THE CHRIST-CHILD.



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That on that night stood still
bove the humble village inn,
By the Judaean rill.

wise men-seek the path today he crowned Magi found— mother heart of womanhood akes that, Earth's holy ground.

singing angels hover now hove the manger, there. re God's light shone upon His brow, the Prince of Peace so fair!

The wondrous story, never old, Thrills on the wakened heart, Who led us to His Heavenly Fold, Who walked from men apart.

Awake, today, in spirit strain, The song that never dies! Find out that glittering star again, The scales dropped from our eyes!

For God's dear love is potent now As when His reign began; The chanting of the seraph band Shames restless heart of man.

Here, in our midst, the Heavenly Doy Seeks an eternal rest; Descending from His throne above To hide within each breast.

Wake! Better Natures, sleeping long Cast off the thralls of sin! and let the White Dove in!

Mute by the graves of vanished hates,







from Germany, for etting up a tree hung tide was by no means itain until after the en Victoria to a Ger-

ing in the England of a century ago are generally regarded by archaeologies as survivals of the second of the seco

"Universe tree," whose trunk was the cosmic axis, whose roots were in the under-world, and whose branches, lift-dailoft into the skites, hore up the heavenly hosts.

The custom of decorating the church self-like treesery at Christmas had the great feast of Saturn was held in December, when the worshipers hung the imple with such green things as they could find; and the Christians adopted the same method to celebrate the birth of the Savior, giving it an emblematic the same method to celebrate the birth of the Savior, giving it an emblematic the same method to celebrate the birth of the Savior, giving it an emblematic ones with the same method to celebrate the birth of the Savior, giving it an emblematic ones with the same method to celebrate the birth of the Savior, giving it an emblematic come unto thee, the fir tere, the pine tree and the box together to beautify the place of my sanctuary."

The holly, or holy tree, is Called Christ's thorn in Germany and Seantions and its use in church decorations and its use in the church decoration and the church decorations and the church decorations and the church decorations and the church decoration and the church



of silt today and have been dismissed from the works without my week's pay."

She gave one look at Archie's new sleigh and hid her face on the fence rail.

The same to the fence of the same he went on his way. When he reach the third to the same he went on his way. When he reach the little cottage he stood still be-hind a great bush outside of the gate. Little Dick was still peoping out. Ar-chie watched the eager face for several imments, then, when the child left the window, he stole softly through the window. at Christmas time.

THE YULE LOG.

Christmas day in the primitive church was always observed as the sabath day, and, like that preceded by an Eve, or Vigil. Hence our present Christmas Eve. On the night of this Eve, people were wont to light the control of the Eve, propiety of the Eve of the Christmas Eve.

On the might of the control of the Christmas block, to illuminate the house, and, as it were, to turn night into day. This custom is still kept up in the north of England. The size of these logs of wood, which were in the fact that in the time of the civil the fact that in the time of the civil the fact that in the time of the civil that a control of the civil the fact that in the time of the civil the fact that in the time of the civil the fact that in the time of the civil the bringing in of the Yule log, at the bringing in of the Yule log, at the bringing in of the Yule log, at the bringing in of the Full to great hold by the control with its properties. As soon as the log was approfusely decorated with ity and holly berries. As soon as the log was approfusely decorated with ity and holly berries. As soon as the log was approfusely decorated with ity and holly berries. As soon as the log was carent holdsy and did not go to be again. The servants were then given a several holdsy and did not go to be again. The servants were then given a central to the control of the control elimbids the fence at the side of the road and went toward a thick clump of trees.

