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I suffered from female weakness for five months," writes Miss Belle Hedrick, of Nye, Putnam Co., W. Va. "I was treated by a good physician but he did me no good. wrote to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, I', for advice, which I received, telling to take his 'FAVORITE PRESCRIP-When I had used the medicine a th my health was much improved. It atinued to improve until now I can at almost all kinds of house-work. I had scarcely any appetite, but it is all right now Have gained several pounds in t I would advise all who suffer from c diseases to write to Dr. Pierce."



VANCE COUNTY. In the Superior Court the saint's residence in "Fairyland,

! NOTICE. Annie Peace.

titled as above has been commenced against ber in the Superior Court of Vance County by the plaintiff for a divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between her and the said plaintiff, and | mean "Care of Mary." that she is hereby required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Vance County to be held on the 2nd Monday before the 1st Monday in March, 1902, at the Court House of said county and answer or as with any other letters," said the demur to the complaint of the plaintiff or the relief Etherein demanded will be This 18th November, 1901. HENRY PERRY,

Clerk Superior Court.

NOTICE.

STATE OF In the Superior Court NORTH CAROLINA, Before Heavy Perry. VANCE COUNTY.) Clerk. John M. Hardy, Robert Lee Hardy and wife Emily I, Elizabeth M. Fair, Thomas Hardy Fair, Emily H. Fair, Elizabeth H. Fair, Mary P. McArthur, Arthur McArthur, Sr., Arthur Mc-Arthur, Jr., and Douglas McArthur,

Lucy Hardy Hall, H. F. Hall, her husband, Elizabeth Hardy Hall, Emily H. | were without stamps. Hall, Charles H. Fair, Mary H. Fair and Seymour D. Hall, the five last named being infants under the age of twenty one years and without guardian

will take notice that a Special Pro-ceeding entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Vance County, before the Clerk of said Court, to secure an order for the sale for partition among the helps at law and devisees of Thos. A. Hardy, of a tract of land situate in the County of Vance, State aforesaid, belonging to the estate of the late Thomas A. Hardy, and adjoining the lands of the state of Mrs Susan C. Burwell, David Knott and others, and being the tract of land bought by the said Thomas A. Hardy from Mills Robards by deed dated 2nd December, 1858, containing 2,190 acres, more or less, and also for the purpose of having a trustee appointed in the place of William Charles Hardy, under the will of said Thomas Hardy, the said William Charles having died since his appointment and before the execution of the trusts. And the said defendants will further take notice that they are hereby required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Vance County at his office in the town of Henderson, on the 6th day of January, 1902, and answer the complaint which will be filed in the office of the said Clerk before the expiration of this notice. And let the defendants take further notice that if they fail to answer or demur to the said complaint within the time prescribed by law, the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This 5th day of November, 1901. HENRY PERRY, Clerk of Superior Court of Vance County A. C ZOLLICOFFER, Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

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MAIL FOR SANTA CLAUS.

Time. ERE is an address I never Christmas is the children's own season 'Mr. Santa Claus, Joyland Co., N. Y., 911 Happiness Ave.," and "Mr. Santa | person for its "joliy good times." NOTICE OF SUMMONS Claus, Toy and Candy Palace, Christmasville, Joyland."

Another child, perhaps of Hibernian ancestry, had addressed his petition to Ireland." One young writer, with a somewhat hazy knowledge of geographical names, had sent his letter to "Mr. Saint Nickerlis, to the North THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDENT Pole, Mexico." Another, with a bewill take notice that an action en- lief in the power and influence of nurse, had addressed his missive to "79 Bedford Ave., Kaar Meary." which, being deciphered, is found to

"I am sorry I cannot allow you to open any of the letters. It's as much a criminal offense to tamper with them clerk to a reporter of The Commercial Advertiser. There were, however, two postal cards and one open letter, which were fair specimens. The latter was a modest request for the relief of the more pressing wants of the writer. It

the best presents. I have tried very hard for he good boy. Will you please bring me a artrain of cars, a nice book, a game, box of tends and a little sailboat, carriy, oranges and nais. Goodby, dear old Santa Claus. We will expect you Christmas eve.

