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 "Atlanta Hotel Fire Claims 120 Lives."
 "Eleven Dead in Saskatoon Hotel Fire."
 These are recent headlines. Conflagrations continue to take a heavy toll of human life. More than 3,000 persons in the U. S. are fatally burned, trampled to death, suffocated, or otherwise mortally injured in fires every year. The Boston night club fire in 1942 took 492 lives. The circus fire in Hartford in 1944 claimed 168 men, women and children. A gas tank explosion in Cleveland in 1944 caused 130 deaths. A total of 208 lives were lost in a dance hall fire at Natchez, Miss. Ghastly as these holocausts are, they represent only about one-fifth of the total deaths caused by fires. The larger proportion are caused by fires in private dwellings, apartment houses, tenements and rooming houses.

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The problem of reducing deaths from conflagration lies chiefly in the prevention of fires in the home. As colder weather prevails, more fires in homes may unfortunately be expected. The housing shortage increases the danger, as many old, long unoccupied houses in poor repair are utilized. Families crowd into a single house, temporary cooking and heating facilities are installed and the fire hazards are set up. People must learn to be careful and also to see that heating systems, electrical cords and appliances are in safe condition.

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W. P. Brown of Barnesboro is a member of the Cambria Co. Department of Public Assistance board, with headquarters located in Johnstown.



The story behind Christmas is one that has given the Yule holiday force and direction for over a thousand years. Hearts are made over on this day. It gives us great pleasure during this holy season to extend our best Christmas wishes to all our friends.

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CHRISTMAS QUIZ
 To test your Christmas spirit and knowledge, the following questions are given. You should answer half of them in order to pass.
 1. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"?
 2. What story contains the following: a miserly old man?
 3. Where is Christmas Island?
 4. Who wrote "White Christmas"?
 5. In what country was mistletoe first worn around the neck to prevent sickness?
 6. What does the Saxon word "hael" or "be in health" mean in connection with a Christmas custom?
 7. An old Christmas superstition starts "A warm Christmas means . . ." How does it end?
 8. Who is Quetzalcoatl?
 9. What plant, a thorny one, traditionally blooms only at Christmas time?
 10. Until her death what song did Mrs. Schumann-Heink always sing on Christmas Eve?
 11. What is the literal meaning of "Christmas"?
 12. Where are the remains of Good St. Nicholas of Myra buried?

Answers
 1. Dr. Clement C. Moore.
 2. Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."
 3. In Indian ocean, southwest of Java.
 4. Irving Berlin.
 5. Sweden.
 6. Wassail bowl.
 7. A cold Easter.
 8. The Aztec Indian god, half bird, half snake, who took the place of Santa Claus in Mexico in 1930.
 9. Christmas cactus.
 10. "Silent Night."
 11. Mass of Christ.
 12. The remains were stolen in 1087 by merchants and re-interred at Bari.

A Volunteer Santa Speaks His Heart
 "I know what it is to be a disappointed kid on Christmas morning—
 "I always wanted a boat, but my folks were poor and I never got one—that's why I became Santa Claus, I guess."



Volunteers of America worker plays hostess to some of the organization's Santas.
 "Working for the Volunteers of America, I've played Santa to thousands of youngsters during the last 18 years. I read a lot of minds, too, during the depression when people plodded past my cardboard chimney; folks are happy now and the carols, that gave them a far-away look while war almost blacked out the Christmas Spirit, make them smile and drop coins in the chimney.
 "It's fun to have a part in the happy Christmas of so many youngsters. Most of those that I see come downtown with their mothers, and I try to get a nod of approval before I make any definite promises—kinda make sure the kids won't be disappointed.
 "Just the same, I can't help thinking about the kids I never see who want dolls 'nd dishes, drums and sleds, picture books, skates, and boats; what a lot of helpers Santa needs to see that all these things get to the right places at the right time!
 "Wish we could be sure there will be no broken hearts this Christmas."

Real St. Nicholas Of 4th Century
 St. Nicholas is popularly associated with Christmas and gift-giving presumably because once during his mortal existence he reportedly endowed three dowless maidens with three purses of gold.
 Historically—as the Archbishop of Myra, Nicholas was a member of the council of Nicea. In 325 A. D. Constantine the Great called together the theologians of the Christian world in the first complete general council of the entire Christian church.
 The council, assembled near Constantinople, and presided over by the still unbaptized Constantine, proclaimed the first exact definition of Christian teaching—as embodied in the Nicene Creed—and marks the beginning of Christianity as it is understood today.
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1946 Merry Christmas
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Wassail Bowl For Auld Lang Syne
 The Wassail bowl goes around in Scotland—and elsewhere—at New Year's time.
 The origin of the custom is really lost in antiquity; Saxon ancestors probably quaffed their ale from the polished skulls of defeated enemies, and the Rowena legend must be classified as "presumably fiction."
 Rowena is reported to have offered her father's guest—Prince Vortigern—a bowl of wine with the salutation "Lord King, wass-hael," literally, "To Your Health." Draining the bowl with one draught, Vortigern fell in love with Rowena and they lived happily ever after.
 Anyway, in time the bowl itself became an ornament of graceful design—decorated with branches of greenery which formed a canopy over the bowl. The mixture within was warm and included ale, sugar, spices, sweetened wine was added by hosts who could afford it, apples floated on top of the concoction, sometimes called "lamb's wool" or the "old man's beard." The poorer classes carried a bowl decorated with ribbons around the neighborhood, begging that it be allowed, they, too, might enjoy the Wassail.



The custom of making short calls on New Year's Day was in full swing throughout America about 1900. Newspapers carried columns of "at home" notices specifying the hours during which visitors would be received. A succession of "open houses" and punch bowls sometimes minimized the courtesy accorded to hostesses—receptions were often "crashed" by bibulous strangers; hence, the publicly announced "open house" custom has fallen into decline and, New Year's calls now being exchanged only by intimates, the Wassail bowl goes 'round in private.

Mistletoe Distinct As Yule Decoration
 Mistletoe, that distinctive Christmas green so common in many parts of America, is the product of its merely good holiday decoration or as a creator of open season on ladies fair for otherwise bashful swains.
 Mistletoe did not always hold this position in our lives. The Druids called it "all-heal," and thought it held many miraculous virtues. The Scandinavians dedicated it to their goddess of love, Friga. Probably this goddess of love is responsible for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.

The power to heal, to protect against sickness, to perform magic deeds—all these and more are the qualities ascribed to this plant in legends, traditions and even in ancient histories and literature.
 Mistletoe is a parasite, which inhabits branches of various trees, but mainly on hardwoods. One species is found exclusively, however, on conifers.
 Among the Celts and others mistletoe which grew from the oak was considered to have peculiar magical virtues not possessed by that from any other trees. Some even considered it so rare as to be only cut with a gold knife.
 Another old tradition is that the mistletoe supplied the wood for the holy cross, as previous to that time it was forest tree but after the crucifixion was condemned to exist

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 The mistletoe bough
 At our Christmas board
 Shall hang to the honor
 Of Christ our Lord.

Edible Manger In Ukraine Rituals
 In the Ukraine an elaborate Christmas Eve supper breaks a 39-day fast during which no meat has been eaten. Twelve courses are served, one for each of the twelve Apostles: buckwheat and mushroom soup, pancakes in fat, prunes, fish, bread, and nuts are included in the menu.
 An additional dish of honey and porridge is also served, called Koutia, the dish represents the holy crib; the porridge represents the straw—as in the manger—and the Holy Infant is symbolized by honey and fruit; the honey is also considered symbolic of the spirit and blood of the Saviour.

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