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## How the Mistletoe Came to Mean Kissing

We decorate our homes with sprays of mistletoe at Christmas time, but few of us know the history of it as a Yuletide symbol. Pretty girls are kissed under it and a great deal of fun and nonsense are carried on apropos of it, but no one stops to think of how ancient a decoration it is or how sacred it was once thought to be. The ancient Celts in their Druidical religion had two great festivals, one in June and the other in December, the latter being equivalent to our Christmas. In both of these great festivals the gathering of the mistletoe was a sacred rite.

The Druids believed that a potion prepared from mistletoe would increase their flocks and that the plant was a remedy against all poison. It was believed to be a curative for many ills, and this belief is still to be found in many remote places in Europe. In Lacune, France, for example, it is always administered by the native dwellers as an antidote for poison.

In the northeast of Scotland people used to cut withes of mistletoe at the March full moon; these they bent in circles and kept for a year to cure hectic fevers and other troubles. In Sweden on midsummer eve mistletoe is diligently sought after, the people believing it to be possessed of many mystic qualities, and that if a sprig of it is attached to the ceiling of the dwelling house, the horse's stall or the cow's crib, the trolls will then be powerless to injure either man or beast.

Many German peasants also consider the mistletoe a powerful charm against evil spirits. A similar belief seems to have lingered among the Romans. When Aeneas descended into Hades he gathered, to protect himself from the infernal powers, a branch of mistletoe, which Vergil calls the golden bough.

The custom of kissing under the mistletoe goes back to the days when Thor and Odin and all the other gods of the Northland walked and talked with men. Baldur, the son of Odin and Frigga, the Apollo of Scandinavian mythology, the flaxen-haired god of sunshine and its attendant blessings, was loved by all earthly and heavenly beings save one—Loki, the god of earthly fire and its attendant evils.

How of all the things animate and inanimate in the world, except the surly mistletoe, swore never to harm the sun god and how Loki slew Baldur with a branch of it, has been told with beautiful poetic power by Matthew Arnold.

In conciliation, hoping to soothe the passionate sorrow of the mother, Frigga, they dedicated the mistletoe to her. And now sin and sorrow had hallowed it; for henceforth it was to grow, not as a symbol of bitterness and hatred, but as a sign of tenderness and love. But the gods decreed that it was to stand for these things only so long as it touched not Loki's kingdom, the soil; and for this reason it is never seen growing on the ground and we ourselves always hang it high on the rafters or chandeliers. And now that it was the plant of love, the custom arose for enemies to become friends under the mistletoe; for lovers to pledge their troth beneath it; and for those who met there to kiss as a sign of affectionate fellowship.

### Farming in France.

The French government has undertaken to supply the depleted ranks of the farmers and to give assistance to the amateur farmer by means of a correspondence course, which has been eagerly received. The pupil receives instructions as to a course of reading, the management of a small experiment plot, the carrying out of simple experiments, visits to neighboring farms, etc. The Union of Agricultural Syndicates, which has assumed charge of this work for the government, has appointed a number of "contors" to supervise the work of pupils in their several neighborhoods. The pupils prepare monthly examination papers and render monthly reports on their work.

### SIFTING OUT THE SLACKERS

Hospital Assistant, Threatening to Cook Alive One Patient to Obtain Grease, Reduces Sick Call.

Stories of how to outwit impostors who report sick in order to loaf in hospitals are among the oldest traditions of the medical branches of all auries, says a writer in a medical journal. A fourteenth-century collection of anecdotes shows that the maligner was known in those days and Cardinal de Bari, who had a hospital at Verceil, found its resources were being exhausted by men of this type. He sent one of his subordinates to investigate. This man, Petrillo by name, who was something of a humorist, dressed himself in the robes of a physician and assembled all the patients for an examination of their wounds. Then he gravely said: "There is clearly but one remedy needed for the cure of ulcers of this character, and that is an ointment made of human grease. This very day I intend, in consequence, to draw by lot one from among you, who will be plunged alive into boiling water and cooked for the salvation of all." Seized by fear, all the patients made haste to report themselves fully recovered from their ulcers, and consequently there was room in the hospital for those who really needed care.

Physicians today, by the use of similar ruses, have discovered many "hospital slackers."

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### Sale of Valuable town Property.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that deed of trust executed by E. S. Ford on the 31st day of August 1912, to the undersigned trustee, which is registered in book 177 page 61, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Franklin county, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, and demand made upon me by the holder of said indebtedness to foreclose in accordance with the terms and provisions of said deed of trust I the undersigned trustee will on Monday, 31st day of December, 1917, at 12 o'clock, M., at the court house door of Franklin County, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, namely: Those certain lots or parcels of land situate in the town of Louisburg, N. C., and lying on the south side of Nash street defined as follows: Beginning at the east corner of the blacksmith shop on Nash street and running thence along Nash street westerly 78 feet to corner formerly owned by R. H. Strickland; thence along said line at right angles to Nash street in southerly direction 53 feet; thence easterly parallel to Nash st., 78 feet thence northerly at right angles to Nash st., 53 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4914 square feet, and being those lots described in the plot of lands of J. J. Mintree deceased, which is of record in office of Clerk Superior Court of Franklin County, in

book No. 2 Orders and Decrees, at pages 111 et seq. and being lot No. 2 This 28th day of November, 1917. 11-30-5t BEN. T. HOLDEN, Trustee

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# T. K. ALLEN