

Sing a Song of Christmas.
 Sing a song of Christmas,
 Gladdest day of all;
 O'er the hills and valleys
 See the splendor fall.
 Sing of gleaming holly;
 Sing of mistletoe;
 Sing a song of Christmas
 Everywhere you go.
 Sing a song of Christmas,
 Holy, happy day,
 Sing of Bethlehem's manger,
 Where the Christ Child lay.
 Sing of love unbounded,
 "Peace, good will to men."
 Sing a song of Christmas
 O'er and o'er again.
 Sing a song of Christmas;
 Even on this glad day
 There are griefs and heartaches
 All along the way.
 Hearts that wait the uplift
 Of your note of cheer—
 Sing a song of Christmas,
 Strong and sweet and clear.
 —Edith Virginia Brant in Ladies' Home Journal.



A CHRISTMAS GIFT

The Christmas Forest
 [The region between Jerusalem and Bethlehem was formerly covered with a forest of pines, which has since entirely disappeared.]

THE forest in a whisper spoke,
 Vine to flower and pine to oak,
 From holy hilled Jerusalem
 To where, upon its leafy hem,
 The humble village clung—
 Calm Bethlehem, dark, yet like a gem,
 Enveloped with light, as a veil are,
 By trembling radiance of the star.
 The trees a coming wonder told
 While yet the birds, their songs unsung,
 Dreamed of the coming of their young.
 But, though of splendor bright
 The forest breathed, its boughs were hung
 With subtle shade, no taper's beam
 Cast through that dusk its happy gleam.
 The angels sang; the shepherds came;
 In the lone manger shone a flame
 That burned with supernatural light.
 The pine trees whispered through the night.
 And, though the Saviour's birth
 Changed not their shadowy gloom to white,
 They in a patient darkness still
 Bow'd, sighing, and obeyed his will.

Vanished is that old forest now
 And withered wholly, root and bough,
 Yet in all Christian realms of earth
 Springs a new forest, full of mirth
 That lights with radiant cheer
 The evergreen's enduring worth,
 And to that whispering prophet brings
 A glory of the King of kings.
 For all our merry Christmas trees
 Glow fair with flame and revelries
 That cluster round them year by year,
 And fir and pine, or far or near,
 Live upright, gladly die,
 Knowing that they to God are dear,
 And bring to man, illuminate,
 A torch that leads to heaven's gate.

Even so the measure slow of time,
 Like a rhythm closed with rime,
 Raises the patient soul on high,
 Brings joy to life, even from a sigh,
 And in conclusion sweet
 Dark grief with gladness can ally.
 So shines the forest when we meet
 With light and song, Christ's birth to greet.
 —George Parsons Lathrop.

The Singing of Carols.
 The custom of singing carols is still maintained in Italy—indeed, on the continent carolling at Christmas is almost universal—and particularly in Rome, where, during the season of Advent, Pifferari may be seen and heard performing their novenas.
 These pilgrims, who, by the way, are shepherds from the Calabrian mountains, annually flock to Rome at this season. Their picturesque costume is thus described: "On their heads they wear conical felt hats, adorned with a frayed peacock's feather or a faded band of red cords and tassels. Their bodies are clad in red waistcoats, blue jackets and small clothes of skin or yellowish homespun cloth. Skin sandals are bound to their feet with cords that interlace each other up the leg as far as the knee, and over all is worn a long brown or blue cloak, with a short cape buckled closely round the neck. Sometimes, but rarely, this cloak is of a deep red with a scalloped cape."

Good Fellows' Christmas Tree.
 The Good Fellows, an organization of men who help to make poor children happy every Christmas, are behind the municipal Christmas tree idea in Columbus, Ind. They will erect a big tree in Commercial park, which is just across Franklin street from the city hall. Christmas carols will be sung around the tree on Christmas eve by the combined church choirs of the city. The other exercises will be held in the city hall, where the poor children of the city will receive presents. Baskets of provisions for the needy adults of Columbus will be distributed also.

In "Christmas Town"
 How the Day Is Celebrated in Bethlehem, Pa.

