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**CHRISTMAS.**

Today begins the Christmas festivities, one of universal merry-making, good cheer and special greetings. It is not confined to the rich and prosperous, but in its full significance embraces the poor, the sick, the young and the old and all persons who recognize the great gift of eternal life embodied in the meek and lowly One whose birth we celebrate. It is recognized as peculiarly the children's holiday because it commemorates the birth of Him who had a tender regard for little children. It is the annual occasion of interchange of kindly greetings, of family reunions, renewing of old friendships and to forget for a time the grim misery that lags along the pathway of life.

It is a time for making other hearts glad by giving something, whether it be of intrinsic value to those in less fortunate circumstances or only a kind word which steals insensibly into the heart and kindles a warmth of friendship and good feeling—the beacon lights that smooth the rippling waters of life. In no better way can we commemorate the birth of Him whose cradle was a manger and whose ministering angels proclaimed "peace and good will to men." The gift of Him is precious to all mankind, and to cheer, to gladden, and to make light the hearts of the poor, the sick and the lowly is a work that commends itself to all.

The JOURNAL sends special greetings to all its readers; may you be happy and cheerful by making others happy and cheerful. None of us are so poor but what we can do something to alleviate the sufferings of mankind, if it is nothing more than speaking a pleasant word or doing some act of kindness which, though it may seem trifling, may prove more precious to some than a costly gift. May you all enjoy the Christmas holidays to the full, and in a manner becoming a Christian people.

**Strange Things Happen Sometimes, and What They Suggest.**

At a Sabbath School in Onslow county, near K. E. Terry's mills, a few days since, the house was packed with Yankees, sons of Erin, and Tarheels. Then blue eared New Englanders, Michiganers and Tarheels; and again Portuguese, Scandinavians; and another sandwiching of Tarheels, &c., &c., until like the plum pudding it was impossible to tell really what it was made of.

On the end of one bench was crowded four small, miserable, discouraged, ragged, barefooted boys, when all at once some one said sufficiently loud to be heard, that he would buy one of the boys a pair of shoes; another said he would buy shoes for another, and in less time than it takes me to tell you, shoes were provided for all; and equally quick money was provided to buy goods for suits of clothing, and others found to make them up. These four little boys that thought they hadn't a friend in the world were made happy and so feel that everybody was very kind to them. Now the cold winter wind will blow harmlessly on four well clothed boys.

We have not seen such before; we want to see more such puddings and sandwiching as described above. Moral: Harrah for the railroad that will bring money, employment and thrift into many localities of this county—that we may see

many such sights as this, and in fact not only be willing but able to act what Christianity means. R.

**Things that Live Long.**

We who are wonderstricken at the sight of an oak that has seen a century, and call a tree very old which our grandfather's father planted, must be astonished at the facts which learned botanists relate concerning the vast age of some trees.

While all creatures that walk the earth or fly through the air or swim in the sea have their fixed periods for old age, and must die of that, if of nothing else, there is no "old age" for trees. They are never past their prime because they have lived so many years. If their only enemy were time, they might live forever; but accidents occur; men and animals and insects wound and injure them, tempests uproot them, lightning strikes them, and thus they are destroyed.

In England people are proud of their trees, and do not chop them down as Americans are apt to do. There are trees there, in all great parks, several hundred years of age, and in a graveyard in the county of Kent there is said to be a tree which is two thousand years old.

I suppose some of those who read this article may have heard their grandmothers tell of a great button wood that was taken from Ohio to exhibit in Philadelphia many years ago, in which a tea table was set, and people feasted comfortably. That tree must have been, and the great trees of California must be venerable, but fancy the great naturalists DeCandolle and Humboldt knowing, as they did, that they touched with their hands and regarded with their eyes trees which were contemporaneous with the first race of men, and whose seeds germinated soon after the last great geological changes took place upon the globe. They are mostly trees of Asia, but one of the most amazing of them all is the great Badbad tree of Africa, which Humboldt ascertained to be five thousand one hundred and fifty years old, and which was a hundred feet in circumference. What a vast period of time!—5150 years! Can any one comprehend it?—Ex.

