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# Q+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0 Christmas

Qe0e0e0e0e0e0e0e0e0e0e0eQ It is a generally accepted belief that on the date that we call Christmas day Christ was born. This is questioned by some chroniclers, but the doubt does little harm, says the Brooklyn Eagle. Every one is satisfied to take this date believed by all good Christians, should

any on the calendar. It is necessary to go back to the Roman era to find the first recorded spoonful of cornstarch with one-half reference to a festival on the date cupful of cold water, add to it the it need not be cause for surprise if then add sufficient giblet broth to make through all the past ages the record of one pint of sauce. Cook five minutes the exact day on which Christ was strain through a sieve, rub the liver born should have become lost. History fine with a spoon, add to the gravy and tells us that the first feast to be celebrated on the 25th of December was established by Commodus, emperor of Rome, who flourished about 185 years after the birth of Christ.

After that there are many references to the meetings of the new sect called the Christians, who gathered on this day to celebrate the birth of the God Man. It is not until a century after the time of Commodus that we find a particular reference to the persecution that the Christians underwent at the hands of the pagan emperors having

massacre. Diocletian was the Roman who deoff a few Christians. He did so with perpetrated during the festival was on Christmas day, when the assembled Christians, gathered in their place of glass. meeting, were set upon and slaughter ed, while the Bomans looked on in great glee at the sight of antipagan people being put to death for their re-ligion's sake.

When Rome was ne longer a paget state, the feast began to be celebrated in the Christian style, although some of the songs that were sung and som of the rites of the festival would great ly shock the strictly orthodox church goer of the present day. At that time there were no excursion trains to carry those who wished to take part in public celebration from point to point, and the electric telegraph had not been thought of. Consequently those who celebrated the birth of Christ in early days did so in widely separated countries, sometimes at widely separated periods of time and according to no set programme. It was every community for itself, and no one to criti-

cise the others for not being careful about the date. As a matter of fact, the ancient cele bration of Christ's nativity was left entirely to the discretion of the different bodies, and as every community had divergent interests the time was arranged to suit the exigencies of the case. If Christmas day happened to come upon a time when there was too much work to be done to permit of a holiday, then it would be postponed until a more sultable season. Owing to this indifference to precedents the exact date when the birth of Christ ought to be kept was hopelessly lost. On only one thing were all the anclents agreed-namely, that the fastival

in commemoration of the birth of Christ ought to be the most magnifi-cent of the year. In some cases it was kept up for days and the meaning of the festival was forgotten long before the revelers returned to their homes

It is interesting to observe that the custom of giving presents at Christ-mas time, which has survived to this day, was begun in the first days of the stmas feast. So was the custom that is known as carol singing. The and is grown as carol singing. The songs of today are based on the event that makes Christmas day a time of rejoicing, but at that time they were not overparticular as to the subject chosen by the singers. In fact it would be difficult to find in some of them an excuse for the singing of such dittles at

a religious festival. It is a striking feature of this Christ-mas celebration that from its earliest recorded history there is no settle In connection with it but those of kind liness and good feeling. However much the old style of celebrating.
Christmas might be objectionable to
the twentieth century critic of orthodox tendencies who froms at the frivolity tendencies who frowns at the frivolly of some of the customs, it was always a time for the better side of human nature to be exhibited and for people to take gifts to each other in a spirit of peace and good will. This kindly spirit has been maintained until all over the world today it is seen in the merry making, the happiness conveyed by the glorious institution of Santa Claus, the steaming hot dinners presented to the steaming hot dinners presented to the poor, the frelic and the furnanking in almost every home, and the gathering

together for the yearly reunion of those whom circumstances separate for the greater part of the year. May the season never cease to be famous for its power to bring out the better attributes of men and women, as it did of old!

English p.um pudding and mince pies both owe their origin, or are supposed to, to an occurrence attendant upon the birth of Christ. The highly seasoned ingredients refer to the offering of spices, frankincense and myrrh by the wise men of the east to the Christ ChiM-New York World.

