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borrowed for the occasion and a wonderful poke hounet, an abeient calash. trimmed with gleaning holly and adorned with flowing strings fired and green ribbon. Upon her hands pride in her dross, with with she con-

fessed that the sixles d d not,

bright red homespun ca real antique

She wore a long cloak of

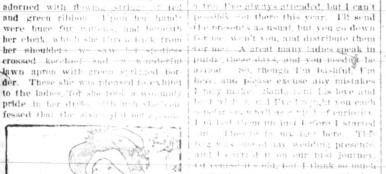
all.

IN CAME THE KIND OLD LADS very often at the north pole, and, any way, she was too busy to think of such things.

Afer a short rest, through which she rather gasped her Christmas saluta-tions, she stood to make a short speech before beginning her gracious labor of distributing the gifts from the laden

She said in part: "Ever since I mar ried Mr. Santa Claus, over 150 years ago.' I've tried to be a real helpmeet to him. But I've never gone around to entertaiuments before. I've done the work in the background, so te speak, as a good wife should. How ever, this year Santa's been dreadfully inst think of all

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of it id never give it up. See the left They stand for Lever had"

The old lady proubly exhibited her old fashioned sole leather satchel and from its capacious depths distributed the potar snewballs. These were form ed of white cotton, and each when unwrapped was found to contain a titly quitabered scars. The gifts upon the tree had been previously numbered, and the snewball indicated to each peron the gift to be received. Mrs. Santa Claus herself gave the presents and kept the company amused by her comments upon the beauty and usefulness of the various articles.

The evening was one of great pleasare and merriment. At its close Mrs. Banta Claus was invitor to come again: but while she thanked the ladies for their kind thoughts, she said, "I'll have to see what Mr. Santa Claus says, for I always do exactly as he wishes."

If Christmas day Saturday be A great whiter that year you'll see And full of winds both loud and shrill. But in summer, truth to tell. High winds shall there be and strong. Full of tempests lasting long. While battles they shall multiply. And great pienty of beasts shall die. They shall be strong, each one, and keen He shall be found that stealeth aught. They they bould be sick, theu diest not.



mmering all quite slowly down Till like a marmalade Put into glasses, seal and place Within the pantry's shade.

And gradually reduce



This Un first With Christmas roast or toothsome came

This conserve is delicious; . Or thinly spread on buttered bread At tea time proves propitious.

Christmas Firedrackers. In many parts of the south for years after the civil war it was Christmas instead of the Fourth of July that was the season for firecrackers, Every Christmas the storekeepers hald in large supplies of firecrackers, and the small boy of that period felt sadly slighted by Santa Claus unless he found at least one of his stockings stuffed with bunches of the little red explosives. In these districts such a thing as a firecracker on the Fourth of July was unknown. Of late years, however, the firecracker has been restored to its proper date in nearly every community. and Christmas noise is confined chiefly to the blowing of horns and the beating of toy drums.

What's in a Name? Papa-Boys, what do you want for Christmas? Billy-1 want a bobsled. Bobby-I want a billygoat. Papa-Suppose you swap.

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