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SUFFERED A THOUSAND DEATHS

The Physicians had done their best to cure James Wilson, of Dillon, S. C., who had one of the most terrible cases of RHEUMATISM on record. They all failed until one doctor prescribed—

Rheumacide

IT CURED HELPLESS CRIPPLE

Mr. Wilson writes in the course of a long letter, dated August 16, 1902: "My legs were drawn back until my feet touched my hips. I was an helpless as a baby for nearly 12 months. The muscles of my arms and legs were hard and contracted up. I suffered death many times over. Was treated by all different physicians in McCall, Dillon and Mt. Airy, but none of them could do me any good, until Dr. J. P. Felt, of Dillon, told me to use your RHEUMACIDE. I began to take it, and before the first bottle was used up I began to get better. I used 14 bottles and was completely cured."

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A LONG CHRISTMASIDE.

HOLIDAYS THAT EXTEND INTO THE NEW YEAR

While in this country, as in England, Germany and other parts of Europe, the joyous spirit of the Christmas festival is by no means limited to Dec 25, but finds expression in many ways in the life and amusement of the people both before and after that day. In fact, comparatively little attention is paid here to the observance of the numerous designated holidays which in other lands go to make up Christmaside. The period opens with St. Thomas' day, which falls on Dec 21, and closes with St. Dismas' day, on Jan. 7. The first named festival is known in some parts of England as "Doling day," on account of the distribution of the bounty of charitable individuals, and in most English cities at the present time the day is given up largely to the anniversaries of charitable societies and the distribution of benefits among the poor and needy. It is also the day chosen for the election of church officers, a custom adopted here in some denominations, and it appears also from the old rhyme that certain public officials were elected at the same time:

My masters all, this is St. Thomas' day,
And Christmas now can't be far off, you'll say,
And when you to the world notes do repair,
I hope such good men will be chosen there—
As constables for the ensuing year
As will not grudge the watchman good strong beer
As for St. Dismas' day, which closed the merry round of Christmaside, that anniversary is now rarely observed anywhere, but in the good old times in England it was not the least among the happy festivals of the year. It takes its name from the fact that on this day it was the custom for women to resume for a few hours their labors at the distaff or the spinning wheel. It was sometimes called "Rock day" in honor of the rock, which is another name for distaff—Leslie's Weekly.

A SONG OF THE TIMES.

De times ain't lak dey use ter be,
But still we livin' on,
Eo still we'll keep a-livin'
'Twe'l de best or times is gone—
'Twe'l we sees de mountain's rockin',
Eo Gabrul blows his h'n,
Eo we agwaw ter de roll call in de mawin'!

De times ain't lak dey use ter be,
But still, along de way,
We gethers up wid all de do's'n
De roses er de May,
Eo de heart is always singin'
Of a happy holiday
Wen we answer ter de roll call in de mawin'!

THE ONLY ONE IN CAPTIVITY.

Museum Patron—Well, what new freak have you for the holidays?
Manager—The rarest thing on earth—the man who doesn't buy more Christmas presents than he can afford.

He.—"It certainly was a pretty wedding, and everything was so nicely arranged."
She.—"That's just what I think; and the music was especially appropriate."
He.—"I don't remember." What did they play?
She.—"The 'Lost Hope.'"—Christina Lippincott's.

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Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, in paper covers, is sent free on receipt of 10 one-cent stamps. Address Dr. E. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

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FOR CHRISTMAS BUYING?

Not a bit of it; now is just the time to make your selections before the prettiest things are gone. Everything is fresh and bright now. Another advantage of buying early is that you avoid the crush and confusion of usual Xmas buying.

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THE OLD TIME CHRISTMAS.

WHO CAN EVER FORGET THE OLD HOME, THE BROAD, BLAZING HEARTH, AND THE OLD-TIME CHRISTMAS OF CHILDHOOD.

I dreamed of my childhood,
Through the long, weary night;
I played with my comrades
Till the coming of light;
I could see the old oaks,
All covered with snow,
As I spent one more Christmas
Of the long, long ago!

I could see all our stockings
As they hang o'er the hearth
Of the old home built by father—
The place of my birth—
While the old clock had plodded
Away up to nine,
Just the same as it used to
In the old, olden time!

I saw my dear father,
Just as plain as could be,
As he knelt at the altar
Still precious to me;
And my dear saintly mother,
We sat by the spring
Where the vines used to cluster,
And sweet memories cling.

TOOK IN THE SITUATION.