A few letters were evidently written under the direction of seniors of the family and dropped in the mailbox to please the children. Most of the letters

What becomes of the letters after they reach the dead letter office? Most of them are eventually destroyed, as

the children sign only their first names with perhaps a little good marmalade THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED and there is no way of returning She of the Cooking School.

He tried her mince to please the man !; She begged him, "Have some more, Matt?" But he declined; he was afterd; It tasted like a doormat.

New York World,

CHRISTMAS GREEN. HRISTMAS green in hearts we keep, Heedless of the scowling weather. Beedless of the gusts that sweep O'er the woodlands and the heather Masses in the night we sing

By the side of floral manger, While the wickets widely swing For the pilgrim and the stranger. Cedars with the roses twine Round the chancel's inner railing,

While the winds and waves combine Coronachs and dirges wailing; While the crown of drifted snow Clusters o'er the marble's whiteners. Then, meseems, the arctic flor



Faces of the loved and lost

Throng the courts where we assemble; Rubicons of years are crossed As in Yule's sweet walks we ramble. Oh, the dear, the ever mourned! Ye, in more than olden beauty,

Are like angel guards returned, Sharers in this boly duty. Children with their banners, sec, In the chapel alcoves gather; Happy they with him to be

Children of a common Father. Hear the organ's prelude ring

With the welcome to the morning, While the festal censers swing And the altar lights are burning. Lovely Yule, though shadows steal Unawares o'er all thy brightness,

Though you naked boughs reveal Marble repunds of snowy whiteness, Yet the wreath of Christmas day Green and fragrant ever liveth, For the Hand that took away Is the Hand that once more giveth.

-William B. Chisholm.

Some Strange Letters at Christmas Merry Times For the Little Folks of the Household,

noticed until this year," The youngster who goes through childing out some half dozen let- | ory of many whole souled Christmas frolters with "Mr. Santa Claus, Joyland," ics is being robbed—a robbery of the worst character. Not only the great day on the envelopes. Variations were, itself, but the entire holiday week should be remembered in the mind of the small But, apparently, in the whole range of entertaining there is nothing so difficult to "give" successfully as a simple party for children. This comes about because a little sensible thought is not brought to bear upon the subject beforehand.

> Do you remember that rabid little joke which accompanies one of Du Maurier's society drawings? "Papa, dear," says tender hearted mamma, who can't bear to see the tots disappointed, "the children have been invited to a party at the Johnsons' on the 10th, to one at Thomsons' papa?"

> "Oh, I suppose so," growls the pater savagely, "and while you're about it, suppose you drop in at Dr. Brown's and tell him to stop here on the 11th, the 15th and the 21st." Plain, wholesome food, of which the

youngsters can eat plenty without injuring their health should be provided in satisfying quantities. Serve everyday viands, but serve them in such a way l that they will appear to be of most unusual varieties. For example, plain bread and butter cut in the usual way the youngster who

goes a-partying would scorn; but cut the bread into fancy shapes-diamonds, hearts, triangles-with a cake cutter form it into sandwiches, tied with bebe ribbon-such sandwiches will be considered delectable feasting. Don't serve tea or coffee. Pure milk. chocolate not too rich and lemonade are the more sensible beverages. For a buffet refreshment serve cold

sliced meat, preferably lamb, beef or chicken; bread and butter sandwiches, spread between well baked rolls, hot bouillon, pure ice cream with homemade cake, fruit and simple bonbons. If the feast is to be a "sit down" affair, have something on the following order: Clear beef soup with croutons, chicken with cranberry sauce and one or two of the vegetables in season, or chops with peaor spinach and baked potatoes, a simpl pudding, ice cream and cake, with fruit But whatever the plan of the festivity may be let a number of merry little catches be introduced. Children love mysteries and surprises. Provide plenty of the german favors which contain pa per caps, etc. Have a bag suspended from the ceiling which, when struck with a cane, bursts, showering sugared almonds and other good things.

