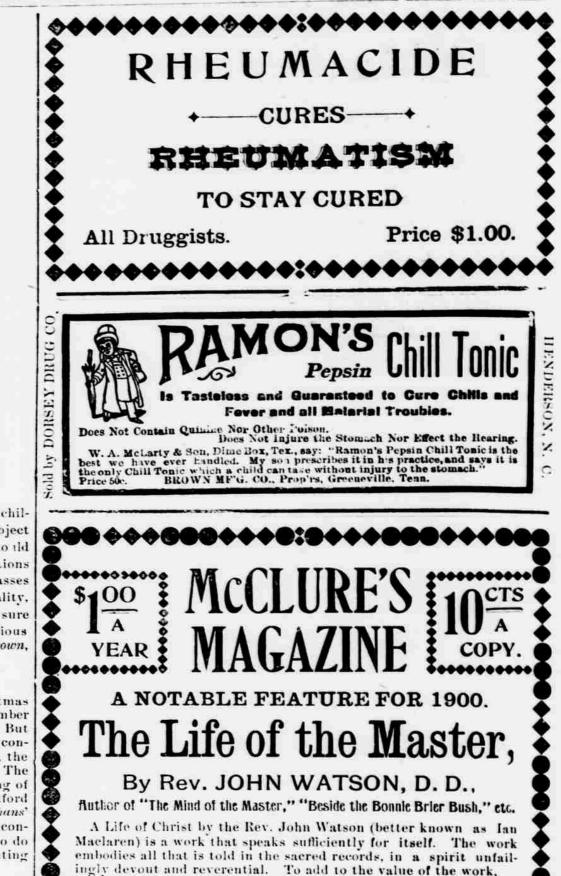
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CHRISTMAS.

(E. S. Martin, in New York Life.)

Though doubters doubt and scoffers scoff, And peace on earth seems still far off: Though learned doctors think they know The Gospel stories are not so; Though greedy man is greedy still And competition chokes good will, While rich men sigh and poor men fret Dear me! we can't spare Christmas yet! Time may do better—may he not: Meanwhile let's keep the day we've got?

On Bethlehem's birth and Bethlehem's stor Whate'er our exspectations are, Whate'er for us may be the line Where human merges with Divine, We're dull indeed if we can't see What Christmas feelings ought to be And dull again if we can doubt It's worth our while to bring them out. "Glory to God; good will to men! Come, feel it, show it, give it, then!

Come to us, Christmas, good old day. Soften us, cheer us, say your say To hearts which thrift, too eager, keep In bonds, while fellow feeling sleeps Good Christmas, whom our children love, We love you, too! Lift us above Our cares, our fears, our small desires Open our hands, and stir the fires Of helpful fellowship within us. And back to love and kindness win us!

LOSSES IN BATTLE.

Some Famous Fields of Carnage Recalled by the Fight at Modder

A Christmas Carol. Bethlehem's plains are still as green, Bethlehem's harvest fields as white, As when angel bands were seen

Making luminous the night. But for long has ceased the lay Sung by that seraphic choir, And for long has passed away That apocalypse of fire.

Yet that ancient Christmas song till is sung by faithful hearts, And the light that's vanished long Brightness to the soul imparts.

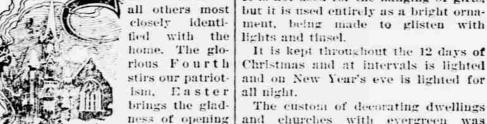


GLADSOME FESTIVAL CHRISTMAS GREENS.

Decoration of Evergreens and Flow-HOW TO MAKE AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS ers Is of Pagan Origin. The Christmas decorations may have ON THE FARM. originated in the saturnalia or in the

Costly Gifts Not Necessary For a Joyous Day-Harmiess Revelry to Celebrate the Most Tender of Holi-

days-The Children's Day. HRISTMAS is It is their chief ornament and symbol. the festival of It is not used for the hanging of gifts,



rious Fourth Christmas and at intervals is lighted stirs our patriot- and on New Year's eve is lighted for ism, Easter all night. brings the gladness of opening spring and out- known by the Christians to be a remdoor freedom, nant of paganism and was forbidden

but Christmas- by the council, but it had too strong a ide, coming, as it does, in the winter hold to be given up. Even in Boston Justice Samuel Sewsenson, invites to indoor cheer and cozy hospitalities. Besides, it is pre- all cried out against it, but it crept to eminently the children's celebration its place by degrees. Holly and ivy and their glad vacation from the rou- were favorites in Great Britain, being tine of school. They say, with our regarded as sacred-emblems of the Hoosler poet: season.

