

## ASIA BIRTHPLACE OF ST. NICHOLAS

Contrary to General Belief in This Country, He Was Not of German Origin

### BORN IN SIXTH CENTURY

Worshiped by Italian Sea Traders as Their Special Protector—Played Double Role in This Country in Early Days.

Just why so many Americans think of the good Saint Nicholas as a German saint, and on second guess accord it him with Dutch ancestry, is not known. But it is undoubtedly the general belief in our country that the saint, whose birthday, December 6, is celebrated in some countries as the "gift festival" of the year, was of Teutonic extraction.

The Christmas saint really was born in Asia Minor, in Panthera, in the province of Lycia, some time in the sixth century. St. Nicholas of Bari, he is oftenest called by Europeans, but only the bones of St. Nicholas reposing for eight centuries in the crypt of a handsome cathedral at Bari, Italy, have given him that title. He never lived in Bari. Italian sea traders, who worshiped him as their especial protector, stole his body from its resting place in Myra in the twelfth century and brought it to the Italian seaport. Since that time the celebration held there in the saint's honor is unique.

The Eastern world knew and loved him first, but it is from Western Europe that we learn of many of the quaint customs connected with the celebration of his birth. In Lycia he lived to a good old age, filling his days even in childhood by doing good deeds and giving lavishly to the poor of the fortune he inherited. It was Christlike to give, so, as a steward of God, his wealth belonged to God's children, Nicholas believed. Finally he was made bishop of Myra, where he went to live after a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

It was not strange that after such a life of charity he should become a saint of the common people, even as St. George was a saint of knighthood. He was invoked by the laborer tolling for his daily bread, by mariners, by merchants. He was protector of the weak against the strong, the poor against the rich, the captive, the prisoner, the slave. He was especial guardian of maidens, schoolboys, the orphan poor. Throughout all Catholic Europe children are taught to reverence him, and to believe if they are docile and attentive to their duties he will fill the cap or stocking with dainties; if they are naughty or idle, he certainly has a rod in pickle to bring along for them.

Saint Nicholas has found his way to America in double role of benefactor and bugaboo. Among the Pennsylvania Dutch parents still admonish children: "Be good, Pelznickel will get you"—Pelznickel being a species of unkind Santa Claus and closely related to the "Old Nick." In some sections Kris Kringle appears in combined role of Santa Claus and Christchild. He has other names—Samiclaus, Clawes Niglo, Nikolo.

Although strangely little is known of St. Nicholas in America, a few churches scattered over the country bear his name. No saint of the calendar has as many churches, altars and chapels erected in his honor. Most towns in England boast churches bearing St. Nicholas' name. There are more than a hundred in Belgium and thousands scattered over Europe. But wherever he is worshiped and his birthday observed it is always in remembrance of the fact that he is a follower and disciple of the Christ, whose coming was the greatest gift of all.

#### Charity at Christmas.

There can be no holier sentiment attached to a gift on Christmas day than charity, for charity combines all that is good and tender in human ideal, impulse and emotion. There is a double joy in charity, for it blesses two. It not only gives happiness in the act itself, but it quickens and develops, for all after life, pure, precious qualities of mind and heart that are a well-spring of peace. Charity comes nearer to spanning the immeasurable space between the sin of this world and the holiness of heaven than any other blessing that mankind knows.

An ideal Christmas which would really mean genuine good will among men is one in which none should be cold, hungry, shelterless or friendless—one in which they who have would think first of them who have not.—Christian Herald.

#### Boxing Day in England.

Boxing day is little known in America, but its observance is general in Great Britain. It is the day after Christmas day, and is observed as a holiday, Christmas being reserved for religious observation. A feature of the day is the giving of gifts by employers to employees. These are called Christmas boxes.

#### Christmas Joys.

We get most of the enjoyment of Christmas out of the dreams that come before and after. Oh, to dream of it before it comes, to enjoy it while it is here, and to appreciate it when it has gone!

