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Custom of Marking Business Houses Goes Back to Ancient Greece.

The custom of marking a business house by means of a sign is of very ancient origin, says December St. Nicholas. In the great cities of the East and among the ancient Egyptians such a practice must have been unnecessary, as all trades were classified and confined to certain sections of the city, and then all wares were exposed to full view, as they were displayed in open booths.

The history of Grecian sign boards is meager, yet the allusion of Aristophanes and Lucian to sign boards warrants our belief in their use by the Greeks. Athenaeus tells us "He hung the well-known sign in front of his house."

Advancing to Roman times, there is abundant evidence of signs, as the discoveries of Pompeii and Herculaneum amply testify. In the Eternal City some of the streets derived their names from signs; just as hundreds of London streets have been so named. The Roman street "Vicus Ursi Pileati" was named from the sign, or, as the name indicates, it was the street of "The Bear with the Hat on." But it was not until late in the fifteenth century that the custom gained a footing in England, first of all among the taverns and ale houses. Later came the necessity of distinguishing between certain shops, brought about by the fact that the houses were not numbered, and the people could not read word signs even if they had been lettered in gold.

The Children's Christmas.

If we are to keep Christmas day fit for the children it must be full of simple enjoyment. It is not the elaborate celebration that counts. Better a stocking with pop-corn, nuts, raisins and apples, and a rollicking good time over it, than a conventional party or a gorgeous tree and a cross family. In one of the magazines last year there was an amusing story of the Christmas celebration prepared for two or three children by their admiring grandparents, aunts and uncles. Complicated and expensive toys were in profusion. There was a beautiful tree --but the grown-ups were the ones who enjoyed all this, and the little boy retired to the servants' quarters for a sensible conversation with the man, who had given him the one present that was valued.

After all, nothing in the world has the same mysterious charm that invests the knobbed, unwieldy stocking. You feel of it, and pinch it gingerly as it lies on the bed, and imagine what the various bunches are. The very smoking lends itself to prolong the uncertainty. How it muffles its contents! It opens unexpected, depths and swallows the particular article you were fingering. It twists itself about reluctantly when you try to hurry out a bulky object that you are almost bursting to see. But in the end it is all ours for inspection and consumption.

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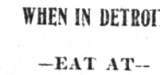

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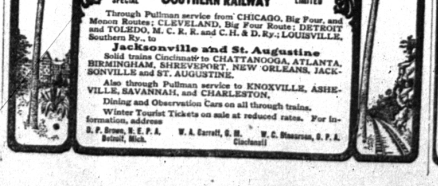

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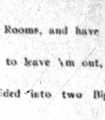

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