CHRISTMAS-TIME.

Its Characters and Customs—The Child—Evergreens—Superstitious Maidens—Giving of Gifts—Feasting and Merry-Making.

The festival of Christmas is regarded as the greatest celebration throughout the year, and though at the present day it is somewhat shorn of its ancient glories, and devoid of the boisterous jollity which characterized it in the time of "good Queen Bess," when the logs flamed and poured and mirth reigned supreme, it is still the holiday in which all classes most participate. Separated, as many families are, during the year, they all make it a point to meet together around the hearth, to wish each other a "Merry Christmas," which was the old English greeting shouted from window to street, and from street back to window, in the "long, long ago." The Christ-child, with his gifts and masked attendant, belong to the German antiquity. Frugal housewives, shaking the crumbs from the table-cloth around the roots of their fruit trees, in order that they become more fruitful, clearly points to the mysterious influence attributed by the ancient Germans to the time of the Twelve Nights.

In Bohemia the fruit trees for the same reason are violently shaken during the time of midnight mass.

In other localities a corn cake and some hot cider is offered to the largest apple tree, as the king of the orchard, while those who take part in the ceremony join in singing:

"Bear good apples and pears enoug'—
Barns full, bags full, sacks full!
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!"

Yule-log and yule-candle belong to the same order. The mistletoe was regarded by the Druids as sacred, and its berries, as symbolic of purity, were associated with the rites of marriage. The game in which the mistletoe formed a particular feature was among the most amusing of the festivities, and is still in vogue in some parts of England.

The Christmas tree is doubtless of German origin. They conceived of the world as a great tree whose roots were hidden deep under the earth, but whose top flourished in Walhalla, the old German paradise. This tree was first fitted up during the Twelve Nights, in honor of Bechta, goddess of spring; it was subsequently transferred to the birthday of Christ, who, as the God-man, is the "resurrection and the life." The evergreen tree and emblem of spring-time became the symbol of an eternal spring. The burning lights were to adumbrate Him who is the "Light of the World," and the gifts to remind us, in giving His only Son for the world's redemption, He gave us the most priceless of all gifts. Such was its origin. Now the Christmas tree is not only to be found throughout Germany, but has taken root from the Alps to the Ural, from the Kiolen to the Appennines, alike on the banks of the Neva and the Po, the Mississippi and the Thames; in truth, wherever German civilization has penetrated.

In England Christmas is scarcely the shadow of its former merry self, when all classes of society indulged in the most unrestrained joviality and merriment. The wassail bowl, warm ale with apples floating therein, that once played so conspicuous a part at the Christmas banquet, are now obsolete. Even the singing of carols, which was once so popular even at court, is now confined principally to the lower classes; while the yule-block, or Christmas log, is gradually supplanted. The Christmas tree, whose introduction into England is comparatively of recent date, generous rations of beef are distributed to the parish poor by the rich of England. Christmas bells ring out their silvery chimes on the crisp morning air, joyfully and cheerfully. Nor is there wanting a spicy flavor to the feasts and frolics, to say nothing of the roast beef and plum pudding, while the boar's head, decorated with rosemary or holly, is served up in great state at the royal Christmas table.

On Christmas day in Suabia, maidens inquisitive as to their prospective lovers draw a stick of wood out of a heap to see whether he will be long or short, crooked or straight. If they wish to ascertain which of them will first become a wife they form a circle and place therein a blind-folded gander, and the one to whom he goes first will soon be a bride. Among many others a favorite method of forecasting the future is to sit upon the floor and throw one's shoes with the foot over the shoulder, and then to predict from the position it takes what is about to transpire.

One of the principal features of the holiday in Italy is the Christmas dinner, which begins early and lasts late. The rich feast right royally, and the poor, who can afford meat but once a year, must keep it for the Christmas dinner. In anticipation of this, it is usual for every one who has done you a service during the year to call upon you in advance of the day for their *buona festa*. It is a generalization of what is true of our newspaper carriers of the United States, hence the origin of the carriers' address on New Year's day.