It was eight o'clock on Christmas Free and at Archie's house his mother stood at the door looking white and frightened. His father, with a landrightened. His father, with a landrightened. His father, with a landrightened of the stood of the Archie had not come house house. The have been to Mr. Dunklirk's store, "ald Archie's father. "He left before dark. Now I will search the wood." Some one shouted, "Heide hellot." Some one shouted, "Heide hellot. "There he is now!" cried Archie's mother. "I am so glad!" and she ran down the road toward the voice. The first person they met was Ellen, pulling a beautiful new red and green she was the proposed of the sum of "THE WASSAIL BOB."
white peace offerings to the shining goddess of the heavens.
The Hindoo Parijata and Kalpavris-kaha yielded all the objects of the desires of gods and mortals, and so, too, did the Iranian Harvisptokhm, "the "rea of all the seeds." tree of all the seeds,"
At cremation ceremonies in Buddhist Slam a, framework representing
a tree, to which are ited limes and nutshells containing money and lottery
tickets, occupies a prominent place, and
after the rites these "fruits," which
are called "karaphriuk," are scrambled
for by the crowd. there, occupies the state of the close occupies after the rites there is a scrambined of the country in processions, in honor of their god Zahir, a bamboo framework decknowledge of the colored clothe and pead-out the country of the

to keep Christmas. You can't be so poor as all that.

Don't give presents that are a pleasure for ten minutes, and a burden and a worry for ten years.

Don't spend so much on Christmas that the control can't get even with the blood can't get even with the blood control to the control that the bound control to the control that the bound control that the course them being bigger guys than necessary.

Don't give your wife something she doesn't care for, just because you want it yourself. This "don't works the other way just as well.

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Don't try to find the price-marks on the gifts you receive. If the gifts are worth having, they seem something above dollars and cents.

Don't put seal a good deal longer.

The will last a good deal longer.

Don't put everything off to the last, because you had better for the joy of your friends give nothing than to wear yourself out and be as cross as two sticks when the blessed day comes.

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Don't put checked free cash gift you receive against each present that you gave, and calculate whether you made or a

any smaller or means help.

Don't waste any of your pity on the long-haired youths who lie at the bottom of the heep in bottell scrimmages. You will need all your pity yourself in the rush at the holiday

PLAYING SANTA CLAUS

all tin box.

give you ten more five-cent
said his mother, smilling, "how
rill you have then?"
hundred and fifty ceats," cried
laughing aloud. "May I go and

he sleigh now?"

s," said his mother, "but I want
of those lovely red berries I saw
e wood yesterday. They would
so nice among the evergreens.

ed his mother about it as shaing his hair. She only kiss-for reply, but in the dialog here all the family from fa OTHER, will Santa

XMAS SUPERSTITIONS.



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VERYTHING

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The day comes in December, which month, it is generally believed, was conservated to Saturn, believed, was conservated to Saturn, believed to Saturn, the work of the Saturn, the saturn of the sun. The evergreens, with which houses were decked, are relice of the symbols by which our heathen ancest of the sun to deck the earth anew with green, and to laden the trees with rich fruit. The mistietce, exhibited at Christmas and to laden the trees with rich fruit. The mistietce, exhibited at Christmas and to laden the tree with rich fruit. The mistietce, exhibited at Christmas and the new year in almost every house in the old country, and the years in many residences in our own land, is regarded as a semi-sacred thing that possesses charms and confers privileges on people possessed from which is is suspended.

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In the olden times the ancient Buttons believed their gods were in the cake. When the mistitoe berries rure ripe the draids invited the people to a great feast, and the oldest druid, dress, and the content of the mistitoe and of the strange, superstitution of the content of t



hristmas."
"How did she get it?"
"Hung up her stockings."
"Jack, of course? But how did Jack
et it?" "Hung up his watch."

What though wintry winds are blowing
Leaves from off the tree;
And no more the flocks are lowing,
On the unland lea;
Christ each little lamb is tending,
Folding it with care;
From the storms of life defending,
From its chilling air.
Chorus—Hark, &

"he dawning,

may those angels, at the dawning Singing in the sky, Ever with a kindly warning Bid the tempter fly, When no more on earth is given Joy like this today, May such messengers of heaven Bear our souls away.

