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WIVES ON CHRISTMAS TREES

Strange Christmas Customs That Prevail in Parts of Russia.

Of all Christmas tree customs, one of the strangest prevails in parts of Russia. A gift tree is set up in the village, on the branches of which roost young unmarried women, clothed and hooded and veiled so that their identity is concealed. The swains are admitted one by one, just as they are in our familiar American game of "spat in, spat out." Each as he enters lifts a veil—of course at random—and the face thus disclosed belongs to his future wife. The act of lifting the veil betrays the couple, the penalty for breaking the engagement being a heavy fine to be paid into the village treasury.



A RUSSIAN CHRISTMAS TREE.

A star shaped paper lantern to represent the "star of the east," another carries on his back a miniature theater, on the stage of which puppet performances like "Punch and Judy" shows are given at every farmhouse where the motley pageant halts.

The modern Christmas tree comes to us from Germany, the Yule log from Scandinavia, Santa Claus from Holland, and the Christmas turkey—ah, that is America's contribution to the world's stock of Christmas cheer! But there is one part of the world where the people are afraid to eat turkey. In Armenia it would be too much like treason to their cruel ruler, the Turk. If they do venture to eat the fowl they call it "Egyptian hen." Down in Egypt they name it "Indian hen." Thus both Armenians and Egyptians save themselves from Moslem vengeance.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Christmas Table Decorations.
The dinner table itself should proclaim the season by its decoration. A snowy cloth patterned with holly leaves or mistletoe, a centerpiece of glossy holly leaves and brilliant berries, silver candelabra and silver bonbon dishes are appropriate and dignified. Flat wreaths of holly tied with bows of "berry" red ribbon are very effective on the table, one in the center and one encircling each candelabrum. A silver or a cut glass bowl of holly and mistletoe roses or holly and mistletoe may be set in the wreath to complete the centerpiece. The outline of the Christmas star may be used instead of the wreaths. In this case the bows of ribbon are omitted. And for the guest cards either bella, stars, plum puddings, holly or ivy leaves, cut out and painted and ornamented with Christmas verse or greetings, are appropriate, and a little silk stocking of bonbons may be laid by each card as a souvenir.

Christ's Birthday.
There is something akin to sadness in the fact that in tracing the origin of many of our church festivals we find it in pagan celebrations antedating the Christian era. There is nothing certain even about the birthday of Christ. Some authorities assert that December was in the dry season, when shepherds were on duty day and night. In the controversy over the date, extending from December to May, Pope Julius (337-362) had an investigation made by St. Cyril and was satisfied that the 25th of December was correct. It was so established in the Roman church, and before the end of the fourth century the date was universally accepted.—Boston Herald.

Mrs. Leader's Liberality.
Struggling Pastor—Nearly all the congregation has subscribed liberally for the Christmas tree fund, and I feel sure that I can also have your hearty co-operation. How much will you contribute?
Mrs. Leader—Let me see. Oh, I am the only member who has a carriage and coachman, I think.
"Yes. The rest are poor."
"Well, I will drive around and collect the subscriptions."

Christmas Day.
Oh, blessed day which drives the eternal life to self and sense and all the brute within.
Oh, sense to us amid this war of life; To hail and bowel come; to all who toll in quiet, sleep or study; and to those who minister by the wastes of half a world.
Ill weaned and sorely tempted, ever face Nature's brute powers and use unannounced to brute—
Come to them, bless and blessing, Christmas day.
Tell them once more the tale of Bethlehem—
The kneeling shepherds and the Babe divine—
And hush them now indeed, our Christmas day.
—Charles Kingsley.

THE MYSTIC MISTLETOE.

Once a Feature of Pagan Rites, It Now Belongs to Lovers.

From time immemorial the white berried mistletoe has played a leading part in Yuletide festivities, though it has always conveyed the occultatory privileges which give it its value in the eyes of the romantic youth of today. Like so many other features of the Christmas celebration, mistletoe has been borrowed from the pagans of antiquity and Christianized by the lapse of centuries. The Persians before the birth of Christ used the mistletoe in their sacred rites, and in parts of India pagan priests still incorporate it in their ritual. It figures largely in Scandinavian mythology. Balder, the son of Odin, though a demigod, was slain by a spear of mistletoe, a proof of its magic powers.

It is from the Druids of old England, however, that mistletoe has come to us. The Druidical priests, as the wise men who worshipped at the cradle of the infant Saviour, held the mistletoe as their most sacred possession, and the cutting of the pretty parasite from the oak, the tree which the Druids claimed God loved more than any other, was attended with the greatest solemnity. On the Druids' festival day a grand procession, leading two white oxen, moved to the mystic grove. There the oxen were fastened to the oak by their horns, and a white robed priest climbed into the leafless branches and cut the bunches of mistletoe with a golden knife. The oxen were then sacrificed and religious services performed, after which the procession returned to the temple in the forest and the mistletoe was deposited in the Druidical arganum.