In the center of the table on which the feast is spread have a miniature Christmas tree arranged to stand upright in a green basket or box. This tree is resplendent with tinsel paper, and from its branches dangles an inexpensive gift for every child of the number.

Around the tree, upon the cloth, may extend a wreath of red carnations. After the meal this wreath is discovered to be composed of boutonnieres-as many as there are children in the gathering. Each child receives his gift by drawing the red ribbon which hies nearest his If it is desired to make the children's

Christmas party a fancy dress affair, the Yulotide season may be cleverly suggested by a "Meeting of the Toys." This is a version of the costume ball. It is newer than the Mother Goose or fairy book ideas, which are by this time pretty well

To the invitations issued for an affair of this kind a note is added, requesting each invitee to come costumed as a toy. Little girls are invited to come, if they prefer to do so, representing their favordolls. And when the great day ar rives, what a motley gathering! Dogs, welves, bears, monkeys, elephants, horses, goats, sheep, donkeys, and so on-mechanical figures, too - jumping jacks, woolly Sambos, acrobats, gymnasts, organ grinders. No merrier plan for a Christmas car-

Christmas Superstitions. To be born on Chri tunes day is, accord-

ing to an old superstition, to be lucky all The great event of the Christmas dinner 400 or 500 years ago was the entry of the chief cook bearing the boar's head, garnished with resemary.

holiday with children, who are allowed to the mystic plant-upright hatchets of sit up till midnight and drink to the "Mock"-as the Yule log is called there. The Twelfth cake was formerly made full of plums and with a bean and a pea. the ceremonies.-New York Herald.

Cunning. Jimmie-But your stockin's have holes in them. Johnnie-Sh! I'm goin' ter put a basket beneath 'em.-New York Journal.

Old English Saying. Christmas so many happy months will Many were the superstitions attach- rich, nourishing food and strongly com- Hojack's unsatisfactory reply.

HOW THE ANCIENTS CELEBRATED

THE COMING OF YULETIDE.

said a postoffice clerk, sort a hood without having stored up the mem- The Mistletoe and the Yule Log Were In Evidence-Festivities Began a Week Before Christmas Day - But There Was No Santa Claus.

> T is said that the American cusvivals of the old world customs which | vorite Yule log was a cross grained existed in England a couple of centuries ago. Yet when these latter are I tree of fantastic and grotesque form. The keynote of catering for children examined into it requires a wide stretch should be extreme simplicity, says What, of an unusually elastic imagination to and guests sat down in turn on the link the ways of the present day with | Yule log, the throne of the master of those of the seventeenth or even the eighteenth century.

It seems probable that the folks of half a dozen generations ago crowded more merriment into the Christmas season than we of this age do, and they on the 14th and at the Simpsons' on the went about it with the same prear-20th. May I write and accept for them, vanged systematic care that a commercial prince now devotes to some great



GATHERING THE HOLLY AND MISTLETOE. financial coup, but the fun was of a boisterous kind, quite inconsistent with | dow. So he threw in the gold, and it fell the crowded way of living these days, says the Washington Post. If one of the old merrymakers could come to it to his eldest daughter as her wedding That horrid pipe man! He promised life on Christmas day and celebrate portion. A second time St. Nicholas colthe festival in the way fashion and custom demanded in his time, he would probably find himself in the lockup charged with rudely disturbing the now excited. He greatly desired to know

the old time English Christmas. Gift- prepared to throw in the third portion, he making existed as it had for many previous centuries, but that was merely an incidental feature and not nearly so important as the work of the pompous | self?" And he kissed his feet and hands. butler, upon whom devolved the re- But St. Nicholas made him promise that tobacco or pipes."-New York Sun. sponsibility of carrying into the dining | he would tell no man. hall the great boar's head.

