May Throw Light on History.

While excitement regarding the Hohenlohe memoirs is still rife in Europe, there is subdued talk in British military circles regarding the forthcoming appearance of a book which will contain some of the late duke of Cambridge's voluminous correspondence. A diary kept by Emperor Frederick of Germany is in safekeeping in England and the day may not be far distant when it also will be published. Correct answers to numerous historical enigmas may be expected from such a publication.

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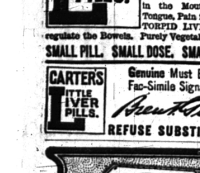

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AND THE CHRISTMAS BELLS ARE RINGING
FOR THEY BRING THE CHILDREN HOME.
AH! THEY COME FROM DALE AND DINGLE,
AYE, THEY COME FROM LANDS AFAR,
AND WITH JOYOUS HEARTS COMMINGLE
'NEATH THE GLORIOUS CHRISTMAS STAR.
HOW THEY NEARKEN TO THE STORY
SACRED, SWEET, THOUGH OLD AND HOARY,
HOW THE SAINTED BABE WAS CRADLED IN THE ORIENT BYRE!

EAGER HEARTS HAVE WAITED FOR THEM,
LOVING HANDS HAVE SPREAD THE FEAST,
HOME'S DELIGHTS ARE EVER O'ER THEM,
AND THE LAST IS NOT THE LEAST;
AND COMMINGLED WITH THEIR COMING
IS A PLEASURE NOT OF EARTH,
FOR THE BIRD OF LOVE IS HOMING
TO THE DEAR OLD CHRISTMAS HEARTH;
AND THE CHRISTMAS FIRE BURNS BRIGHTER,
AND THE HEARTS OF ALL GROW LIGHTER,
AS ABOVE THE LITTLE CIRCLE RISES NEVER CEASING MIRTH.

THE STORY OF SANTA CLAUS

St. Nicholas the First Patron Saint of the Children.

SANTA CLAUS is the one myth that will not down. The tradition of a beneficent spirit—call him by what name you will, Santa Claus, Kriss Kringle, St. Nicholas, Father Christmas or Noel—who comes around on December 25 of each year, and gladdens the heart of children, rich or poor, by mysteriously leaving to them the very things they most want, survives in spite of all attacks.

Santa Claus, the real Santa Claus, is both old and young. His pictures show to us a jolly fellow, with a beard suggesting the venerable, twinkling eyes bespeaking bounding youth. And

The Russian St. Nicholas.

young in feeling and action, if not in years, he must be to get over all the world in one night, without missing one house in which lives a deserving child.

He is different in every country, ranging in years from the beautiful Christ child that the good children of France adore, to the jolly old fellow to whom the American youngster vows allegiance.

But it is not in this sense that the writer means to depict Santa Claus as both young and old. It is from a historical standpoint that the comparison is made. Santa Claus, as we know him in this country, is less than a century old, but the real Santa Claus, the original of them all, goes way back to the remote third century.

His present name, Santa Claus, or Kriss Kringle, is derived from St. Nicholas, the very incarnation of all that was good and generous.

St. Nicholas, destined to be worshipped in various forms by the children of scores of centuries, was born in Patara, a town of Lycia, in Asia Minor. From his earliest days he showed a religious inclination that destined him to take a high place in the church.

As a young man he entered the monastery of Sion, and in time he became abbot and later bishop of Myra. His sanctity and learning made him shine even in the most illustrious company, and he was one of the most notable figures at that wonderful gathering of 318 bishops, who met at Nicea in 318 to condemn the heresy of Arius.

While St. Nicholas became famous in the councils of the church, it was still more as the special friend of the children that his fame spread.

One of his earliest miracles, it is related, had to do with restoring to life two or three children.

There are two accounts of the story. One says that an Asian sent his two sons to Athens to study. En route they fell in with a villainous innkeeper, who, to get their valuables, slew the two boys, and cut their bodies into bits, which he put in his brine barrel to sell for pork. Then St. Nicholas having seen the crime in a vision, came to the spot, and restored the children to life.

The other version says there were three children, and that their would-be murderer was a butcher.

In either case, St. Nicholas performed the miracle of restoring them to life.

This was the first act by which St. Nicholas proved his love for children. The second bore still more strongly on the Santa Claus idea, for it was a favor that he did at Christmas time.

A certain nobleman of Patara was so poor that he was unable to give a portion for his three daughters, and it seemed impossible that any of the trio could get a husband. St. Nicholas, learning of their plight, came at Christmas time and threw a purse filled with gold into an open window. The act was done as stealthily as that of the modern Santa Claus; the nobleman could not tell who his benefactor was, but he gave thanks and married off the eldest daughter.

Next Christmas came another purse, and the second daughter took a husband.

When the Christmas of the third year approached, the nobleman's curiosity got the better of him, and he set himself on guard to see who it was that left the money. When the saint appeared, the nobleman came forward and asked why so good an act should be performed in stealth. Then the patron saint of the children enunciated the great truth that the best acts are those that are done for the joy of doing, not the hope of praise.

Thus centuries ago was proclaimed what is the best sentiment of Christmas giving. The idea of St. Nicholas was so beautiful that it took its place among the great beliefs of the children, and in different forms it is found nearly every century.

Both his name and his form differ, but everywhere his labor is the same. In France, Germany, Russia and the Netherlands he is the embodiment of an essentially religious idea, but in England and the United States his office is more a secular one.

France always represents Noel as the Infant Jesus, and in Germany, too,

The German Kris.

the name Krist Kindel, corrupted here into Kriss Kringle, means literally the Christ Child.

In central Europe, where the Christ Child is believed to come with gifts for the little ones, he is dressed like a maiden, carrying a silver bell, lighted tapers and wearing a crown.

