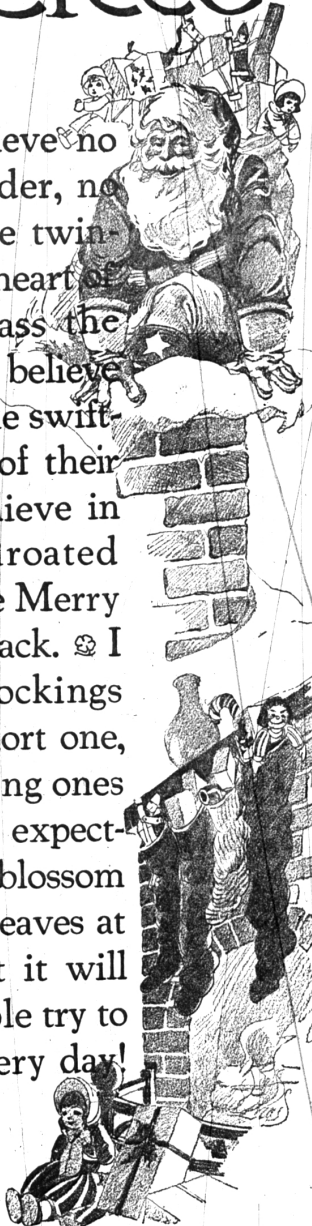
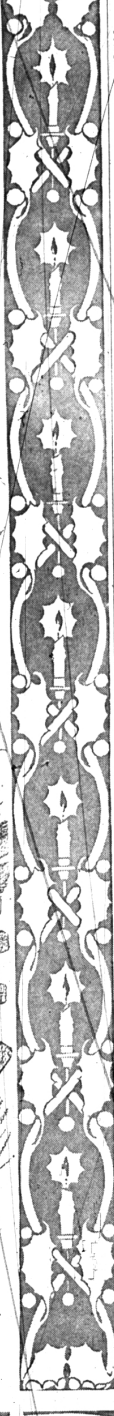


A Christmas Creed

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I believe in Santa Claus. ☉ I believe no hair is snowier, no cheeks redder, no smile merrier and no eyes more twinkling than his. ☉ I believe the heart of him is big enough to encompass the world—if people would let it! ☉ I believe in the jingle of his sleigh bells, the swiftness of his reindeer, the sound of their tapping feet on the roof. ☉ I believe in chimneys, big, broad, deep-throated chimneys that will not cramp the Merry Gentleman with his bulging pack. ☉ I believe in solemn rows of stockings hanging by the fire—father's short one, mother's long one and the dangling ones of the children, all waiting and expectant. ☉ I believe in the invisible blossom of happiness that Santa Claus leaves at every house, and I believe that it will grow through all the year if people try to keep the spirit of Christmas every day!



FINE TONIC FOR FRAIL, DELICATE BOYS AND GIRLS

Builds and Strengthens Them; Helps Appetite, Blood and Digestion.

SIMPLE HOME TONIC MAKES THEM ROBUST

"I have found that you can build a delicate weak child into a strong vigorous healthy very manly boy and a delicate frail girl into a robust healthy girl," declared Mrs. M. H. Paul, of Detroit.

Little boy, aged seven years, seemed to have bronchitis. He could not breathe, he could not eat, he could not sleep. He was so weak and pale and delicate looking that I was worried, so you see I know what it means to have an ailing child. Then I heard about this wonderful new home tonic called Hypo-Cod. I took some and started him taking it. He liked the pleasant taste so it wasn't any bother giving it to him according to directions for children on the bottle. It gave him a good appetite right away. He ate so much he had to eat at seven. His cough is all gone and he has gained so much that he looks like a stout boy. He plays and romps and is as rosy and robust as anybody could wish. Children are so apt to be sick—dangerously sick, continued Mrs. Paul, 378 Van Dyke Ave., Detroit.

Hypo-Cod is fine for whole family. Tastes nice. Coxs little and is so pure and wholesome leading specialists highly recommend it. It is just a more modern, more powerful, more lasting continuation of those old-fashioned ingredients—Hypo-phosphites, Salt, Wild Cherry, Iron and Magnolia extractives of Cod Liver Oil which form the basis of the old medicine. You'll be delighted the way Hypo-Cod works. It costs two or three bottles each. Write for literature. Write to: Hypo-Cod, 1111a Works Building, Erie Chemical Co., 1111a Works Bldg., Va. (All drug stores have it.)—Advertisement.

Subtle. "It is sad," said the old man, shaking his head reminisciently and gazing into the fire.

"What is sad, uncle?" said his up-to-date nephew politely.

"People are not what they used to be!" And he shook his head again more regretfully than ever.

"Well, I'm sure they're no worse. And what used they to be, anyway?" "Children!" sighed his uncle.

A Little of Everything. Most any man is willing to give three cheers, if that will discharge his obligation in the circumstance.

Taking No Chances. "Now between you and me and the graphophone—"

"Now, the graphophone might talk."

The Only Policy. "Are you in favor of the open door?" "Why not—the landlady will hear you, anyhow."—New York Sun.

In the Spirit. "Were you at the masquerade ball?" "Yes. I was there as a ghost."

The man who has nobody dependent upon him is in a bad way.

Most men as well as women who talk well talk too much.

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CARD GAMES AT CHRISTMAS TIME

A prohibitory statute of Henry VIII's reign forbade card playing save during the Christmas holidays. Of course this prohibition extended only to persons of humble rank.

Sir Roger De Coverley took care to provide both creature comfort and amusement for his neighbors at Christmas by sending "a string of hog's puddings and a pack of cards" to every new family in the parish.

Even the pulpit comes in for its share of anecdotes regarding playing cards. Fuller gives an example of a clergyman preaching from Romans 12:3, "As God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." The reverend gentleman in question adopted as an illustration of his discourse the metaphor of "dealing" as applied to cards, reminding his congregation that they should follow suit, ever play above board, improve the gifts dealt out to them, take care of their trumps, play promptly when it cases their turn, etc.

Short notes were frequently written on the backs of playing cards. In an old collection of poetry is found the following lines:

"To a Lady Who Sent Her Compliments to a Clergyman on the Ten of Hearts."

"Your compliments, dear lady, pray forbear, "Old English services are more sincere." "You send ten hearts—the title is only mine, "Give me but one and burn the other nine."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

OLD STORY.

What did your Mother say when I didn't come home until late last night? she said: "Just wait till after Christmas, I'll fix him!"

Test of Generosity.

The test of one's generosity is not in the size of the gift, but in the spirit with which it is given.

Christmas Cake Decorations.

To make attractive Christmas cake decorations, lightly butter the under side of perfect holly leaves, then coat with icing and let dry. When dry the icing will come off shaped and veined like the leaf. Make into a wreath by joining with icing stems.

The Merry Christmas.

Jud Tunkins says that wishin' a man a merry Christmas and takin' pains to provide him with a merry Christmas are two different things.

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