

Do You Want Money For Christmas?

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Christmastide

THE blasts of winter are sore and cold, The snow lies deep over hill and wold, But a star shines bright through the deepening gloom—
Room for the Christ Child, room!
Where man's distrust and his greed for gain Have frozen the floods of tender rain Till never a flower of hope can bloom—
Room for the Christ Child, room!
In homes that deepest griefs have borne, Mid silent forms of those that mourn, In the shadows that gather around the tomb—
Room for the Christ Child, room!
Where nations are warring, life for life.

And a cry rings out from the fearful strife As a dying people sinks to its doom—
Room for the Christ Child, room!
Room for the shepherds of Bethlehem, Room for the angels who sang to them, Room for the light in the wintry gloom—
Room for the Christ Child, room!
—Willis Boyd Allen in Harper's Magazine.

When Sending the Gift
The time has come when we are now adays on the verge of a decorative drab. The art of sending a Christmas gift is a science. Store wrapping is a thing of the past. There are fashions for the inside and out.

The ordinary gift has increased in its Christmas card--if the visiting card is used the title is struck out--with appropriate decoration. Among the new designs is one with a miniature tree at one corner and a standing figure padding at the other, connected by a Merry Christmas scroll. For the children is a holly-bordered card with Santa Claus filling the stocking before the open grate. In good taste is a green holly wreath tied with a red bow, and for the best gift is a mistletoe card.

"Lord of Misrule"
There is a delightfully laughable Christmas game called "the lord of misrule." Here some one, usually one of the larger boys or girls of the group, is given a spray of holly. Whoever the person holding the holly does other players must imitate exactly. No antics in which the holly holder indulges must stump his followers. They follow him as he crawls under furniture, jumps over stools and benches or wall-

climbs the trees. They even imitate his grimaces. When the invention of one holly leader has given out some other member of the company will volunteer for the position. Any one who would like to lead the company a merry dance around the room should be allowed to have a turn at it.

On the Day After Christmas

OUR word Santa Claus is a corruption of the Dutch *Sank Nicolaas*, and the story of the original saint from whom the name and the custom came is told in the *Encyclopedia Britannica* as follows: "St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, in Lycia, a saint honored by the Greeks and the Latins on Dec. 6. His cult is celebrated as his feast day is of course. All the accounts that have come down to us are of a pious, cheerful character, and it is impossible to find any single incident con-

tributed to his life. The main facts of his life are usually given as follows: He was bishop of Myra at the time of the Emperor Diocletian, was persecuted, tortured for the faith and kept in prison until the more tolerant reign of Constantine and was present at the council of Nicea.

"It should be observed that this last circumstance is ignored by all historians and that St. Athanasius, who knew all the notable bishops of the period, never mentions Nicholas, bishop of Myra. The oldest known monument of the cult of St. Nicholas seems to be the Church of St. Priscilla and Nicholas built at Constantinople by the Emperor Justinian. In the west the name of St. Nicholas appears in the ninth century records of the martyrs, and churches dedicated to him are to be found at the beginning of the sixteenth century. It is more especially, however, from the time of the removal of his body to Bari, in Apulia, that his cult became popular. The legend of his secret gift-giving is an episode of the thirteenth century, an episode which is not mentioned in any of the earlier accounts of his life. The legend of his secret gift-giving is an episode of the thirteenth century, an episode which is not mentioned in any of the earlier accounts of his life.

the origin of a famous and still popular pilgrimage. There are nearly 400 churches in England dedicated to St. Nicholas--He is the patron saint of the deaf, scholars, merchants and sailors.

"In art St. Nicholas is represented with various attributes, being most commonly depicted with three children standing in a row by his side. Of the various interpretations of this scene is absolutely certain. "One explanation has been sought in the legend of St. Nicholas ruthlessly restoring to life three rich youths who had been smothered, cut up and concealed in a sailing tub by a thievish innkeeper or butcher in whose house they had taken lodging. "A legend of his surreptitious bestowal of dowries upon the three daughters of an impoverished citizen who, unable to procure fit marriages for them, was about to sell them is said to have originated the old custom of giving presents in secret on the eve of St. Nicholas, subsequently transferred to Christmas day. "Hence the association of Christmas with 'Santa Claus' an American corruption of the Dutch form *Sank Nicolaas*, the custom being brought to America by the early Dutch colonists."

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