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HIRCUS, THE DANCING BILLY GOAT

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sival of two barrels of Irish turf from and make a bow the same as if he was | method of instructing the unlettered his native town. A bushel of this peat before an awjence." lay glowing in the fireplace. While the "Hark to that now," said Dougherty snow was softly piling itself upon the to Judy Callahan in a whisper. "A window casings and the wind was taking goat making a bow!"
ing liberties with the shutters Judy "As I said before," Doolan went on, Callahan siyly pinned upon the lapel "when the goat had learned to bow at of Dick Walsh, the letter carrier, a a wink we made his bally suit. The aprig of Irish ivy. By inquiry from thing that cost the most was the skirt. rheumatic Flaherty, who sat in the made of red silk and shaped like a ingle nook nourishing his shins, Dick parasol. It looked like a hollyhock learned that the symbolic meaning of turned upside down. Then we put a Irish ivy is "I cling to thee." Judy's little green cap wid a red tassel on the shrick a moment later indicated that



Dick had taken advantage of the information. Just then Jack Doolan, the routhful heir to the Doolan estate, put his head inside the door.

"Father, can I bring in the nanny? The snow is fallin' on her through the roof, and she's tremblin' wid the cowld."

"Of course, my son," said Mr. Doo-lan heartily. "Bring her in. We don't want our milk watered."

"That's a foine baste you have there," said Flaherty. "How much milk does she give?" "Two quarts a day, but she used to be three quarts a day before her husband died. She's pinin' away since that

time, poor gur'rl. I think 'tis the love-sickness she has," said Mr. Doolan. "Dear, dear, look a' that, now!" said Mrs. Reagan sympathetically. "I always said that nanny goats was sintamintle. And how long is the billy goat

dead, Mr. Doolan?" "Tia five years the 24th day o' this month," replied Doolan. "Sorra day twas whin we lost Hircus. A more gaynial nor a more willin' goat you

would not find in all Har-riem. Sure his death was a tragedy and a calam-"How was that?" quavered old man

Dougherty, the stonemason.
"Well." resumed Doolan, "'twas tragedy the way he was translated and a calamity whin his death took away the only chance I ever had o' makin' a

"Tis quare about goats," continued Doolan. "They are born wid a certain amount of eddicashun. Show me the goat that wouldn't know a cabbage or ag'in. After that the goat seemed to a turnly whin he sees it. Of course a get lighter and lighter upon his feet goat knows nothin' about machinery. There was a goat that used to stop the borses drawin' a street car, but whin they put a trolley car on the track you floor, and the crowd gaspin' wid asbe eddicated wid sugar and a strap to gettin' bigger and bigger till be was do tricks. Now, I suppose none o' ye would believe me if I told ye that I taught Hireus to dance as fine a jig whirlin' like a pinwheel, for ten feet, or hornpipe as ever you saw in a thea-

A chorus of disbelief arose. "Yes," said Doolan, "and no Frinch lady could do a finer pass sool on her toes, as they say in the heathen language. You must remember that I was very poor, and I'd be layin' awake nights thinkin' o' some plan by way o' makin' a fortune, and whim my wife makin' a fortune, and whim my wife ought the two kids to start the dairy he idee came to me like a flash-I could ddicate the goat to dance. Whin I got that idee in me head I could think of nothin' eise. Cassidy, how much money do you think a dancin' gost could

earn on a theater stage?"
"Well," replied Cassidy, "I should think that \$300 a week would be none too little for so dignacious a curiosity." "There," resumed Doolan. "D'ye hear what Cassidy says? Three hundred dollars a week for half an hour's work a day! Faith, I felt the money in me and! But 'twas weary work teachin' the goat. An old animal trainer told me that cruelty and kindness mixed would do the job. Whin the goat minded me I tickled his ribs and gave him carrets, but whin he got stubborn I lathered him with a strap. Mrs. O'Brien, you remember the time we

"Toom on his hind legs?"

"Deed I do, Doolan!" said Mrs.

O'Brien, with a reminiscent sigh.

"Ye'll excuse me, ladles and gentien," said Flaherty, rising and putting

men," said Fisherty, rising and putting on his hat, "but I must leave ye. A dancin' goat is too much for my voracity. I couldn't swallow it."