The day is observed in Spain very much as it is in Italy, the Christmas dinner playing a very conspicuous part. In Russia, although St. Nicholas is a special favorite, and they have the Christmas tree and the services in the churches, all special ceremonies are reserved for the Easter holidays and Epiphany.

In Lapland and Norway a cake is set out in the snow as an offering, which was probably intended, originally, to propitiate some pagen divinity, as it dates back to the time of Thor.

Though New Year's is generally observed in France rather than Christmas, for the distribution of presents, it is the Jesus bambin who comes with a convoy of angels loaded with books and toys to fill expectant little shoes which tiny hands placed so near the chimney.

In Sweden Yule-time is the gayest season of the year. It begins on Christmas and continues till Epiphany, and is given up to dancing, feasting and merry-making. No heavy work is done during that time. In the rural districts the tables are spread and kept standing, every visitor is expected to take something, otherwise he is believed to take away with him the yule-joy. The family leaves a light burning all night, and should it accidently go out, it is believed some one in the house will surely die during the coming year.

The American Christmas is a modification of the English. In large towns it is universally kept, but in some villages but few shops are closed, and only one or two of the half-dozen churches are open for service. Still everybody remembers it is Christmas. Presents are made in families. Christmas carols are sung at early morn; the children go from house to house wishing each other a "Merry Christmas." Then there are the games and Christmas parties, to say nothing of the family dinners, and probably few who call themselves Christians allow the day to pass without giving a thought to the sacred event it commemorates.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Business Law in Daily Use.

If a note is lost or stolen it does not release the maker; he must pay it if the consideration for which it was given and the amount can be proven.

Notes bear interest only when so stated.

Principals are responsible for the acts of their agents.

Each individual in a partnership is responsible for the whole amount of the debts of the firm, except in cases of a special partnership.

Ignorance of the law excuses no one.

An agreement without consideration is void.

A note made on Sunday is void.

Contracts made on Sunday cannot be enforced.

A note by a minor is void.

A contract made with a lunatic is void

A note obtained by fraud or from a person in a state of intoxication cannot be collected.

It is a fraud to conceal a fraud.

Signatures made with a lead-pencil are good in law.

The acts of one partner bind all the rest.

"Value received" is usually written in a note, and should be, but is not necessary. If not written it is presumed by the law or may be supplied by proof.

The maker of an "accommodation" bill or note (one for which he has received no consideration), having lent his name or credit for the benefit of the holder, is not bound to the person accommodated, but is bound to all other parties, precisely as if there was a good consideration.

No consideration is sufficient in law if it be illegal in its nature.

Checks or drafts must be presented for payment without unreasonable delay.

An indorsee has a right of action against all whose names were on the bill when he received it.

If the letter containing a protest of non-payment be put into the postoffice, any miscarriage does not affect the party giving notice.

Notes of protest may be sent either to the place of business or residence of the party notified.

The holder of a note may give notice of protest either to all the previous indorsers, or only to one of them; in case of the latter, he must select the last indorser, and the last must give notice to the last before him, and so on. Each indorser must send notice the same day or the day following. Neither Sunday nor legal holiday is to be counted in reckoning the time in which notice is to be given.

If two or more persons as partners are jointly liable on a note or bill, due notice to one of them is sufficient.

An indorser may prevent his own liability to be sued by writing "without recourse" or similar words.

All claims which do not rest upon a seal or judgment must be sued within six years from the time when they arise.

Part payment of a debt which has passed the time of statutory limitation revives the whole debt, and the claim holds good for another period of six years from the date of such partial payment.

If, when a debt is due, the debtor is out of the State, the "six years" do not begin to run until he returns. If he afterward leave the State, the time forward counts the same as if he remained in the State.—*School Journal.*

Variations in a Man's Height.

