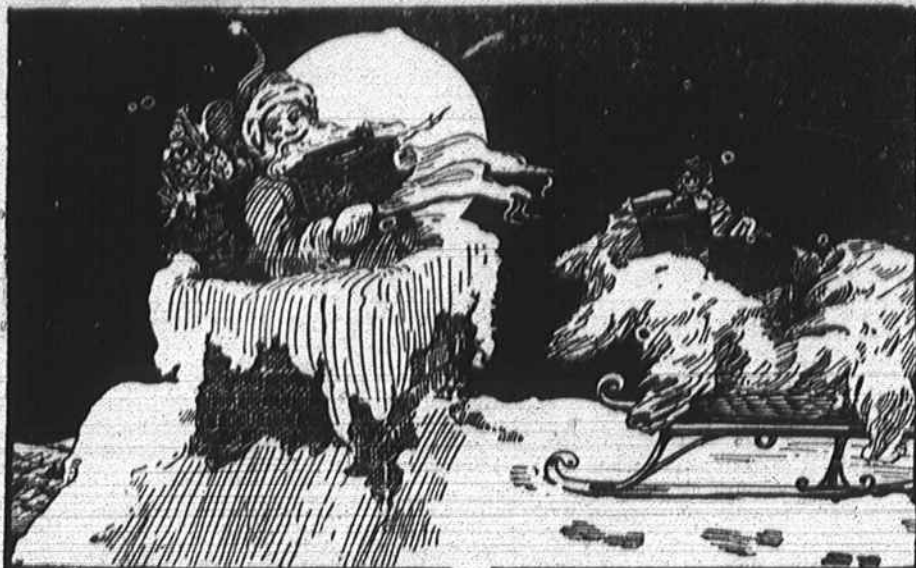




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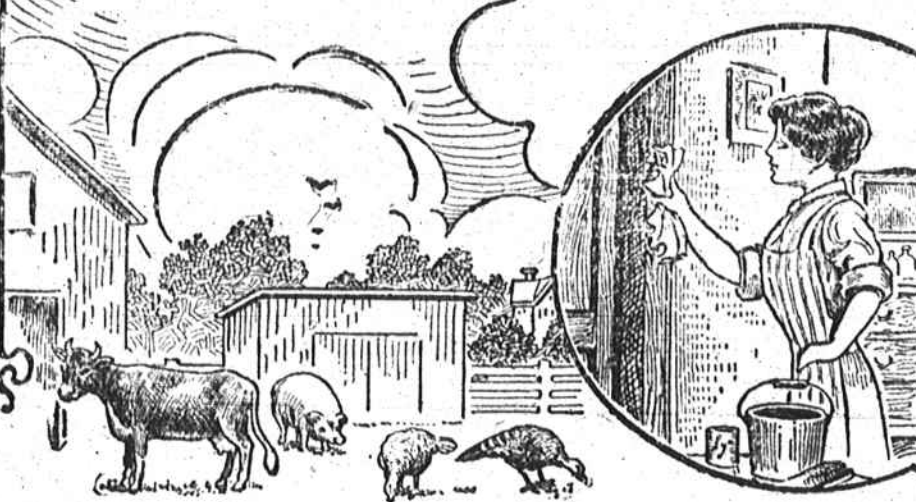
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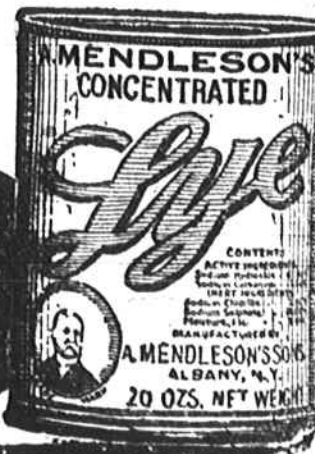
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THE ANSWER OF THE SOUTH.

