

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

By PAULINE FARRELL

CHRISTMAS, just one word, and yet in that one word there is a world-wide meaning and significance. Everywhere, for all time, Christmas has been, to people of varying creeds, a day of varying emotions. It is a day of gladness or one of bitterness, it is a day on which happy memories become glorified or hard thoughts sting like acid in an open wound. It is a day that banishes half-way measures—a day that may easily lift one to the heights of happiness—and just as easily plunge one to the depths of misery.

Christmas is what we make it. To many, it is the day of greatest happiness. Those who recognize the opportunities it offers of taking a little bit of joy to the lonely, sick and poor, know that Christmas is the best day of the year—and there is no question in their mind as to why they do the very same things Christmas after Christmas. They know definitely why they hang stockings for the kiddies, bring Christmas presents, decorate their homes and spend endless hours in singing, praying, and Christmas crowds to secure a tiny look for some friend. Certainly, they know the joy of Christmas that is only for those who love themselves in remembering others.

In the National Geographic, some time ago, there appeared an article by Anna Farquhar, in which she said:

"Santa Claus, cottages, reindeer, his pack, wearing a long, red face those days. Probably in his youth he had no idea of growing old or departing from this life. Nowadays, he creeps down the chimney stealthily, as if some what ashamed of his mission, like a poor burglar, and his eight tiny reindeer make small circles on the lawn, for many of their toy-bells have been lost. When Santa lays a finger aside of his nose, reflectively in our times, he exclaims, without a bit of jolly shake below the waist, 'Degenerate! Degenerate! His my word come to such a pass that people wish to pay me for my presents? Can it be that little children are so satisfied with toys that they stop to ask how much they cost before receiving them?' There was little Willie, last year, who said to his mama, when he first saw the beautiful woolly dog, 'What's it got inside? Candy or money? Don't want a dog unless it's got something inside'."

And undoubtedly, there are many ready to agree with Mrs. Farquhar that the true Christmas spirit is withering. But again, we repeat, Christmas is what we as individuals make it.

Nothing in life is without alloy—even Christmas must have its taints. There are some few people to whom Christmas is a day of giving and taking—of expectancy, disappointment and pain; a day, in fact, of great worry, distress, sorrow, and ill-will. To those people Christmas is merely a day on which to pay social debts.

Those are the people whom you hear say that the modern Christmas is losing its spirit and meaning—and that it is now viciously commercialized by dollar-mad business men.

Gifts to themselves are of little value—they are symbols of something else—and behind the gift is the sentiment that is the real significance of Christmas. It is the spirit of love and good fellowship—of peace and good-will.

Believe in Christmas yourself and make it what it should be, rather than leave it to others to make it what you would like it to be. Make a spirited and determined effort this Christmas to brighten this world and its homes, and bring to an actual reality the greatest message ever heard—that message of hope and possibility—peace on earth—good-will toward men.

Peace and good-will—now for a day, or for a year—but for all time. Give the spirit of Christmas a prominent place in your homes and in your hearts that it may grow strong that nothing can destroy it.

A Merry, Merry Christmas to you. The best we could wish for any one is peace, a true and warm, unadorned Christmas.

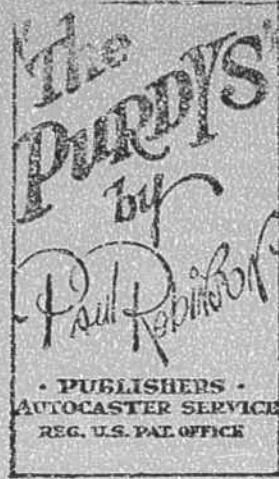
LARGE BEEF CATTLE ARE NOT WANTED NOW

Boone, Dec. 21.—No matter how well finished the large beef cattle animals are, they will not sell at good prices on the market at present. The best selling animals range from \$99 to 1,250 pounds in weight.

"The International Livestock Show recently held in Chicago has been responsible more than any other thing for bringing this situation to a head and impressing farmers with the fact that no longer are large, coarse, unfinished cattle needed or wanted on the market," says Prof. R. S. Curtis, of the animal husbandry department at State College. "In fact, large cattle, no matter how well finished, will not sell at fair prices."

Prof. Curtis states that the heavy weight beef animals ranging from 800 to 1,650 pounds and well finished is the new standard insofar as beef animals are concerned. This means, he states, that more North Carolina conditions, more attention must now be paid to quality, good feeding and early maturity. Regardless of the fact that a poor quality of beef animals are produced and sold at the less discriminating markets, the fact remains that the price paid for beef cattle is set by the large central markets and these markets determine the kind of animals which sell best. This condition has now reached its crest and a new era has come so far as beef production is concerned.

Prof. Curtis states that the large export steers of Virginia, many of which were produced in western North Carolina, are a thing of the past. This condition must be reek-



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WROTE "BIBLE CHAPTER"

The Pathfinder, W. A. Arebiba, a Pathfinder reader of Nashville, Tenn., says he has heard that Benjamin Franklin wrote and pasted in his Bible a chapter so closely resembling the thoughts of the Good Book that many to whom it was read were deceived into thinking it actually a part of it. He sent us the following reputed Franklin chapter, with the belief that it would be of interest to other Pathfinder readers:

1. And it came to pass after these things that Abraham sat in the door of his tent about the going down of the sun.
2. And behold a man bowed with age came from the way of the wilderness, leaning on a staff.
3. And Abraham arose and met him and said unto him, "Turn in, I pray thee, and wash thy feet, and tarry all night, and thou shalt arise early on the morrow and go thy way."
4. But the man said, "Nay, for I will abide under the tree."
5. And Abraham pressed him

and fell upon him, and drove him forth with blows into the wilderness.

6. And at midnight God called unto Abraham, saying: "Abraham, where is the stranger?"

7. And Abraham answered and said, "Lord, he would not worship thee, neither would he call upon Thy name; therefore have I driven him out from before my face into the land of the Philistines."

8. The Greek runner who did the Marathon in 490 B. C., can't compare with North Carolina farm women who travel from 50 to 125 miles per year in bringing water to the home.

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