

Stubborn Case

"I was under the treatment of two doctors," writes Mrs. R. L. Phillips, of Indian Valley, Va., "and they pronounced my case a very stubborn one, of womanly weakness. I was not able to sit up, when I commenced to take Cardui.

I used it about one week, before I saw much change. Now, the same pain, that had been in my side for years, has gone, and I don't suffer at all. I am feeling better than in a long time, and cannot speak too highly of Cardui."

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If you are one of those ailing women who suffer from any of the troubles so common to women.

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CHRISTMAS DAY IN BETHLEHEM.

At this season of the year probably no city of the ancient world presents a more picturesque or attractive aspect than Bethlehem, whose population is many times multiplied by the presence of a vast army of pilgrims from every part of the globe. Most, in the height of the great annual Mosaic influx, or Hurdwar, in upper India, at the season of the great festival, cannot have much greater throngs than may be said to have more devout or more cosmopolitan crowds than those that flock to the city of David in the Christmas week. Situated wonderfully like a recent, yet the only thoroughly Christian town in all Syria, Bethlehem puts on its gayest and most attractive appearance. At all times a pretty and attractive place, it is then a thronged and gay resort. The thrifty townspeople, their handsome wives and dark-eyed daughters, prepare for the festive week in advance and are ready to welcome the first arrivals.

No words can adequately describe the grandeur of the Christmas services at the Church of the Nativity, which is the center of interest for the pilgrims. These services are kept up the entire week. On the way to church the visitors are met by peddlers, who insist on pushing their very noisy little ornaments of olive-wood and mother-of-pearl. The Church of the Nativity is one of the oldest structures in existence, and although it has been repeatedly repaired, it still retains much of its original form and character. In the side altar at different altars priests chant the service in tones that swell and die until the full organ that supports the roof.

At the entrance groups of pilgrims stand in reverent admiration, while still other groups are guided around the church by monks, who point out the holy relics and sacred places, the most venerated of all being the crib of the manger, beneath the church, which, it is claimed, includes the actual birthplace of the Saviour. During the Christmas festivities this manger shrine is reserved by great multitudes who crowd each other in their thousands to kiss the marble slab on the floor with a silver star in the center.

So vivid and enthusiastic are these worshippers that the marble slab has been repeatedly broken away in places, requiring a new slab necessary. The same enthusiasm has caused with the same object to kiss the marble slab on the floor with a silver star in the center.

WHY WOMEN SUFFER.

Many Scotland Neck Women are Learning the Cure.

Women often suffer, not knowing the cause. Backache, headache, dizziness, nervousness, irregular urinary passages, weakness, languor—Each a seeming torture of itself. Together tell of weakened kidneys. Strike at the root—get to the cause. Quickly give the help the kidneys need. Recently ordered like Don's Kidney Pills. Recommended by thousands—Fostered at home. Here's convincing proof from a Scotland Neck citizen. Mrs. E. N. Nelson, Eighth and Raleigh Sts., Scotland Neck, N. C., says: "I have no hesitation in recommending Don's Kidney Pills as I know them to be a remedy of merit in case of kidney trouble. I got my supply at E. T. Whitehead Co.'s drug store and their use relieved me of backache and lameness in my legs."

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Sleeping in Cosen. Doctors are now studying the idea of sleeping in a shelter tent and other, by which the hours of sleep are doubled for work is gained and new energies—both physical and mental—renewed.—Harper's Weekly.

Birds of a Feather. The chief cause of death in the winter and spring months is pneumonia. In these months are colds and coughs. In the attack of pneumonia the patient is usually unable to get up. The best medicine for pneumonia is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is a safe and reliable remedy for all cases of pneumonia. It is sold by all druggists. Price 25 cents. Foster-Whitburn Co., Buffalo, New York.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE TOILERS OF THE SEA

LANDLUBBERS that you are, did you ever reflect that there is a world where Christmas is as meaningless a day as the 21st or 26th of December? Did you ever think far enough beyond the spicy vapors of your own plum pudding to realize that the seafaring folk were living their Christmas day as if they knew naught of its fame? They do know what it means, however, as well as ever do you, but winds lash and waves thump on the 25th as on every other day, and it's a foolish sailorman who counts on turkey or holly berries. The chances are he'll see little of them.

Christmas is disabbling enough to come in the very beginning of the maddest weather, and the weather never gives any one inch. The pilotboat people and the life savers make pathetic little attempts at holding holiday, but ten to one they will be nothing more than attempts. If the sea chooses to make merry in its own way the sea commands and must be obeyed.

The captains of the life saving stations along the beach try each year to celebrate with their men. A turkey is always brought to the headquarters and a good meal prepared around it as a star attraction. But anywhere from Grinnellets to nuts and raisins may come the signal from the coast guard. Perhaps a crab fishing boat has capsized; perhaps it is a big ship going down—the result is the same. The Christmas turkey is left to grow cold, the nice pie is forgotten, and it's off to launch the lifeboat and then to the onerous duty. Night or day the summons may come. If at night there are a flashing of lights on the beach and a light, man against storm, in the blackness of the surf.

On the highship provision is made for a good dinner, but there the pleasure ends. Day and night the ship rides at anchor ten miles off shore. Always the clanging of the fog bell is heard and the lights are watched, and break in the monotony there is none, save for a better bill of fare than usual and an extra glass of grog, then back to the bell and the lights again, and men forget what Christmas celebrated or that it was celebrated at all.