If Mr. Bryan is to succeed in his design of defeating the President's preparedness program by Democratic votes, and so turning the Democratic party into the arena of 1916 bound and gagged for the fray, he will have to have the South with him. The South is the backbone and a good deal of the body of the Democratic party in Congress. Its prospective leader, Mr. Kitchen, is with Mr. Bryan in his patriotic and democratic purposes. But Mr. Kitchen disclaims any intention to use his leadership to balk the President and says he is against him only as an individual.

Whether the Southern Congressmen will follow Bryan's flag or the President's, whether they will give Republicans the great opportunity of coming to the President's rescue and saving his program in the teeth of Democratic opposition, remains to be seen. But it is already evident that if the respect sentiment in their own states as voiced in their newspapers, they will not follow Mr. Kitchen, who does not ask for their votes, nor Mr. Bryan, who does. The tone of the Southern press is encouragingly outspoken against Mr. Bryan and for the President. It is now a week since the ex-Secretary issued the declaration of war, and the response of the influential papers of the South has been made with a promptness and decision that leaves nothing to be desired.

The Birmingham News declares that a great number of Bryan Democrats have lost their "confidence and regard" for him because of his course in the last year.

"He is unsound, unsafe, impractical. The bulk of Alabama Democrats thoroughly share this opinion." Hundreds of men who formerly admired Mr. Bryan extravagantly have been heard in the last few months to criticize his blunders and to express their lack of sympathy for him.

Conceding that Bryan may believe in his theory that it is safe to wait unarmed for a possible war because none will ever come, The Houston Chronicle replies:

"We cannot afford to jeopardize this great country for what Mr. Bryan thinks may be good. We cannot afford to plunge the Democratic party into dispute for the sake of his ideals. After his world-wide trip several years ago, he came back proclaiming to us the practical impossibility of another great war."

The same view is taken by The Austin American, which pictures his plan as that of having our Nation pose "as a shining example of the virtuous beautitudes of unarmed righteousness, with the view of convincing our savage enemies of the error of their way in resorting to unarmed conflicts."

"Mr. Bryan," says the Montgomery Advertiser, "believes in peace everywhere, except in the Democratic party." All along, it says, he has been preparing for his declaration of war by speaking of the President himself "with a faint praise," and in the next breath criticizing savagely the policies deemed necessary by the President to preserve the honor of the American Nation. As for his ideas themselves it analyzes the reason for them with an acuteness and truth which are instantly recognizable by any man who knows Mr. Bryan personally:

"But no man in the history of the country ever arose to a position of National leadership who was as ignorant of the history, the struggles, and the aspirations of his people. He seems to have read no book dealing with human struggles except the Bible, and of that he has been a thorough student. But he does not know what his people underwent in the past; he is ignorant of the record of his own country; he knows not the details of the long struggle upward for human freedom."

The Charleston News and Courier, too, says that Bryan has been "obviously heading" toward a conflict with the President ever since he left the Cabinet. "He is," it says, "the declared leader of a faction arrayed against Woodrow Wilson and has struck the first blow in a political warfare having as its aim the defeat of the President."

The Dallas News and The Arkansas Gazette point out to Mr. Bryan that his argument for "winning respect not by carrying arms, but by an upright, honorable course," is one for disbanding our Army and scrapping our Navy altogether. The Charlotte Observer mercifully dismisses him as "a man of many good intentions, but of undoubtedly weak and faulty political judgment," and this paper points out to Mr. Kitchen, also, the false position in which he is placing himself. It would not have Mr. Kitchen untrue to his convictions, but it points out that a leader entertaining such convictions would be "a manifest misfit" and his leadership would involve embarrassments dangerous to the party and the country. "There might be," delicately suggests the Observer, which is published in Mr. Kitchen's state, "a way out of it by a sacrifice of his ambitions to the preservation of his convictions."

If Southern Congressmen listen to

Southern newspapers, the Republicans will not have the credit of saving the President from his own party.—New York Times.

The Christmas Pudding

HALLOO! A great deal of steam! The pudding was out of the copper. A smell like a washing day! That was the cloth. A smell like an eating house and a pastry cook's next door to each other, with a laundress' next door to that! That was the pudding. In half a minute Mrs. Cratchit entered, flushed, but smiling proudly, with the pudding like a speckled cannon ball, so hard and firm, blazing in half of half-a-quarter of ignited brandy and bedight with Christmas holly.