before the arrival of the day, just as the shoppers of today rush out with fat | How the Day Was Celebrated purses to lure the holiday bargain. But purchasing gifts did not bother the heads or weary the bodies of the old

The gathering of the holly and mistletoe for the decoration of house and church was their initial task, and it was performed by the viliage en masse. and the firing of shotguns at the break of headed by brave pipers and fiddlers, day. The morning eggnog was seldom who filled the forests with the joyful omitted in their matutinal festivities. melodies of Christmastide. It was the pagans who first used holly and mistle. manry of the world, were never refused toe for observances, and the practice their traditional Christmas dram. There was adopted by the early Christian were then no poorhouses, no charity hoschurches. The Greeks and Romans also these degenerate days was unknown be used them in their religious ceremonies. cause not needed. as did the Druids and the Celtic and Country quiltings were all the rage in precedent of centuries.

was headed by the bards singing canti- puts it, cles and hymns. A herald preceded three Druids, furnished with imple-In Cornwall Christmas eve is a special ments for the purpose of cutting which is not seen nowadays. brass, fixed to staves. Then followed the prince or chief of the Druids,

ing to this plant. Among the latter pounded puddings and pies.

XMAS CHILDREN'S PARTY. MERRY XMAS WAYS. day charms associated with it, when suspended in a bunch in the servants' hall, was the traditionary and favorite observance of kissing the maids under its branches, the superstition prevailing that the maiden who missed being heartily kissed under her mistletoe at Christmas would forfeit her chance of early matrialony and certainly not be married in the ensuing twelve menths. toms of celebrating the greatest ways followed the gathering of holly of all festival days, Christmas, and mistletoe was the cutting and are descended from or are sur- hauling home of the Yule log. The fablock of elm or the rugged root of a Formerly the members of the family the revels, sang a Yule song and drank to a merry Christmas and happy new year. As part of their feast Yule dough or Yule cakes were consumed. These bore impressed figures in the shape of an image. Sometimes they were made in the form of an infant. Nor was the manger overlooked.

> WHO IS SANTA CLAUS? Tradition Answers With a Pretty

It is frequently asked, "Who is Santa Claus?" Here is a story about him that lets light upon his real character. He was bishop of Myra and died about the year 326. Among his parishioners (so runs one story) there lived a certain nobleman who had three daughters. From being rich he became so poor that there seemed to him no means of obtaining food for his daughters but by sacrificing them to a dishonorable life. Over and over again the thought came into his mind to tell them so, but shame and sorrow held him dumb. Meanwhile the maidens wept continually, not knowing what to do and having no bread to eat, and their father became more and more desperate. When St. Nicholas heard of this, he thought it a shame that such a thing should happen in a Christian land. Therefore one night when the maidens were asleep and their father alone sat watching and weeping he took a handful of gold and tying it up in a handkerchief ber mouthpiece is celluloid and has repaired to the nobleman's dwelling. He considered how he might bestow it without making himself known, and while he stood irresolute the moon coming from behind a cloud showed him an open winat the feet of the father, who, when he found it, returned thanks and presented and tears to her eyes, "what can I say lected a similar sum, and again he threw | me." it in by night. So a wedding portion was provided for the second daughter. But the curiosity of the old nobleman was who it was that came to his aid. There Noise, bluster, feasting, drinking and fore he determined to watch. When the horseplay were the chief features of good saint came for the third time and sure it wasn't her fault and that all was discovered, for the nobleman seized him by the skirt of his robe and flung husband, with a reminiscent smile himself at his feet, saying, "Oh, Nicholas, servant of God, why seek to hide thy

The oldtime Christmas began a week CHRISTMAS IN THE SOUTH.

