

GREETINGS

As we close our books we thank you for your many favors during the past year and extend a sincere expression of Good Cheer for the coming year.

If we can be of service to you in the years to come, please feel free to call on us. It is our purpose to serve in any manner that we can, efficiently and promptly.



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Greeting Cards First Used in Victorian Era

The custom of sending greeting cards is perhaps the youngest member in the family of Christmas traditions, although the ideal was expressed by the Excelsis Deo of the angels.

Until authorities at the British museum recently discovered a drawing depicting four scenes of holiday celebration—early Victorian style—dated 1842, J. C. Horsley was accredited with having created the first commercial Christmas card in 1843.

The 1842 creation was an elaborate affair. Drawn by W. M. Edgley, it includes scenes of a dinner party—featuring the plum pudding, a group of carol singers, a crowd watching a Punch and Judy show, a panel of silk-hatted and cane-toting ice skaters, dancers doing a Roger de Coverly—the Victorian Conga—and evidence that the poor must not be forgotten.

It is impossible to say whether or not Mr. Horsley was aware of Edgley's masterpiece, but Horsley had a friend, and thereby hangs the tale. Sir Henry Cole, a man with many friends, was confronted by the task of sending them a cheery holiday greeting. The quill pens in use a century ago sputtered and were irritating, so Sir Henry spoke to Horsley about the matter. Horsley, a member of the Royal Academy in London, was agreeably impressed and turned out an appropriate design inscribed simply, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."

Edgley and Horsley made beginnings. According to research authorities the custom was taken up in America about 30 years later during the 1870s when Louis Prang, a Boston lithographer, printed a catalogue of Christmas cards.

No matter whether the greeting is the elaborate descendant of Edgley's drawing, or a simple good wish offered in friendship as worked out by Sir Henry and Horsley, or the glorious echo of the angels' enunciation, send that Christmas card to the boy in the service—and to his loved ones keeping faith at home.

Yule Wreaths Easy to Make

This year, the home wreath maker can use a bit of ingenuity and concoct perhaps handsomer wreaths than ever.

Wire is scarce, so unless last year's wire frame was saved, a substitute will be needed. Some people twist two or more small, tough switches from hazel, maple or dogwood. They use this, bound with moss, as a base for the holly or evergreen wreath.

A wire coat hanger, bent to circular shape, is good for a wreath, and has the merit of being universally obtainable.

The evergreens or holly to be used for making the wreath should be cut into short lengths, longer for a large wreath, shorter for one of small diameter, but about six inches the general length.

The short sections are gathered into little bunches and wired onto the wire foundation. Strong green cord can be used to fasten them on, too, wrapping it over and over around the frame. Small wire is better if obtainable.

Another way of making a wreath is to wire each small bunch of the greens onto a toothpick, then stick these into the moss-covered framework. But for this method there must be a framework—an inch or two broad instead of a single wire circle.

Holly, spruce, Douglas fir, cedar and many of the ornamental nursery varieties of evergreens may be used to make the wreath.

Pleasant Work



There's no shirking on this job. Each of the willing helpers knows that in a few days a brightly wrapped package will be waiting under the gaily lighted tree. And nothing could be fairer than that.

Shepherd's Pie Best Meal in Single Dish

A shepherd's pie is a one-piece dish. It originated in the Balkans. The Balkan shepherds probably learned of the dish from a still older land because it is known that shepherds have lived among their flocks since the dim ages. They ate their meals far from their homes or villages, cooking them on the spot. There was only a crude fire and generally but one dish in which to cook the entire meal.

Although it is primitive and simple, a shepherd's pie is a wholesome and delicious meal in one dish. In his kettle, the shepherd boils his rice and saves what he does not eat immediately. For a later meal, he first takes bits of lamb and with slices of onion, places this upon a skewer and browns the meat and onion over a bed of coals.

Then he greases the inside of his dish and covers the bottom with a half-inch layer of left-over rice. Over the rice he slices a tomato. If he has a green pepper, thin slices of pepper are added. Some of the meat and onion are added for another layer. Then salt and pepper, more rice and the rest of the meat and tomatoes and peppers. And finally a top layer of rice.

Last of all, he pours over the mixture enough broth, or hot water if there is no broth, to about reach the top of the pie. Bake for three-quarters of an hour in a medium oven. When the top is browned, the pie is ready to eat.

The modern housewife can follow the same recipe, only she can cook the meat and the onion in a frying pan and use canned tomatoes if she prefers. The pie will bake even better in a good oven at about 450 degrees. The family casserole is a handy dish in which to make the pie. With a pound of left-over lamb as the base, here is a good meal for four.