#### ROAST TURKEY.

How to Select and Prepare the Bir

For the Table. Select a nice young turkey of ter pounds in weight, singe, draw and wash it quickly in cold water, then wipe it dry with a towel. Season the bird inside as well as outside with one teaspoonful of salt in all. Sonk one half pound of bread two days old in cold water till soft, inclose it in a napkin and press out all the water. Place a saucepan with one tablespoonful of lettuce and two tablespoonfuls of fine chopped onlons over the fire, stir and cook five minutes without browning. Then add the bread, stir and cook five minutes. Remove, a.d when cold mix it with one pound of sausage meat season with one even tenspoonful sait, one-half teaspoonful thyme and one quarter teaspoonful pepper. Fill the crop and body with this forcement, sew it up and truss nicely. Cover the breast and thighs with thin slices of larding pork, tie it firmly with a cord, lay the turkey in a roasting pan, pour over two ounces of melted butter and place the pan in a medium bot oven to roast. Baste freely with its own gravy till the bird is light brown on all sides, then add a little water. Continue to roast, basting frequently till done. A turkey as the nativity of Christ, and it mat- of ten pounds will take two and one ters little whether it is historically cor- half hours cooking. Place the giblets rect or not; one day in the year, it is in a saucepan covered with cold water over the fire, add one teaspoonful of be set aside for the celebration of the salt, and when it bolls add a small birth of Jesus of Nazareth, and the onion. Cook till done. Shortly before 25th of December is as good a day as serving lay the turkey on a hot dish, remove the skewers and strings, free the gravy from all fat, mix one table known to us as Christmas day, so that gravy, stir and cook a few minutes,

#### HIS CHRISTMAS PIPE.

A Woman's Solicitude and a Tobs

The bachelor had been invited to Christmas dinner. His friend and his friend's pretty wife were just vying with each other in their efforts to dispel from his soul the gloom supposed to come to the man without a home upon this day above all others. They now that they were seated in the library facing the burning logs in the cided to celebrate the date by killing fireplace the hostess brought out the bachelor's Christmas present. It was a vengeance. The most horrible deed a brierwood pipe, with a beautiful curved mouthpiece as transparent as

"Now, I bought this myself," she explained sweetly, "and I told the pipe man that if you didn't like it after smoking it I was going to make him exchange it. You must try it now."

This the bachelor proceeded to do thanking his hostess for her solicitude in picking out the pipe herself. "I think the mouthpiece is such pretty, clear amber," she went on as

she saw her guest stick it between his teeth and begin puffing away. "Yes, it's remarkably pretty," he assented, but there was just a tinge of

doubt in his tone.

The bachelor sat in his chair, with the monthplece between his teeth and two fingers of his left hand clasped about the stem, smoking very peace fully when there was a sudden blinding flash before his eyes, a flerce pain at the tip of his tongue and a cloud of eamphor smelling smoke rising to the cetling. The bowl of the pipe fell to the floor and the burning tobacco was spilled upon the carpet. The mouthpiece had vanished. The hostess screamed, the two men sprang to their

"What happened?" cried the woman

in alarm. "Oh, nothing." explained her has band, "except that your beautiful am-ber mouthpiece is celluloid and bas

burned up." Then he stamped out the burning obacco and gazed ruefully at the big hole in the exrpet.
"Oh," exclaimed the hostess to the

bachelor as blushes came to her cheeks and tears to her eyes, "what can I say? That borrid pipe man! He promised so faithfully that he wouldn't swindle

to say bimself. He had a hole in the end of his tongue, and this didn't help him say is choosing the right words, but he managed to stutter that he was sure it wasn't her fault and that all

pipe men were born villains,
"Remember, my dear," cemarked the husband, with a reminiscent smile, "that the good Lord, never intended women to be good judges of cigars, tolocco or pipes."-New York Sun. Every idel line its Day.



#### YULETIDE CUSTOMS.

the Day Is Observed in Many Countries In England in the early Anglo-Saxon days Christmas was celebrated with almost saturnalian revelries, the lords

of misrule holding

full sway, but the first breath of Puritanism scorebed the England seal of the revelers, and it became a helnous offense to so rejoice and be merry. The year 1643 saw the abolishment of all saints' days, and those who observed the "three grand festivals of Christmas, Easter and Whitauntide, were heavily fined." With the reste-

days were revived. In old Seville and the other beautiful cities of Spain Christmas is largely an out of door celebration. The Anglo-

ration a sad countenance was not at a

premium, but rather a merry one, and

all the observances of these festival

and home is foreign to the Latin temperament, and the gra-Spain cious climate lends itself to al fresco

merrymaking. All is movement, color, tumult, dance and song. The great plazas are kaleidoscopes of buman movement. The cathedrals and churches are thronged. Piety and gayety

Inspired by the ancient poetical thought of cheering the Virgin during the pangs of maternity, young men and maidens throng on

fore her shrines in Italy and play upon Italy their guitars and

songs of praise. It is their part, too, to decorate the beautiful old churches most profusely, a loving service at which they spend the greater part of the night, refreshed by a collation after midnight mass. Germany is the land of Santa Claus,

the home of the beautiful legend of Kris Kringle, which is a corruption of Christ Kindlein, or Christ Child, While the good child finds its little stocking Germany

Kringle's gifts, the naughty child finds nothing but a birch rod placed there by the avenging Pelsnichol (St. Nicholas with the fur). Such an experience makes the small victim

In Australia Christmas comes during the midsummer season. The mercury

may register 100 degrees or more. Faming united, are di-In vided, for this is the time of the long va-cation. Still, Eng-Australia

lish traditions are preserved. Plum pudding is the des-sert and holly the decoration. Moreover, the Australians have a decorashrub which they call Christmas bush and which blooms only in December.

