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for Christmas

Candy, Ice Cream, Gift Packages

And all the Goodies
Freshly made in our own kitchen. Delicious and wholesome, and our prices are always reasonable.

Special Prices on Fancy Boxed
Candies and Candies for
the Tree.

New York Confectionery

Patton, Pa.

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Owing to a conflict of
dates we are obliged to
cancel Dec. 9th engage-
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SUNSET AUDITORIUM CO.

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Sewing Machines

Always please!

The Singer Sewing Machines are known and used the world over because of their usefulness and enduringness.

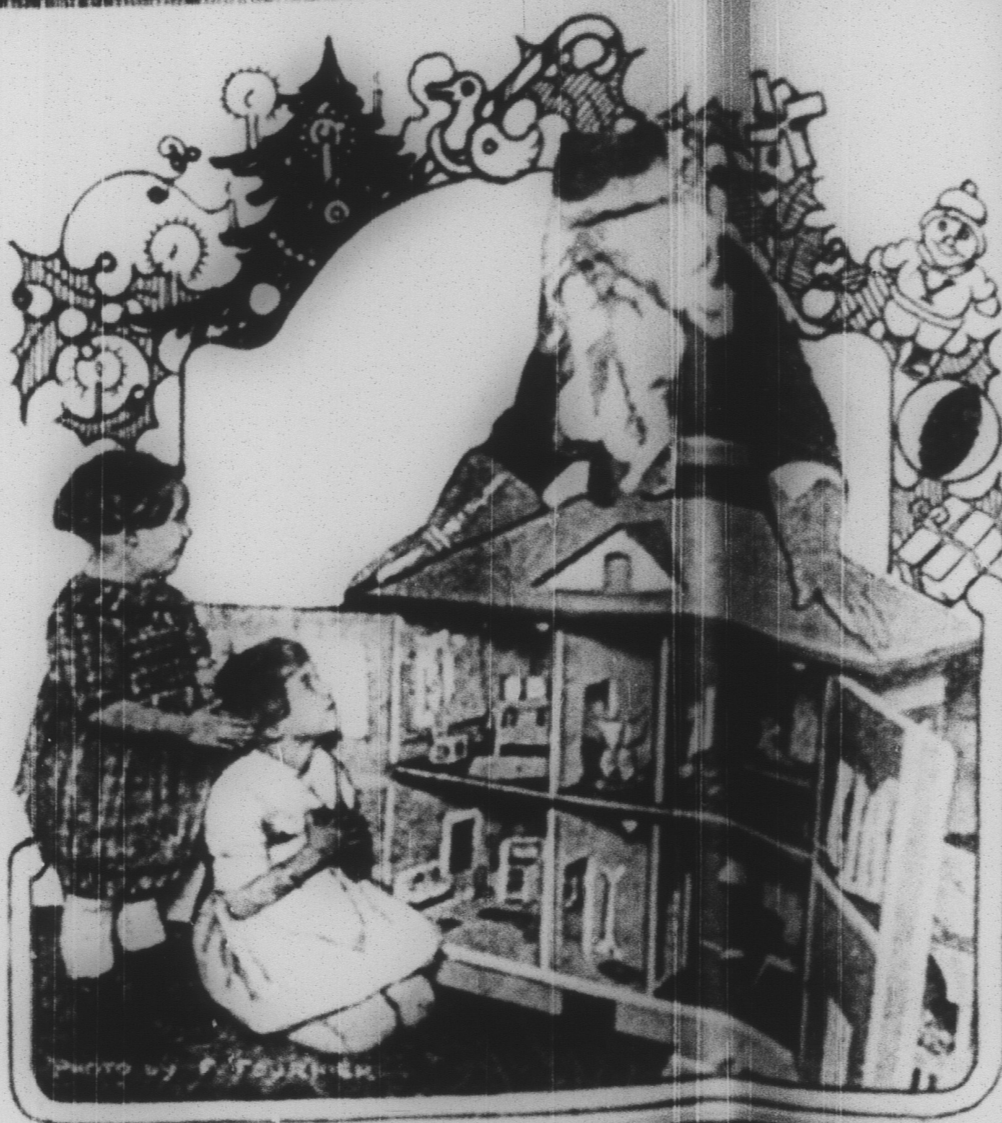
What would please your wife
or mother better than a Singer
Sewing Machine?

Call and see them.

John Johnson,

Opposite Central Hardware and Supply Co.
Patton, Pa.

You're So Good, Santa Dear



ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS

FIRST CELEBRATION WAS HELD
IN THE YEAR 98

Forty Years Later Before It Was Officially
Adopted as Christian
Festival

CHRISTMAS was first celebrated in the year 98, observes a writer, but it was 40 years later before it was officially adopted as a Christian festival, nor was it until about the fifth century that the day of its celebration became permanently fixed on December 25. Up to that time it had been irregularly observed at various times of the year—in December, in April and in May, but more frequently in January.

In Rome the Saturnalia, or feast of Saturn, fell at about the same time as our Christmas, and it marked the greatest festival of the Roman year. The city abandoned itself to gaiety. Unrestrained mirth was the order of the day; friends feasted friends, and foes were reconciled. All social distinctions were laid aside. Work was suspended, and no war was ever entered upon at that time.

One by one other legends and customs have been dropped and overthrown, yet none has dared attack the legends and the customs sacred to Christmas. It remains with us, and will always remain. Christmas marks the winter solstice. The days begin to lengthen, and the sun po-

longer journeys away from the equator, but enters it by return. It is a promise of renewed light and warmth, of the approach of summer, and men hailed these signs with every expression of gladness.

When Christianity spread abroad, men adapted the old customs of their ancestors to the new order of things.

