Christmas Suggestion-

Peace and Contentment TIEN make present in upon the boundful of a certain brave woman sile used to rather her family about her and say gaily. Now I will make some grahem gens, and open some manualide, and we will take a little confort

And comfort was theirs for the tak ling, and with confect, no doubt, came courage and savength and some mouse

ure of wishin for the trails when they had to be fixed again. Most of as speak too much time in taking gairs and too little in taking taking pairs and too little in inlarge contour. Merch Lather once advised Fully Matandybon to give no many game the aniverse and let the Alteralis Gel do h. An old colored manny, asked how she could be so cheerful when she had no easy time of it, replied, "Lor, chile, I wears the world like a loose garment."

And so h is suggested for a Merry Christian this year that Christian they can that Christian too.

Christians this year that Christ's teaching of peace in the world was not a teaching for principalities and powers, but for individual men and women—each of us, personally. 'My peace I give unto you,' was his personal pledge to us.

Of course we cannot put aside the demands of life upon us nor evade its issues, but we can take some time out of life for the deliberate cubivation of a peace and contentment that will increase our efficiency, curich our beings, and make the whole of living more tolerable.-Farmer's Wife,

Doctor of or or or Keep Harmony in Mind When Giving Presents

IS not unwise around Christmas I time to refterate one's color scheme, Members of a family who have no color scheme should be given one. Bring joy to your family by planning to do over the hit and miss rooms. And be fore you tie up the six or ten rolls of new wall paper for its place under the tree, inform all other members of its tenes. So that the pincushious and pictures and even the dressing gowns and slippers may be cheen to harmonire. And when giving your best per. A blue jug may be lovely in the abor but turrible against per black and red walls. Not only should one re-member a color scheme in choosing gifts but the period motifs and price scale as well. Too elegant a sora pin low might throw a friend's living roentirely out of tune,-Chlengo Daily

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process and the second TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

AT HAVE often thought," says Sir Roger, "It humbens very well that Christmas should fall out in the middle of the winter. It is the most dead uncomfort-Able time of the year, when the poor people would suffer very ruch from their poverty and cold if they had not could theer. warm thes and Christmas gau-

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Yule Candle and Holly

Foretell Good and Evil

HERE are many old superstitions connected with Christmas candles and holly. One is that if a girl nuts three leaves under her pillow giving each the name of a possible husband, the one that has turned in the morning ill reveal her marriage destiny, Christmas candle is still lighted by some of the old Yorkshire farm houses, and is carried with great ceremony all around the bouse and into every The bearer must be most care ful to shield the flame as each door is opened, for it would be the worst of luck should the candle happen to "wall out" in a draught. Especially must the Yule candie be held over the This is done in order to evict that malicious little sprite, Hob o the Churn, who hides therein and spoils

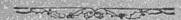
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First Christmas Card

The Ciristims eard, in its present-der form, was nonexistent until about 1890. Before that date there were Christmas cards of a sort, but they were very expensive, and but little used. The idea for such a card originated with Sir Henry Cole, and the first cord printed was issued in 1846 by a London artist, Joseph Condal.

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Use for Christmas Envelopes The gay linings from Christman en velopes cut into the shape of flowers make pretty and unique backing for Christmas tree lights. Or, gut into silhouette shapes, they provide some thing original in the way of seals for decorating the gift packages.



Wanted Package X-Rayed

A dentist's little boy came down the other morning with a package that wasn't to be open till Christmas and asked to have it X-rayed.



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certain religious sect that was seriously expecting the end of the world, about every so often. The latter gave a certain uncertainty to Ille which Ma tilda tourd thtilling-besides she never worked on Saturday, which was her Sabbath, and she never worked on Sunday, which was ours. On other days she came to us for washing, from ing, cleaning, and worked loanstrious by as needed.

It was her last day at our house be fore Christians and her mind was quite full of religious ferror, for she was streing sartches of opinious throughout the day usually with words of her own making Having finished her work she received her gifts from the family and tucked them into beg of laundry she was taking home "It's Miss Durkee's clo's, honey," she confided; "I'se got to do 'em fust thing in the mo'nin', cause nex' day's Chris

The next time I saw her was when she was on her way to take them she stopped in to tell me of heiling experience. "Lawsy,

her thrilling experience, noncy," she said, "I was jes goin' ovah de bill carryin' dut bun'le o clo's on my hald an' I was th'nkin' a gar illi Liza and ti't Mose for Chris-mus-nu' I was thinkin' bout dat sweet Hi baby Jesus, too; him and his nammy out in dut ole col' barn will de cows au' ho'ses un' goals au' pigs all stan'in' roun' kipd o' like

