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THE RETURN AT YULETIDE

CHRISTMAS comes and the old world turns Fondly back to its fairy days— Days that saw Him whose splendor burns Bright through eras of murk and maze; Back to the Star whose speaking rays Wise men spied as it beckoned them Over Judea's winding ways— Back to the Babe of Bethlehem!

Christmas comes, and the old heart goes Gayly back to the dear days past— Days whose breath of the budding rose Scents the years that have followed fast.

Back to the Star whose spell was cast Over young eyes and dazzled them, Filling rapt youth with a wonder vast— Back to the Babe of Bethlehem!

Christmas comes, and the old faith lives, Summoned back from the days gone by—

Days begemmed with the joy that gives Mortals balm for their sob and sigh; Back is the Star in the smiling sky, Pilgrims haste as it urges them On to the haven ever nigh— Back to the Babe of Bethlehem!

Christmas! come, when the world shall go Bounding back to the best of days— Days when He in a manger low Sages charmed into prayer and praise; Back to the Star whose speaking rays All men spy as it beckons them Over Judea's winding ways— Back to the Babe of Bethlehem! —James C. McNally, in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Cookies for Christmas Time.

Cream one-half cupful of shortening with one cupful of sugar; add two well-beaten eggs, one tablespoonful of milk or cream, two and one-half cupfuls of flour sifted with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one-half teaspoonful each of powdered nutmeg and ginger. Mix and stand aside to chill for one hour. Roll out, cut into fancy shapes and bake in a moderate oven. Fancy cutters furnish an assortment of cookies and are desirable when they are to be enjoyed by children. Lacking a variety of cutters, a pastry wheel can be used, or patterns cut out of stiff cardboard can be laid on the dough, and the outlines followed with a slender knife.

Hope He Fills Bofe of 'Em



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Hard Christmases for G. Washington

NO ONE has told us much about George Washington's Christmases. But from the record of his life we learn how he spent some of his Christmas days.

It was a very cold Christmastide in 1777 at Valley Forge. Snow was on the hills. Everything was frozen. And Washington's army was in great need of food, clothing and shelter.

Instructions of parties of men to go foraging for food are entered in the orderly book for that Christmas day at Valley Forge, which was anything but merry for Washington.

Still more desperate were the food conditions at Morristown, in 1778, when Washington reported that his army was on half allowance and near starvation. "We have never experienced a like extremity at any period of the war," declared Washington, pleading that food be sent.

There was a welcome Christmas present for Washington and his men at New Windsor in 1780 when a big Christmas wagon came with over 2,000 shirts and other comforts made by Philadelphia women patriots—things needed by the men under Washington, who were cheerfully suffering all sorts of hardship in order that this country might be free. The Philadelphia women also raised, that year, over \$300,000 in aid of the soldiers.

The fine old Colonial mansion (the Craige house) in Cambridge, Mass. (now widely known as the home of Henry W. Longfellow), was the place where Washington spent his first Christmas as commander of the Revolutionary army in 1775. Mrs. Washington was there with him (as she was later at Valley Forge), and there was some pleasure in the midst of the heavy cares and responsibilities carried by the great Washington.

A year later Christmas day found Washington at the head of his 2,400 brave men making his celebrated crossing of the Delaware river, nine miles above Trenton. The snow and sleet were blinding, it is recorded, and the cold was intense. But hearts were brave.

Wherever he was at Christmastide, Washington was cheered with the thought that the cause of the struggling colonies would surely win. A few days before Christmas, 1776, he wrote to his older brother, John Augustine Washington: "Between you and me, our affairs are in a very bad situation. . . . However, under a full persuasion of the justice of our cause, I cannot entertain an idea that it will finally sink, though it may remain for some time under a cloud."

Washington must have had some very merry Christmases at Mount Vernon. There were no children of his own with whom Washington could romp. But we can easily imagine the big-hearted general putting on a false beard of fuzzy white whiskers and slinging a pack over his back for the delight of the little ones in the neighborhood.

