

Christmas is the one great event that
transcends the bounds of any one
country and embraces the whole
world. In much the same way there
is no limit or bounds to our good
wishes for you for a Merry Christmas.

Ware s Plumbing Shop



Ho! Ho! for Christmas!

Merrily, merrily, jolly good friends, and a grand and glorious holiday to you all!

Elmer Lumber Co.

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For us oldsters, it is memory that makes up Christmas—memories of the old days when grandma managed the Christmas feast, and friends dropped in for a chat.

We are happy to say that among our most treasured manuscries are the many Christman calchestions we have seen come and go, and the friends we have hope with in disting all the years. A Many Windstones to all of you!

Grigg's Garage

Glenn Grigg.

The Holy Thorn Of Glastonbury

In honor of the Hawthorn, which legendarily shielded Christ while he rested in the woods before the crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathaea chose a thorn staff when he started on his long journey to Britain shortly after the death of Christ. Arriving at last at his new home in Glastonbury, Joseph stuck his walking stick into the ground; the staff began to grow and soon acquired the habit of producing flowers each Christmas Eve.



The first literary mention of the thorn is contained in Hearne's History and Antiquities of Glastonbury, published in 1722. In this work, Mr. Eyston states: "Whether it sprang from St. Joseph of Arimathaea's dry staff, I cannot find, but beyond all dispute it sprang up miraculously."

When Britain adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1753, 2,000 persons assembled at Glastonbury on Decomber 25—new style—to see if the Holy There would bloom in agree.

it did not, many refused to participate in the usual observances of Christmas. The evil of changing calendars was proven when the thorn blos-omed on January 5—Christmas Eve—old style—and many ministers in the vicinity of Glaston-bury appeased their congregations by announcing that Christmas would be observed according to the old calendar.

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A cutting of the Glastonbury thorn was brought to America in 1900 and planted near St. Alban's school in Washington, D. C., by the late Right Rev. Henry Gates Satterlee. The cutting grew into a tree, blossoming for the first time in December, 1918; since then, it has blossomed each year at Christmastime and attracts thousands of visitors annually.

Minute Make-Ups



Look your prettiest to greet the New Year! Pin flowers in your hair. Mistletoe, dipped in silver powder, makes a beautiful "frosty" hair decoration! You won't have to stand under the mistletoe—you'll be under it, just in case!

Veterans Administration is operating 24 former Army and Navy hospitals to meet the growing need for hospital space.

Miracle Play In Modern Texas Town

OS PASTORES, the hybrid Spanish Indian miracle play introduced to Mexico centuries ago by Spanish monks and presented in San Antonio during the Christmas season, is enacted primarily for its spirituality.

A group of amateur actors go from house to house by invitation and because it is traditional that no one prompted by idle curiosity should witness the performance, only the initiated can find the scene of presentation.

Usually someone's back yard becomes the stage; the doorsteps
serve as background for the Nacimiento. Manger scene: various
objects are set on the stairs; pieces
of crockery, tinsel, pincushions, patron saints—anything the household
considers especially beautiful. In
the center of the lowest step, the
Christ Child (a life—sized doll
placed on a platter with divers
gaudy candy) is surrounded by
plaster shepherds, donkeys, etc.



A tent opposite the Nacimiento gives evidence of representing hell; a bonfire has been built within and live devils; emerge therefrom.

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The play has no definite time for beginning, but finally, a girl starts to walk back and forth reciting. Overdressed shepherds drone a seemingly endless song. Ermitano, the comic relief, carrying a rosary of spools, also represents the soul of its earthly journey and is often accompanied by the white winged Archangel Gabriel.

It is a never-ending performance: seven devils, six in sequined black with animal masks and the fork-tailed Lucifer in brilliant red, are finally vanquished; likewise, a wild Indian is overcome and kisses the Christ Child; the shepherds and all in attendance kiss the Child, in the child in attendance kiss the Child, in the child in attendance kiss the Child, in the child in the

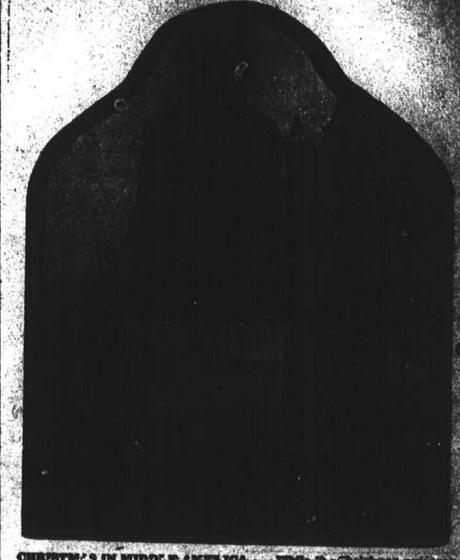
Hunting the Wren In Old Ireland

Once upon a time in Ireland, the wren was hunted and killed on Christmas morning: a branch of holly and bright ribbons were attached to his body which was carried from house to house by wren boys who sang songs and expected to receive a dole from each household.

The story goes that during the Danish-Irish war, the Danes were resting after an arduous march and the Irish were creeping up quietly. All of a sudden a wren, spying a few crumbs which the drowsy Danish drummer had dropped on the drumhead, swooped down and begen to peck at the crumbs. The pecking awakened the boy, who aroused the camp: the Irish, driven

off and defeated, blamed the wren.

Modern Trish, ashamed of the
once-honored tradition, say the guffly
bird may have been a starling or a
sparrow-anyway, and now welcome
the wren to their farms and homes.



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TO TOWN



A SPECIAL TRIP FOR ST. NICHOLAS

Santa is making a special trip this year, and he's coming direct to your home laden with merry Christmas wishes from us to you.

Saunder's Dry Cleaners



One need not be told it is
Christmastime. The glowing
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stranger alike heepeak it.
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