

How Christmas Is Celebrated In Peacetime

Most Countries Will Honor Day With Their Local Yule Pageants.

Christmas is Christmas from one corner of the earth to the other. This year the day means something special, a period of thanksgiving for the end of a long bitter struggle. While most nations will celebrate the day in reverence to Christ, the customs vary in different countries and different regions.

RELIGIOUS PARADE



For eight evenings before Christmas, there is a religious procession held in Mexico at the head of which the figures of Joseph and Mary are borne. A lighted taper is carried by each member of the group, and they go about the streets singing Christmas songs. Admittance to a home is sought every night. On the ninth evening they are admitted and a religious ceremony conducted about the straw-filled manger of the Christ Child.

'CRAZY-COW' FIESTA



For weeks prior to Christmas, the children of Colombia thrill to the painstaking preparations for a glorious fireworks celebration. "Vacac Locas," — "Crazy Cow," is the fireworks of the Christmas fiestas in each village square, when men don fireproof garments and crawl into the wooden framework of a cow loaded down with sizzling firecrackers and glittering Roman candles.

PARADE OF MASKS



In the regions of Unrasch, Switzerland, young people go from house to house wearing masks and elaborate headdresses, representing houses, ships and biblical scenes. Enormous cowbells are worn on a leather harness. These merry-makers dance and yodel until they are thrown a few coins.

POLISH WIGILIA

The Polish Wigilia, or Christmas feast, symbolizes "The Last Supper," and is the feature of their Christmas celebration. Twelve types of dishes, prepared in their individual style, are served only once a year and at this time.

After the feast, the lights are put out and bowls of nuts, raisins and fruits and Christmas cakes and candies are passed around and eaten by the tree in the flicker of the candles.

SAINT SINTER KLAAS

The boys and girls in Holland look upon St. Nicholas Eve as their very own and call the good Saint, Sinter Klaas. Sinter Klaas visits the children Christmas Eve to determine if they are worthy of presents.

After Sinter Klaas leaves, each youngster places his wooden shoes before the fireplace. In it he puts hay and carrots for Sinter Klaas' great white horse, then he retires to spend a restless night.

EPIPHANY TIME OF GIFT-GIVING

'My Daily Prayer This Year' Threshold of a New Year.

Epiphany being the time of gift-giving in many lands, presents are associated with the Wise Men and their gift-bearing satellites.

According to Spanish legend, the Wise Men pass through Spain each year on Epiphany Eve as they journey to Bethlehem to pay homage to the Christ Child. Children, envisioning the procession of the Magi wending its way across the horizon—the gem-set crowns and blazing torches melting with the sunset—place their shoes on window sills and balconies before going to bed. The shoes are filled with hay for the Wise Men's horses; on Epiphany morning, the hay is gone and toys and sweetmeats overflow such receptacles.

Befana was cleaning house when the Wise Men stopped to inquire how near they were to Bethlehem; Befana knew nothing about Bethlehem, nor had she heard of the Holy Infant whom the Magi were seeking; so she finished her sweeping and went to bed. But Befana could not sleep; the regal cortege which had passed her door, the bright Star which gleamed in the sky, and her own premonitions haunted her; so, Befana started for Bethlehem at midnight on Epiphany Eve.

Alas, the magic hour had passed and, although Befana has wandered ever since, she has never found her way to Bethlehem.

That is why La Befana brings toys and confections to Italian children on Epiphany Eve; and Russian Babouska holds a candle to the face of each sleeping child while she slips a present under his pillow—hoping that some day she will find the Babe of Bethlehem.

Story of 'The Visit Of St. Nicholas' Was Written for Own Kin

On December 23, 1822, Dr. Clement Clark Moore told his children the story of St. Nicholas and read to them a poem entitled "The Visit of St. Nicholas," which he had written especially for the occasion.

Dr. Moore was chagrined when "The Visit of St. Nicholas" was published in the Troy (N. Y.) Sentinel on December 23, 1823, as an anonymous contribution: a Doctor of Divinity, he considered the poem beneath his dignity and many years passed before Dr. Moore allowed it to become known that he was the author thereof: no doubt he suspected how "The Visit of St. Nicholas" had found its way to the Sentinel.

Miss Harriet Butler, daughter of the Rev. David Butler, had been a guest in the Moore home on "the night before Christmas" in '22 and had hastily copied Dr. Moore's narration in her album. Treasuring the poem throughout the entire year, Miss Butler sent a copy of it to the Sentinel as the Christmas season of 1823 approached.

SANTA'S HELPERS



Santa has had to call upon many people to help him with his toys. Fire departments have become centers of repair work in many cities. They are often given expert assistance by boys and girls, who know just what each boy and girl wants.