A contributor to the German *Militar-Wochenblatt* who has been lately employed in mustering and examining the recruits drafted this year into the German army has established, by a long series of careful measurements, not only that the height of a man varies very considerably at different times of the day, but also that this variation takes place with great regularity in every individual man. The amount of this variation in height is, however, not the same in all men, but depends on the size and age of each individual, a tall man losing more in height than a shorter one, and a young man more than an older one—assuming that in all cases the men are fully grown. In the same man the amount of variation in height depends mainly upon the number of hours he has been standing or sitting since rising from his bed. While lying down the height of a man increases; while standing or sitting it decreases; and therefore under normal conditions a man is taller in the morning than in the evening, while to some slight extent extremely fatiguing exercise or work causes additional decrease of stature. The greatest difference in height in a day hitherto observed in any man is four centimeters, or a trifle more than one and one-half inches; while the contributor of a paper to the *Militar-Wochenblatt* has found, as the result of a number of careful measurements of himself, that while every morning he measures immediately on rising exactly 172 centimeters, or five feet eight inches, his height at night varies 171 to 170 1-4 centimeters, or from five feet seven and one-half inches to five feet seven and one-quarter inches. The spine of a man, in fact, consists of twenty-four separate vertebra, between every two of which there is an elastic cartilage, and these cartilaginous divisions become compressed by the weight pressing upon them when a man is standing or sitting.

All Ready to Fight.

General Roberts, of Afghanistan fame, was sent in August last to Germany by his government to attend the annual maneuvers of the Hanover and Schleswig Holstein army corps. The Prussian system and its perfection of organization, in his opinion, constitutes the most finished and easily worked fighting machine the world has known. To such perfection has its organization been brought, he says, that in one night any army corps can be mobilized. He was told that in the bureau of the general staff letters were ready stamped and addressed to every department and commanding officer of the several army corps, only requiring the dates to be filled in for dispatch in ten minutes. He was assured that all the horses belonging to private people throughout the country were marked off for the regiments and batteries to which they would be attached in war time, and also the hour and the train by which each horse would be dispatched to its destination.

A druggist in New Richmond, Ohio, Mr. E. J. Donham, writes us the following: "I consider Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup one of the very best things made. I use it altogether in my own family and can therefore recommend it.

FOR THE LADIES.

News and Notes for Women.

The best and most intelligent political writer in France is said to be a woman. Juliette Lambert is her nom de plume.

Empress Eugenie has greatly failed of late. Her hands are doubled up with rheumatism, she has a bloodless face and walks with a cane.

Miss Annie Cutler, of New Haven, and a student of Smith college, was awarded the $200 prize for the best entrance examination this term.

Mme. Peree, a staid wife and mother, took a medical degree in Paris recently amid the applause of her masculine rivals. She was induced to study medicine by an American lady physician who brought her through a serious illness.

There is, according to the employment agencies, a corner in servant girls in New York, the demand far exceeding the supply. Swedish, German and Scotch girls are mostly preferred. One agent said he wanted 500 or 600 girls.

The perjury for which John Jackson, of Burlington, Iowa, has been sent to State prison for two years consisted in his having placed the figures eighteen in the shoes of the young lady of whom he was enamored, so that in taking out a marriage license he could swear that she was over eighteen.

The ladies can well retort upon the men for extravagance in dress, as a New York correspondent shows. Here is a bill of particulars of a swell dress: Cane $5, silk hat $7, collar twenty-five cents, scarf $2, scarf pin $30, fall overcoat $60, shirt, $4, undershirt $2, coat and vest $75, pantaloons, $15, accessories $4, shoes $9, seal ring $40, watch and chain $250; grand total in the neighborhood of $500.

Fashion Notes.

Beaded plush is imported for millinery purposes.

White wool dresses are much worn for day toilets.

With black lace ruffs no white is worn next to the neck.

Light-colored heavy wraps are much worn this winter.

Pale-colored moire basques are worn with dark velvet skirts.

Plush basques with moire collars and cuffs are much admired.

