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TIMOTHY HAY ON EARLY SHOPPING

By JOHN STOCKBRIDGE.

"YOU can say for me," stated Timothy Hay, when seen this morning by a reporter, "that this do-your-Christmas-shopping-early stunt is all off with me now and forever, one and indivisible, world without end, amen.

"I started to do my Christmas shopping early," continued Timothy, giving his flustered a disciplinary kick as it growled at a passing terror, "but it was right on the start that I overtook, discovered and otherwise apprehended the Senegambian in the woodpile.

"Christmas shopping, you are at liberty to quote me as saying in your valuable medium, is bunk if you add an 'early' to it.

"It was about Thanksgiving time, if I recollect rightly, that we were first admonished to do our Christmas shopping early. It struck me as the proper thing to do. I decided I'd do it.

"Naturally, the thought first came to me what to give myself for Christmas. I always hand myself some slight token of my esteem at the happy yuletide. It compensates for what other folks hand me. A little gift doesn't

Here's a Real Santa Claus



Nature has a law of compensation by which she gives to each one of us some particular talents or aptitudes. John Doe, who was born 57 years ago, was favored by nature with an extra robust face and a luxuriant growth of hair, so much so that, about Christmas time of each year, his services as a model for Santa Claus posters, or as a pseudo Santa Claus, in the department stores, are very much at a premium. He need not look for a job, the jobs are looking for him.

OLDEST CHRISTMAS CUSTOM

Decorating Houses, Churches and Streets With Evergreen Popular Since Dawn of History.

PERHAPS the very oldest of all Christmas customs is that of decorating our houses, churches and streets with evergreens. At the very dawn of history began the worship of the trees, or forest worship, and the graves were man's first temples.

All our instincts, our passions about nature, are forest instincts for forest worship was universal.

In later times to each god some tree was dedicated: Apollo had the laurel, Jupiter the oak, and Greece for man had its sacred groves.

The forest worshippers could not worship without giving, because worship is to give, and these laurel and garlands were the oldest gifts of man. Before he had learned to shape offerings of his own make, he could bring to the sacred trees and hang up on them the first flowers and groves of spring and the perfect fruits of autumn.

These gifts, remember, were never, as with us, decorations; they were sacrifices.

The Romans, with a fine eye for beauty, used to garland their temples and homes and gathering places and even the big Coliseum with wreaths of green and ropes of flowers. This particular custom was received by the Christians with a special sort of approval, recalling as it did the fact that our Lord entered Jerusalem amid the green branches of the multitude. We must not forget the welcome and lovely mistletoe and holly. Indeed, Christmas without them would not, with us, seem quite complete.

Mistletoe was for ages regarded as sacred by the old British pagans—the Druids—and was surrounded with great mystery and sentiment, little understood by us.

It was supposed to possess healing powers and that it could ward off evil spirits. The reverence paid to this little parasite seems to have been restricted to it, only when it was found growing on the sacred oak trees in the Druids' groves.

Once every year the Druid high priest cut it with a golden sickle, blessed it and distributed the sprays among the people, praying aloud that such one who received it might receive divine blessings, of which it was the symbol. Having received the sprays, the people hung them above the doors to propitiate the gods during the year.

The only remaining significance attached today to the mistletoe is the idea that if a maiden is not kissed under it on Christmas day she will go unloved throughout the year. This idea goes far back into the past that one cannot trace it.

It is because the mistletoe is rare and not easy to get that we found and brought forward the holly, which, though lovely, is used only as a substitute for the mistletoe.—New York World.

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Thursday, Dec. 21.

For the Christmas and New Year Holiday Excursion to Cuba, the Atlantic Coast Line will sell excursion tickets from Weldon to Havana, including meals and berths on steamships, at the fare and on the date named above, limited returning until January 7, 1917.

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"I Decided on a Haircut for My Christmas Gift to Myself."

have to cost very much to make a hit with me if I give it to myself with the proper spirit.

"It's the giving, rather than the receiving, of this gift that brings me the more pleasure, anyway.

"Well, gasoline has been going up pretty steadily lately—you notice I do not talk in dialect in spite of my rural name and predilections; if I talked in dialect I would say gas was going up purty stiddy—and, due to the increased cost of living expenses, I decided that it behooved me to economize.

"So I decided on a haircut for my Christmas gift to myself, and I decided to get it early on account of the poor, tired shopgirls who are wishing the store would close so they can crowd in a few more dances with the dashing young ribbon clerks three aisles over.

"Whereupon I got a haircut, a good, short one.

"The rest of the story is soon told. I got it cut again last night, and I had to wait for six customers ahead of me who were telling the barbers to shave 'em extra close so it would last over to Monday.

"That much for early Christmas shopping. I bought the junk for the folks after they'd locked the street doors last night and have just been making the rounds of the drug stores to pick up the odds and ends I've forgotten. No more Christmas shopping in suits, Gladys, Dobbin."