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—leaders—leaders in sports, in business, in social affairs, in local and national needs—real cold-drawn, steel sinewed men of all ages between leaving school and full accomplishment—men who keep the rumble in big mills, lay down railroads, span rivers and move mountains with the faith in themselves—these are the sort of blood, bone and brain humans that

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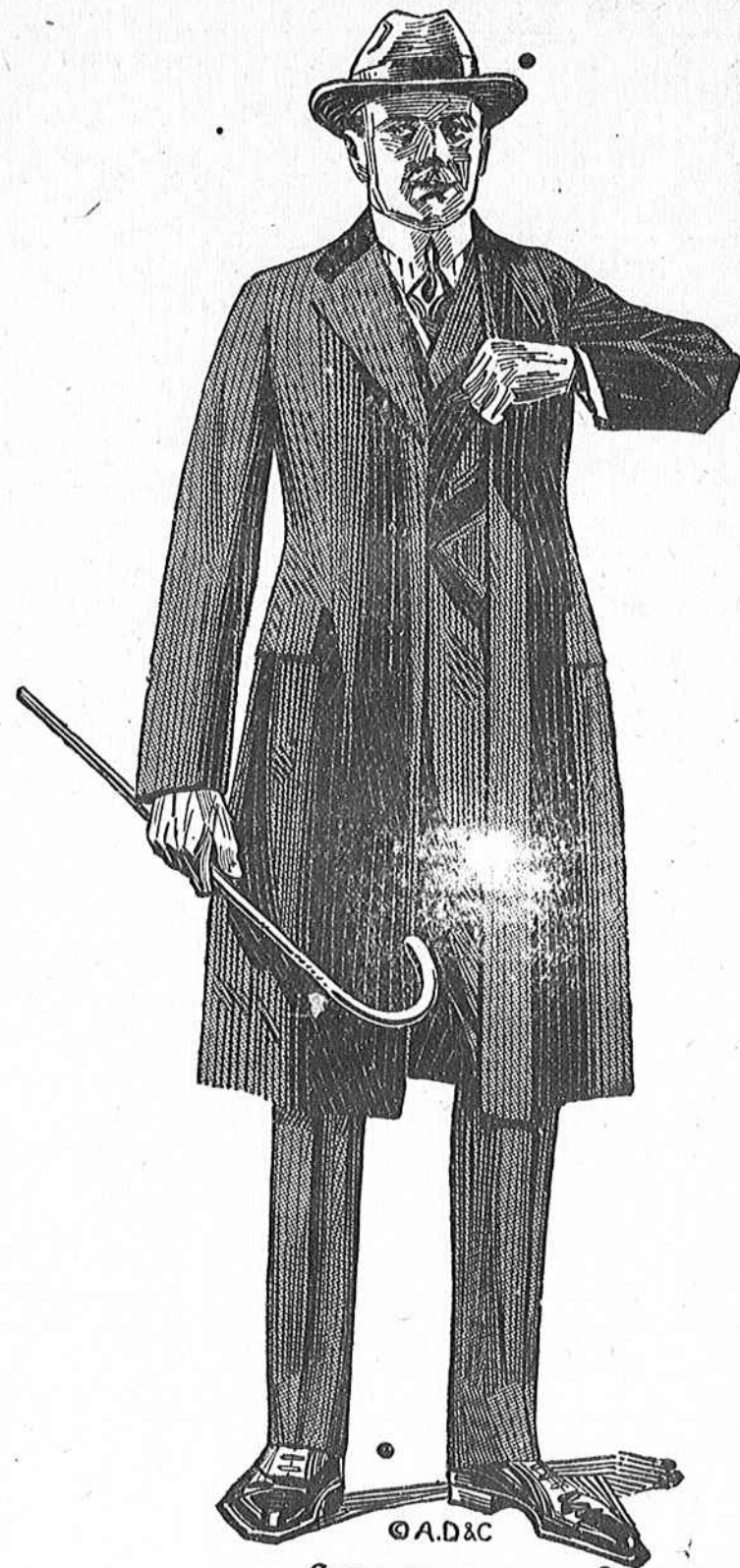
There be many trails unopened; there be many paths uncleared,  
Since the first lone Neolithic turned his back on those who jeered.  
There be men that find the passes; there be them that herd along  
On the wide and open roadway in the footsteps of the strong.