Besides taking its place in the religious observances of the Druids, the mistletoe, which the priests gave a name meaning "all healing," was made into many curious decoctions by processes in which times and seasons and incantations were supposed to add to its mysterious powers. These medicines were regarded as cures for human ills generally, whether of mind or body. With the advance of civilization and the death of superstition mistletoe has lost its religious character, but not its popularity, and the forests of England and of our own southern states are as eagerly frequented by mistletoe gatherers as ever were the dark woods of the ancient Druids.

CHRISTMAS IN SWEDEN.

One Day When There Are Neither Rich Nor Poor.

If you were in Sweden on Christmas eve you would hear the church bells begin to ring at 5 o'clock, for everybody stops work then and the festivities begin in great earnest everywhere in the kingdom. Class distinctions are forgotten and servants are allowed to sit at table with the family. After supper comes the universal Christmas tree, for Sweden is one of the early homes of this beautiful custom.

On Christmas morning at 6 o'clock, while it is still dark, you would go to church, for everybody goes, unless you stayed at home to mind the lights in the houses, for every home in the kingdom is illuminated. There is almost sure to be a deep snow, and you would go to church in a sleigh. Behind every sleigh you would see two boys standing on the runners and holding pine torches—a beautiful spectacle as a long procession of sleighs glides over the snow on a forest road. These torches are struck up in a circle around the church. A whole week is given to good cheer and hospitality.

A Friendship Calendar.

A friendship calendar as a Christmas gift was a source of much pleasure to an elderly lady living alone, says Good Housekeeping. At her request each of fifty-two of her friends, representing the fifty-two weeks of the year, furnished material for every day of the seven in his week. Each one followed out his own idea for the week's calendar, contributing favorite quotations, short poems, anecdotes and reminiscences, some even adding cherished recipes. In many instances the contributions were original. Others were illustrated with small pictures cut from current magazines. The result was a perpetual calendar, each day representing the loving thought of a friend.

A Christmas Game.

"Christmas candles" is a good old time game. A lighted candle is placed upon a table. The player is blindfolded and stationed with his back to the candle, about a foot from it. He is then told to take three steps forward, turn around three times, then to walk four steps toward the candle and blow it out. His attempt to do so will probably be as amusing to the audience as disconcerting to himself.—Country Life in America.

The Lines Drawn.
Ethel—What do you intend to give me for Christmas?
Bertie—Would a kiss answer?
Ethel (with sarcasm)—No. Indeed! Mamma never allows me to accept valuable presents from gentlemen.

Vacancy.

There's Christmas smiling in the sky,
There's Christmas in the trees,
There's Christmas in the streets near by,
There's Christmas in the breeze.
It's Christmas, Christmas everywhere,
No matter where you look,
Save when you gaze with mild despair
Into yo' pocketbook.—Washington Star.

Christmas Bills.

The Christmas bills
Give did the child;
He'll never climb
The heavenly hills
Nor wear the angels'
Wings an' frills
Because of them
Some Christmas bills!
—Atlanta Constitution.

Bankrupted by a Kiss.

Dan Breakin, of Hammond, Md., has paid dearly for giving away to a weakness inherent in mankind.

Two months ago he was the prosperous owner of a dry-goods store. One day a pretty girl came in and Breakin waited upon her. She was vivacious, with a sense of humor and perfect manners.

In some way, somehow, he embraced and kissed her. She fled weeping and angry out of the store. He was arrested and fined. The women who had not been kissed started a boycott on his store. Now he is in court a bankrupt and charged with concealing assets to defraud his creditors.

Satisfactorily Explained.

"That steak you sent us yesterday was tougher than sole leather. We could hardly eat it!"

"My dear madam, I am glad you came in. I used to be a shoe maker, you know, and yesterday I bought a strip of sole leather, intending to half sole some shoes, and had it wrapped up here on the counter, and the boy got that to you instead of the steak. I am really sorry madam, that you ate my sole leather—but little mistakes will happen, you know. Can't I send you down a car spring for dinner?"

Startling Evidence.

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A New One.

Fairbrother's Everything.

"Oh, John, I joined a new club today."
"Great goodness—how many more clubs will they organize. This makes about forty you have joined. What's the object of it—what do they call it?"
"This is the pickle club. Each member takes a jar of pickles. The one who can eat the most pickles while the president counts one hundred backwards, gets a three-color chromo of Dr. Mary Jane Walker in pants. Oh, John, it is perfectly lovely."
"Did you win the prize—let me see it!"
"No, you see, some of the older members have been practicing. I only ate two jars of pickles while Mrs. De-Clubby got away with over three jars."

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News and Observer.