And with a peremptory cluck to his steed, Timothy Hay motored away in high dudgeon—Denver Times.

Is it Santa Claus?

By Nancy M. Hayes

At a quarter to twelve on Christmas eve Teddiums woke with a start.

"There was somebody tagging him by the sleeve.

And he turned with a thumping heart.

"Now, don't make a sound!" a soft brother Jim.

"As sure as ever I'm here—it's him!"

"It's true!" whispered Teddiums.

"Santa Claus! Oh, isn't this simply great!"

"Can't you light up a match, Jimmy—just to see if he's too late?"

"I'm longing to know just what he's like. And if he's brought me a motor bike!"

"Well, I'm puzzled," said Jim. "If I see him, he'll leave the ball and the picture-book.

But jolly well pass us by."

And while they wondered if they should peek, Somehow, the bears fell off to sleep!

But the curious noise went on all night—Scamparing, rish and run—Till the darkness flew and the day dawned bright.

And the rats had had their fun.

And the raccoons chuckled, "Well, what a fuss!"

If they'd only known that it was us!"

—Little Folks.



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

All Happiness be yours to-day.
May Yuletide peace attend you.
May friendly fortune on you smile,
And many blessings send you.

Stop That Cough
A hacking cough weakens the whole system, drains your energy and gets worse if neglected, your throat is raw, your chest aches and you feel sore all over. Believe that cold at once with Dr. King's New Discovery. The soothing pine balsam heal the irritated membranes, and the antiseptic and laxative qualities kill the germs and break up your cold. Don't let a cold linger, get Dr. King's New Discovery today at your Druggist, 50c.

Christmas Message.

"Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

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

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

This is a day for magnifying the blessings of peace, not selfishly, but with the rejoicing that should attend the reminder that we have a cure for the troubles of the world and a part in the spreading of the remedy. Let the songs of joy be carried into every corner of gloom. If peace is to achieve victory, its spirit of goodness must be irrefragable. No less today than two thousand years ago is it the mission of peace to show by example that in good will alone lies the happiness of the people.

SERVICE MORE THAN GIVING

Deepest Spirit of Christmas Does Not Confine Itself to One Day, but Is Manifest Entire Year.

The deepest spirit of the Christmas outpouring that flows over the Christian world is the impulse for human service that runs through the whole year.

It is easy to give recklessly out of one's abundance, or even to share carefully one's pittance. The distribution of Christmas dinners through hundreds of self-depriving families means a day's happiness for the giver and receiver. But it is greater happiness to both to follow through the year with aid to self-dependence, encouragement to hope, and support in striving for better living.

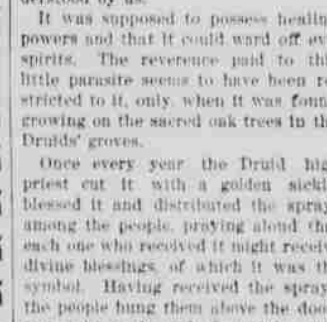
This is the giving of self, and they who know how to give of themselves wisely are the highest givers. The best feature of Christmas is its material expression of a whole year of human service that runs like a thread through human lives.

Only these holiday glimpses reveal to the careless how many are dedicated to a share in this unobtrusive service to the humbly striving and to the uncomplaining needy: how many families are under constant stimulus to the best sort of self-help; how many children are being quietly led to a higher level of living and striving for themselves between Christmas and Christmas.

Neglected Colds Grow Worse.

A cold that racks and irritates the throat may lead to a serious chronic cough, if neglected. The healing pine balsam in Dr. King's Pine Tar Honey-Nature's own remedy—will soothe and relieve the irritation, breathing will be easier, and the antiseptic properties will kill the germs which retarded healing. Have it handy for croup, sore throat and chronic bronchial affections. Get a bottle today. Pleasant to take. At all druggists, 25c.

JUST THE THING.



Wife—I wish I had a flying machine; then perhaps I could get through with my Christmas shopping.

Hubby—Yes. Having my judgment on the way the hills are coming in, what you need is a suspender.

Her Habit.

"Isn't it too bad?" asks the lady with the Russin boots. "Mrs. Gosso has sued her husband for divorce and is going to marry that musician as soon as it is granted. And she and Mr. Gosso were married last Christmas day."

"I expected it," said the lady with the new hair. "Lucy Gosso never got a present that she didn't try to exchange."—Life.

Christmas Literature.

The kiddies write to Santa Claus. They forward mail in peeks. But father hasn't time, because He's busy writing 'em!

Cough Medicine for Children.

Mrs. Hugh Cook, Scottsville, N. Y., says: "About five years ago when we were living in Garbutt, N. Y., I doctored 2 my of children suffering from colds with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it just as represented in every way. It promptly checked their coughing and cured their colds quicker than anything I ever used."

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