Est to almost cry fer Christmas, like a youngster Holly used in churches was kept by families to insure a lucky year. rth o' July's nothin to it. New Year's ain't

YULETIDE GAMES

Snapdragon a Diversion Popular In England. Little known in this country, snapdragon is a diversion in which in England young and old participate throughold Teutonic practice of hanging the interior of dwellings with evergreen as a refuge for sylvan spirits from the harmless, and no one ever suffers an inclemency of the winter, but the accident through playing it. Babies of Christmas tree is of German origin. 3 or 4 years engage in it with great glee, in which there is an admixture of

fear, but nerve generally conquers, and once in the game they cannot be kept out of it.

The requisites of snapdragon are one or two large platters such as roasts are served on, some large, fat raisins, a little brandy or gin, a match and a darkened room. The platters are arranged thus: If there is but one and the party is of moderate number, it is laid in the center of a dining table. If the number of participants is large, then two platters are laid, one at each end of the table, or there may be two small tables, with a platter on each. Next the raisins are laid over each

boys and girls to care for in the Oxplatter, singly and at short distances ford Orphan Asylum. Our effort is apart. A small quantity of brandy or gin is then poured over each platter to feed and clothe these destitute and ignited. Put out all the lights in children, to give them an English edthe room, leaving none but that from ucation, to train as many of them as the dancing blue flames in the platters. possible in some useful trade or voca-Everybody looks weird and feels un. | tion and to give them the best moral canny, and the fun begins. Each par- training and throw around them the best religious influences possible. If ticipant "snaps" at a raisin on the dish, and, hit or miss, the blue flame clings our readers could in a measure, reto the fingers in writhing, forked alize what it means for the influence tongues, thus providing the "dragon." of lives to be taken away from the The raisins are all finally secured, the side of evil and to be placed upon the flames die out. the lights are turned on, side of purity and righteousness, they and the company is ready for another could form some conception of the importance and magnitude of the diversion, unless, as is often the case, there is a call for a repetition of the work being wrought in our orphans' fun just ended .- San Francisco Post homes. God is using such institutions as powerful instruments in the rescue Magazine of lives and the salvation of immortal

"I regard the education of the chil dren of the State as the grand object of primary importance, which should take precedence of all other questions of State policy. Educate the masses out the Christmas season. Apparently and you inculcate virtue and morality, it is a dangerous pastime. Really it is and lay broad and deep the only sure foundation of liberty and religious toleration."-Gov. Joseph E. Brown, Message 1858.

Remember the Orphans.

We should not wait for Christmas or any special occasion to remember those objects of charity about us. But this is a most appropriate time to con-tribute to the needs, the comfort, the happiness of the little orphans. The happiness of the little orphans. The following which shows something of the work and the wants of the Oxford Orphange, is taken from the Orphans' Friend and we commend it to the consideration of persons who wish to do

a really good deed in contributing thereto: We have over two hundred orphan

in Palestine by CORWIN KNAPP LINSON. ---- OTHER FEATURES ----

A Novel by

ATELY MUCH has been said bout losses in battle, the terrible slaughter incountered in me instances eing actually appalling. In the epartment of The Man on the Corner" in the Germantown.