The result in Stanly county has remained a great mystery until this week. It was the one surprise of the election in North Carolina. It has been the most reliable Democratic county in North Carolina, never "lickering" during days of reconstruction or Populism. And yet, without warning, it turned up this year in the Republican column. Why? Let the Stanly Enterprise explain:

"Both liquor and money were used in this county by the 'Radicals,' and the statement that Democratic election officers were bought by them is like-wise true."

This is the first time in the history of the State that a paper of standing has printed that "Democratic election officers were bought." It is a serious charge and is the only explanation of the result in Stanly. These election

The Key That Unlocks Long Living.

The men of eighty-five years of age are not the rotund, thin, spare men, who live on a man past middle age, who eat too much or of some kind of food not suited to his constitution, and need a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach Tablets to cleanse and invigorate his stomach and regulate his liver and bowels. When this is done there is no reason why the average man should not live to old age. For sale by M. L. Marsh and D. D. Johnson.

The Shelby Star says that Rev. A. G. Gantt, of Cleveland county, raised 70 bushels of corn on 1½ acres.

Next Monday, A. B. McDonald, a large whiskey distiller of Hamlet, will be taken to the penitentiary at Atlanta. McDonald has been very daring in regard to frauds. The chief witness against him was one Asgoud Chavis, an Indian, and when McDonald found that Chavis had reported him, he got word to the Indian that if he did not leave the State he would be killed, and that he would never know who killed him. McDonald had all sorts of false charges brought against him hoping to intimidate him, but the threats failed, and upon the evidence, mainly of Chavis, McDonald was fined \$5,000, in addition to two years of imprisonment.

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All the above are 48c each.
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Combination banks, 25 to 98c.
Child's hand sewing machines, \$1.25.
- Steam Toys.**
Locomotive, with tender, passenger coach and 3/4 feet circular track, \$5.00.
Launch, 18 inches long, \$1.68.
Upright engines, 38c to \$2.48.
Horizontal engines, 68c to \$1.98.
- Magio Lanterns.**
Eighteen sizes and styles to select from, 38c to \$4.00 each.
Boys' Carpenter Tool Chests from 25c to \$3.25.
Drums from 25c to 98c.
Foot Balls, round and oblong, 38c to \$1.98.
Punching Bag, Maroon leather cover, \$2.00.
Hollow rubber balls, 5 to 25c.
Base balls, 5 to 15c.
Roller Skates, adjustable sizes, 48c.
Air Rifles, 75 and 98c.
- Iron Toys.**
Trains, 10c to \$1.38; Stoves, 25c to \$2.48; Banks, 5c to 98c; Fire Engines, 38c to \$1.98; Hook and Ladder, \$1 to \$2.25; Hose Reel, 48c; Express, Dray, Coal and Ice Wagons, 25c up.
Pocket knives, 10 and 15c; saws, 15c; surries, dog carts, automobiles, 25c; pistols, 5 and 10c; smoothing irons, 5 to 25c; cradles, 65c.
- Wood Toys.**
Laundry sets, 25 to 98c; Noah's Ark, 10c; stables and stock, 25c; blocks 5 to 25c; doll cradles, 48c; doll swings, 48c.
- Rubber Toys.**
Rattlers, dolls, soldiers and animals, 5 to 48c.
Felt and fur animals, 25 to 48c each.
- Tin Toys.**
Horns, 5 to 48c.
Trombones, 25 to 48c.
Clarionets, 25 to 48c; the best ones have 8 keys and sheet music.
Accordions, 5 to 15c.
Tops, 5 to 48c.
Sand parts and shovels, 5 and 10c.
Roaming Toys, 10c.
Roller floor chairs, 25 to 48c.
Watch and chains, 5c.
- Box Lot Toys.**
Circus set, 48c; farm yard, 25c.
Conjurer set of tricks, 25c.
China ten sets, 25 to 48c; toilet sets, 48c; Britannica and Nickle tea sets, 5 to 48c.
Driving reins, 25c.
Bells toys, 25c.
Zephyr balls and rattlers, 10 and 15c.
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Jack stones, 2c per dozen.
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This line is well assorted for all ages—from a baby's picture to Bibles and Testaments.
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Scrap Albums, 10 to 25c.
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- Box Paper**
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Candies, nuts and raisins at lowest market prices.
China ware, assorted goods, suitable for gifts, as usual cups and saucers, cake plates, salad bowls, plates, etc.
Bisque figures, etc.
- Jardinieres**
15 to 68c.
- Glassware.**
600 pieces on our 10c counter. Some of this goods would really sell for 25c, and one-half of them are worth 15c or more.
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4 pieces gilt band table sets, 98c to \$1.48.

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Have you selected a gift suitable for each friend you will remember? If there's some one you're still in doubt about, perhaps a visit here will help you out. You'll be all most sure to see in our display just what you want for each friend and you'll be more than pleased with the fairness of our prices. As welcome to look as to buy.

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