When the door had closed Doolan went on: "Every night after supper the table was shoved back agin the wall and the lesson began, And, would you believe it, it takes three months to teach the goat to stand on his hind legs for five minutes! After that "twee easier. There was a little gur-ri named Ellen next door that took a great interest in the eddication of the goat, She was about the size of the goat whin the shool is and "byes ourse by to see

ifireus wanzin' around the kitchen to the music of my fiddle. With the goat's hend on her shoulder and her arms around his neck they would whirl slowly around in the dawdlin' circles of the mazy, as the poet says"-

"How perfectly lovely!" exclaimed Judy Callahan.

"After the lesson was over each night I used to give the goat all kinds of tasty things, like potato peelin's. cabbage stumps and such like, as a reward, and 'twas the habit o' keepin' was Christmas eve, and Patrick loss of my fortune. Twas three months Doolan, the foreman of the gas o' strap and carrots before the goat works, had summoned a goodly could do a dacint heel and toe, work as company of his friends to cele- hard as I might, and two weary the holiday season and the ar- months before he would nod his head

goat's head and a pair o' white slippers on his feet. And whin we showed him his picture in the glass be grinned like a woman puttin' on her Sunday bonnet. The tears fill me eyes whin 1 think that only for that joker Reagan I might be ridin' in me own divvil wagon wid rubber wheels.

"The first public appearance of the goat as a bally dancer took place in a barn in the Bronx. We fixed up a stage wid planks and boxes, and 25 cents was charged at the door. The news got around, and long before the time to begin the show the barn was crowded to the doors. Half the roof was gone off the barn, but that burt nothin', for the night was clear. I was so afraid that the goat wouldn't do his work that I gave him nothin' to eat for twelve hours before he came on the stage, and the poor beast was fair famished. Whin I walked out on the stage hand in hand wid the goat, I thought the awjence would go crazy. They yelled wid sheer delight whin the goat made his bow, and every man in the barn was on his feet, and a hundred o' them had cabbage leaves and carrots in their pockets to give to the goat, like the ladies have boknys to give to the play actors. As the goat whirled around doin' a waltz he would stop TWAS THREE MONTHS O' STRAP AND HOW and then to pick a bit o' cabbage or turnip that some one threw on the stage. But 'twas what that rogue Rea-



"HE WHIRLED AROUND WIDOUT TOUCHIN

gan threw that the goat liked the best. They looked like little pieces o' bread covered wid sugar. The goat picked up so many o' the little chunks that the crowd yelled to put Reagan out bekase he was stoppin' the show, and I had hard work to get the goat dancin' until he hardly touched the stage. There were times when he whirled around in the air widout touchin' the uldn't find that much o' the goat as tonishment at this wonderful beast. ould grease a griddle. But a goat can And while he whirled he seemed to be as round as a balloon the boys play wid. He would go up in the air, and thin light on the stage soft as a thistledown, and fly up ag'in till he spun up farther and farther, lookin' like a red umbrella on a big punkin, and he was gone through the hole in the roof, thranslated intirely."

"And where did ne go?" said the awe struck Mrs. Cassidy in a whisper, "Some o' the little boys sittin' on the fence outside said he wint up in the direction of O'Rion, and others said

'twas toward Arcturus and Niptune be wint. "And what was it that Reagan gave the goat?" said the materialistic Walsh,

anxious for an explanation of the seem ing miracle. "Twns yeast cakes that the rogue had covered wid sugar, and the goat

ate fifteen o' them." In Mad Chase,

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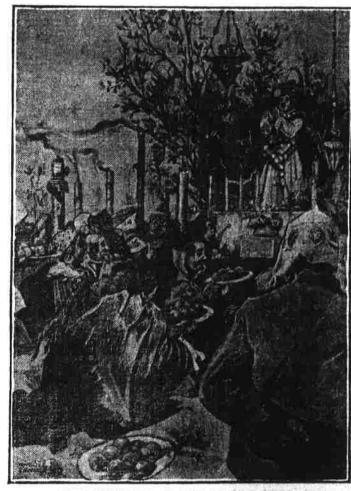
WALTON WILLIAMS

N mediaeval times, when learning was rare and confined mostly to the regular elergy living in momastle communities, it became the fashion to illustrate the gospel narratives by means of more or less realis-

upon it, and finally they prohibited all forms of Biblical representation in the churches.

In time most of the Easter mystery pictures disappeared from the churches, but many of the Christmas illustrations had acquired such a firm hold upon the popular heart that they remained and have been brought down to the present day in a somewhat modified form. Such is the "Bambino," which is seen today in all parts of the Christian world and which has come to possess almost a ritualistic signifirance.

