cut the "pigeon wing" and "hoe tatters" until they actually fall from exhaustion.

Then follows one of their weird and not unmusical religious chants, to which all march and counter-march in the moonless night, made still more weird by the glare of pine-knot torches, held by the leaders high above their heads.

The following will give some idea of the words, but no description can do justice to the music:

"Lor' Jesus call me,
Lor' Jesus call me,
I'm gwine home,
Ho, ho, 'e, oh, ho, ho!
Ho, ho, 'e, oh, ho, ho!
The deblis sneakin' round me,
The deblis sneakin' round me,
Like de possum in de corn:
Ho, ho, 'e, oh, ho, ho!
Ho, ho, 'e, oh, ho, ho!
Heaben's a county,
Heaben's a county,
O Lor' Jesus! O Lor' Jesus!
Halo-o-hya! Halo-o-hya!
Don't let the deblis ketch me,
Don't let the deblis ketch me,
O Lor' Jesus! O Lor' Jesus!
Halo-o-hya! Halo-o-hya!"

For the negroes there is but little of the old time Christmas, now found in the South. It is true they do no work, and they have their dances and their religious marches, but instead of the old time, careless unrestrained enjoyment, intoxication and consequent quarrels often make these festivities scenes of disgraceful roidism, and sometimes of crime.

The fiddle and banjo is being displaced by the modern mouth karp, and many of the plantation "boys" can extract from one of these simple instruments music that could not fail to call for an "encore" from a metropolitan audience.

The planters still celebrate Christmas and interchange Christmas courtesies, but there lacks the joyous exuberance and bubbling over

of the good feeling of former times. To the northerner, associated as Christmas has always been, with roaring fires, sleigh-rides, skates and furs, it seems strange to sit by an open window and listen to the frolic of little children around their Christmas trees on the lawn, in the warm spring-like sunshine, or to see the returning merry picnic party, loaded with holly and mistletoe for church decoration, while the deciduous trees are bare of leaves "resting" for spring.

It seems stranger still to listen to "fire crackers" and "torpedoes" in the hands of street urchins, while the Christmas carol is chanted by the Sabbath school, or hear the bursting of "bombs" which fill the sky with sinuous beauty, while the anthem of praise rises as sacred incense from the many tongued organ and cathedral choir.

In conclusion allow me to say to those of your subscribers who have sent stamped envelopes for cotton with seed attached, that if any fail to receive it, to let me know. It affords me pleasure to gratify the lover of the beautiful, being to me no cost and very little trouble.

REAL ESTATE AT SHERIFF'S SALE!

Whereas by virtue of a certain writ of Vendition Exponas issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Snyder county, and to me directed I will return to Public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Middleburgh, Pa., on

Wednesday, January 22, 1890, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Ver. Ex. Dover.

The following described three tracts of land situate in Adams Township, Snyder county, Pa., to-wit:

TRACT NO. 1.—A certain message or tenement and tract of land situate in the township and county aforesaid, bounded North by Jacks Mountain, East by lands of Joseph Moyer, and James Bringer, South by lands of Isaac Krebs, and West by lands of Isaac Krebs, whereon are erected a Valuable FRAME GRIST MILL, HOUSE, BARN, and outbuildings, containing 37 ACRES, more or less. This tract is well timbered.

TRACT NO. 2.—A tract of GOOD FARMING LAND situate in the township and county aforesaid, bounded North by Jacks Mountain, East by lands of John M. Moyer, South by lands of Jacob Jungman, and West by lands of John M. Moyer, containing 8 ACRES and 13 perches, more or less.

TRACT NO. 3.—A certain tract of land situate in the township and county aforesaid, bounded North by Jacks Mountain, East by lands of Abraham Yeager, South by lands of Levi Decker, and West by lands of Daniel Roerick, containing 37 ACRES, more or less. This tract is well timbered.

Seized, taken into execution, and to be sold as the property of William J. Moyer and Eliza Jane Bogardus.

REUBEN DRIGSE, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Middleburgh, Dec. 19, 1889.

S. T. Buck, Merchant Tailor, NEW BERLIN, PA.



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My Merchant Tailoring Department

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\$60,000 Worth of Fine Furniture, Carpets, Curtains, Drapery Goods, Mattresses, Springs, Musical Instruments, etc.

Owing to the death of our Mr. B. E. Smith, there will be a change in the firm. In consequence of which we have determined to close out our entire stock of the above departments within the next 30 days. In order to do so we have marked our goods way down at prices that will insure their immediate sale. Look at the following figures and see some of the bargains offered:

CARPETS! CARPETS! Best Body Brussels, \$1.00 to \$1.10, reduced from \$1.25 and \$1.40. Other grades Body Brussels, 75c to 95c, reduced from \$1.00 to \$1.20. Tapestry Brussels, 40c to 75c, reduced from 60c and \$1.00. Extra Super Ingrains, all wool, 60 and 65c, reduced from 90c and \$1. Extra Super Ingrains, 50c to 60c, reduced from 70 and 80c. Carpets as low as 15 cents per yard.

