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Origin of the Boar's Head Feast

Then was brought in the lusty brawn By blue coated serving man; Then the grim boar's head frowned on high.

EVERY Christmas the students of Queen's college, Oxford, England, hold "a right merrie jouste of ye olden tyme," which illustrates how fondly the human heart and imagination cling to pretty mummies ages after their origin and significance have been forgotten.



lege ceremony, though it must be thousands of years younger than the precursors of the function which it enlivens.

Caput aprí defero, Reddens laudes Domino. After the feast the ornaments which had decked the boar's head are distributed among the invited guests.

There are two obviously older versions in manuscript collections. This from Balliol MSS. No. 354:

The borris hed, I darre wel say, Anon after the xvth day. He taketh bys leve and goth away.

More ancient than even this seems to be that found in a fifteenth century collection, known as the Porkington manuscripts, which begins as follows:

The borris hede, as I yow say, He takes his leve and gothe his way, Gone after the xij twel ft day, with hey.

The reference to the departure of the boar's head in the last stanzas of the last two versions goes plainly to the custom of continuing the Christmas revels till Twelfth Night.

reading his Aristotle in Shotover forest, four miles from Oxford. Suddenly there rushed upon him a wild boar. Taken by surprise and having no other weapon, he closed with the furious beast and thrust the book down its throat, exclaiming as he did so, "It's Greek!" ("Graecum est!")

The boar's head feast and celebration came down to us like Christmas day itself and all its amiable associations—the houses decked with yew and mistletoe and holly, the merry-making and the gift giving—from the Yule festival of our ancient ancestors.

If I were Santa Claus, I'd bring the gift of beauty for each maid And hopeful songs for them to sing who sit defeated and afraid.

To her who coldly sneers at those who, having stumbled, long to flee From where defiled walls round them close I'd give a little charity.

To them that are the slaves of greed I'd bring the wish to turn from strife. The longing, when they've all they need, To lead the peaceful, quiet life.

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The Sadness of Christmas. Christmas is usually regarded as a day of rejoicing, and for the children it often is a day of real pleasure.

WHEN MARY'S BABE WAS BORN Dear day, how glad we greet thy glorious morn While fleet winged thought speeds back to Nazareth town To picture how that Syrian sun smiled down

Man is the Eternal's finite counterpart. In essence through and through divine. Born in eternity to strive and pine Until he finds his home in God's great heart.



A WONDROUS MAN-CHILD. Man is the Eternal's finite counterpart. In essence through and through divine. Born in eternity to strive and pine Until he finds his home in God's great heart.

RUBBER MADE FROM WHISKY.

Chemists Claim Kaiser's Automobile Tires Are So Constructed.

Emperor William of Germany rides in an automobile the tires of which are made from whisky. Within a few years every automobile owner may boast the same distinction, if it be one.

The chemists say that rubber may be made from whisky—in fact, has been thus made—and that the tires on one of the German emperor's automobiles are of synthetic rubber, with whisky as an ingredient.

The fiery liquid that makes noses red is not the only thing that may be the mother of rubber, they assert. For several years, it is said, hard rubber has been made from ordinary field corn, and there are scientists who claim it is the most natural thing in the world to make it from Irish potatoes.

"Sandy Claws Is Coming Soon!"



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That's what all the children—BLESS THEIR HEARTS!—are saying every day now.

Don't Be Asleep At the Switch!

Don't wait until every present has been handled and shopworn; don't wait until all the good things have been picked out; don't rush into the shops at the very last minute, out of breath and out of patience, and grab the first thing you see; don't get the idea that Christmas giving properly done is a hurry up, haphazard enterprise.

REMEMBER—the big crowd that shops at the last minute.

REMEMBER—how hard it is to be waited on.

REMEMBER—how utterly impossible it is for even a well organized store to guarantee that your presents will be delivered on time when you yourself delay your Christmas shopping until Dec. 24.

Put on Your Coat and Hat and Do Your Christmas Shopping at Once.

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