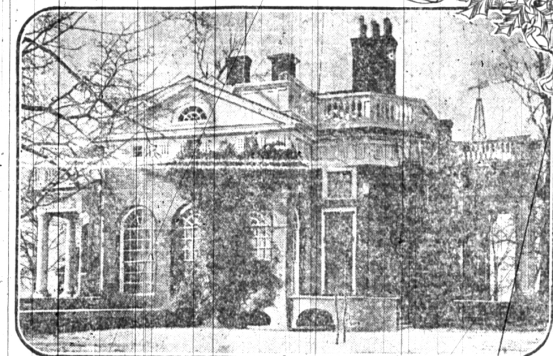


"OLD VIRGINIA"

J. M. BELL

How folks in the tidewater section of state that mothers presidents celebrate during Christmas season. Some of the spirit of Merrie England 150 years ago pervades that part of America today.

DRINKING PORK FOR CHRISTMAS



A FAMOUS OLD VIRGINIA PLANTATION

universal, you will hear the baying of the hounds here and there, the mounted hunters as they pursue the crafty fox through fields and woods on a Christmas morn.

The Christmas dinner is more or less a formal function and it is likely that the family and the guests will be in place when the blessing is asked by the host. Even the arrangements of the hunt will not make the men overlook the time-honored custom of doing in place when the stuffed gobbler is served.

The Country Dance. In the evening all join in the old-time country dance. The very best succeeds quantities, lanterns, two-steps, waltzes and even, perhaps, the schottish. These delightful recreations, still observed, come from the "mother country," and have flourished in east Virginia for three centuries.

Nothing is more homelike than a Christmas dinner on a Virginia plantation, where observance of the season is inherited, where the servants are negroes, the holidays are joyous and thoroughly familiar with the dear old-time music so fondly remembered by those of that better day. Invitations have brought out the contrary, whose social position obscures his courtesy. The "great house" is decorated with all the elegancies of the season. Bright lights are burning and the servants are on hand to wait on the white table.

The night is a stately one, and a pipe of foot has struck upon the landscape and there is a rumble of wheels over the slightly frozen road leading to the house, but the carriage, perhaps a four-wheeled one with its own crew of young fellows, the black John pulling his team and coming in a rapid trot. There may be one or two automobiles.

The big front door is thrown open, a blare of brass and the light welcomes the incoming guests, who enter hands with the host and mistress standing within the portals. Upstairs to the "great room," the "dinner room," where the gentlemen go to the room and the ladies to the parlor. All in a festive and happy preparation for the coming day.

Five o'clock dines from the table on the parlor. The lively boy of maids are bringing down the lower floor. What visitors of distinction are those highest Virginia aristocrats who charge the very atmosphere with courtesy. Young gentlemen offer hurried requests for the dinner table, the real festive begins with the dinner of "choose your palmdishes to do for quadrille."

"Turkey in the Straw." There is a wonderful display of skirts across the well-waxed floor of the dining room, as the couples fall in place. The strapping of violins to the tune of "Turkey in the Straw" and the loud drivel of the fiddle. One dance follows another with short intermission, until supper is announced at 12 o'clock. Then the musicians play a march for the couples as they make their way to the dining room.

Around the lengthened mahogany table is spread a feast fit for the gods. Cold turkey, turkey salad, pickled oysters, cold ham, veal, oysters, broiled fish, cranberry sauce, fruit, cake and black coffee. At 1:30 dancing is resumed. There

come up to the house of God with pleasure and with pride, dressed in the best of their clothes, with a good deal of conscious vanity, and observing solemn rules of complacency. It is not strange that they in form and order, the house after having been swept is furnished after a new fashion that passeth not away, and how shall the owner conceal his delight? I call at the houses of Christians and go about to the village prayers and meetings just for the pleasure of seeing these comely Mpongwe women

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"The scheme worked all right in Europe."

"What's that?"

"That hour more of daylight."

"Oh, yes," said the man with the thin overcoat, "but they ought to tackle something worth while. Why don't they take an extra month on summer?"

Shop Talk.

"Kath is a bundle of nerves."

"I thought she looked done up."

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We are all wondering what the coming year will be like. We suppose we shall soon have to face again with the problem of how to get the most out of our money. About forty-two per cent have already spent into their new houses—this State Journal.

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