General Washington was truly the "Father of His Country," and we have a very good idea of the sort of holiday spirit in which he observed the "glad Christmastide" when our republic was in its infancy.

No one in all our bright history as a nation has handed down a more radiant Christmas message of hope and faith.

To Clean Leather Furniture.

Add a little vinegar to tepid water and wash the leather with a clean cloth; wipe dry. To polish apply the following: Whites of two eggs beaten slightly (not stiff) and mix with two teaspoonfuls of turpentine; rub with clean, dry cloth.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Music and Song Always Associated With the Yuletide.

Original Sacred Character of Carols Was Almost Lost Sight of in Thirteenth Century.

MUSIC and song have always been associated with Christmas.

In Roman Catholic countries, as early as the Third century, it became the custom to usher in the Christmas festivities with musical masses.

The practice of singing carols or canticles was supposed to recall the "In Excelsis Gloria" of the angels and the song of the shepherds on the first Christmas night.

A very old carol, published in 1521, gives an amusing description of church revelries:

A wooden child in cloths on the altar sat, About the which both boys and girls do dance and timely jet, And carols sing in praise of Christ: The priests do roar aloud! And round about the parents stand To see the sport, and with their voice Do help them, and with hand.

At first, carols were generally religious in character, and were written with Latin and English words in alternate lines, or with a Latin refrain. The well-known carol

When Christ was born of Mary true In Bethlehem, that fair cite, Angels sang with mirth and glee In Excelsis Gloria, and another with a chorus, Christus natus hodie The babe, the son, The holy one Of Mary,

are good examples of this class.

When the tendency to ribaldry became marked, some of the carols got to be very peculiar in subject and language. Joseph is treated with a great want of respect, for one carol runs:

Joseph was an old man, An old man was he, When he wedded Mary, The Maid of Galilee.

Another relates the story of the shepherds watching their flocks by night:

A shepherd upon a hill he satt, He had on him hys tabard and hatt, Hys tarbox, hys pipe and hys flageitt; Hys name was called Joly-Joly Watt.

Having been informed of the birth of Christ, the shepherd sets off for Bethlehem, and on arriving, says:

Jhesu! I off Thee my dype, My skyrte, my tarbox and my scrype, Home to my fellows now will I skype, And loke unto my shepe.

In the thirteenth century the sacred character of these Christmas songs was almost entirely lost sight of. The Puritan parliament abolished Christmas and carols altogether, but feasting and revelry returned with the Restoration.

Carol singing, which had fallen into disuse, was revived by a collection of carols published by D. Gilbert, in 1822, but caroling, which was formerly ushered in by the chiming of church bells, and the rallying forth of choirs which chanted their way round villages until their throats were hoarse and their noses red from cold and friendly Christmas potations, is now almost a thing of the past.—Tit Bits.

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Master.

Edgefield, S. C., Dec. 6, 1921.

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Alabama Lady Was Sick For Three Years, Suffering Pain, Nervous and Depressed—Read Her Own Story of Recovery.

Paint Rock, Ala.—Mrs. C. M. Stegall, of near here, recently related the following interesting account of her recovery: "I was in a weakened condition. I was sick three years in bed, suffering a great deal of pain, weak, nervous, depressed. I was so weak, I couldn't walk across the floor; just had to lay and my little ones do the work. I was almost dead. I tried every thing I heard of, and a number of doctors. Still I didn't get any relief. I couldn't eat, and slept poorly. I believe if I hadn't heard of and taken Cardui I would have died. I bought six bottles, after a neighbor told me what it did for her.

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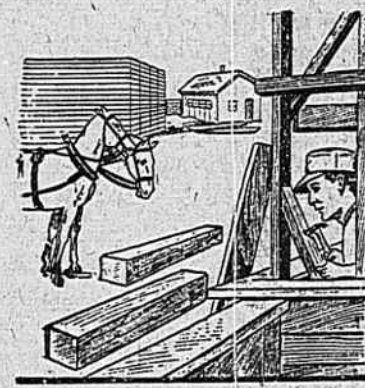
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