There is a perceptible decline of fancy for feather turbans.

Sagging Louis XIV. puffs are seen upon imported satin toilets.

Drab, mode and tan colored hosiery in solid colors are fashionable.

The deep-pointed Greek apron remains in favor for the front of dresses.

Quaint and tiny Queen Mab poke bonnets of white plush or beaver are worn by little girls.

New French tea gowns show a combination of pale-colored heliotrope and sage-green satin, brocaded with silver flowers and leaves.

A flounce is going to be a formidable affair, and, if it should keep on, by the end of the winter it will consume as much material as should go to the making of a dress. Velvet a third of a yard wide is doubled and gathered or box plaited, satin is doubled or lined and gathered very full, and Worth flounces some trains to the waist with doubled velvet.

The Graves of Lorenzo Dow.

In response to numerous inquiries Dr. I. E. Nagle favors the *Planters' Journal* with what he personally knows concerning the burial places of the eccentric old preacher.

February 4, 1834, was one of the most disagreeable of wintry days ever experienced in Washington, D. C. The snow, mixed with rain, fell rapidly in clouds of sleet, and, being driven by a cutting, piercing northeast wind, made the weather terribly uncomfortable to those who were exposed to its fury. Besides this, the roads were muddy and almost impassable.

Notwithstanding this condition a large funeral cortege, composed of many of the most prominent citizens of the republic and city of Washington, attended the remains of Lorenzo Dow to their burial-place in Holmeads cemetery, at the intersection of Twentieth street and Boundary avenue. At that time, and for many years afterward, that was the fashionable, and, in fact, the only prominent burying ground in the capital city. A sandstone slab was laid on the grave, and for many years it was usual for those who venerated the dead man's memory to make pilgrimages to his grave. At last, Holmeads cemetery fell into disuse, and was abandoned. At present it is in a condition of neglect, dilapidation, and decay that makes it one of the ugliest and most hideous blots that disgrace the boasted civilization of the most beautiful city on this continent.

Among the many admirers and old-time friends of the eccentric preacher was Mr. Corcoran, the famous banker and philanthropist. After he and his compeers had established Oak Hills cemetery in Georgetown, D. C., as a popular and wonderfully beautifully city of the dead, he donated a pretty and prominent site for the final depository of the famous preacher, and so after a silent rest of forty years the ashes and slab were removed and placed in their present position on the 17th of April, 1874.

To find the location of the grave you turn to the right, after passing through the porter's lodge, and then follow the pathway southward along the fence, from which line many romantic views are seen, and passing the lowly headstone that marks the almost obscured and neglected grave of Salmon P. Chase, the imposing monuments of Stanton and others of note in the history of the republic. At the turn by the grand gate, where the road curves to the westward, the pathway goes oh almost straight southward, and after passing over the steps of the second terrace you go about ten feet eastward, where you will find the stone slab which marks the grave. It rests at an angle of forty degrees on the slope of the terrace fronting south, and is in a good condition of preservation. The following transcript is a fac simile of the arrangement of the inscription:

The Repository
of
Lorenzo Dow
Who was born in Coventry
Connecticut,
October 18th, 1777, died Feb 2
1834,
A. E. 56.
"A christian is the highest
stye of man
He is
A slave to no sect, takes
no private road
But looks through nature
up to natures God"

Flowers that come from a loved hand are more prized than diamonds.

A Pictish Tower.