At last the dinner was all done, the cloth was cleared, the hearth swept and the fire made up. The compound in the jug being tasted and considered perfect, apples and oranges were put upon the table and a shovelful of chestnuts on the fire. Then all the Cratchit family drew round the hearth in what Bob Cratchit called a circle, meaning half a one, and at Bob Cratchit's elbow stood the family display of glass—two tumblers and a custard cup without a handle.

These held the hot stuff from the jug, however, as well as golden goblets would have done, and Bob served it out with beaming looks, while the chestnuts on the fire sputtered and cracked noisily. Then Bob proposed:

"A merry Christmas to us all, my dears. God bless us!" Which all the family re-echoed.

"God bless us every one!" said Tiny Tim, the last of all.—From "Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens.

New York, N. Y.—Fred Kattmerer will be plain Fred Barton after this week. He explained to the court, when appealing for a change of name, that he was in business in China, and that the Chinese characters spelling his name were pronounced Go-da-me. He objected to the profanity.



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With an Indian yell on the doll's house he fell. And added poor dolly's scalp to his belt; Then knocked off its toes and its fair Grecian nose. Which same was of wax—he proceeded to melt.

Two tubs he upset without one regret; He stood on his head till his face it turned blue; A certain he tore and then sighed for more. Inventively mischievous things he might do.

He hid granny's specs, but that didn't vex; Her face brightened up with his fun and his noise. "One sweet kiss repaid all," so she said, Resignedly adding that "boys will be boys."

But strangest of all at night's quiet fall. How meekly, how placidly, this rogue would say: "Good-night, mamma dear. Good-night, papa dear. 'I've tried hard to be such a good boy today!'"

EAT REMAINS OF CANDLES

Christmas Services Among the Eskimos of Labrador—Part Most Enjoyed by the Children.

Somewhere has said that when the world was being made the Creator gathered up all the waste material he had left over and made Labrador out of it. Some people say the Creator never intended it to be inhabited. But inhabited it is with a sturdy, taciturn band of Eskimos, who, thanks to the Moravian missionaries who have penetrated to that country, celebrate Christmas in their own peculiar way.

As service time in the church draws near all the inhabitants, old and young, the men on one side and the women on the other, are waiting in eager expectation. It is quite dark by four o'clock and the bell rings. All come trooping in clad in the best clothes they can muster.

No one stays at home from these services unless he is sick or lame, and whenever it is possible sleighs are used to bring these disabled ones to church.

For the little children the happiest part of the services comes later when each child receives a lighted candle, symbolizing the light of the world. Each candle stands in a white turnip which serves as a candlestick. Most of the candles are made from deer tallow which the Eskimos bring to the missionaries. After the services the children eat not only the turnip, but what is left of the candle as well.

One year only about an persons, mostly men, could come from the nearest island. The ice had been driven together, and rather than miss the Christmas service they had risked their lives in crossing over on that moving, heaving, broken ice to the mainland. Then they had to climb the mountains and walk through the deep snow until they reached the mission station after twenty-three hours of danger and a fearfully exhausting march through the snow.

How happy they were to be in time to celebrate the Christmas festival in the house of their God! About six days later, when the ice had formed, all the rest of the people came, but oh! so sad and downhearted. Like little children they told the missionaries their tale of sorrow. They described how sad they all had been when they found that it would be impossible to come to the mission station for the Christmas service.

"Christmas Past."

It was indeed a gracious time, and as we read of the revels and ceremonies and find foolish beliefs of Christmas Past, we might regret what we have lost in this tamer and less picturesque age, if we did not know that never before in history was Christmas kept so truly and heartily in the spirit of the day as it is now. We have dropped a good many rude and some pretty customs, but we have gained a broadening spirit of almost universal charity, a feeling of real brotherhood, that is perhaps none the less real that it is held in check a good deal during the rest of the year.

—Charles Dudley Warner.

A French Custom.

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