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That Christmas Spirit

How many people are there in the Christian world? Well, there are about that many different ideas of what the Christmas spirit is. One man may think it is a wild party; another a bottle of bourbon. One Mother thinks it is making the children happy. Another wants to bound around the town to a lot of cherry calls.

The 18 Greatest Men

Picking the world's greatest men, like selecting an all-star football team, is a difficult undertaking—one in which no two persons would likely reach the same result independently. Western University, with a view to placing status on the world's eighteen greatest on the facade of a new public library, the following being selected: Adam Smith, social sciences; Beethoven, music; Darwin, biology; Copernicus, astronomy; Galileo, physics; Goethe, literature; Gutenberg, printing; Herodotus, history; Homer, poetry; Justinian, law and administration; Moses, religion; Newton, mathematics and physics; Pasteur, medicine; Plato, philosophy; Shakespeare, drama.

At Santa's Palace

Up there in the far north land There is a palace made of ice Where Santa and his merry band Make candy canes and chocolate. And sugar cookies that are grand. Up there beside the cold north pole Across the frozen wastes of snow These little elves so droll Harken to the black winds blow And seldom see a living soul. They're sprightly little folks and queer Who help old Santa make the toys. They work with him the long long year. There are so many girls and boys. And Christmas must be filled with cheer. Such smiling jolly folks are they. And busy! Every single one! On Christmas Eve with laughter gay They work beneath the midnight sun To load the gifts on Santa's sleigh. Outside the great ice palace gate, A jingling every silver bell. Impatiently waiting for the reindeer wait. Till Santa comes—then off pell mell. Like magic steeds, each one a sleigh! —BEATRICE McDONALD.

Our Important Women

Women are playing more and more a larger part in the performance of the country than has been the case in the National Government. Now and then one of them like Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, gets a high executive position, and in the spotlight continuously; but it is not of these important figures that this news note would sing. It is the women who are holding quieter and more obscure secretarial positions.

It is rather remarkable that in many Senators and Representatives have women secretaries, most of them having come up through civil service from minor positions in which they have made good. The rather notable instance of this is the secretary to Vice-President Curtis, who is the first woman to hold such an important position. A Washington reporter went to one of the Departments the other day to get the background for an elaborate and important article on such an intricate business as the Government secret service and was referred to a maiden lady of elderly years, who had the whole picture in her mind, her fingers on the dial of wires that ruffled all through it, and the intimate details of every striking personality and of every detail of the organization on the tip of her tongue. She knew what the reporter wanted, and she knew how to tell him what he wanted, and she knew how to tell him what he was not to say to reassure him in his knowledge she said: I think I had better take you down to see so and so, who is at the head of this branch of the service and of that. This was just a kindly intentioned act of good confidence to the reporter in the strict integrity of his facts as it developed nothing had not already told him. Washington women have learned how to keep a secret.

No Church Collection Here

Persons desiring to view President and Mrs. Hoover at religious worship should not be made to pay for that simple privilege, it has been decided by trustees of the Friends Meeting House in Washington, the church that our Quaker President and his wife attend. Therefore, they have discontinued this week the unusual custom of passing around the collection box during services. It was thought that exacting a contribution from those who crowded the church, largely through curiosity, might give an impression of commercialism, somewhat akin to the process of selling tickets at places of entertainment. Regular members of the church from now on will make their contributions to the authorities.

Views and Reviews

Herbert Hoover, President, in message to Congress: There is no fundamental conflict between the interests of the farmer and the worker. Mrs. Richard Evelyn Byrd, Jr., wife of polar explorer, after hearing that her husband successfully completed his flight: "I am very happy, and so is every other member of the house." General Peuleur, Belgian commander leaving Rhineland: "The Germans are executing war here whose utility can only be explained by military reasons." Edge Wallace, British detective story writer: "I think that the Baumes law will increase the number of murders, especially of policemen."

Better Brakes

BETTER BRAKES for automobiles might result in better breaks for those who follow the old-fashioned custom of walking.

It is Estimated

IT IS ESTIMATED that ten cents of every dollar that the American family spends is for the purpose of keeping clean. Does that mean the other ninety cents gets us all dirty?