(Pa.) Independent-Gazette we find the following

"A cable dispatch from London The Banquet In Old England Was an contains a statement that a message sent by General Methuen to Queen The Christmas banquet of mediae-Victoria said that the Modder river val times was a very brilliant affair, battle was the bloodiest of the cen- followed by spectacular performances, tury.' It is not probable that General particularly at court, where proces-Methuen said any such thing, unless sions, dancing and the acting of allepossibly with reference to the losses goraes were favorite amusements. Bein comparison with the total number sides the representations, the ballet that the number of Boers engaged theus stealing the spark from heaven was only about 8,000, according to and making his escape, Vulcan and the British reports, and as General Venus forging the bolts of Jove, the Methuen is in command of only one fall of Phaeton, the love of Semele division of the British army sent to and its fatal catastrophe, and Love the Transvaal, no battle between and Beauty setting the universe on those forces could have been the fire with their united power. bloodiest of the century, unless the From the time of Henry VIII until slaughter of both armies was com- nearly the close of the seventeenth cenplete

"At the battle of Austerlitz, Decem- Christmas day. This was an event of ber 2nd, 1805, the French lost 7,000 great pomp and ceremony. After the need be, After breakiast the good officers and men, and the killed and guests had assembled around the fes- cheer of the morning is in the arrival wounded of the allies numbered more tive board the procession of retainers of the married children or other relaappeared. Then-

"The French losses at Bautgen, in 1813, were 13,000, and at Wagram, in 1809, they lost 18,000, although in that battle they took 20,000 Austrians prisoners.

"At the Moscova, on the retreat from Moscow, they lost 30,000. At the bringing in of the boar's head was atgreat battle of Leipsic, in 1813, a three bringing in or the boar s hear was at tended with processional honors. The days' battle, the French losses were 65,000. More than 40,000 of the French perished on the field, alto-gether \$0,000 men perished on the The turkey field.

"At Waterloo the British lost 6,932. the French 28,850. The total losses antiquity than the huge sirloin of beef of the allied armies there were 4,266 or the mince pie. Mince pies were first killed and 14,539 wounded, besides shaped like a manger, as were the

Yole cakes given out by the bakers to "In the last great attack on Sebas- their customers. Mince pie was also topol, September 8, 1855, the French long ago accepted as typical of the lost 1,646 killed and 4,500 wounded. riches and spices brought by the three besides 1,400 missing, and the English wise men to the Child in the manger. lost 385 killed, 1,886 wounded and The plum porridge later developed 176 missing. At Plevna between into the plum pudding, which dates 18,000 and 20,000 Russians were kill- from 1675. At the old Christmas ed and wounded, the Turkish loss feasts peacocks and cranes formed being about 5,000 less than the Rus- some of the dishes. Before being roasted the peacock was carefully skinned,

"In the war between Germany and and after leaving the oven the bird Austria in 1866 the Prussians lost was reclothed with its old plumage .-9,172 and the Austrians 14,314, at Beston Herald. Konig-gratz: at Nachod the Prussians A Christmas Tree Feature.

1,322 and the Austrians 4,787, and at Skalitz the Prussians 1,365 and the Austrians 5,577.

hance the children's delight in the Christmas tree and, once made, can be "In the Franco-Prussian war the Germans at Weissenburg-Worth lost used year after year. Buy up a dozen 12,914 and the French 5,000 in killed or more of 5 and 10 cent dolls, and to and wounded, besides which the add to the variety have among the French lost 55,000 prisoners. number some Japanese and colored "Another authority puts the French dolls. Dress these to represent fairles

loss at 19,000. in bright hues of spangled gauze, tarlatan or tissue paper and liberally "At Sedan the Germans lost 8,931. The French army of the North con- sprinkle their hair and garments with

Lustrous forms the expanse fill, And to Love's quick car the sky Throbs with heavenly music still While the ages come and go

Hymns of praise unceasing rise and with songs by saints below Angels join their symphonies. Glory still to God is given. Peace on earth is still made known,

And the Heir of earth and heaven Claims the kingdoms for His own. Christmas joyfully returns

On the wings of this new morn. Gratefully our spirit yearns, Worshiping the Christ once born! Dawson Burns in Illustrated London News.

CHRISTMAS LONG AGO.

Event of Great Ceremony.

thought of others. long beforehand unless the purse is unlimited. Costly gifts are not necessary for a joyous day, but loving kindness must illuminate each little remem-

tury boar's head was a favorite dish on doll, some joke and a bit of candy they tives and friends with the greetings

Was brought the lusty brawn By old blue coated serving man; Then the grim boar's head frowned on high, Crested with bays and rosemary,

While round the merry wassail bowl Carnished with ribbons blithe did trowl.

