



That pictured halo o'er the Saviour's head
No shepherd saw, no wisdom's men beheld;
'Tis but a fancy, cunningly bespread
By loving art, that thus His glory spelled.

Yet no mere idle fancy aureoled
With peace the Child born in this troubled sphere,
More than the myrrh, and frankincense, and gold
The painter in his vision pictured here:

For this small peace must ever greater grow
Till all the world shall bend beneath its bow.

Christmas Festival

THE INSTITUTION of the festival of the birth of the Saviour is attributed by some authorities to Pope Telesphorus, who died A. D. 138.

In the early days of the Christian religion it was one of the most movable of feasts, being often confounded with the Epiphany and celebrated by the eastern churches in April and May. In the Fourth century the urgency of St. Cyril of Jerusalem obtained from Pope Julius I. an order for an investigation to be made concerning the day of Christ's nativity. The result of the inquiry, made by theologians of the East and the West, was an agreement upon the twenty-fifth of December.

As told in the gospel of St. Luke, Christ was born in the night. Therefore, divine service is performed on the night of December 24-25. It is the custom in Roman Catholic churches to usher in Christmas day by the celebration of three masses, one at midnight, the second at early dawn, and the third in the morning. This custom dates from the sixth century.

Preparatory to Christmas the bells are rung at midnight throughout England and the continent. After the solemn celebration of the mass in the churches of the continent, which are magnificently adorned for the festival, it is customary for the worshippers to partake of a collation.

Senators Attack Report on Cotton.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senators Smith and Dial have proceeded in the senate against the recent report of the department of agriculture on the cotton crop of 1921. The report predicted a production of approximately 2,000,000 bales in excess of the production forecast two months ago. Senator Smith introduced a resolution which passed requiring the director of the census to ascertain from ginners for the period from August 1 to December 1 the number

Christmas Games

MISTLETOE. Hang it up. Form a circle. A slipper is required.

Also a nice, slippery floor. The first player slides the slipper. He tries to land it under the mistletoe. If he fails another makes the attempt. If he succeeds there is a lively scramble. It concerns the young lady toward whom the slipper points. She must seize it and get away before caught. Then the guests are given humorous gifts (previously wrapped), and are admitted (one at a time) to the Christmas room, to deposit them in the stockings.

Another jolly game is played with Christmas stockings, a number of which are previously hung up.

These are placed in a separate room and the name of the person for whom each is intended is concealed upon it. Another Christmas stocking game calls for a huge stocking of tough tissue paper filled with toys of all kinds. Each guest is blindfolded, given a light rod or cane, turned three times around and told to hit the bag. The first to break the stocking gives the signal for a general scramble, each guest being supposed to get one of the trinkets or souvenirs thus scattered.

Conserving the Tablecloth.

When the tablecloth is partly worn cut an inch off one side and one end, and make a new hem. When it is ironed the creases will come in new places and the wear thus be redistributed.

of bales ginned by each ginner, total weight of the cotton ginned, average weight per bale and the total number of bales ginned, the report not to include linters.

Senator Dial proceeded against the alleged inaccuracy of the department report, deplored the fact that nobody paid serious attention to it, and insisted that the department needed reorganizing and "overhauling."

The recent ginners' report caused a terrific slump in the cotton and the belief of Southern senators is that it is not accurate.

Tries Toll Plan to Market Cotton.

"The Warrant Export company, having a capital of \$1,000,000 with headquarters in Birmingham, is engaged in exporting cotton to central Europe on the 'toll' plan," said J. J. Fretwell, a leading citizen of Anderson, in Columbia yesterday.

"The toll plan," said Mr. Fretwell in response to an inquiry, "means simply this: I ship 500 bales of cotton, the company of Birmingham handling the transaction for me and charging me commissions for the service, standing back of me, to Czecho-Slovakia, where it is spun and woven, or both, by mills in that country. Mr. Freeman, the representative of the export company in Europe, selects the mills and the manufacturing is done under his direction, that is, as to the kinds of yarn and cloth manufactured. I have not parted with the title of my property. The mills charge for the service of manufacturing, which is equivalent to taking toll for what they do. Mr. Freeman markets the goods in London or Manchester. He does not handle the money. When the sale of the goods is made they are paid for to me through a check good for American dollars. That is the simple process."

Mr. Fretwell is now, through the Birmingham company, sending a considerable consignment of cotton to Czecho-Slovakia to be manufactured, the goods to be sold for him. He said yesterday that the company has arrangements by which 200,000 bales of cotton are to be taken by Czecho-Slovakia. It has an agency in Los Angeles and considerable quantities of cotton raised in the Imperial Valley is being shipped by it. In some cases in this far Western region cotton is hauled by drays 150 miles.

Mr. Fretwell's information is that in this way producers are realizing from 25 cents net a pound for their short staple cotton when it is spun into yarn up to 27 cents of 29 1/2 cents when it is made into cloth.

Of conditions in Anderson, Mr. Fretwell spoke cheerfully, although he said that the crop would not be nearly so large this year as it was in 1920. The boll weevil caused considerable damage. Numbers of farmers are, of course, heavily in debt. On account of the higher prices last spring for food and supplies, the cost of producing the crop this year was much higher than it was before the world war—the labor had to live. He spoke of negroes coming from the Southern part of Georgia and some of the counties of South Carolina into Anderson county seeking employment, saying that they were glad to get work for shelter enough to keep them and their families going.—The State.

San Jose Scale.

Clemson College, Dec. 17.—The sprays used for controlling San Jose scale on fruit and other trees can not be used on trees in foliage, but must be used during the fall and winter months when the trees are leafless and dormant, according to Prof. A. F. Conradi, entomologist, who urges owners of orchards to use limesulphur to fight the scale now for the sake of fruit next season. The limesulphur spray may be prepared at home, either by the use of steam, or with fire, using an iron kettle. Directions for making are given in Experiment Station Circular, 30 which may be obtained upon application.

The liquid lime-sulphur may be purchased also in some of the local markets with directions how to mix with water to make the proper spray. There are on the market several brands of dry lime-sulphur which are mixed with water at the rate of fifteen pounds of the powder to fifty gallons of water. In buying limesulphur compounds it is necessary to obtain the mas fresh as possible and use them as soon as possible. The drums in which the material is received should not be open unnecessarily to expose the material to the atmosphere. This material handles quite conveniently, but has the disadvantage of being more expensive.

There are several brands of oil used for controlling scale, and full information regarding these may be obtained upon request. When using oil, it is urged that a simple separation test be made before spraying the trees, to make certain that the oil does not separate.

Before the spraying, the tree should be properly pruned, with special attention to twigs and branches shot-holed by the twig bark beetle, and the prunings should not be left in the orchard but should be burned immediately. Not only is pruning a necessity in fruit growing, but pruned trees can be sprayed more thoroughly in less time and with less material.

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