One Hundred and Fifty Mathematicians

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY mathematicians gathered in a two-day session at Ann Arbor last week and, with the possible exception of what may be seen in a Ziegfeld Revue, perhaps presented the world's greatest array of figures.

According to Market Reports

ACCORDING TO MARKET reports, there are many turkeys still thankful that Thanksgiving Day is safely out of sight for another year.

History, said Henry Ford

"HISTORY," SAID HENRY FORD, "is bunk." And then, like many who have gone before him, Mr. Ford started out to make some bunk.

If Bravely It is the Soul of Wit

IF BRAVELY IT IS THE SOUL OF WIT, then which is best, dry or wet humor? (Ask your Congressman—he knows.)

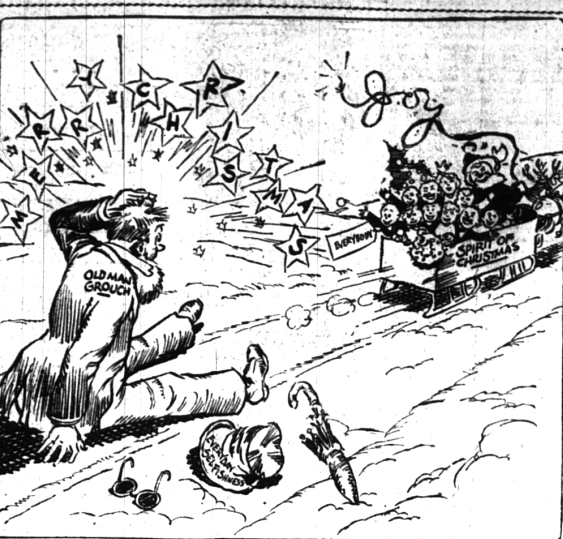
Correct This Sentence

CORRECT THIS SENTENCE: "I lost a lot of money through stock speculations, which served me exactly right."

Arthur Brisbane

ARTHUR BRISBANE THE OTHER DAY informed the world through his editorial column in Hearst newspapers that "a man riding to the bounds from sunrise to sunset can drink two magnams, about four quarts, of strong ale and not feel it. Having thus qualified yourself as an ale expert; Sir Arthur, would you please tell us why a man in this country who goes to the dogs from sunrise to sunset is not able to stand two magnams, or about eight pints, of strong ale and not feel it?"

MAKING HIM SEE CHRISTMAS STARS!



The Other Chap Says Something

COWARDICE Recently there came before the court of common pleas of Allen county, Ohio, Miss Martha Jane Graber, asking for American citizenship. Miss Graber was born in Germany, educated in the public schools of Kansas and Ohio. All of her brothers and sisters are naturalized American citizens and none of them have ever had any difficulty with the United States.

Forlorn Figures

The late President Roosevelt, a red-blooded fighter if there ever was one, praised the English system of handling conscientious objectors. In the British army, they were put on mine sweepers to clear the traffic lanes of the seas. This is a highly dangerous occupation, as the men on the sweeping trawlers, while they never have a chance to kill the enemy, run momentary risk of being blown to bits. Others were made stretcher bearers by the British government and ventured out, unarmed, on the battlefields under shell fire, to aid their wounded comrades. Some of those who had voiced conscientious objections to fighting turned out bravely in favor of saving their own skins, and these quickly asked to be transferred to the comparative safety of trench warfare. But the majority of the conscientious objectors served loyally and courageously as mine sweepers and stretcher bearers throughout the war. Generally speaking, the men who later and have most violently against conscientious objectors are at heart cowards themselves. The thought of cold steel of the enemy makes them quail, and they cannot conceive of anyone wanting to evade slaughter through any other motive than that of cowardice.—William Allen White in Emporia (Kans.) Gazette.



The Santa Claus who thought he had the longest beard in town.

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SIDESWIPES In the World of Humor

A Sad, Sad Story "Why so downcast, old man?" "Well, I put an ad in a matrimonial paper as a joke. "That doesn't sound sad." "But my girl answered it." Proper Presentation Wife (apologetically)—I took the receipt for this cake right out of the cook book. Husband (happily)—You did quite right, darling. It never should have been put in—Montreal Star.

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