It was during the evening of the last turkey that the bells rang fiercely, for a fog was driving in just the heads, and lights were being enveloped in it. Two new men were among the crew, and they sprang, frightened, away from the table. The old sailors assured them that it was no trouble out of the ordinary, but they could not be induced to come back to the dinner. They are wise now and are laughing at other new men, but their companions have not forgotten to mention the dinner that they missed by gazing shudderingly into a winter fog and expecting the death of themselves or some one else every moment.

Christmas is a lottery to the pilots. No man of them knows when his turn is coming to guide a ship into port, and ships must be guided when it is their captain's will. Some of the pilots may have a snatch of the day at home in the midst of Santa Claus gossip and in horns and stuffed stockings. Who ever the other pilots may be, they are on the water with a good dinner stored away awaiting its opportunity, which may or may not come. If a ship is suddenly sighted, then never mind the dinner.

The life on the great steamers and sailing vessels is more systematic, and it is worth while to prepare for as much merriment as the homeliness of empty sea view will permit. There may be a Christmas tree and cards and dancing; but be you a seadog or a landlubber, it's all the same—you would rather be at home over a table that does not roll and spend a good Christmas with all its trim traditional nonsense.—San Francisco Call.

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Now is the time to select the finest bulbs for the coming season. We have a large stock of all the latest and most popular varieties of bulbs, including Tulips, Hyacinths, Narcissus, and many others. Prices are low and quality is guaranteed.

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By virtue of the power vested in me by a certain mortgage executed to me by H. H. Moore, which is recorded in book 221 on page 152, in the Register of Deeds of the County of Halifax, Virginia, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., well at public sale, for cash, to the highest bidder, the following property, to-wit:

That tract of land in Rowan County, North Carolina, known as the "Red Edmonds Place," adjoining the land of M. D. Jager estate, the Salls Elm estate, the tract of the run of Deep Creek, the James Rogers land, the Lee Strawn tract (Wm. White's land), containing 191.5 acres more or less. Title to the above land is in dispute by D. A. Madry and the matter is now in the Supreme Court.

A. P. KILPATRICK,
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Notice-Sale

By virtue of power vested in me by that deed of trust executed to me by Henry King on the 29th day of March, 1910, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County, in Book 188 at page 79, I shall sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction in the town of Scotland Neck at 12 o'clock noon on the 23rd day of January, 1913, the following described tract of real estate, to-wit: land and situated in the county of Halifax and State of North Carolina, known as the interest of the said Henry King in the original Pony King tract, which is bounded by the lands of Bradford King, Melvin King, G. L. King, the "Dell" & Road, and by the land of Raleigh Dunn, and containing seventy-five acres, more or less.

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MARKET PLACE IN BETHLEHEM ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

scene, which has had to be renewed several times in consequence of its outer surface being literally kissed away by pious devotees. The tradition is that Christ was once laid in this manger. A few feet distant is the chapel of the Magi, where the wise men of old, Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, came worshipping with gifts.

A subdued, rich light is diffused throughout the grotto by the softly glowing lamps over the star, and the swinging censers lend an agreeable odor to an otherwise close and musty atmosphere. All worldly thoughts are banished as the melodious chant of the sacred office on the full, stately, noble singing of the grand bearded, bearded priests. The low roof, the "living rock," the censers, the music, the lights, all seem to dissolve, and in their stead there appear to the moist eyes of the adoring pilgrims the manger cradle with the babe, the Virgin mother and Joseph, the men surrounding, the oxen and their litter of straw and the gentle, wondering sheep.

The Christmas festivities, however, are not confined to the Church of the Nativity. The week is a general festival in the town and a season of financial harvest for its citizens. Like all orientals, they are thrifty to a fault, and the sight of the splendid gifts that are brought year after year to the church and especially the Grotto chapel, by strangers from afar, widely excites their curiosity. Among these things, which are being transported in tents, or it may be, conveyed in the more comfortable conveyance, there are many rich who can be easily persuaded into generosity when under the supernatural influence that seems to pervade everything at Bethlehem—Pilladelphia Record.



How to Ensnare Debtors.

A prominent New York physician says: "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effective and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers."

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Education Through Toys.

Noah's ark, animals, toy sets, tin animals, steam engines, fire engines, ope, croquet sets, dollhouses, dolls, spaces, skin and wooden animals, balls, boxes of letters and A. B. C. blocks are among the toys recommended by the London county council education committee for the choicest.

Unwelcome Guest at Funeral.

A five foot long snake was the unwelcome guest at a funeral at Katul, Victoria, Australia, a few days ago, and its appearance caused the wildest confusion and panic amongst the mourners. It was only after great difficulty that the reptile was killed. The funeral service proceeded without further interruption.

Mountain Stops Wireless Message.

It has been observed repeatedly on board vessels stationed west of Cape Otway (at the southern tip of Australia) that it was impossible to communicate with vessels situated in the port of Melbourne. This has been attributed to the fact that the mountain which forms the cape contains large quantities of metallic minerals which absorb electric waves.

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When a shameful plot exists between liver and bowels to cause distress by refusing to act, take Dr. King's New Life Pills, and end such abuse of your system. They gently compel right action of stomach, liver and bowels, and restore your health and all good feelings. 25c at E. T. Whitehead Co.

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