Christmas in Spring
Quartodeciman, a small sect of early Christians, observed Christmas on the 25th of March, just after the vernal equinox. Their assumption of the date of Christ's birth was based on Pilate's words and acts. Threatened with excommunication, they finally gave in at the Council of Nice.

Baffling Problem
The proper celebration of Christmas has been improved, but there still is the problem of getting a six-foot Christmas tree home in an overcoat pocket.

FINAL SETTLEMENT

Take notice that on the 29th day of January, 1944, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Administrator of the estate of Lydie Leake Bailey in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens County, at 10 o'clock a. m., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as Administrator.

Any person indebted to said estate is notified and required to make payment on or before that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven, or be forever barred.

E. W. STONE, SR.,
Administrator.

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Christmas gives us that opportunity to renew these friendships, to pledge anew our allegiance to them. May you have every wish come true, is our Christmas wish.

JOE'S ESSO SERVICE

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Our AMERICAN Heritage at Christmas time!

As another Christmas dawns, we in this organization are laying aside all other thoughts and are reflecting upon the many reasons we have for which to be thankful. • Foremost, of course, is our American heritage. Yes, we ARE truly thankful that we are AMERICANS. We appreciate too, our friends and loyal customers who have meant so much to us and to the progress of this institution.

• So, to you, our friends, we extend heartiest good wishes. May the coming year see the dawn of a brighter day when the real Christmas spirit of Peace on Earth, Good Will toward men, will again prevail.



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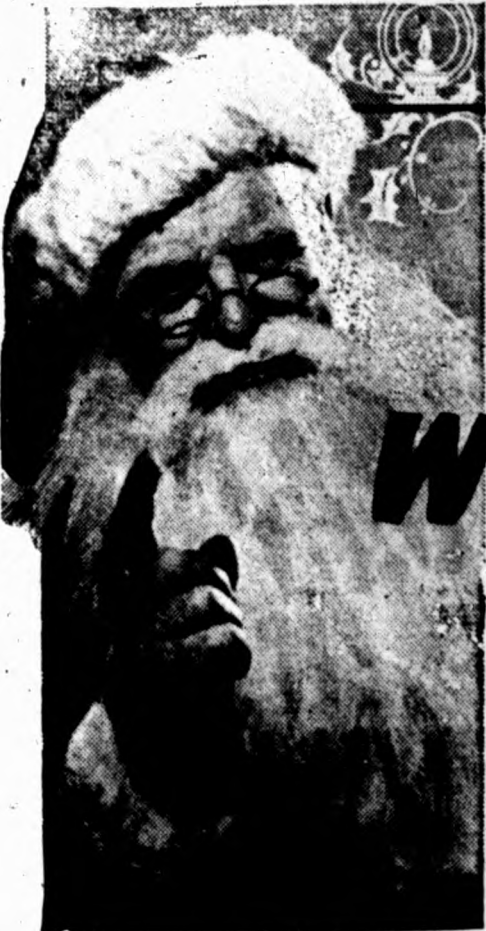
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A Merry American Christmas

As the ties of friendships are strengthened by the Christmas occasion, so may our business associations continue to grow in mutual accord and confidence in the years to come.

It's been pleasant serving you in the past and we will do everything possible to merit your confidence in the future.



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Woman's World



This is no place for a man—take Bobby's word for it. But Sis doesn't care. She knows exactly what she wants for Christmas. In fact, she already has her hands on it. And that smile on her face comes as close as anything could to denoting complete satisfaction with conditions in general.

Hearty Eating Cheered English at Christmastide

In old England they had many dishes which we seldom hear of now. There was "frumpty," a dish made of wheat which is still sometimes served in Yorkshire, ale posset, Shropshire "wigs," and caraway buns dipped in ale. Yule doughs or "dows" were eaten everywhere, and in Coventry they made their famous Godcake. Tansy, too, was a favorite dish. This was made with eggs and cream, flavored with the juice of tansy, an extremely bitter, aromatic herb. In addition there was Christmas brawn, "connynges" in gravy, and a host of dishes that have since died out.

Christmas was never a national festival in Scotland, but at this period of the year new "sowens" were always eaten. These were made from the husks and siftings of oatmeal mixed with molasses, and to all accounts were delicious.

Mince Pies for Luck— That's British Tradition

One of England's gay Christmas traditions centers around its delectable mince pies. It seems that each mince pie eaten between Christmas Eve and Twelfth Night will ensure a whole month of good luck in the coming year.

That works out to just about a pie a day for 12 days, to cover the calendar year—a stunt that would seem more likely to cause chronic dyspepsia than good fortune. But these aren't the pies we Americans are accustomed to—the English mince pie is about the size of a doughnut. To eat a dozen in as many days is no trick at all, when two or three of them can be gobbled with a cup of tea.