Dancing Christmas fairies always en-

ry of the day is the family dinner-When the gray haired father sees round his board The old, broken links of affection restor." boar's head was carried in by the When the care wearled man seeks his mother once strongest of the guardsmen, singing a And the worn matron smiles where the girl smiled

The turkey as a Christmas dish was What moistens the lip and what brightens the eye, What calls back the past, like the rich pumpkin introduced into England in the sixpie?

Preceded by the typical feast of the appeased the whole company is ready for the laughter and fun to follow. The

and joy of reunion. Now the gifts are

interchanged. Perhaps a real Christ-

mas tree, with its queer fruit from all

lands and its gaudy trappings, glad-

dens the heart of all, but the chief glo-

show, sing "Suwance River," "Down | There are Christmas decorations peculthe Ohio," "Honey, You's My Lady | iar to India, for the natives dearly love Love," recite Riley's "Mighty Lone. all tokens of feasting. They place tall some Waltin When the Folks Is Gone" | Plantain leaves and bunches of truit in or "Little John's Christmas," one of the gateway as symbols of plenty and hang up wreaths of laurel and India jas-Uncle Remus' stories of his "Hard mine or strings of small lamps and of Road to Trabble." A single person may those great orange marigoids which they give an evening's delight for the whole offer at the shrines of all their gods.

party in reading aloud "Bird's Christ- An attraction for the little folks is mas Carol" by Miss Wiggin. After all found in the great stands of Christmas is over the young people, disguised as cakes and trees. Ornamental cakes

Who would run away from life on the sented on Christmas morning by native

The mistletoe was held in so much veneration by the pagans that it was Easter Sunday and circus day-jes' all dead in the cut with a golden sickle by the prince

of the Druids, with whom it first ap-It is also the tenderest, holiest holiday because of the religious observance pears.

The introduction of flowers to the of the birth of Him who brought as tokens of festivity seems to have exthe new teaching of peace and good isted universally and at all times of will to all men If the farm is the ideal home, then history. It was a pagan manifestation of rejoicing, and, although forbidwe should endeavor to observe this home festival in the ideal manner. Our den by the early church and de great farmhouses must not be cheerless | nounced by the Puritans of New Engbarracks. They must become the cen- land, it became a general custom. While obliged to give credit to early ters of oid fashioned merriment, visiting, feasting and hospitality. They and heathen notions for much of the Christmas which we so fondly cherish, must cling closely to the ancient traditions of the day and follow the same we can but remember our own Benjamin Franklin for the one metto as spirit of geniality, of present giving, minstrelsy, harmless revelry, and, being American, "A good conscience above all, of kindly benevolence and is a continual Christmas."-Boston Globe.

An ideal Christmas requires thought CHRISTMAS IN INDIA.

The custom of decorating dwellings

and churches with evergreen was,

Ushered In by the Singing of Birds. With Flowers In Profusion One can hardly conceive a finer el

of men engaged, says an apparently frequently acted some simple story. A be but dim tapers. The glad day provinces of India at the Christmastide Rain sometimes falls at that time, and

interested. For an ideal day we shall have the wee ones trooping down in the early morning, waking every one with their "Merry Christmas!" to see what Santa has put in their stockings. A mouth harp, a jackknife or a

A CHRISTMAS TREAT IN THE JUNGLE about Christmas and New Year's it greatly desired for the crops, but ordi-

narily from week to week there is an unclouded sky. A cool, pleasant breeze blows from the west. In the house it is not only cool, but cold, so that a little

one lady's table. Besides these, trays of

all manners of candies, fruits, vegetables

and flowers are presented, sometimes by

the servants themselves, who come to

make their salaams and generally expect

to receive some Christmas backsheesh

sunning is pleasant, and at night, espeday, from yearling gobbler to plum cially far up in the country, fires are pudding, none can resist the influence. welcome. Cool breezes during the day, With hearts mellowed and appetites sweet scented flowers, birds singing and rooks cawing in the trees add to the charms of India's most agreeable sea-"help" are all asked to join, one's son. Then Europeane, the open air and stances permit, get into the open air and neighbors drop in, and there is soon a move freely about, with everything in round of games and gayeties entered the climate to favor their traveling.