Olden Times. Slxty years ago skyrockets, Roman candles and Chinese firecrackers were unknown in the south. The same may be said of the Christmas tree outside of the old Episcopal parishes. And still the boys of those early days made a deal of pother by the bursting of hogs' bladders

The old time negroes, the happiest year

Gothic nations. So the young maid of the rural districts, and when work was today who stands alluringly under a finished the neighboring fiddler was sprig of mistletoe may find satisfaction summoned. After no little turning and nival could be invented.—Buffalo Express. | spring or inistietoe may find satisfaction | scraping the swains and their sweethearts | in knowing that she is following the words "Set to your partners" they footed In Druidical times the simple peas- it quite nimbly through the mazes of the ants flocked in crowds to join the pro- Virginia reel-no stately minuet, no highcessions, in which the Druidical priests falutin german, but a rollicking movewere the foremost actors. The train ment that shook the floor until, as Burns

Christmas Feasting. During the middle ages the whole accompanied by all his flock and Christmas season was given up to revfollowers. The chief mounted the els and jollity, in which eating and weight would be 7,589 tons. It should whoever found the latter was queen of oak, with a golden sickle detach- drinking had a prominent part. The encourage poultry farmers to learn that ing the mistletoe and presenting it Saxon instinct of our English ancestors in the making of this monster no fewer to the priests, who received and bore led them to make of every holiday an than 32,000,000 eggs are used. the branches away with deep rev- occasion for feasting. Plenty to eat erence. On the first day of the year and to drink was their idea of a festithe branches, after resting on the val, no matter how sacred might be its Druidical altars in the interval, were associations. On Christmas they not Hojack, "I'd like to know why you asked distributed among the people as a only lined their stomachs with good sacred and boly plant, the Druids cry- capon, as did Shakespeare's justice, ing, "The mistletoe for the new year!" but stuffed themselves with all sorts of

HIS CHRISTMAS PIPE.

& Woman's Solicitude and a Tobacco Dealer's Perfidy. The bachelor had been invited to a Christmas dinner. His friend and his friend's pretty wife were just vying with each other in their efforts to dispel from his soul the gloom supposed to come to the man without a nome upon this day above all others. They had wined him and dined him, and now that they were seated in the library facing the burning logs in the fireplace the hostess brought out the bachelor's Christmas present. It was a brierwood pipe, with a beautiful curved mouthpiece as transparent as

"Now, I bought this myself," she explained sweetly, "and I told the pipe man that if you didn't like it after smoking it I was going to make him exchange it. You must try it now." This the bachelor proceeded to do. thanking his hostess for her solicitude in picking out the pipe herself. "I think the mouthpiece is such

pretty, clear amber," she went on as she saw her guest stick it between his teeth and begin puffing away. "Yes, it's remarkably pretty," he as-

sented, but there was just a tinge of doubt in his tone. The bachelor sat in his chair with the monthpiece between his teeth and two fingers of his left hand clasped about the stem, smoking very peacefully when there was a sudden blinding flash before his eyes, a fierce pain at the tip of his tongue and a cloud of camphor smelling smoke rising to the ceiling. The bowl of the pipe fell to the floor and the burning tobacco was spilled upon the carpet. The mouthpiece had vanished. The hostess screamed, the two men sprang to their feet.

"What happened?" cried the woman in alarm. "Oh, nothing," explained her husband, "except that your beautiful am-

burned up. Then he stamped out the burning tobacco and gazed ruefully at the big hole in the carpet. "Gh," exclaimed the hostess to the

bachelor as blushes came to her cheeks so faithfully that he wouldn't swindle The bachelor didn't know quite what

to say himself. He had a hole in the end of his tongue, and this didn't help him any in choosing the right words, but he managed to stutter that he was pipe men were born villains. "Remember, my dear," remarked the

"that the good Lord never int adewomen to be good judges of cigars,

Every Idol Plas Its Day.



It is Santa Claus' turn now .- New York World.

