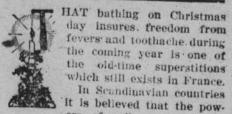
CHRISTMAS BITS



ers of evil are peculiarly active on Christmas Eve, but from Christmas day to January 12 are inactive.

Among the various Slav peoples Christmas and the beginning of the

New Year are commonly called the "Great Christmas" and the "Little Christmas." Mistletoe is a comparatively recent

favorite for Christmas decoration. In the Eighteenth century rosemary, bay and holly were used. In the Balkans it is believed that

to die on Christmas day is of ill omen as regards one's place in the afterdeath life. At one time young men might take

as many kisses from a maid as there were berries on the mistletoe bough. The French have a queer belief that bread baked on Christmas Eve will keep fresh for ten years.

Only about a third of the world's population has ever heard of Christmas, let alone celebrated it.

Christmas Gift for Mother

I think about the times
We used to save our pensies and
our nickels and our dimes;
I we bunched them all together,
even little baby brother Put in something for the present that we always gave to mother.

We began to talk about it very early in December, Twas a very serious matter to us chil-dren, I remember,

And we used to waisper nightly our suggestions to each other,
For by nothing cheap and tawdry could we show our love for mother. Hers must be a gift of beauty, fit to symbolize her ways; It must represent the sweetness and

the love that marked her days.

It must be the best our money, all combined, had power to buy,

And be something that she longed for; nothing else would satisfy.

Then it mattered not the token, once the purchase had been made, it was smuggled home and hidden and with other treasures laid.

And we placed our present proudly in her lap on Christmas Day. we laughed her tears away.

It never comes to Christmas, but I think about the times We used to save our pennies and the only folks I envy are ters and the brothers Who still have the precious privilege of buying for their mothers.

MOLASSES CRISP

cupful of brown sugar, one-quarter cupful molasses, one-half cupful water. two tablespoonfuls butter, two cupfuls puffed rice and one teaspoonful vanilla. Bring the sugar, water and molasses to a boil. Add the butter and cook until the mixture forms a very hard ball when tested in cold water. Add the vanilia and, pour over the rice. Pour into a buttered pan.

The Christ Child

CHRISTMAS—the same old Chris That lives in the minds of men; The same old round of buying, Then buying and buying again.

The same old tinselled playthings; The same old star on the tree; The same old worn out shoppers, And the same old childish gles

The faces wan and white,
That peer into gay decked window
And shiver—on Christmas nigh

Christmas—the same old Christmas,
The time of the Christ Child's births
When the angels sang of heaven,
And peace to the strife torn earth!

Thank God for the Christmas spirit. Thank God for the cheery light

REASON FOR CHRISTMAS The observance of December 25 as the anniversary of our Savior's birth has been maintained long enough to create a presumption in the belief that it is an original institution of Christendom. Nevertheless, the oldest authority for the observance of that day as the birthday of Christ belongs to an epoch separated by a distance of three centuries from the original event, and the festival itself was celebrated on De cember 25 in the West before it was assigned to that day in the East. It is certain that in A. D. 336, December 25 was observed in Rome as the Festival of the Nativity of Christ. The authority for this statement is a Festal calendar drawn up by the local church at Rome in that year. Early in the Third century—I. e., about 130 years before the compilation of this festal calendar-Hippolytus, Bishop of Portus, had assigned Wednesday, December 25, in the forty-second year of the reign of Augustus, as the date of

our Lord's birth.

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\$12.50

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