Another Christmas mystery which still survives, although its perpetuation is confined to a limited region, is the quaint and decidedly impressive Christmas ceremonial known as "the offerwas borrowed from the old heathen ing." This custom has been repeated mysteries, and the monks and nuns for centuries on Christmas day in the the mediaeval pontiffs that on a cerwho devised the plous scheme made churches of the Italian highlands. It tain occasion he was so grateful for a every effort to impart a reverential un- is illustrative of the visit of the magi



THE OFFERING IN THE VAL DI ROSE.

miracle plays and also of the sacred tableaux vivants which in time were enacted in the rural churches. These living pictures always illustrated some Biblical subject and were probably of great spiritual benefit to those who could not read

It was thus that the great features of the Christian religion were made in-In the thirteenth century, however, the tiny gardens and offer them devoutly custom had become so subject to to the weary little representative of abuse that the clergy began to frown the Lord of the harvest.

derstanding of the subject illustrated. to the infant Jesus at Bethlehem. A This is the origin of the mystery or illttle boy is chosen to represent the Saviour. Dressed in a white robe, wearing a gilded crown and holding a globe in his hands, he stands upon an altar surrounded by olive branches and a multitude of lighted candles. Votive lamps hang above him, and abundant offerings of fruit and flowers are at his feet. A crowd of peasants, both men and women, clad in festival attire and celligible to the public. The practice | wearing the picturesque head coverbegan early in the tenth century and ings of the Tuscan mountaineers, bring grew in favor for at least 200 years. oranges and pomegranates from their



HREE times she passed beneath the mistletoe, With face so arch and eye of And I, distraught, what could I do? Rank coward-I turned round and let her go. O mistletoe!

From every nook and corner blazed the light; Eyes gleamed like stars in matchless ray. Yet ne'er an eye of black or gray Shone full and soft as hers that old year night. O wondrous light!

Each one waxed bold as forth she came again, And o'er her solden hair the Of witchery hung. My hour came now.
I caught and kissed her like a man O happy swain!

She neither scresmed nor smiled nor chid me then, But brushed her cheek like thistledown. And then a tiny, childish frown and then a tiny, childish frown cried she. "Oh, Ben. Slowest of men!"

No ear but mine heard that imperious blame. The crowd had passed. We twain stood there In perfect bliss, without a care, And o'er and o'er I breathed her perfumed name-O Rose aflame!

The joy bells rang. The old year crept away. Lusty and young the new year Aglow with promise, life and Ah, never was such night or holl-For all they say!



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ROYAL FOLK WHO PLAY SANTA CLAUS

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him to name some suitable reward.
"Come, my child," he suggested in-sinuatingly. "Tell me what I can do to please you. Don't be afraid to put my liberality to a test. It's the blessed Christmas season, you know ' His youthful highness sighed deep-

ly, but did not seem able to find the words to frame his request.
"Courage, my friend," persisted his "I am in the mood for giv-

ing. Ask confidently, and I should advise you to ask something more substantial than my blessing." The young Borgia realized that the opportunity was golden. At that time the temporal power of the Roman

pontiff was so great that kingdoms were at his disposal. The prince knew all that, but it did not tempt him. "Your holiness," he faitered, pros trating himself, "I beg you to give me a lock of your hair." At this unexpected request the pope

seemed incredible that a Borgia could be satisfied with such a sentimental trait of the German kaiser. It may requital, and yet the young fellow seemed to be in earnest. "Why do you select such a worthless and thoughtful Christmas benefactress. thing?" his holiness demanded.

expostulated. "Think of its value as a relic after your holiness is canonized!" The pontiff smiled grimly. Then he children of royal lineage in the German put his right hand upon his head and sighed long and rather mournfully. He had some hair remaining, but scarcely enough to serve as a relic.

"As you will," he groaned, "but I had rather you had asked me for the kingdom of the Two Sicilies."

Some of the Christmas presents exchanged by latter day royalty are almost absurd in their practicality. For many years the gentle and well beloved I'ms IX, was in the habit of exchanging Christmas gifts with the equally amiable Victoria of England. The pope invariably sent a package of specially prepared and exquisitely scented snuff, with an autograph letter extolling its virtues as a remedy for catarrh and kindred disorders. This standing gift was sometimes accompanied by a few jars of wine made from fruit taken from a particular vine



TELL ME WHAT I CAN DO TO PLEASE

In the Vatican garden. It is not impossible that her majesty may have made a personal trial of the pope's remedy, but it is certain that she did not acquire the habit. That she appreciated the attention was made evident from the fact that sundry jars of a marmalade devised in the royal kitchen at Windsor found their way at Christmas time to the Vatican.