HIS FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE

I dem 'ey's not a boy to town
'At's luckter 'en me.
Those mantans she jus' let me have
My firstnoor Trimmon tree.
An' I don' want ne dinner est
Le supper, jou, atmos
I jus' et up a rooster, an'
I et my bearmes pawe!
I hate to est silve roosters, but
'Ry's candy, don't you see!
An' H'l' fellers owns what's on
'dis'

I foun' aix candy chickens, an' Simeby I foun' a hea. 'At hen had candy feethers on! It tasted good, an' nen Them chickens had no mother, an' I thought what will they do? thought an' thought an' thought, I et them chickens too! in' nen I played my dram, an' pa Says, "Stop 'st rew!" mys be. Can't li'l' fellors play what's so

Ac' nen I looked aroun' an' looked.
An' nen I onys, "What alle
'At tonny lookin' ellyphant,
Thuse he has got two felle?"
One on each end he had, an' nen
I et the bigger' etc.
I dam 'et ellyphant was glad,
Attens when I was done
He looked blire he was, aspin', "Pleas
Eat up a rest of me!"
All H'! tellees minds what's on
"Ele

I thought I'd est mone candles, ten, But 'ey slidh't teste jud' right; I dem 'ey on'y teste good when It's derk on' late at slight! An' nen a rabbit'n ear I tried, Ar' nen a rabbit'n ear I tried, Ar on be 'jus' est 'est here! You ber' jus' est 'at rabbit, too, Ataum II ways Its ear!'

'At's very plain to me, An' H'l' fellers belps what's on

So I don't supst as disner set He supper, on' I doe I won't want any breakfow, tamps I got to lake a re'.' 

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### 040404040404040404040404040 MASTER and SLAVE

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> CHAPTER XV. THE GLOGRAPHIC TESTAMENT.

EVER had Evariete breathed so dosply and freely, never had his pulse beat so strongly, as after hearing Valsin, an eyewitness, rehearse the heroic fall of his brother. His spirit bounded: he felt his powers expand; he saw the path to the goal cleared. It was an effort to feign grief in the repctition of the story to tearful Mrs. Wy ley, but his acting was superb, and it sufficed to excuse hasty retirement to the privacy of his room and the re-quest that no one should be permitted to disturb him. Tiptoeing steps past the locked door and underneath the curtained windows testified the respect

of the household for his sorrow. With hands unsteaded by the extreme of exultation be opened the small brass ribbed box of ebony in which the sealed envelope had lain since the day he had received it from Horace and promised to defend Estelle from barm. Drawing his chair into the subdued light which filtered through the window curtain, he broke the seal, took out the one sheet of paper and, unfolding it, read:

PARISH OF AVOYBLER, LOCISLANA, May 6, 1861.

I. Horace Oakfell, of "L'Experance" plantation, in the parish and state above written, of lawful age and without forced beire, being of sound health both in mind and body, but knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and especially having in view the perils of war, into which I am about to enter, do make this my last will and testament in the elographic form.

form.

I give and bequeath unto my brother, Evariete
Califell, one-half of all my estate of whatcover
kind and wheresover situated which I may pos-cess at the moment of my death.

I give and bequeath unto Extelle Lettoisis,
gramidaughter of Leonidas Littoisis of the parish

grantiaughter of Leonidae Littolate of the parish and state above written, the remainder of my optate of whatsource hind and wheresource situated which I may possess at the moment of my death. I appoint my said brother, Everiste Onkfell, sele executor of this testament and dispense him from giving bond, and I direct him to make partition of my entate by lieftetien within one year after probate and deliver to said fistelle Laticlais her share in gold money or its equivalent in interest bearing securities to be approved by the parish budge.