Bayberry Candle Tradition Given

Economic expediency—not Christmas traditions—prompted Puritan housewives of colonial New England to make their own bayberry candles. Puritan antipathy to Christmas celebrations disembarked from the Mayflower with the Pilgrims. The Massachusetts general court in 1659 welcomed (somewhat belatedly—communications being slow in those days) the tidings that the Roundhead Parliament had abolished the observance of Christmas in 1643.

Restoration of English royalty in 1655 brought a revival of Christmas customs to England but in several New England communities the Puritan prejudice against Christmas festivities persisted—in spite of improved facilities of communications—until the early part of the 20th century.

Foreign Christmas

Various foreign countries contribute many strange Christmas customs. In Norway there is a myth that the spruce grew from the bloodsoaked ground where two lovers died. The lights symbolize their love, faith and hope. At Saint Marks in Naples, the dogs are taken to church on Christmas morning. There they wait patiently until their masters leave.

Russia holds that Mary is omnipotent and uses a scene with her rather than the Christ Child.

Intriguing Use of Color Marks Gay Holiday Season Fashions

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



FASHION continues to issue a clarion call for color, color and more color. What with the gay holiday season approaching there is greater demand than ever for color-bright frocks. Designers are doing amazing things with putting the most unexpected color with other colors for striking contrast. In fact, we are being educated to the point that there seems nothing "impossible" in the modern color-contrast technique. It is admirable what creators have been inspired to do and to dare this season in playing up color contrast in costume design.

The three-color youthful dress to the left in the illustration is proving a big fashion success. It is the type that the young set adores. Two blazing colors and black in striking contrast for the bright bodice top sum up to nothing less than a sensation. The black skirt makes you look slim and neat, while the colors in the bodice light up your face in a flattering manner. The rayon fabric of which this dress is made will make a hit with you, too, for it has a crown-tested label that you can count on in way of dependable wear.

There are more ways than one to work color magic in designing a modish gown. The two-piece black wool afternoon dress, centered in the picture, interprets a most unique way of working out color contrast. It has a snug-fitting overlapping tunic brightened by a fluid band of chartreuse wool inserted in the yoke and sleeves. There's style distinction in this dress in that from the contrast color angle it is so out of the ordinary. With it milady wears a turban of black Persian lamb.

Much ado is being made this season about the dress with a contrast

yoke. Here is where color contrast technique is doing some of its best work. Note how effectively this scheme is carried out in the instance of the dress to the right. You can imagine the yoke that styles this dress in any delectable color you wish. It's striking in fuchsia with black, very lovely in lime with dark brown, dramatic in orange with navy and tres chic in white with black. Here's a word to the girl that can sew: when you want to give new life to an old dress, give it a new yoke made of quality-kind crepe. A black frock with a yoke in that new and favored color, royal blue, would be stunning. Complement this outfit with a stunning felt hat in the same blue, or if the hat be black, feather it in this radiant blue.

The big color-contrast thriller that is now in action in the fashion world is that of black teamed with riotous colors that are most fascinating. New fashions are coming in of black jersey that introduce color in striking contrast. The characteristic feature of this new color strategy is that it stands out boldly at just some one place on the dress or the blouse. For example, a simple black jersey skirt has a straight panel running up the center front from waist to hemline. This wide insert has the effect of brilliant Roman stripes and the news is that it is made of strips of jersey in multi-colors seamed together and then pressed. In the same series of dresses a model was shown that used a similar effect horizontally above the hemline of the skirt. A very striking black wool jacket had a wide oriental looking insert about the sleeves only.

Color contrast achieved by assembling "separates" is carried out in stunning effects. A deep berry color formal crepe skirt topped with a bodice top in fuchsia or green, worn with a gorgeous jeweled belt is dramatic for evening wear. Likewise a striped or plaid taffeta full-length skirt with a top of black jersey is smart new style.

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Decorative Buttons



Why not give your bolero suit smart style accent by adding button decor after the manner pictured? Border the curve of the bolero with a series of fabric-bound buttonholes. Then stud each buttonhole with a handsome button originale to add decorative interest and impart new style distinction. The button used on the bolero pictured is a graceful flower-cupped shape grooved in sunray lines. A crystal-like ball that looks almost jewel-like gives center detail.

Braids for New Hairdress

Do not despair because your hair is too short to do up in the now so vogueish braids. Most of the pretty hairdos you see and covet are arranged with false braids. You can also buy "buns" and curls to help out.

