Folks For Christmas

by Florence Harris Wells

"WE'RE certainly getting a fierce old blizzard, Sallie," Farmer Mat Brown [illegible] with [illegible] reading near the kitchen stove the morning of the day before Christmas. "It doesn't look like much of a Christmas. I wish we had somebody to come. It takes folks to make a real Christmas."

"Well, we have each other," Sallie replied cheerily, "and I've got enough wood in the shed to keep this kitchen stove going awhile. It's lucky for us we have that little room off this big kitchen to use for our bedroom. The rest of the house is just as well shut up."

"That's so, Sallie. You always look on the bright side of everything. But sometimes I can't help but wish we had children—some folks anyway for Christmas, don't you? We're a lonesome old pair at best, just us two, and it seems worse this kind of weather."

It was almost a misty [illegible] that passed over Sallie's face, but [illegible] custom of clouds, it seemed to leave it more bright and sunshiny than before.

"Now, what would we do with folks?" she laughed gaily. "They'd freeze [illegible] in any room but this kitchen and [illegible] bedroom."

"But if there were more of us," [illegible] [illegible] would be more to build [illegible] anything for Christmas dinner to make it sort of special, Sallie?"

"Yes, I'm going to kill one of the best five hens. It's Christmas and we must do something to celebrate."

A great stamping and banging [illegible] further remarks and amidst a gust of whirling snow [illegible] Sallie opened the door to four snow covered figures who unceremoniously pushed in, closing the door behind them.

"Excuse us," the spokesman said. "We're going home from college. [illegible] we could make it [illegible] but we're stuck. This storm is [illegible]. I never knew we could have [illegible] [illegible]." The boys were shaking [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the kitchen.

"There's a [illegible] [illegible] back of [illegible]."

"This is the only house we could see anywhere. Guess it's because it's near the road."

"You can't see very far in this storm." The boys were all talking at once now.

Another knocking at the door and two traveling men entered, apologetically, but determinedly.

"Big party of people, but we're stuck. The snow is most two feet deep on [illegible] and it's getting worse every minute. We salesmen are up against it trying to get home for Christmas and never dreaming of a blizzard in this section. Seems like the storms of the pioneers."

Sallie managed to find her voice.

"You're welcome, I'm sure, but we haven't much to offer."

"That's all right, madam. There's a truck of groceries stuck, too. The driver said as soon as we'd located a farm house to come back and we'd all [illegible] enough, so you to [illegible]

Sallie Opened the Door to Four Snow Covered Figures.

get it ready. How about fuel? Got enough to warm the rest of the house?"

"There's some in the shed and a lot more piled outside, if you men can get it and chop it."

"We can do that," the boys were all eager to get into this new experience.

All day, alone or in pairs, the snowbound drivers of autos kept coming, and when Christmas morning dawned bright and clear, it shone through the snow-wreathed windows of the farm house upon 20 stranded journeyers, asleep on beds, chairs and [illegible] floor, covered in warm robes and all the bedding Sallie could produce. The table was covered with [illegible] of vegetables [illegible] the kitchen floor and several [illegible] chickens graced the [illegible] which now filled the shed. Sallie was already at work getting the biggest Christmas dinner she had ever known.

It was late afternoon when the state snow plows reached the Browns. One by one the cars were dug out and the travelers went on their way, leaving behind them a much disheveled house, a quantity of food, some cash and, best of all, a spirit of Christmas gaiety and helpfulness.

"How'd you like having folks, Mat?" Sallie laughed mischievously as she began [illegible] the [illegible] ly but warm rooms.

"Great!" Mat answered with more enthusiasm than he had shown in some time. "It's an ill wind that doesn't blow somebody good, and this time we're the somebodies. It takes folks all right to make a Christmas. It's the best Christmas we've had in years."

"Say the best we've ever had, Mat."

"The best we've ever had," Mat [illegible] [illegible].

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Irish Moss Is Used to Make Christmas Card

[illegible] who live by the sea [illegible] many Christmas resources. Irish moss makes the best place [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] is not to be [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] which has been [illegible] and carefully dried. You may [illegible] [illegible] cards in the shops [illegible] [illegible] the unique touch by making [illegible] [illegible] using the more delicate [illegible] weeds, says Nature Magazine, Washington. As soon as taken from the sea, place the weeds in a dish of water and arrange them on the card by slipping it under the [illegible] [illegible] floating the weed into [illegible] [illegible] then place the card between [illegible] of clean blotting paper and [illegible] under pressure. No paste is needed, as the weed [illegible] a sticky [illegible].

Christmas in Chile

Christmas in Latin America is a religious or a secular festival. It is not a day of gift-giving. In Chile it comes in the early summertime. The day is celebrated with old mystery and miracle plays by those religiously inclined and by merrymaking by the rest of the populace. Good will seems to be the keynote of the observance.

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