Not far from Leavenwick is the island of Mousa, celebrated for containing the most perfect known specimen of a Pictish tower. The island was formerly peopled, but is now uninhabited except by a few native sheep, taken over for grazing purposes; but in the eyes of antiquaries the little islet, only about a mile in length, is of national importance, on account of the ancient "burgh" erected thereon. The tower is circular in form, and fifty feet in diameter, and was formerly, no doubt, shaped like a dice box—wider on top and botton than in the middle. Less than fifty feet in height is now standing. The stones are laid together without cement, but fitted together with a skill which has well enabled the edifice to resist the ravages of time. The tower consists or two concentric walls, each five feet thick, with about the same space between them. This space was all the barrack-room allowed the hardy warriors of old, the inner circle evidently forming the ccurtyard. Between the two walls of the tower winds a corkscrew staircase, communicating on its way up with a series of small chambers, placed one above the other and ventilated from the interior courtyard by narrow slits. An interesting legend hangs around the venerable castle of Mousa. About the year 1320, by the rights of Udah succession, Harold and Erlend were joint earls of the Orkndy and Lhetlands. The widowed mother of Harold, the dame Margaretta, a woman of great beauty, after many adventures, attracted the notice of an honorable suitor—Harold's partner, Erland—but Harold from some cause was adverse to his mother's nuptials, so the pair fled together to Mousa. Harold pursued them with all fury, and to quote the old chronicler: "Anon fled the Dame Margaretta and Erlend into the fort, within the dark recesses of which they nestled like two pigeons in a dovecote."

The "burgh" was beset with troops, but so impregnable was the construction in those ante-gunpowder days, that the besiegers could not reduce them to submission except by cutting off the supplies of food. This he did, and awaited the result of a tedious siege. But Harold had powerful foes to contend with elsewhere, and finally listened to the advice of others, who persuaded him that he had better retain Erlend's friendship than provoke his enmity. So, as Torfœus goes on to say, "a conciliation took place, and then with great joy returned the parties to their several pursuits, well satisfied with each other."

"You cross, cruel husband!" she sobbed, "you have b-b-broken my h-h-heart!" "If that's the case," said the c. c. h, "you will not need the new hat that you were talking about yesterday." "Yes, I will!" she exclaimed, with sudden vehemence, "I'm heart-whole on that subject."—*Philadelphia Sun.*

Professor King has been offered $50 to permit a couple to go up in his balloon and be married at a height of 2,000 feet above their future home.

An ex-consul of Great Britain, says the Brooklyn Eagle, related that Mr. Charles Townsend, Sedalio, Mo., was cured of rheumatism of the worst kind by St Jacobs Oil.—Indianapolis (Ind) Sentinel.

The aggregate of income liable to income tax in England has arisen from $2,225,000,000 in 1870 to $2,890,000,000 in 1880.

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THE oldest man in public life in the United States is Dr. Uriel Ferrell, member-elect of the Virginia legislature from Orange, who is in his ninetieth year.

THE MARKETS.

