

little-known stories, and origins of Xmas customs

Americans exchange billions of Christmas cards every year.

There are conflicting reports of who sent the first one. According to one source John Calcott Horsley designed the first card for Sir Henry Cole in 1843. It is a triptych, the central panel of which shows a well-fed family at table. They raise their glasses to toast, "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year To You." Flanking them in the end panels are the poor and the hungry.

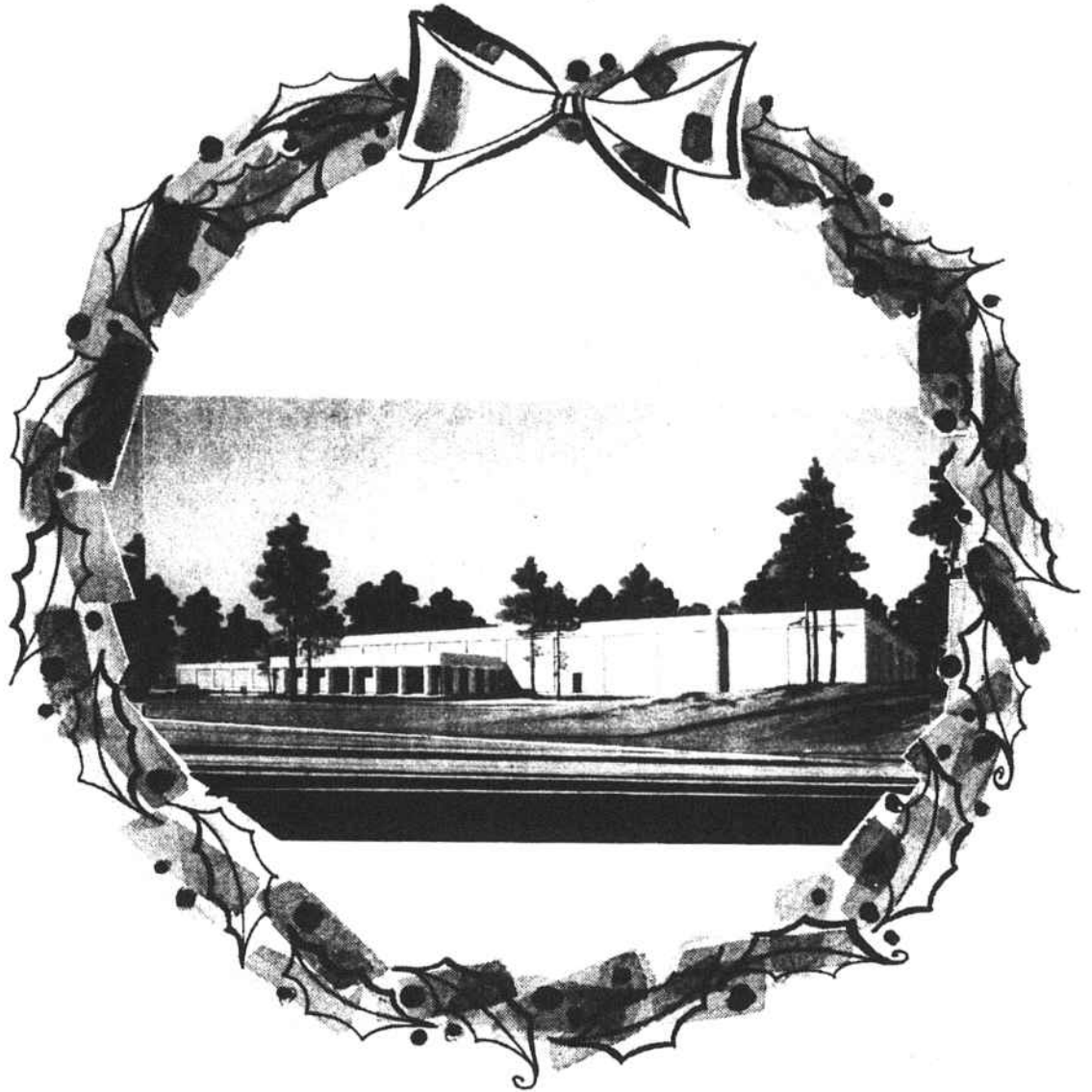


According to another source, the origin of this relatively modern custom is sometimes ascribed to the English Royal Academy artist, W.C.T. Dobson. In 1845 he sent friends lithographed copies of a sketch he had made to symbolize the Christmas spirit.

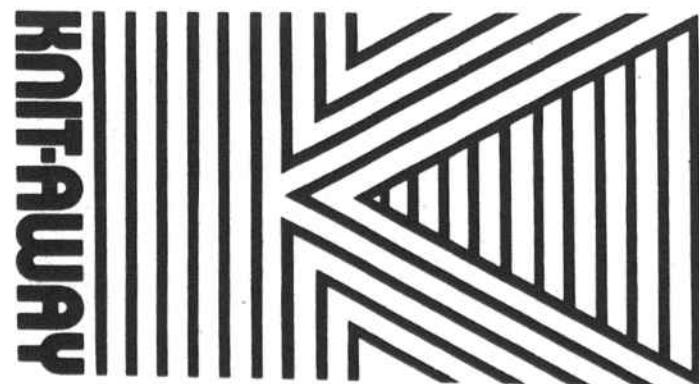
The first English printed cards were very simple; a robin, a sprig of holly or mistletoe, plus a conventional greeting. Pioneers of Christmas card printing in the United States were mostly Germans such as Louis Prang, who opened a shop in Roxbury, Mass. in 1874.



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