St. Nicholas carries the same name in Holland that he does here, Santa Claus. In Switzerland they call him Sama Klaus, and in Heligoland, Sonnef Klaus.

He is Niklo or Niglo in Austria, and boasts the luxury of an attendant, who assists him in carrying all his bundles. This assistant to Santa Claus is known as Krampus, and with the children is only a shade less popular than his chief.

"Holy Man" is the respectful term by which the patron Saint is known in the Tyrol, and here, too, he has help, being accompanied by the Christ Child and St. Lucy. The Christ Child Himself comes in Alsace.

Even Japan has a Santa Claus, similar in most respects to the Santa Claus of the occident. He is known as the "Sage of Long Life."

TONY PASTOR'S PARROT.

How a Lot of Railway Men Patronized His Show.

This tale was related a little while ago by the principal actor of the story, says a writer in the Boston Herald:

A number of years ago in the days of the old Boston & Providence railroad, Tony Pastor approached Baggagemaster Davis of the midnight express, which was bound for New York, and said:

"I have here a parrot which I am very desirous of having delivered, and for the favor I am willing to compensate liberally; also any time you want to attend a performance at my house, call around and mention you are the man that brought the parrot from Boston."

Davis grasped the opportunity, saying: "Thank you, Mr. Pastor, I shall see that the parrot is delivered, and shall avail myself of the favor on the first occasion."

A couple of months passed and the baggagemaster inquired for Mr. Pastor at the box office.

"The manager is very busy," said the ticket seller. "What do you wish to see him for?"

"Just tell him," said Davis, "I'm the man that brought the parrot from Boston."

Turning on his stool, the man repeated his request.

"For God's sake, John," bellowed out Mr. Pastor, "send that parrot back to Boston. There have been twenty railroad men around here trying to work that parrot yarn on me."

A New Sleeping Car Story.

Among the railroad visitors in town yesterday was F. A. Miller, general passenger agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. He visited all of the general offices in town and at the Hollenden Hotel yesterday told a story of one of the sleeping car porters who was recently found asleep while on duty. This is contrary to the rules of The St. Paul Road, and the negro man was in trouble when found by the inspector on The Pioneer Limited. He had his wits about him, however, and in response to the inspector's inquiry as to what he was doing asleep, he said:

"I'll tell you how it was, boss, I have only been with the company a short time and before coming here I was working on such and such a railroad. The line was so rough that I could not get any sleep. Since I have been working for the The St. Paul the road has been so smooth that I just could not keep awake."

Mr. Miller says that while the negro had violated the rules, he was permitted to keep his job on account of his wit.—*Cleveland Leader.*

Sympathy Not Needed.

Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, Norway's famous arctic explorer, now minister to Gerat Britain, makes light of the sympathy expressed by many persons anent the "hardships" of travelers. He says: "There never was such misplaced sympathy as commiserating a man who has lived in the wilds. Most men who travel in out-of-the-way parts of the world do so because they like it. People who live in the center of what is called civilization do not understand, cannot realize, the spell that getting close to nature, battling with nature, has on the heart." He does not believe in the use of alcoholic beverages, holding that while liquor will raise the temperature for a few minutes, after that it falls lower than before.

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PUT DOWN "EDDICATION" IDEA.

Farmers's Plea Had Weight Among Brother Agriculturists.

In the early forties, on a certain "town meetin' day" in one of the small farming communities of the Granite state, there was more than the usual interest and excitement. Some audacious Philistine had secured the insertion in the warrant of an article "To see if the town will appropriate $500 for a new schoolhouse."

The sturdy yeomanry were out in force to fight down this proposition. The sympathetic moderator didn't "moderate" them worth a cent. The so-called "toney" advocates, conscious from the start of their numerical weakness, were conciliatory and persuasive, in the hope of thus winning to their standard sufficient of the opposition to carry the day. These hopes were dashed, however, when a veteran farmer, the Nestor of the guild, got the floor, and shouted in foghorn tones:

"What do you want of skulehouses, anyway? This eddication talk is raisin' the old Harry with the boys on the farm! There's that Danny Webster—'s likely a young man 's ever raised in these 'ere parts! Got this eddication idee into his head—left the farm—never's heard of afterward!"

This was a settler. The "toneys" fled the scene, and the "noes" had it.

Followed Adam's Example.

"My wife taught me," said Charles Caffiere recently, confessing to robbing Denver stores of Oriental rugs.

NO MEDICINE.

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Most diseases start in the alimentary canal—stomach and bowels.

A great deal of our stomach and bowel troubles come from eating too much starchy and greasy food.

The stomach does not digest any of the starchy food we eat—white bread, pastry, potatoes, oats, etc.—these things are digested in the small intestines, and if we eat too much, as most of us do, the organs that should digest this kind of food are overcome by excess of work, so that fermentation, indigestion, and a long train of ills result.

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Change in University Rules.

By the vote of 206 to 169 the senate of Oxford University, England, has discontinued the publication of the names of students in the mathematical tripos in the order of merit, and hereafter there will be no "senior wrangler."

To Wash Velveteen.

Velveteen may be washed by shaking it about in warm Ivory Soap suds; then rinse thoroughly and let it drip dry. On no account squeeze or wring it. Be careful to hang it straight on the line, for otherwise it will be crooked when dry.

—ELEANOR R. PARKER.

Australia's Chief Engineer.

T. Roberts, chief mechanical engineer of the South Australian government, has been appointed, subject to the ratification of the various Australian governments, consulting mining engineer for the whole of Australia, with an office in London. The nomination comes from the Australian commissioner of railways.

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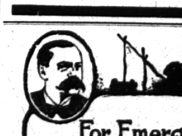

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