**The Christmas Guest.**

There is a beautiful custom among the Jews of the Danubian valleys to invite into the family on Christmas eve a stranger guest who is for that time one of themselves; he is welcomed upon his entrance by the traditional handful of corn which is thrown in his face by the house mother, who cries to him:

"Welcome! Christ is born!" He answers meekly an echo to her words.

"Christ is born." The Christmas guest is then taken into the heart of the family, and with them visits the open in their stalls, the sheep in their folds, and the fowls and goats, giving them the spoke head and repeating the formula:

"The peace of God be on thee!" This is to insure good luck for the ensuing year.

The house guest is then invited to "warm the kettle-chain." The serfs have a tradition that this chain can never be warmed on Christmas night, since it had been touched by the Virgin Mother when Christ was born. And that is why they burn so many yule logs trying to infuse heat into the stricken metal.

Then there is the kiss of peace. Even from that the Christmas guest is not debarred. He may kiss the prettiest maiden of the home, but he must kiss her boarded brothers as well. This chosen guest—he is called in the language of the country a "Polazik"—is not always old or ill-favored. Indeed, the merry maidens of a family will put it into the house father's head that such and such a youth has no home, or is a stranger and should be asked to their festivities, and among those innocent people no harm comes of a genial custom. But the kiss imprinted on a girl's rosy cheek, even though it be consecrated with the prayer-chat, "Christ is born," not often sinks in blissful sweetness into her young heart, making the bold mountain lad master there.

The care of live stock if the main duty now. Regular feeding, pure water, wholesome food and comfortable beds are essential. No animal will do as well as it should that is not comfortable. Animals appreciate a good, warm, well ventilated stable, with plenty of fresh air, free from chilly draughts, just as much as man does a pleasant and cheerful fireside in cold weather.

**Wonderful Restoration of Sight.**

BRENHAM, TEXAS. MR. A. K. HAWKS: Dear Sir—The spectacles I procured from you eight years ago entirely restored my sight, and until two years since, have been able to read the best print without glasses. W. B. LUCKETT, M. D. All eyes fitted and the fit pronounced at the office of T. R. Duffy, New Bern, N. C.

**Simple Learning.**

A high school boy went into one of our city bookstores and asked for a pen and a quire of foolscap paper.

"How many sheets in a quire?" he asked magnificently, as he flipped a quarter on the counter.

"Twenty four," answered the dealer gravely.

"Is it possible," inquired a citizen as the youth went out, "that a boy the grammar school can be ignorant of such a simple thing?"

"They don't teach those things at school," answered the dealer, "they are too easy. If our young people learn them at all, it must be at home. Professors have no time to waste on such common knowledge."

To submit to one's lot by no means implies that one should sit down and take the world as it comes, without an effort to shape the destiny which is before every one. But when efforts have seemed to fail it is of little use to repine, or brood over past ills, better despise the affliction, and endeavor to so profit by past errors as to avoid future failures. Experience is a costly teacher, it is true, but the best of everything always commands the best price; and it is a trite saying that "the best is the cheapest," and experience though well paid for, may prove, after all, a good investment.

The cathedral of Milan is considered the finest piece of Gothic architecture in the world. It is 365 feet high, crystallized in white marble. When completed it will be adorned with 45,000 statues.

**Their Business Booming.**

Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at R. N. Duffy's drug store as their giving away to their customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable article from the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis, croup, and all throat and lung diseases quickly cured. Every bottle warranted. For sale at R. N. Duffy's drug store.

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They have also added a foundry to their works, and are prepared to do the best of Brass and Iron Casting. House Plumbing a specialty. Home Plumbering a specialty. If you want good work done on a call. All work guaranteed. See the advertisement in this issue.

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This always does and always will point in a downward direction.



**The Price!**

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**Second Point:**

Here the point is reversed, not once but always—



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This point is upward. Would you know the cause? Then call at once and see our Stock of Handsome Clothing, Men's Furnishings, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes.

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