London's Christmas Pudding. Many grave and reverend persons can

recall the excitement of that moment when they were invited into the kitchen the day for them is passed when stirring and even eating the pudding brings any delight they may be interested to learn from The Master Baker that if all the puddings made in England in honor of Christmas were rolled into one the total

That Was His Idea. "Look here, Mr. Hojack," said Mrs. ent if you intended to get something entirely different?" "I wanted to surprise you, dear," was

HOW TO CARVE A TURKEY.

ident of the Feast. USTOM has made it usual hereabouts to eat turkey for our Christmas dinner, and accordingly the festive bird will grace many a table. But it is not everybody who knows how to carve a turkey, and the hints given here may mean himself that the ordeal may not his bosom, as well as of those guests who may be present at his board,

The Art Made Plain For the Pres-

Have the turkey resting upon his back. Put the two tined fork in about an inch in front of the peak of the breastbone, where it will sink into a hollow formed by the peculiar conformation of the breastbone. The bird JOHN HILL TUCKER is then held firmly while the carving

The first thing to do is to take off the legs at the second joint. Cut down alongside the leg and bear outward a little, with the knife set well in. The knife is inserted above the leg, and after making an incision it is

pressed outward. The second joint | G. A. Coggeshall, M. D., then parts easily from the body. After both legs are removed in this manner the wings should be cut off, the knife being used on practically the same principle as that employed in removing the legs. The next point for the skillful carver

is to separate the "drumstick," or first joint, from the rest of the leg. This is done by fixing the fork in the second joint of the turkey. Then an incision is made at the joint, and the end of the leg is then pressed down with the The breast of white meat is now at-

tacked. The fork is again placed over the breasthone in the original position, and slices are removed from the breast, The slicing should commence near the peak of the breasthone, the cuts being taken thinly, the knife held horizontally and the cuts extending downward | HENDERSON, toward the wings. After the meat has been taken from both sides of the turkey's breast in this fashion the knife Street. is inserted transversely behind the little projection on the breast between the peak and the neck. This is formed by the "wishbone," or "merry thought. The knife slips easily between this and the breastbone, so that the "wishbone" is easily removed, carrying with it a liberal portion of white meat. The removal of the "wishbone" makes a con venient opening into the interior of the turkey, through which a spoon may be inserted for the removal of the tasty

Nothing now remains but the carcass of the turkey, and the only task is to disjoint it. This is done by first removing the breastbone. By means of the fork the peak of the bone is raised and swung over toward the neck, disjointing it near the base of the latter. The neck, if desired, can be removed, leaving only one more portion of the bird to be dealt with. This is the backbone.

The backbone is broken about three inches above the tail, and there you are. The dismemberment of your turkey is now complete.

Kindles Holy Fires.

My sentiment is that the Christmas is, Steam Fitting to Coffee Pot Mending of all our festivities, the one most thor- on short notice at moderate prices. oughly interwoven with the home and family. It is the day which kindles in midwinter the holy fires of love and gratitude-Robert Collyer.

Welcome Every One. On Christmas day we shall shut out

> A Christmas Lay. [With ander.] 'Tis now the joyous Christmas time;

The panes are etched with pens of rime. (Also, that one so young as I Should lend myself to such a lie! Alas, that truth should be defied When both the windows at my side, Though screened by wire, are open wide.) The air is rent by sheet and hall: The snow is deep on hill and dale. ('Tis hard to think that this is true When grass is green and skies are blue, But think it true a poet must, Though every wanton, wayward gust Increase his table's coat of dust.) The yawning grate with flame's aglow; The walls are green with mistletoe. (And yet upon the street without

My collar stiff becomes a wreck And beads of sweat run down my neck.) The singing wires are harped, I ween, By frosty fingers all unseen. (Another 6h for which I'm paid-In fact, it's ninety in the shade; But art demands the early bird. and Christmus lays can't be deferred; Im laying this on August thoul) -Truth

I hear the melon huckster's shout,

And as I toil to earn a check

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