Some of this delectable confection made a boliday appearance in other European courts. The queen's German grandchildren were fond of it, and their royal grandmother saw to it that a goodly supply of the delicacy and its attendant supplement of a par-ticular seed cake of her majesty's own composition reached Potsdam in time for the Christmas dinner. One of the queen's grandsons by marriage, the czar, used to send her the most beautiful malachite and jace vases ever seen in England, and in return he received invariably a six dozen case of very old and mellow Scotch whisky from a particular highland distillery long patronized by the British royal family. There is no record to prove that Nicholas found the Scottish erage more satisfying than his native vodka, but it is a fact that he kept on sending the precious vases as long as his thoughtful grandmother lived.

The kaiser's established Christmas remembrance to the elders of the English court is a case of Johannishers. which is almost as unattainable as the elixir of life. For the youngsters "Uncle William" sends tons of the in-

genious mechanical toys "made in Gergenions mechanical toys "made in Ger-many." The president of the French republic, not to be outdone in Christ-mas civility, gives presents of costly Sevres and Limoges wares to the reign-ing queens of Europe. In return he is often decorated with the ribbon of some coveted order. The president of the Swiss confederation is more prac-tical in his holiday generosity. Last Christmas he sent to Queen Alexandrs

a choice selection of cheeses.

As a systematic dispenser of Christmas cheer it is probable that the German emperor hands the list of royal
givers. With his containing orderil-

ness and attention to detail he begins to plan his beneficent campaign long before the dawn of the holiday season. On a slip of paper which he keeps concented in a private cabinet he notes down in his neat uncial script as they occur to him the names of the various persons whom he intends to remember and the amount he expects to expend on each of them.

One of his standard gifts is his own royal portrait. Last Christmas he varied the usual custom by presenting his prospective daughter-in-law, the Duchss Cecilia, with a marble bust of himself. There is absolutely no excuse whatever for any collection in the



THE KAISER SENT A BUST OF HIMSELF. was both startled and touched. It world, public or private, which has neglected to provide itself with a porbe had for the asking, and a hint is sufficient. The kaiserin is a liberal She makes it a point to give some "Ob, do not refuse me!" the prince thing of value to every child of royal lineage in Christendom, and that means much labor and discrimination. The empire alone are quite numerous

> rable way. The present sulfau of Turkey, with all his traditional batred of the glaour, has fallen late the habit of sending Christmas gifts to some of the Christian courts. These remembrances consist for the most part of hirs of preserved rose leaves and Levantine sweet ments prepared by his own confectioner. The nged emperor of Austria sends a liberal gift of priceless Tokay to his fellow sovereigns. The domestic old queen of Denmark, the "mother-in-law of Europe," who is an inveterate knit-ter of woolen stockings, dispenses her yearly accumulation at Christmastide. The genial king of the Belgians sends nothing but checks, and it is whispered that his bank account is considerably reduced at the holiday season. Wilhelming of the Netherlands, who is as prudent as she is thrifty, gives decorations and confers orders. This was also the economical Christmas practice adopted by Queen Victoria. The king of Spain sends presents only to his relatives, and the royal family of Portugal, rich as it is, is not much addicted to the gift habit. The queen sends a

enough to absorb a fortune, and it is

reputed that the generous royal lady

spends \$50,000 every year in this admi-

Fourth of July Christmanes. In other days the Catholic and Episcopal churches celebrated Christmas much as Americans now observe the glorious Fourth. Roman candles, skyrockets, firecrackers and a general rejoicing and noisy hilarity marked the day sacred to the birth of marked the day sacred to the birth of the Prince of Peace. The idea was that the occasion was a joyful one and men should vociferously aftest their happiness. Echoes of these old celebrations are still heard in portions of the south which were settled by the cavallers. Under the reformation, however, and especially under Puritanism, this form of observing Christ-mas was done away with. In the ear-ly days of New England Christmas ly days of New England Christmas was scarcely observed at all, and it is only in comparatively recent years that the present custom of giving and feasting was revived in sections where the Puritan had held sway.

generous check to the Vatican and the

king distributes a few decorations.

Tragle Christmas Days. Christmas, which is usually regarded as the happiest day of all the year, has frequently witnessed tragic events. Diocletian began one of his persecu-tions of the Christmas in 203 when on Christm - day he burned a church full of the followers of the Nazarene. William the Conqueror is said to have slaughtered 100,000 men, women and

In 1170 Thomas a Becket preached a Christmas day sermon that chused his death four days later. John Wyclif, the great reformer, died on Christmas day, 1384.

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