J-in, here are your slippers.
Thank you!
And your smoking jacket.
How good you are!
Your pipe and tobacco.
That's kind!
And now, sit down, and let me rub your head—for I know you're tired,—poor fellow!
And then he looked inquiringly at her, and said:
Mollie, let's be perfectly candid with each other: What kind of a Christmas present do you want?

MADE UP FOR IT LATER.

Mamma—I was surprised and shocked by the coldness with which you greeted Miss Boreman when she called.
Rebel—Yes, mamma; but I made up for it later.
Mamma—Did you?
Ethel—Yes, indeed. You should have seen how cordially I bade her good-by—lit-Bits.

No man doth safely rule but he that hath learned wisdom to obey.

If it were true that troubles never come singly the advent of twine would cease to attract attention.

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ON KEEPING CHRISTMAS.

IT IS A FESTIVAL OF THE FAMILY AND WE SHOULD BE GOOD TO SOMEBODY ON THAT DAY.

Christmas has been so long associated in the popular mind with the exchanging of gifts that we have lost somewhat the real meaning of these gifts, which are, indeed, only intended as symbols of love and good will. Only to children do we give with that freedom and spontaneity which makes the gift so precious to the giver than to the recipient. To get as much as possible of this real old Christmas spirit toward one's fellows should be the engaging business of every one. We must be good to somebody on Christmas day, and after buying toys for the children so one thing occurs to us that is no easy to accomplish and so full of results as taking a little thought for the lonely Christmas is a festival of the family. But how many among our acquaintances are there who have no families; how many excellent old bachelors and lonely old ladies! We do not mean the poor—there are plenty of philanthropists to look after them, and they are usually well blessed with families; but a man may be as rich as Croesus, and yet if he have no place to eat but a hotel he is poorer at Christmas than an Irishman with six children and only money enough for one meal. He belongs to a class which may well be an object of your solicitude. Perhaps they could buy you one thing over, but you have a home and they have not. Be good to them—ask the lonely man to dinner. It is not for the dinner's sake, but the spirit in which you make them guests at your house, that these lonely people will bless you. And when they have told a story at your board, and dandled the children (if by good luck you have any), and sat about the fire in the evening, how much cheered and bettered they will go away; how it will warm their hearts to feel that somebody cared enough for them to ask them to be members of a family even for a day. That is all Christmas is for—to show other people that we love them, and to learn and be cheered by the thought that there are people who care about us. The unattached people scrape along after a fashion during the year, but at the holiday season they are in a odd world, and then, if ever, do they crave the thing which never comes truly into their lives, and you, if you have a home—only a little one—share it on Christmas day with some friends who have none—December Woman's Home Companion.

BE QUICK.

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A CHRISTMAS SPEECH.

The church was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens and the air was laden with their odor. As the service was about to begin little Kitty pulled her mother's sleeve and said in an awe-stricken tone "Oh, don't it smell solemn!"

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS.

FROM THE ANGEL SINGING TO ST. LUKE, CHAPTER II, VERSES 7-20.

And she brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you, ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men."

And it came to pass as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another: "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.

And when they had seen it they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen as it was told unto them.

FIRST CHRISTMAS GIFT.

"If you had the wealth of the world you could not give the first Christmas gift," writes Ruth Aspinwall. "And you can only initiate by investing your gift a pure one, and giving it with love. You want to share with the needy, your hope, and your charity with those you love. You want to make your very good morning tell of that good morning that comes many hundred years ago, when the little Child first awakened on this earth. You want to think of the gifts that were brought to Him and what they typified. You want to have your heart full of joy and love and hope—so full that it will brim over and the rest of the world share it with you. You want to tell in your speech and in your eyes, and from your heart, of the gladness of the time. You want to make this gladness go out to some one who is in grief. These are the days when you must needs give of your good things, and among all your possessions there is nothing so good as a belief in God and a hope for the future. That was what the little Child came to tell about. Surely the Christmas-tide is the feast of all others that appeals to women; and as the story is told again and again by the bells as they ring, by the carols as they are sung, by the preacher from the pulpit, we know that 'Unto us a Child is born, and peace and good-will reign all over the land. Let peace and good will be in your heart, and from you they will go and spread all over the land. It is to the women, thank God, that the happiness of the Christmas-tide specially comes. And women are generous; else one of them never would have given her Son to die that all might live.—She gave to all the world her only Son—the gift that meant eternal life."

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ISN'T KICKING?

Florence—What do you think? Horace never once kissed me under the mistletoe!
Dolly—Wasn't that a shame?
Florence—Hardly. You see, he kissed me beneath my nose.

It is unfortunate, but almost any old platitudinal is pretty sure to strike a responsive chord.

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THOMAS N. HILL.

July 7th, 1903.