When Christi

pace
The small boy is a peach
His stomach is the resting
Of everything in reach.

Joy and Expense.

"Uncle Theodore, what is the Christmas spirit?"

"It is that genial joy you feel when you discover that you have money enough to go round."

FARM AND GARDEN

The cultivated cresses are larger and superior in flavor to those grown with. and the market for the improved social and the market for the improved social and the market for the improved social the controller. Nr. Barnier in American and the market for the improved social and the controller of the controller. Nr. Barnier in American and the controller of the controller

times sell as high as \$1 apiece. This is the most profitable time to gather the creases for market.

Externants With Oats.

The Alabama Experiment Station has been making some experiments with oats, and gives the following summary of the results:

Among a number of varieties of oats Among a number of varieties of oats to the common found superior its yield to the common Red Rust Frod Law Varieties which produced moderate yields of grains and relatively large amounts of tail fine straw were Myer's related 19. 118. and 37 bushels per are more than the same kind of seed Rust Proof oats sown in November In the Myer's Myer'

its. The plot on which only the roots and

The plot on which only the roots and stubble of cowpea vines were plowed under yielded 34.4 bushels of oats per uner, against, 3.7 bushels where German millet stubble had been plowed under, an increase of 24.7 bushels of oats per scree. Considering yield of peas and of hay and yield of the succeeding oat care. Considering yield of peas and of hay and yield of the succeeding oat plow under the vines.

Nitrate of soda applied as a top dressing on both fall-sown and springsown oats, was most profitable when applied not later than the last of March, or at least 56 days before the grain was mature.

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land deficient in vegetable matter failed to increase the yield. In a co-operative fertilizer experi-ment conducted near Auburn with oats sown in February, drought caused the crop to fail on all plots. The greatest resistance to drought and the largest yields were chained. sown in recovery, dought cause they crop to fail on all plots. The greatest resistance to drought and the largest yields were obtained on the plots re-ceiving kainit. Bealding seed oats for 10 to 15 min-utes in water kept at a temperature of

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reased production and all the society factors are coming decline."

Warning: Against: Preservatives. E. G. Grosvenor, dairy and food commissioner of Michigan, sends out the following:

We desire to callind adaption and we desire to callind and the use in their products of the so-called preservatives now upon the market. Many of these now upon the market. Many of these now upon the market. Many of these pecially by invalides and children, whis are generally large consumers of milky, it likely to produce serious into tishal effects. Aside from the directly have a serious and the serious consumers of milky, preventing dispection. Selence has demonstrated that the value of 'all' (food depends very much inpost the readiliness with which it is assimilated in the process of dispection selence has demonstrated that the value of 'all' (food depends very much inpost the readiliness with which it is assimilated in the

not been for Ellen I might have been hamging there yet."
"How can I ever thank you?" said Archie's mother, turning to Ellen.
"I saw him go into the wood," replied Ellen, "after he put this beautiful sleigh on our doorstep for Dick. Then, when I heard he was lost, I followed and looked for him. I would

MADE TWO HAPPY

mas tree stood loaded down wing gitts, he found beneath it an express wagon, and on the wagon was a beautiful red and green sleigh, exactly like the one he had given to Dick. Well, Archie was very happy that day, but he often thought of Ellen and poor little Dick, and when the oder of roasted turkey and mince pies ersent through the house he wondered



Hark! those strains, so sweetly failing.
On that festal mora!
To our hearts are they recalling.
Christ, our King, was born.
He has come to give a blessing
To the poor, the sail.
He has come with kind caressing,
Making children glad.

Chorus:
Hark! those strains so sweetly falling
On that festal morn;
To our heart they are recalling,
Christ, our King, was born.

Christ, our Amg, was norm.

His we to the lowly manger,
At the village inn;
Let us great the wondrous stranger
Saving all from sin;
Let us bring a royal treasure,
Like the wise of old;
Love sincere and without measure,
Better far than gold.