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## FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS

### CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES.

#### There are Many Strange Customs in Some Foreign Lands.

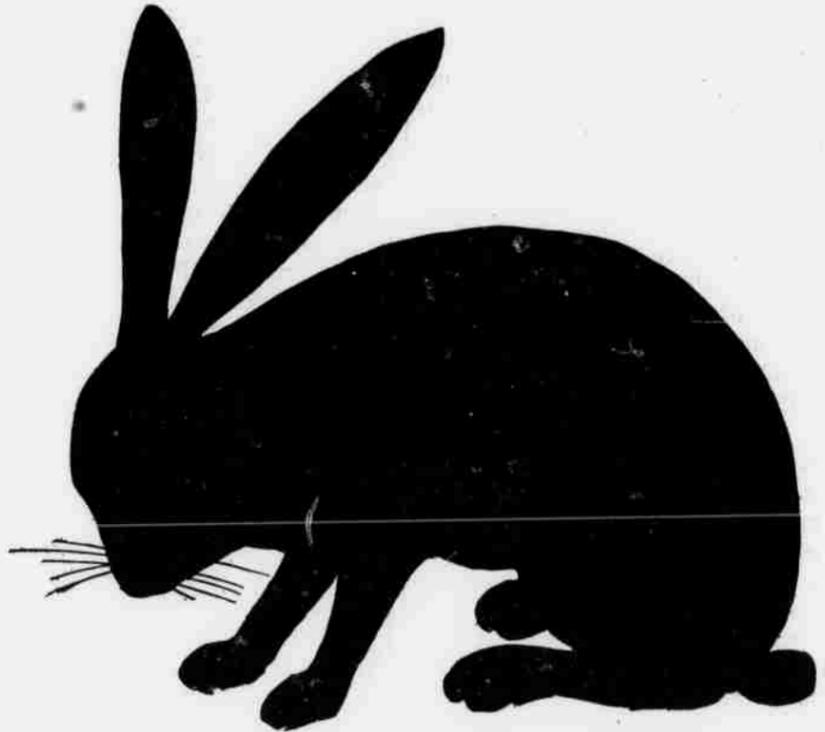
**T**HE observance of Christmas is almost worldwide, and wherever it is recognized boys and girls play a conspicuous part. In the English speaking lands the usual homelike customs prevail, but in other countries there is much which is unfamiliar to American children.

Perhaps if an American boy were to spend Christmas away from the dear home festivities he might best enjoy the Russian celebration. There is one feature of the Christmas observance in the Czar's domain which is apt to strike one very favorably, and that is the great

a great international fair, for there are brilliant displays, side shows and booths.

The Gostinnoi Door is the great bazaar of St. Petersburg. At Christmastime it resembles the interior of a dense forest. Thousands of Christmas trees are brought here every year to go into the homes of the people. It is good to record that there is not a home so poor in Russia but that the children may have the happiness of a Christmas tree. If for some reason there is no tree at home for the children there is certain to be one at the school or association. The favorite decorations seen on the trees in the humbler homes are bright paper flowers, rainbow-hued glass beads and goodies.

In Russia the pleasure of the Christmas tree is not limited to one or two evenings. The glowing tree shines out brilliantly every night during the two weeks, and each night there is a party



A CHRISTMAS BUNNY—SOLUTION OF LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE PICTURE.

length of the holiday season. Christmastide covers two whole weeks, and for 14 days, from December 24 until January 8, there is one long line of holidays. For a fortnight books and pencils are laid aside and the schoolroom doors are closed. Neither do people work. Everybody has a long, memorable, happy holiday. The streets are very bright and gay and the store windows are bewilderingly beautiful with holiday goods, though it is to be feared that this year, if present conditions maintain, there will be little joy or celebration in the Little Father's empire and little cause for rejoicing on the part of his poor, oppressed people.

In the large Russian cities the Christmas sunshine glows radiantly on the snow-covered streets and buildings. The air is crisp, cold and invigorating. The happy crowds pass along the thoroughfares dressed in fur coats and caps, snow boots and sheepskins, and in the national gala attire of the various races—the Tartars, Circassians, Armenians and Russians.

The streets present the appearance of

for old or young. In the city the resplendent trees give great enjoyment to the eager Russian children. But the most wonderful sight is seen in the country on the large estates, when a tree is decorated and lighted just as it stands in the center of a bit of woods. The scene is very impressive. The village children are invited guests, gather about wild with delight, to get the presents and dainties from the wonderful, sparkling, outstretched branches of the tree.

In Germany, too, there is no holiday on the calendar so great as Christmas. And it is the children's festival, also. Christmas in Germany is very much like Christmas in America. Many of our Christmas customs came from there. Germany gave us the Christmas tree, and it is the center of all the Christmas doings for the German children.

It is the chief pleasure of the German fathers and mothers to prepare the Christmas tree. This is usually done in a room closed to the children. There is great mystery about it all. Everyone in the house has his secrets for weeks before Christmas eve. It is all very delight-