

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The things you have wished for . . . the ambitions and plans that have been yours . . . we hope they will all be realized during the coming year. And may the Holiday Season be a happy one and the New Year one of usefulness, happiness and success.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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A Burglar for Christmas

Rolana Flagel

IT WAS midnight on Christmas Eve. Seven-year-old Jack, having baffled the sandman since eight o'clock, tossed back the covers and crept downstairs.

Now, at long last, he would learn the truth about Santa Claus. Man or myth? Chimney sweeper or a lovable old red-nosed gentleman?

When the clock struck one Jack was still sitting patiently in the chair by the fireplace, watching the embers glow and wane. Tinsel on the nearby Christmas tree glistened. It was all very exciting, but where was Kris Kringle?

The noise Jack heard a moment later might have been Santa but it didn't come from the chimney.

Quickly the boy jumped back in the shadows while he heard the dining room window raise slowly. A gust of cold air, heavy footsteps, and then Jack heard the window close.

Frightened, he crept forward until he could see where blue moonlight filtered into the dining room. There Jack saw—not Santa Claus but a masked burglar, systematically looting the silverware!

Seconds later his softly slipped feet carried the lad upstairs into his parents' bedroom. The boy shook his father.

"Dad!" he whispered loudly, eyes blazing. "Dad! Wake up!"

"Grummp," came the sleepy answer.

"A burglar, Dad! Wake up! Call the police!"

Not waiting, Jack reached for the bedside telephone himself. His mother still slumbered.

"Operator?" he asked. "Send the police over to our house right away! There's a burglar downstairs!"

By that time it was out of Jack's hands. His parents were wide awake now, clinging to their hero



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son and listening. During the next two minutes they heard a stark drama—downstairs the dining room window opened and closed. In the distance, growing ever nearer, was the hum of a motor which they knew would be the police car.

They heard it stop outside. Then came a shout, "Stop thief!" A brief scuffle, and they knew the burglar was captured.

Next morning Jack was awakened by his father.

"Son," he began, eyes twinkling. "I forgot to ask last night how you happened to hear that burglar."

Jack blushed.

"I was downstairs, Dad, waiting for Santa Claus. Wanted to see if he really does come on Christmas eve."

His father laughed heartily.

"But Jack!" he protested. "Don't you know that Santa Claus never comes when little boys and girls are watching? I'll bet he's been here by this time, though. Let's go see!"

Downstairs Jack's surprise was divided between two equally fascinating subjects. Around the Christmas tree were more presents than he'd ever seen before, including a brand new bicycle!

But off to one side was a jolly looking, blue-uniformed policeman.

"Sonny," the copper began. "That burglar you captured last night was 'Lightning Pete,' a most notorious house breaker."

Jack's jaw dropped.

"Best of all," the policeman continued, "there's a \$500 reward for his capture, and it all belongs to you. Here's the check."

Jack could barely say "Thank you," so amazed was he.

"I guess," he finally mumbled, "that Santa Claus is wearing a blue uniform this year."

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Shepherd Village Plays Bethlehem Les Baux in France, a village of shepherds, puts on one of the most dramatic Christmas celebrations in the world, and has done it yearly for over a thousand years. The peasants act out the whole Bethlehem story with real oxen. Thousands of visitors come every Christmas eve to see the event.

Christmas in Sweden Sweden celebrates her Christmas December 24 with fish and rice porridge.

CUT TIMBER WHEN MATURE

Trees Constitute One of Important Cash Crops of Surry County

DEMAND FOR TIMBER

Trees constitute one of the important cash crops of Surry county and should be harvested when mature, says J. E. Trevathan, Conservationist of the Tri-Creek Soil Conservation District, in charge of the Work Unit office at Dobson.

In nearly all woodlands there are mature trees that dominate the stands, Mr. Trevathan points out. These mature trees usually slow up the growth of the smaller surrounding trees, but are no longer increasing in value themselves. Such trees should be removed and utilized for timber or fire wood, in order that the younger trees may be released for further growth. Before cutting trees for any purpose, it is wise to first draw up a woodland plan. A good plan, says Mr. Trevathan, provides for a supply of trees to be coming along all the time. Thrifty young trees may be improved by thinning, but timber owners are cautioned against marketing the timber crop while in native growth, as this is poor economy.

There is a big demand at this time for timber for construction of buildings to house our expanding army. This demand must be met, but let us not practice false economy in doing so. For example, it takes 42 trees ten inches in diameter to scale 1000 board feet of lumber by the Doyle rule, while only two trees 24 inches in diameter will provide the same amount of lumber.

Overcut woodlands are susceptible to erosion. When excessive run-off occurs in woodlands, the trees are deprived of moisture, growth is slowed up, deep gullies are often cut, and there is the danger of damage to lower lying cultivated land by the excessive run-off and the deposition of silt. Full consideration should be given to the management of forest lands to preserve the young trees for the years to come, Mr. Trevathan concludes.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BRIGHT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



As another Christmas comes around we feel that we have an unpaid obligation, an obligation of gratitude. Friends of this institution have made possible a certain amount of progress and prosperity for our organization. These friendships have been an enjoyable experience, one in which we believe we have the confidence and esteem of the people whom we strive to serve. And now, all we ask is the privilege of a continuance of these fine relationships to enable us to look forward with genuine enthusiasm to the future.

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Happy New Year

It's a very pleasant, cheering custom to renew friendly associations during the Yuletide by extending to you our sincere wishes for a *Happy Christmas*. And our optimistic predictions of a *Prosperous New Year*.

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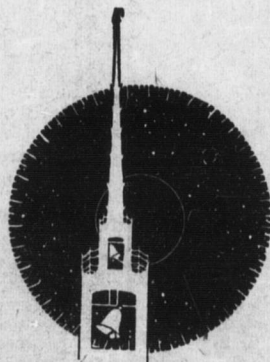
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Pleasant Yuletide Thoughts

THE YULETIDE SEASON brings with it pleasant thoughts of friendships—tried, proven and cherished throughout the past. It makes us realize that friendly associations with our fellow men are invaluable in both public and private life and are above things material.

It is significant of the season, then, that we pause to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And for your friendships and favors we are truly grateful.



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