The word Yuletide, used to give a picturesque, old-time flavor to the Christmas tale, comes from Yule, an old name for Christmas. The term springs from an English word used to designate the two months of December and January, one of which was called the "Yule Yule," the other the "after Yule." There is a legend which relates that it was the custom years ago for every Yule household to burn the Yule log on Christmas eve. This was a great dried root or tree trunk cut down before Christmas and brought to the hall on Christmas eve for a great ceremony and accompanied by music. Each member of the household would sing a Yule song standing in the center of the log.

In the olden days, European countries, the children of the Yule log, the tree glittering with lights and brightness, and the gifts hung beneath the tree, were the work of jolly old St. Nicholas, or Santa Claus, as we know him. This kindly saint was no legendary character. He lived about 300 A. D. and was a noted bishop of Asia Minor. He was looked upon as a patron saint of generosity because of his liberality.

The idea of St. Nicholas traveling in a sleigh drawn by reindeer originated



Christmas Hints

HAT SALE AT COST

Come in and see the exceptional Bargains we have to offer you in Fine Winter Millinery.

Xmas Gifts

A full and handsome assortment, as well as cards, ribbons, and the world-wide famous

Pholson Gifts

A full line of CORSETS, correct and comfortable. See them.

"Smarte Shoppe"

5th Ave.

Patton, Pa.

Think This Over

Times in Patton for the past several months have not been the best.

All business establishments have suffered—the Courier has been no exception.

Advertising in our columns by local merchants has not been up to par despite the old adage that when times are bad, advertising is the best remedy.

We have been up against a proposition to sell our advertising to local merchants who don't want it, or to take on out-of-town advertisers who do.

If the out-of-town merchant is realizing results from the use of our medium, surely the home merchant is missing something.

The home newspaper is always alert to protect home interests, regardless of revenue factor.

Surely then the Patton Courier—and the Patton Courier only—is entitled to your job printing. Why leave a salesman from Altoona or elsewhere sell you printed matter and let the home newspaper and job printing office in the lurch.

All we ask of you is that you be fair.

In the cold northern countries, the reindeer were the swiftest animals known, and they must needs fly like the wind to carry St. Nick the rounds of the world in one night.

Almost as important as the gift giving and gift receiving on Christmas Day is the feast of dainties spread on that occasion. But even the Christmas dinner has its origin in the distant past. Feasts were always the accompaniment of any festival in Egypt at the winter solstice, every family killed and ate a goose as a religious observance. We preserve the custom of eating fowl on Christmas, but the swiftest turkey has more generally supplanted the goose.

Cold Chicken Cutlets.
Cold boiled chicken may be cut into cubes, egg and cream until of a consistency to shape into cutlets. Dip these in hot fat, serve with cream sauce or tomato sauce.

First Christmas Tree

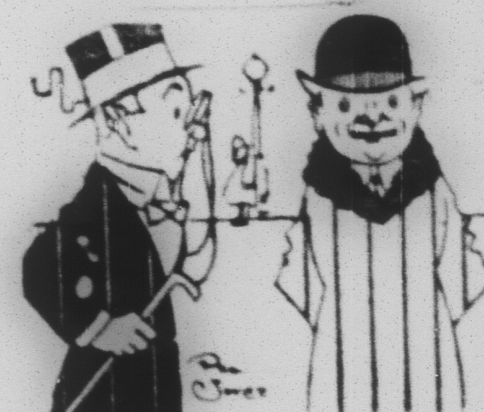
WHEN Augustus preached the White Christ to the Vikings of the North, so runs the legend of the Christmas tree, the Lord sent

his three messengers, Faith, Hope, and Love, to help light the first tree. Seeking one that should be high as hope, wide as love, and that bore the sign of the cross on every bough, they chose the balsam fir, which best of all the trees in the forest met the requirements. Perhaps that is a good reason why there clings about the Christmas tree in my old home that which has preserved it from being swept along in the flood of senseless luxury that has swamped so many things in our money-mad day. At least so it was then. Every time I see a tree strudded with electric lights, garlands of tinsel gold festooning every branch, and hung with the hundred costly knickknacks the storekeepers invent year by year, I have a feeling that a fraud has been practiced on the kindly spirit of Yule.

Wax candles are the only real thing for a Christmas tree, candles of wax that mingle their perfume with that of the burning fir, not the by-product of some coal-oil or other abomination. What if the boughs do catch fire? They can be watched, and many candles are tawdry, anyhow. Also, red apples, oranges and old-fashioned cornucopias made of colored paper, and made at home, look a hundred times better and siter in the green, and so do drums and toy trumpets.

wind-borns, and a rocking horse that need not have cost forty dollars.

Washing Windows.
If windows are washed when the sun is shining on them they dry before there is time to polish them, and look streaky. Always dust windows before washing them. Add a little ammonia to the water to make the glass shine and polish well.



EXTRAVAGANT AFFECTION

Perce—Maud expects a handsome present from me this year and has hinted she thinks it might be in the shape of an engagement ring when I can afford only a plain one.
Ferd—Serves you right for indulging a diamond ring passion on a ten-dollar salary.

SELLERS KITCHEN CABINETS

The Best Servant in Your House

OF ALL THE MODERN DEVICES which lighten kitchen work and shorten kitchen hours, the Sellers Kitchen Cabinet is easily the leader. And for this reason we are giving, during this sale special demonstrations of the 15 Famous Features which have made the Sellers the choice of the most experienced housekeepers. You will be interested in seeing just how these exclusive Sellers improvements and refinements bring added comfort and convenience.

The most thoughtful gift of all
A Royal Electric Sweeper

We will gladly call and demonstrate at any time.

Our line of pictures are now complete. Have that picture framed, it will make an ideal Christmas gift.

Childrens Doll Carts in the latest colors and designs.
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BUCK'S FURNITURE STORE