There be men who pan the Muckluks for the sheen of yellow gold;  
There be men who fight with knowledge till the truths of life unfold;  
There be men in all earth's pathways that the bumps of fate can't floor,  
For they know that there are better things than these that came before.

In the clinics you will find them; in the shops and in the mills;  
In the court rooms and the college; in the gutted Arctic hills;  
And they work and slave and toil on with a heart that never fails—  
They're the men who beckon onward; they're the Breakers of the Trails.

—Cook

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## By the same token, Society Brand Clothes are Trail Breakers

A LONG time ago they stepped boldly to the front and "on the wide and open roadway in the footsteps of the strong" proclaimed their right to leadership on real merit—proclaimed their superiority in everything that goes into the making of better and more economical clothes for men. They have marched boldly forward and are today farther in advance than they were yesterday.

It is evident to even a casual observer that more and more men are forming lasting friendship with Society Brand. More and more men are refusing to consider buying clothes that do not show the Society Brand label. This preference is based on something very real that has proved itself to them. That realness is wearing quality and style—holding quality that other makes have failed to meet on the gridiron of daily wear.

WE SELL and back up Society Brand Clothes because we want to build our business on the solid rock of overflowing satisfaction to our customers. When a man keeps coming back to us season after season and expressing unreserved satisfaction we know we are doing more for that man than merely exchanging a suit of clothes for his money.

And we like the I-know-what-I-want kind of square jawed men who are drawn here by the service we give them. We're a little puffed up and pridey over the variety of clothes we've stocked up for your selection this season. Bigger stocks, to take care of the more men who are turning to Society Brand and to give a complete choice that covers all ages of man, all tastes in fabrics and all likings for colors. Come in for a look.

How about your new hat? We'd like you to see the lot of new ones we'd like to show you—Soft or stiff.

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#### WALLOPS FOR H. C. L.

To eat to save is to waste, but to leave bread and butter to eat cake is also waste.

Cereals are usually the cheapest food on the market for supplying fuel to the body, together with a fair amount of tissue-building material.

Insist on getting clean eggs. Dirty ones spoil quickly. But do not wash an egg until just before using, as washing may hasten the spoilage.

Rinse all the soap out of garments before bluing them. Some bluing contain a compound of iron, which when brought in contact with soap may make rust spots on the clothes.

Keep the home fires burning, but don't overdo the matter. A warm enough temperature for indoors is 68 degrees, except in homes where there are old people, young children, or invalids.

Waste no food, but take proper care of a leftover, and use it before harmful micro-organisms have a chance to breed in it. Some of these organisms

#### cause poisoning.

Divide your food dollar into fifths. Use about 20 cents of it for fruits and vegetables; 20 cents or more for milk and cheese; 20 cents or less for meat, fish, and eggs; 20 cents or more for bread and cereals; 20 cents or less for sugar, fat, tea, coffee, chocolate, and flavoring.

Make enough of the Christmas fruit cake or plum pudding so you can have some on hand to serve in emergencies after the holidays. Both puddings and cakes which are rich in fruits improve with age.

Cranberries, after careful removal of the soft ones, may be kept if placed in a crock and covered with water. A plate or round board should be placed over them and weighted down to keep the berries under water. Change the water once a month.

#### SOY BEANS GROWING IN FAVOR

Soy beans are growing in favor as a crop in this country, as their oil and oil cake are in imports. The crop

of 1917, as estimated by the Bureau of Crop Estimates, was 2,245,000 bushels of thrashed beans, and that of 1918 was 3,041,000 bushels. Soy bean oil was imported to the extent of 163,000,000 pounds in the fiscal year 1917, 337,000,000 pounds in 1918, and 237,000,000 pounds in 1919. Soy-bean oil cake, left after the extraction of most of the oil, is a feeding stuff practically appreciated enough to cause the importation of considerable and increasing quantities.

#### ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES

#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Tax Books for collection of City Taxes will be opened on Monday the 24th day of November 1919, and remain open for a period of thirty days.

The levy is as follows: Ordinary Tax 8 Mills; Water and Sewerage Bonds 2½ Mills; Street Paving Bonds 4 Mills.

By order of Council.  
E. B. Brown,  
Clerk and Treasurer.

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