Dream-Like Formals For Teen-Age Set

Now's the time when a young girl's fancy turns to thoughts of formals and party frocks that will make her the belle of the evening during the holiday festivities. This year the young set has gone all out in favor of long-skirted gowns. Designers are catering to her wishes with most entrancing formals that look like dreams come true. Very airy-fairy gowns are the style this year, made of billowy tulle, of embroidered nets, fine marquisette and other ethereal sheers. Quaint drop shoulders, tiny waisted fitted bodice tops with swirling bouffant skirts give a picture-book effect. Some have just enough glitter decor to make them look starry and lovely. Miss Teen-age will look like a gypsy queen in the color-bright striped plaid crisp taffeta gowns. In the shorter lengths, very new is the little black taffeta gown that is made very young looking with lots of perky little ruffles and bows. Then there are the light-top models. A dirndl skirt of black velvet with a white jersey tuck-in cap sleeve bodice starred with gold nailheads is very lovely and new looking for dates and party wear.

Brocade Jacket Tops Off A Modish Dark Skirt

A sure sign that this is a season of new elegance is seen in the revival of rich brocades. Newest fashion calls for the two-piece afternoon or evening gown that tops a modish skirt with a jacket blouse of handsome brocade. These gorgeous brocades are to be had in old-fashioned Victorian shades of brown, plum, peacock blue and old gold.



ALARMING REACTIONS TO FOOTBALL FLASHES

Elmer Twichell, red hot football enthusiast, is near his annual grid season collapse. He can't stand the strain of those football battles. Not that he goes to many games. He sees few in the bowls. What ruins Elmer are the newsreel movies.

He can sit quietly through most movies without any impulse to join the players on the screen, but football scenes get him. Just flash on those views of two big teams tearing up and down the screen and Elmer goes berserk. He rips off his coat the moment a game starts. (Lately he has taken to wearing a heavy sweater and perhaps wrapping himself in a blanket. How he loves to throw them off and gallop down the aisle!)

Last night the big game suddenly flashed on the screen between two big features. With only 10 yards to go for a touchdown a player dropped the ball and it rolled over the sidelines and clean out of the movie. Elmer thought it went into the third aisle. He sprang from his seat and went for it.

He came up with a felt hat, a handbag and a bag of potatoes belonging to a Long Island movie addict, reversed the field and seemed about to make the most sensational run of the year when thrown by the house policemen and a violinist.

There is something to be said for Elmer. Those movie flashes of epic contests are hard to follow. Half the time we are not sure whether the action moves closer to the photographer now and then or whether it's vice versa. And it is our conviction that the football episodes frequently get mixed up with the episodes in the double feature picture.

LINES AFTER STUDYING

What's become of that old beaver That my father used to wear? It was tall and rather battered; Of hard knocks it had its share; Oh, for years it had been missing, But it's back among us now, And this season sees it perching Over mom's and sister's brow.

Father wore it but to weddings Or when greeting folks of fame; It was not worn on the bias—Comedy was not his aim. But now mother has no scruples—And her mirror seems to please, As she puts it on her noodle When her milliner decrees!

Mom may cut it down, extend it, Doll it up with things galore, But she never can deceive me—It's the plug hat father wore; And this is my firm conclusion: Though she wears it with aplomb, It looked better on my old man Than it ever looks on mom!

PLANET JOTTINGS

H. Truman, the former hatter, saw his lawyers recently. He wants to sue the fellows who sold him the idea of taking a nomination for vice president on the ground it would be just an honor.

German war criminals posed for a group picture the other day. It should be a big help in convicting them on all counts, even if re-touched a little.

Things have taken a turn for the worst. Peace has broken out in China, Java, Palestine, Cairo and other points. Folks are trying to get the White House to issue a radio statement assuring them it will not spread to America.

Robbers broke into the General Motors plant recently but as what they wanted to steal was a new auto they left empty handed.

Stocks are soaring on the best bad news in years from all points. Nothing can stop the rise but prosperity.

OH BOY!

Senator Saltonstall of Massachusetts comes out with praise for Indian pudding as the tastiest dish in America, and how this warms our hearts! It is years since we had any, and yet the memory of this golden dish makes our mouth water. "Injun meal," we called it back home. It was made into a sort of pudding the night before and put away to "set." Then in the morning Mom carved it into strips about a quarter of an inch thick—maybe closer to a half—and fried it on the kitchen stove. We can still hear it sputtering and see it in all its golden glow as we poured maple syrup on it and went to town. What's become of it?

Radio is 25 years old. This makes it still too young to give the right answer to its outstanding question, "Are you over 35...?"

It seems only yesterday that there was no radio at all and we could think of a pill, ointment or cigarette without associating it with any crooner or comic.

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