

CHRISTMAS
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HAT bathing on Christmas day insures freedom from fevers and toothache during the coming year is one of the old-time superstitions which still exists in France. In Scandinavian countries it is believed that the powers 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 after-death 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

IT NEVER comes to Christmas, but I think about the times
We used to save our pennies and our nickels and our dimes;
And 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 children, I remember,
And we used to whisper nightly our suggestions to each other,
For by nothing cheap and tawdry could we show our love for mother.

Here 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,
And we smothered her with kisses and we laughed her tears away.

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

MOLASSES CRISP
Use one cupful of white sugar, one cupful of brown sugar, one-quarter cupful molasses, one-half cupful water, two tablespoonfuls butter, two cupfuls purified 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 vanilla and pour over the rice. Pour into a buttered pan.

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

The same old tinseled playthings,
The same old star on the tree;
The same old worn out shoppers,
And the same old childish glee!

Christmas—the same old Christmas,
The faces wan and white,
That peer into gay decked windows,
And shiver on Christmas night!

Christmas—the same old Christmas,
The time of the Christ Child's birth;
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
That streams from the cottage windows
When the Christ Child walks that night!

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 December 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.

FANNING'S
PRE-HOLIDAY SALE

Clothing Shoes And Ready-to-Wear

THIS SALE AFFORDS UNUSUAL PURCHASING ADVANTAGES. FIRST: AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPLY YOUR WANTS BEFORE XMAS IN SEASONABLE MERCHANDISE AT REDUCED PRICES. SECOND: AN OPPORTUNITY TO WIN THE CHEVROLET CAR OR ONE OF NINE OTHER VALUABLE PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY.

ONE COUPON WITH EACH AND EVERY DOLLAR SPENT HERE

Pre-Holiday

Group Sale
Of Dresses

We have gone through our stock of dresses and arranged them in Groups at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

LOT 1

Your choice of any \$16.50, \$19.50, \$22.50, \$24.50 Dresses
Reduced to **\$14.50**

LOT 2

All Dresses priced \$29.50, \$34, \$37.50, \$39.50,
Reduced to **\$27.50**

LOT 3

Better Dresses, \$45.00, \$47.50 and \$49.50
Reduced to **\$34.50**

One Lot Jersey Dresses—

\$9.50

Regular \$12.50 to \$16.50 Sellrs

ALL COATS, COATSUITS AND DRESSES REDUCED:
Chappie and Golf Coats, Reduced to **\$4.50**
Regular Prices \$6.50 to \$8.75.....



Pre-Holiday Sale

MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS

Men's Overcoats

\$14.50

These are our regular \$17.50 to \$20.00 sellers. All sizes. Plain and belted models.

Men's Suits

\$12.50

Representing our regular \$17.50, \$18.50, \$19.50 Suits. Sizes up to 28.

Other Suit Values

One Lot

\$25.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats

\$19.50

One Lot

Men's \$45.00 Suits reduced to—

\$29.50

In addition to the above specials we will give 10 PER CENT reduction on any suit in the house except serges.



PRE-HOLIDAY SALE OF SHOES

In Addition To Many Special Lots Of Shoes And Slippers For Men, Women and Children Displayed on Tables at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES We Will Give \$1.00 OFF OF ANY SHOE OR SLIPPER IN THE HOUSE PRICED OVER \$5.00.

Bed Room Slippers

FOR THE FAMILY



Satins, Kids, Felts and Quilted Satins.

With and Without heels, All colors, \$1.00,

\$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 UP.

Table Shoes

Men's Work Shoes—

\$2.95

In this lot you'll find shoes that have been selling for \$3.50, \$3.95, brown and black.

Ladies Shoes

\$2.95

This lot represents broken sizes two and three pairs of a lot that formerly sold for \$5.00 to \$9.50.

Reduction On
Men's Hats

Your Choice of Any

\$3.50 Hat **\$2.95**

\$4.00 Hat **\$3.25**

\$5.00 Hat **\$3.95**

One Lot Sport Hats **\$1.95**

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