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SELECTIONS.

CHRISTMAS STORY.

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THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS AS A HOLIDAY

—THE MANNER OF ITS CELEBRATION IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

The 25th of December is the day on which the sun is near the most southern point in its apparent annual journey, and for so long as we have historical records, it has been celebrated by ceremonies and rejoicings.

CHRISTMAS.

The following is an extract from Washington Irving's essay on "Christmas," which we publish because it so beautifully expresses the sentiments that so many feel at this season.

SENTIMENTS.

Virtue deserves respect even in beggars' clothes.

A restless mind gathers nothing but dirt and mire.

To gain a good reputation, be what you desire to appear.

God first—self last—all the rest will come in the right order.

He who expects a friend without fault will never find one.

Waste no vain words on the past; spare them for the future.

If you are not right toward God, you can never be toward man.

Take heed of being infected with the breath of a profane heart.

Division among families is an unpleasant sort of arithmetic.

It is uncertain at what place death awaits thee, wait thou for it at every place.

Mortality without religion is only a kind of dead reckoning—an endeavor to navigate a cloudy sea by measuring the distance we have to run, but without observation of the heavenly bodies.

A witty lady being asked her opinion of monstaches, replied: "I have always set my face against them."

A young man, who went to Colorado to grow up with a gold mine, writes to his parents in the East that he will leave for home as soon as he can borrow a pair of pants. He still has his vest and necktie.

FASHION NOTES.—Fur collars are little worn by ladies this season, and this will give rise to many severe coughs and colics. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is a certain and safe cure in every case. Price 25 cents.

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