

Under the Mistletoe

by De Lyse Herree Cass



A COIFFURED mesh of copper-colored hair, half disarranged, yet as scientific as a spider's web; humid melting eyes, luminous with a light born only of itself—a dimpled pitfall on one cheek where art and nature blend indistinguishably—red, red moist lips beneath which the ardent blood of maidenhood throbs strongly like a runner's pulse—a seductive sweep of velvety throat, with the delicate tracery of veins showing faintly violet—a tempestuous bosom—

And around all this, Two Arms—a Man's.

GOOD WISHES

By FORTUNE FREE.

SOMEONE said that the richest person was the one who was fullest of good wishes for others and who received their good wishes in return. Wishing others well did him or her all the good in the world, and the good wishes in return were powerful for good. Don't we find it so ourselves? No one can do without them. They are our dearest possessions.

Montague Williams, the celebrated British barrister, once related the story of a rather unlovely old gentleman of miserly habits and rejoicing in the nickname amongst the urchins of the neighborhood of "Old Pickbones." Generosity was not one of his virtues, and if he wished any human creature well he kept it a secret to himself. He was a man who seemed impervious to all good wishes—a solitary old grudge who cared nothing for the good or the bad wishes of any human creature. When he died, however, it turned out that he had been by no means as thick-skinned as he seemed. He left a will in which he bequeathed money to different persons, and ten thousand pounds to some unknown individual whom he directed his solicitor to discover if possible. That person had been accustomed to send him yearly an anonymous post card with just, "Best wishes at this time to you."

The writer gave no clue as to who he was. Did the old gentleman tear the cards up or throw them into the fire? Not a bit of it. He had carefully preserved them—tied them up in a nice packet. "If the writer can be discovered," he ordered in his will, "I

The Old Way and the New.
Old-fashioned people used to spend the long evenings of fall and winter at home, munching popcorn or apples over the Bible, Shakespeare or Dickens. Moderns go to the movies and let the Charlie Chaplins and Mary Pick-fords improve their minds.

Exposition Building Takes Trip.
The Ohio building of the Panama-Pacific exposition was embarked on a 23-mile voyage between San Francisco bay and its new site, to become the abode of the San Carlos Country club. The building traveled on scows and was towed by ocean-going tugs.

bequeath him ten thousand pounds for his good will.

I would dearly have liked for the sender of those post cards to have got that money, but all efforts to find him proved unavailing.

One cannot help wishing well to the person who wishes others well. Good wishes are the biggest bond on earth. Isn't it a delightful thing to think that others are thinking of us?

The well-wisher is thinking of us. He also puts his good thought for us into words: "I wish you every good luck," or something of that kind. It is like a grasp of a hand pressing ours. It blesses both the giver and the receiver. I don't know which gets the most out of it.

There are times when the world breaks out into a mighty shout, as it were, of good wishes. Christmas time is the great season. Never had we more need of them than at this coming Christmas time. It is an enormous opportunity for the good wisher to make his power felt.

It is a curious and beautiful thing about this Christmas spirit that year after year it leads us to attempt the all but impossible, in order to give pleasure to others; while in the end everyone's joy is the result, not of what he has received from others, but of what he has done for them.

Utility.

"Does your wife favor useful gifts?"
"Too much," replied Mr. Meekton.
"Last Christmas she bought me a nice, new snow shovel."

Club Has Unusual Rules.

Unusual rules have been adopted by the Thimble Bee club of 20 members, of Florence, Pa. Any member who is a musician and does not bring her favorite instrument or song to the meeting is to be fined. All must have their fancy work, the membership of the organization being limited to young women.

Growth of Esperanto.

The literature of Esperanto has increased from 29 books in 1880 to 2,500 in 1914, and during the last three or four years six full-length original novels have been published in the language.

The Christmas Peal

By HARRIET PRESCOTT SPOFFORD

SWINGING across the belfry tower

The bells rang backward all the hour.

They rang, they reeled, they rushed, they roared;

Their tongues tumultuous music poured.

The old walls rocked; the peals out-swept;

Far up the steep their echoes leaped, Soaring and sparkling till they burst

Like bubbles round the topmost horn That reddens to the hint of morn,

That halts some trembling star the first,

And all the realms of ice and frost From field to field those joy bells tossed.

They answered from their airy height;

They thrilled; they loosed their bands for flight;

They knew that it was Christmas night.

Where awful absences of sound

The gorge in death's dumb rigor bound,

Below and deep within the wood, Windless and weird the black pines stood.

The iron boughs slow swaying rose

And fell and shook their sifted snows

And stirred in every stem and branch

To the wild music in the air

From far lone upper regions where Loose plunged the silver avalanche.

All up and down the valley side

These iron boughs swayed far and wide.

They heard the cry along the height;

They poised in time with that glad flight;

They knew that it was Christmas night.

You who with quickening throbs shall mark

Such swells and falls swim on the dark

As crisp as if the clustered rout

In starry depths sprang chiming out,

As if the Pleiades should sing, Lyra should touch her tenderest string.

Aldebaran his spear heads cleng, Great Betelgeuse and Sirius blow

Their mighty horns and Fomalhaut With wild sweet breath suspended hang,

Know 'tis your heartbeats with those bells,

Loosen the snow clouds' vibrant cells.

Stir the vast forest on the height,

Your heartbeats answering to the light

Flashed earthward the first Christmas night.