day kinwed day's some curious goin's on in dat barn and l'a thinkle 'hout de shepherds out on da hills hearin' de nugels sing Hallelajah? Den I was thinkin' bout le wise men seein' dat big stan wif de search lights on it, dat moved right long in front of 'em an' ted 'em wha' de youn' calle was an' I jes looked out from madah de bun'le o' clo's at de sky--hair 'spectio' to see dat kind ny n stub, teo. It was a gettin a lit-le da'k, ya kuaw. Well good Lo'd o mass, honey, what do you racken I did see? Somethin' I contan't see at all a-writin' in de sky! I can't read, yo know, honey, but I knowed it was writin' an' I jest knowed de end o' de world wus come an' it was de Lo'd hisself a-writin' in de sky, an' he wus

writin' right to me! "Well I jes throwed Miss Durkee's clo's right down on de gronn' nn' I snys to maself, Miss Durkee won't nevah need no mo clo's no now!' I jes' started to run towards de writin' an' putty soon I come to de road an is saw a white man comin' long in a alwah an' a langhin -honey, was I giad to see dat white man laught I say I was 'cause den I knowed it wa'nt de end o' de world at all. An' hone, ye know he didn't even ast me is I scared! He jes sta'ted in tellin' me what it was! Heah it was one o' dem feol flyin' men, sendin' out some kind o' smoke bums or somethin', writ-in' some kind o' advertisin' sun. enough stickin' up all dem advertisin signs all even de centry so yu can't see de putty trees an' bills an' things de Lo'd give us to see, 'thout now go

in' up in de sky an' writin' 'all ovah God's helben an' scartu folka to death what can't read?' "It is a shame, Mathda," I replied quite seriously, "It's just too bad; but did you find Mrs. Durkee's clothes alt

right when you went back after them?

"Oh, yessum, de do's was right dah, an' i was pantin' some when got up dat bill again, too; but I et on de bun'le o' clo's to rest, an' den I laughed an' laughed till you'd a thought I's plum crazy. Putty soon bun'ie o' clo's on ma haid an' sta'ted

wet hen, sayin' to maself, 'Nothin' but a blamed ole flyin' fool, writin' all ovah God's Heisben."

Well, Matilda, I can't blame you much, but you musta't let anything make you mad at Christmas time. Besides you know folks will be writing and ervine "erry Christmas' all and you

Bible Scenes Inspired the Writing of Carols

THE influence of the constant vis-galization of Bible scenes of which people were accustomed to think vividly, inspired the writing of Christ-mas carols. They began to make their appearance about the year 1400. This was a new music in what was still almost a new language, of minstrel, literary and folk poetry. The bailed was one of the forms in which many

of the traditional carols were cast.

The Christmas tree had its origin in Germany and is of comparatively re-cent adoption in other countries. It is regarded by many as one of the musiler of pagan survivals which have been entracted upon Christianity and Christian festivities. The worshipers of the Norse gods, before the adoption of Christianly, had a place in their scheme of things for Igg-Irasil, the tree of the world, which with his roots and branches, was believed to bind to gether heaven, earth and hell. Christmas tree is believed to be related to this tree in its origin. It became associated with the Christian holiday at some unknown time in the Middle Ages.

In the United States the Christmas tree custom is probably less than a century old. Up until the time of the Civil war it had not yet become a popular custom, although it was observed by a large number of the German immigrants. Since then it has been generally adopted in this country and Canada, and is familiar in England and other countries.

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Burning the Yule Log, Old Christmas Custom

I'm MANY an old British mansion it was customary to light tall candles on Christmas eve, and then a huge log was rolled onto the hearth, called the Yulelog. This log was so large that it required the strength of several men to roll it into place. The log was cut from a tree felled at midnight; and was to be placed on the hearth during midnight mass on Christmas eve, and was to be lighted by the head of the family. A plece of this burning wood was to be laid aside to light the next year's log with. while at the same time, it would pro-tect the household during the coming year. In some sections of Germany a piece of this charred wood was placed under the bed to avert the muchdeseded lighting stroke. The burning of the Yulclog in each homestead scens to have been a survival of the doration once offered to the sun at the winter solstice.

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OF ALL the old festivals, that of Christmas awakens the strongest and most heartfelt as sociations. There is a tone of solemn and sacred feeling that solemn and sacred feeling that blends with our conviviality, and it lifts the spirit to a state of hold in the spirit to a state of ho Washington Irving.

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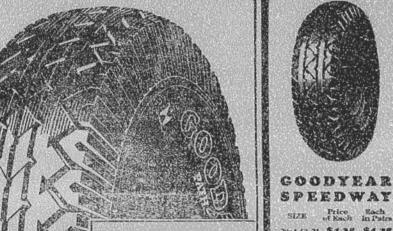
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(Deferred from last work)

Mrs. T. S. Grignard has gone to Burbuch. N. C. to visit her daughter who is taking a special course there.

Mr. R. F. Marshal has moved his show remaining shop from the next "Christman in Sony." The leaves were Elbert Hullifield and Charles Weaver and Susie Glenn read the "Story of the Other Wise Men." The Leave McRae College students held their Christman service at the hymnes of the Brary and tomorrow creating the football banquet will be show remaining shop from the next "Christman in Sony." The



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