enced from this perusal that his head fell forward, and for a moment his state was one of semico But rage, bitter, unspeakable rage, sen the blood surging hot from his heart. The veins of his neck and temples gorged; his face grew livid. Had be been of full physical habit he would have died in the tempest of wrath which burst within him. An hour be sat motionless except for the twitchings of his countenance, like those of geon's knife. But one thought was de-fined in his dazed, congested mind, and that took the form of an infinite, malig-nant curse upon the brother who thwarted him even from his undiscoverable grave. Exhausted, weak as a erable grave. Exhausted, weak as a child coming out of a cataleptic spasm, he tottered acress the room and fell panting upon his bed. The calmass of collapse came upon him, bringing a gradual return of connected thought. In his view Horace's malevolence to him was manifest. The purpose of the bequest of half the estate to Estelle was so to burden the conscience of the sentimental girl with a weight of grat itude to his memory that the bestown of her hand to another would to her seem the basset of crimes. He had sought to make her life one of virgin

widowhood or religious seclusion. The plain animus was to beffic the suit which be anticipated that Evariete would press. The latter would not ad mit that his passion was unknown to Horace. How was this stroke to be parried? Now, if ever, was the crisis out of which his boasted cunning, the gift of his Latin successors, should bear him victorious. What was this weapon used against his life's life? What was the character of an olographic will? What was his status without the will, no living person but himself having seen it?

He dared not consult a lawyer. No

one of the craft known to him possessed the degree of secretiveness to in-vite his trust. Bising and borrowing strength from a decanter of brandy, he took down the civil code of Louis and, turning over the leaves, every one of which hore the pen notes and thumb marks of his brother, rested his eyes

Article 1283. The elegraphic testament is that which is written by the testator himself. In sedar to its valid it arent be entirely written, detending single law to the continue it. In antique to so other form and may be unde anywhere, even out

of the state.

Article 1946. The olographic instances shall be opposed if it be ended, and it must be acknowledged and proved by the declaration of two credities persons, who must estant that they recognize the tentances as being entirely written, deted and signed in the tentance's handwriting, as hering often men him write and sign during his libetime.

rists muttered, "and from all the forms of testament allowed by the law he has deliberately selected this one for my discomfiture. Shall I suffer it to wrack my bopes? Shall I not erangle it before it sees the light? What would be the effect of that? Let me look fur-

Delving again into the code, be found that he, though only half brother, would have inherited the whole estate

"Oh, Horney, you stayd American dolt," he sollloquined glostingly, "to leavy in my hands this cursed instrument of your ill will and expert me to turn it upon myself—to rounnit suicide with it! You never understood use. Ton never tried to understand me. It Too sever tried to understand me. It is too drail. Between me and success stands only this flimsy barrier, erected by a stelld mind, and away it vanishes is smooth?"

He priced the will and struck a majek when he was startled by a sharp knock as his door.

Throwing away the match and thrusting the unit into his packet, he decianded:

"Who is there?"

"It is i," birs. Wyley answered. "A letter has been brought by a messen ger, who says an immediate answer required."

He opened the door and received the

Come to Dede's at once. Matters of imp

"Tell the messenger, please, that will come," he said to Mrs. Wyley, and then to bimself: "Perhaps this is fortunate. It may be well for me to breathe fresh air and get back to the normal, possibly to consult Quillebert, before taking steps which could never be retraced. He is an expert on all matters of this complexion."

He was soon at the cabaret and seated in the rear room with Quillebert. "I have news for you," said the lat

"The Latiolais girl wants to bed nun.

"She will forego that wish when make her realise the consequences to ber grandfather."

"You are still resolved on that?" "More inflexibly than ever." "Then I have other news." "Tell it." "Your brother left a will."

Evariste paled and exclaimed: "Who says so?" "Valsin Mouillot." "How does he know?"

"Your brother told him he had left als will with you." A cold moisture bathed Evariste's brow.

"Moreover, he made the same state ment to the priest Grbe the day before he went away. But neither of them knows its dispositions," continued Quillebert. "The people will expect you to produce it soon."
"My God!" said Evariste, realising

"Your summons came in the nick of time to save me from ruin." "How so?" asked Quillebert. "I was on the point of burning th

the futility of denying the existence of

testament." "Why?" "Because it divides the estate evenly

"Hone!" grunted Quillebert. "Maybe that is an intimation of his wish that she should marry with you." "No. It was intended to make her his widow and fortify her against the

his widow and fortify her against the duress I meant to apply through old Leonidas. She will never consent to Leonidas. She will never consent to become my wife if that will goes into "You are right," Quillebert said after

a moment's thought. "Where is the "I have it here," replied Evariete.
"Let me see it," Quillebert demand

The testament was exhibited. Quille



For an hour he labored thus. proof that his genius was actively working. Looking up without raising

(Continued on page four.) Saved His Life.

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