Some Christmas Beliefs

Holly berries possess and give wonderful power when worn in the shape of a wreath, which must be made in imitation of the sacred crown of thorns and of berries as red as blood, and the wearer must go alone at midnight on Christmas and sit in a church in the dark, according to an ancient belief. Second sight will then come to him, and into the church will file those of his friends who will die during the coming year. Worn on Christmas eve the holly wreath will evoke visions of spirit forms coming in the air to sing their Noel songs, and all the beasts will be seen to kneel down in worship. If preserved for a year the crown will give the owner safety from violence. In some parts of England it is believed that unless every bit of holly be removed from the house by Twelfth Night some ill luck will come. Mince pies can also bring luck, but only one must be offered and eaten in the house.

The one accepted and eaten will insure to the eater a portion of good luck on a day to come in the ensuing year. To eat two would spoil the luck, as if three be eaten on Christmas in one house ill luck will follow. If the first be eaten in the shape of a manger (the first mince pies ever made had crusts of this shape), then the luck is better. To represent the manger strips of pastry used to be laid crosswise over the pie.

The same power as the bride cake is possessed by the Yule cake on Christmas night, and if a maiden place a piece of it under her pillow on Christmas night she will dream of her future husband. A portion of the cake should be kept for the next year, as it brings luck to the house.

If one would have a successful year he or she must again partake of the plum pudding on New Year's day.

TAX NOTICE.
Office of Treasurer, Kershaw Co., Camden, S. C., Sept. 20, 1916.
Notice is hereby given that the books will be open for collecting State, County and School taxes from October 15th, 1916, to March 15th, 1917. A penalty of 1 per cent. will be added to all taxes unpaid Jan. 1st, 1917; 2 per cent. Feb. 1, 1917; 3 per cent. March 1, 1917. The rate per centum for Kershaw county is as follows:

State taxes	Mill- 0 1/2
County taxes	11
Special taxes	3
Road taxes	3
School taxes	3
Total	20 1/2

The following school districts have special levies:

Special school tax District No. 1	5
Special school tax District No. 2	4
Special school tax District No. 3	4
Special school tax District No. 4	4
Special school tax District No. 5	4
Special school tax District No. 6	4
Special school tax District No. 7	4
Special school tax District No. 8	4
Special school tax District No. 9	4
Special school tax District No. 10	5
Special school tax District No. 11	5
Special school tax District No. 12	7
Special school tax District No. 13	4
Special school tax District No. 14	3
Special school tax District No. 15	3
Special school tax District No. 16	3
Special school tax District No. 17	3
Special school tax District No. 18	4
Special school tax District No. 19	4
Special school tax District No. 20	4
Special school tax District No. 21	2
Special school tax District No. 22	7
Special school tax District No. 23	3
Special school tax District No. 24	4
Special school tax District No. 25	4
Special school tax District No. 26	4
Special school tax District No. 27	6
Special school tax District No. 28	6
Special school tax District No. 29	4
Special school tax District No. 30	2
Special school tax District No. 31	2
Special school tax District No. 32	6
Special school tax District No. 33	4
Special school tax District No. 34	4
Special school tax District No. 35	4
Special school tax District No. 36	4
Special school tax District No. 40	11
Special school tax District No. 46	8
Special school tax District No. 47	4

The poll tax is \$1.00.

All able-bodied male persons from the age of twenty-one (21) to sixty (60) years, both inclusive, except residents of the incorporated towns of the county shall pay \$2.00 as a road tax, except ministers of the gospel actually in charge of a congregation, teachers employed in public schools, school trustees and persons permanently disabled in the military service of this State, and persons who served in the late war between the States, and all persons actually employed in the quarantine service of this State and all residents who may be attending school or college at the time when said road tax shall become due. Persons claiming disabilities must present certificates from two reputable physicians of this county.

All information as to taxes will be furnished upon application.
D. M. McCASKILL,
County Treasurer.

The special commission appointed by governor Manning will meet in Columbia, December 18, to outline insurance legislation which will be recommended in the general assembly.

The Seaboard railway trestle over Bull Swamp, was destroyed by fire Thursday. The trestle was about ninety feet long. Traffic will be disturbed for several days as a result of the burning of the trestle.

Robert Miller, a negro of Columbia county, was killed recently. He was buried under several feet of dirt caused by the caving in of a well.

C. E. Chalk of Portsmouth, Va., being held in Columbia on a charge of stealing a watch and some jewelry from a family with whom he was boarding.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

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30 x 3	7.20	7.93	2.10	2.32
30 x 3 1/2	9.36	10.30	2.48	2.76
31 x 3 1/2	9.86	10.84	2.55	2.88
32 x 3 1/2	10.74	11.82	2.59	3.04
34 x 3 1/2	12.16	13.38	2.75	3.30
34 x 4	14.32	15.75	2.65	3.35
32 x 4	14.60	16.00	3.46	3.95
33 x 4	15.32	16.85	3.56	4.04
34 x 4	15.67	17.24	3.65	4.17
35 x 4	16.40	18.05	3.75	4.29
36 x 4	16.97	18.34	3.86	5.00
34 x 4 1/2	19.33	21.28	4.52	5.18
35 x 4 1/2	20.20	22.22	4.63	5.33
36 x 4 1/2	20.52	22.58	4.77	5.42
37 x 4 1/2	21.38	23.50	4.88	5.42
34 x 5	21.65	24.97	5.14	6.10
35 x 5	22.59	25.85	5.50	6.20
36 x 5	22.91	26.95	5.58	6.20
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