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Calves—Good to Prime Veals	5 @	9½
Sheep	3¾@	5½
Lambs	5½@	7¼
Hogs—Live	6 @	6½
Dressed, city	7⅜@	7⅝
Flour—Ex. State, good to fancy	5 55 @	8 00
Western, good to choice	6 05 @	9 00
Wheat—No. 2 Red	1 42¼@	1 43¾
No. 1 White	1 40¼@	1 41
Rye—Prime State	97 @	1 01
Barley—Two-rowed State	90 @	90
Corn—Ungraded Western Mixed	65 @	72½
Southern Yellow	72½@	73
Oats—White State	52½@	56
Mixed Western	49 @	52
Hay—Med. to Prime Timothy	80 @	95
Straw—No. 1, Rye	75 @	80
Hops—State, 1881	28 @	29
Pork—Mess, new, for export	18 25 @	18 50
Lard—City Steam	11 25 @	11 30
Refined	11 60 @	11 60
Petroleum—Crude	6½@	7¼
Refined	7½@	7¾
Butter—State Creamery	27 @	42
Dairy	24 @	32
Western Im. Creamery	32 @	36
Factory	12 @	28
Cheese—State Factory	9 @	12¾
Skims	3 @	9
Western	8 @	11¾
Eggs—State and Penn	30 @	32
Potatoes—Early Rose, State, bbl	2 62 @	2 87
BUFFALO.		
Steers—Good Shippers	5 40 @	5 65
Lambs—Western	4 00 @	5 50
Sheep—Western	3 25 @	4 50
Hogs, Good to Choice Yorkers	5 90 @	6 00
Flour—C'y Ground, No. 1 Spring	6 75 @	7 25
Wheat—No. 1. Hard Duluth	1 55 @	1 55
Corn—No. 2 Mixed	68 @	68
Oats—No. 2 Mix. West	48 @	50
Barley—Two-rowed State	90 @	90
BOSTON.		
Beef—Extra plate and family	14 50 @	15 00
Hogs—Live	6¾@	7
Hogs—City Dressed	8¼@	9
Pork—Extra Prime per bbl	16 50 @	17 00
Flour—Spring Wheat Patents	8 00 @	9 00
Corn Mixed and Yellow	72 @	75
Oats—Extra White	55½@	57
Rye—State	1 05 @	1 10
Wool—Washed Comb & Delaine	44½@	46
Unwashed " "	31 @	32
WATERTOWN (MASS.) CATTLE MARKET.		
Beef—Extra quality	6 75 @	7 50
Sheep—Live weight	3 @	5¾
Lambs	5 @	6
Hogs, Northern, dressed	7¾@	8
PHILADELPHIA.		
Flour—Penn. Ex. Family, good	6 50 @	6 50
Wheat—No. 2 Red	1 49 @	1 41
Rye—State	98 @	98
Corn—State Yellow	71 @	71
Oats—Mixed	49 @	49
Butter—Creamery Extra Pa.	42 @	42
Cheese—New York Full Cream	13¼@	13¼
Petroleum—Crude	6 @	7
Refined	7¼@	7¼

FACTS ABOUT UMBRELLAS.

Antiquarians say that the umbrella was invented shortly after the flood, and has been the least improved upon of all appliances for human comfort, the shape being now as it was in those youthful days of the world. An umbrella is an index to character in the question of possession—the last one who gets it owns it. The following facts about umbrellas—especially the last one—may serve every reader a splendid purpose sooner or later: To place your umbrella in a rack indicates that it is about to change owners. An umbrella carried over a woman, the man getting nothing but drippings of the rain, indicates courtship. When the man has the umbrella and the woman the drippings, it indicates marriage. To carry it at right angles under your arm signifies that an eye is to be lost by the man who follows you. To put a cotton umbrella by the side of a nice silk one signifies that "exchange is no robbery." To lend an umbrella signifies that "I am a fool." To carry an umbrella just high enough to tear out men eyes and knock off men's hats, signifies "I am a woman." To go without an umbrella in a rain-storm shows I am sure of getting rheumatism, and will have to use St. JACOBS OIL to get well." To keep a fine umbrella for your own use and a bottle of ST. JACOBS OIL always in the house, in case of rheumatism or accident, would signify that you are real philosopher.

The following communication to the editor of the Salem (Mass.) *Register* shows how an artist treated his visitor: "I would have accepted your kind invitation to visit you in your new quarters with pleasure before this had not my old enemy, Mr. Rheumatism, pounced on me so suddenly. He arrived last Friday, and, without stopping to send up his card, rushed in and grasped me by the hand with such a grip that in a few hours my hand and wrist were so badly swollen and painful that I felt as though one of Mr. Hatch's coal teams had run over me. Mr. Rheumatism has been a constant visitor of mine for several years; he always swells and put on a great many airs, making himself at home, devouring my substance and leaving me poor in flesh and pocket. Last winter he came and stayed two months. I then decided that the next time he came I would change his diet. I was somewhat at a loss what to feed him with, but finally concluded to give him three square meals a day of ST. JACOBS OIL—morning, noon and night. This fare he is disgusted with, and is packing up his trunk and will leave by to-morrow or next day; says he cannot stop any longer, as he has pressing business elsewhere. He is a treacherous fellow, and he intends visiting some of our Salem friends; if he does, just give him the same fare than I did and he won't stop long. J. S. LEFAVOUR.

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