into by old and young. "Blind man's | Europeans usually observe the festive buff," "hot cockles," "bob apple," season somewhat in the same way as we "hunt the slipper," follow each other, do in America, but a Christmas day in and the evening closes with the old the tropics is a fact hard to realize. The fashioned Virginia reel and Tucker, or are so very different from what we are there may be charades and tableaux, used to here. Picnics, tennis, shooting with some recitations by the children, parties on elephants and rides and drives or the young people and children may through country avenues take the place black up and give their elders a minstrel of sleighing, skating and coasting.

Hojack-I often see the Christmas souls.

goose mentioned in Christmas stories We must now begin to plan for the winter months, the most expensive of What is the Christmas goose? Tomdik-The Christmas goose is the whole year. We need hosiery, the man who spends more money for hats, caps, undervests, bed clothing, presents than he can afford .-- Judge. and goods for winter underwear.

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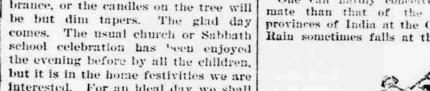
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sisted of 150,000 men, and the three diamond dust powder. Each doll should armies of Germany of 250,000 men in be provided with a dainty pair of fairy wings made from spangled tissue pathat three days' battle, in which 23,000 French were taken prisoners. per and fastened to the body by means "In our Civil War the aggregate of concealed wires. These wires should losses at the battle of Stone's river be coiled to obtain motion in the wings, were 13,249 on the Union side and and nothing better can be used than 10,266 on the Confederate side. the fine spiral coils that come out of

"These figures include killed, wounded, captured and missing. least motion will set this spiral to quivering, causing the wings to move "The Union killed were 1.730 and

as if in flight. In like manner use the the Confederate 1,294. "At Antietam the Union killed

numbered 2,108, the wounded 9,549. "At the first Bull Run battle 470 Union men were killed and 1.071 dancing and circling above and around the Verdict alone being \$4.00. wounded, the Confederate figures being 387 killed and 1,582 wounded. "At Fair Oaks 790 Northern men the air had come down to join the Christmas glee.-Woman's Home Comand 980 Southern were killed, the North losing in wounded 3,594 and panion. the South 4,749.

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farm because of its dreariness if the tradesmen to their employers is startling. homes were thus made attractive?- As many as a dozen have been seen on Breeder's Gazette. READ THE VERDICT. wornout wire stitched brooms. The

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striking, scornful.

and Anti-Imperialism.

(money) or Christmas "boxes." Native Do you read the Verdict? You miss like nature to their English friends. The princes and nabobs send presents of a much if you do not. And that you may contents of the trays are often most arspiral wire to attach the dolls in hover- have the privilege of doing so on the tistically arranged. most favorable terms we will send it to The churches are decorated, but what The effect is magical. Every footstep you with the GOLD LEAF one year for an upheaval of all one's cherished senticauses jar enough to start the dolls \$3.75, the regular subscription price of

ments and memories! In the place of the the tree, as if the invisible fairies of The Verdict is the only illstrated Demholly and ivy, flowers of brilliant hues are seen; instead of furs and plaids, sumocratic weekly in the United States: is mer gowns and hats are worn; in the edited by Alfred Henry Lewis, the most place of rosy, frost kissed cheeks, there energetic political writer of the time; and

are pallid and sun bleached ones. is illustrated by New York's foremost cartoonists. Its editorials are frank, plum pudding are generally forthcoming, The roast turkey and beef and blazing

fearless, forceful; its cartoons satiric, served by native waiters in their white raiment and bare feet. The festivities of The Verdict is the people's champion: the day are usually wound up by a dinner it stands for what is lionorable and just.

party in the evening. It advocates An Income Tax, A Graded C. B. ETHERINGTON. Inheritance Tax, The Election of U.S. Senators by the People, The Destruction The Christmas carol, with its clevatof the Political Power of Trusts. The ing and inspiring effects, corresponds Public Ownership of Municipal Fran- in many ways to the song of praise by

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