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Our Curtain and Drapery Departments are worthy the attention of all who contemplate purchasing anything in this line now or in the near future. We have reduced everything in these departments to about one half their former prices. These departments are one of

OUR: CHIEF: ATTRACTIONS,

being stocked with a superb assortment of Tureoman and Chantille Curtains in great variety of latest shades and colorings. Nottingham Curtains in all the various grades and styles. Real Irish Point, Antique, Brussels, Tambour, Escorial, and other fine lace goods. IRISH POINT LACE CURTAINS, \$4.50 PER PAIR, reduced from \$9. Lace curtains as low as 35 cents per pair. Mahogany Curtain Poles, Brass Trimmed, Complete, 25c.

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J. R. SMITH & CO., Limited, Front Street Milton, Pa.

Would You Like to See Something of a Very Exceptionable Character? If you would, go to The

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And Spend a little Time to look over their display of

Seasonable, Fashionable, Reliable Dress Goods,

Which they are selling at Reasonable Prices. It will pay you to go there, and you will thank us for drawing your attention to it.

This Superb Stock

Has been selected with great care, and is a wonderful aggregation of bright, new goods. There is

No Room For Doubt

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CALL AT ONCE.

S. WEIS, Prop.

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The undersigned would respectfully inform the public that he has just returned from the city, and made arrangements with one of the best and leading manufacturers in the Eastern Markets to have specially manufactured for him a full line of

Ready-made Clothing,

which will certainly meet the wants of this section of the country, all gotten up in first class style, well sewed and trimmed, and equal in every particular to the best custom made Garments, which will be sold at very low figures. All that I ask is that you will give me a call and inspect my line. Will be pleased to show the Goods and satisfy you that the prices are lower than they can be bought elsewhere. Money will be refunded if Goods are not as represented.

Overcoats and Underwear, Boys' Knee Pants at 35 and 50 cents. Men's Pantaloon at from \$1 to \$5.

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W. H. Felix, Lewistown, Pa.

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Cloths, Cassimeres, etc.,

and samples from the best and most reliable New York and Philadelphia houses, and will sell lower than ever. Cutting, Cleaning, Repairing, Dyeing and Scouring done on short notice.

E. E. BUCK, Nov. 11.

...KERNAL HARDER.—Si so... un sawk in dinera tzeidung... ich het oll de biskotza os ich... won der good moon mere... fershton lust don will ich in... lava nimmy advertisa in dinera... goota United Shtates tzeidung... biskotza. Yader ebber hut... g'wist wo amos tsu fonga... uns aw grawd g'fonga un ga... micht. I do liever. Der hofe un... shittoll leit full biskotza. Glane... schwartzta, weisa, sheekielu... kielu, fetty, darry un olla onera... Gank biskotza far de gons... Shtates suppla mit burglar... safes. Ich heb usht anes... far an patent druff greega. De... der dhenker will ich mit a... hammer? De Polly housed... as we an weedich shtiek foe... mensch is si lava me siecher... se ru. Ich bin uff ma deefa... eb ich se farussa will, es... moofa, bdder de biskotza... shafa. Won ich nix do don... meren ke huffing far an bes... ga-rooch bis es free-yohr won... g'fonga fowla. De nuebbera sin... afwarish un wella an petition uff... grega far mich an nuisance declar... is mere net bong os se ebbes do... bana, well ket koonshtawler next... house cooma con. Won aner... don con are mich hovva—... an sale—awer de Polly muss... an uff de si un de koo ocht... wa. Se sin gronk. De si hens... nenna un de koo hut der wolf... om boy-shittoll. Won de Polly... don ware nemond dahame far... shuls hoeka uns ons-nishta do, un... will's farshtonna hovva os ich... United Shtates citizen bin fun... shtuffel Columbus (wo im drisch... ielha greek g'fuchta hut) un hob... recht. Won ich shunt drumma... ich bin auch net dote, un anich... ber os si hend uff de Polly laigt... are greeked de foll foree fun min... Soundawg's shtiffel unich si... k'flingel. De Polly hut nix mit... biskotza tsudo, un se lussa se... hit so good si. So wide os ich... concerned bin, geb ich net feel... um was se doona. Ich bin an... smar soberment anyhow, un bin... slava awgagooked wara ols an nuisance. Won ich awer reich war... dates perfumery un my house... um an grosse reputation greega... late-seller-kee-dreck, sees-finishel... shpitsawederich-ga-rooch oll tsun... munker beeda wo ich om Bench... rarrison sinera 'Nogeneration Ball... g'elha hob.

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Ols Widder,
BOONASTIEL.

...correspondence to the Press.
Christmas and the Negro.

CULLMAN, ALA., JAN. 1, 1890.
Of all the holidays of the year, Christmas is the most honored in the keeping by the natives of the South.

Easter is generally observed by church decorations and services by several religious denominations. Monday is the day which custom has set apart for the plantation negroes to plow and plant their fields. Whitsuntide is also to some extent observed; but the fourth of July is but little more than a name. Thanksgiving receives little attention, and New Year's is the one on which the labor of the year is commenced. Emancipation day is observed by the ne-