"CHRISTMAS TOWN" is in its glory on Christmas. Christmas town is the quaint old village in Pennsylvania which was named Bethlehem 174 years ago by Count Zinzendorf, head and founder of the Moravian faith.
 The count arrived in the settlement on Dec. 24, 1741. That evening he took a lighted candle and entered the stable belonging to the single tiny stone dwelling of the place, and then and there, with the smell of the hay about him, he named the town that was to be Bethlehem—"Nicht Jerusalem, sondern Bethlehem" ("not Jerusalem, but Bethlehem").
 Every Christmas eve since then has had its "vigil."
 Every Moravian home has its Christmas tree, flanked by "putzen." A putz is a beautiful bit of indoor landscape gardening, with fuzzy white cotton for snow and always a tiny stable of Bethlehem, with a doll Christ in a six inch manger, and doll Joseph, Mary and wise men standing by, while a tinsel star of the east shines with undiminished ray.
 Three o'clock on the afternoon of Dec. 24 finds every Moravian family in the great stone church, built in 1807. All the babies are there, hundreds of babies, wide eyed in admiration of the decorations. The vestibule is full of baby carriages. The pulpit and reading desk are concealed by a big picture of the Nativity.
 Classical music of the utmost beauty is sung at the love feast service. It is special Moravian music, often sung from manuscript scores over a hundred years old, which when not in use are kept in the great archive vaults of the church. Peals on the great chorus, thanking the infant Jesus for his benefactions.
 Then the "diener," or sacristans, men and women, enter the great front doors. The men carry huge trays of steaming cups of coffee, the white capped women delicious Moravian buns, those wonderful buns prepared by three generations of hereditary Moravian bakers.
 Dinner at 5 o'clock over, the men, women and larger children return at 6 for the "vigil." The church is ablaze with lights, crowded to overflowing. There is a choir of about sixty, married women wearing pink ribbons in their caps, the unmarried girls blue.
 There is the famous Moravian trombone choir, with a full string orchestra and the skillful organist at the organ. And the children do their share of the singing. Again each person in the audience, young or old, receives a lighted candle in memory of the one borne by Count Zinzendorf so many years ago. Even the choir members hold tapers as they sing.

The Christ Child.
 Oh, the beauty of the Christ Child,
 The gentleness, the grace,
 The smiling, loving tenderness,
 The infantile embrace!
 All babyhood he holdeth,
 All motherhood in foldeth,
 Yet who hath seen his face?
 Oh, the nearness of the Christ Child
 When for a sacred space
 He nestles in our very homes,
 Light of the human race!
 We know him and we love him,
 No man to us need prove him,
 Yet who hath seen his face?
 —Mary Mapes Dodge.

Hymn For Christmas Morning.
 Hark, a burst of heavenly music
 From a band of seraphs bright,
 Suddenly to earth descending,
 In the calm and silent night,
 To the shepherds of Juden,
 Watching in the early dawn!
 Lo, they bear the joyful tidings—
 Jesus, Prince of Peace, is born!
 Sweet and clear those angel voices,
 Echoing through the starry sky,
 As they chant the heavenly chorus,
 "Glory be to God on high!"
 And this joyful Christmas morning
 Breaking o'er the world below
 Tells again the wondrous story
 Shepherds heard so long ago,
 Who shall still our tuneful voices,
 Who the tide of praise shall stem,
 Which the blessed angels taught us
 In the fields of Bethlehem?
 Hark, we hear again the chorus
 Ringing through the starry sky,
 And we join the heavenly anthem,
 "Glory be to God on high!"
 —Mrs. M. N. Metzger.

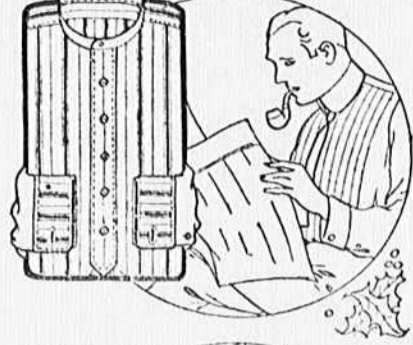
Children Sing Christmas Carols.
 One of the oldest and one of the most popular Christmas customs in England is the singing of Christmas carols by children, who go about from house to house for that purpose. In return they usually get a cake or some little gift.
 The following quaint hymn is one of the oldest carols and dates back for several centuries. Here it is, with all its old time spelling, which parents no doubt will be glad to explain:
 Yn a staybel Cryste was borne,
 All ye entel bende theyre knees,
 On ye cross his limbs were torne
 That heaven may be reached with ease.
 Shoute and syng and haylo ye morne,
 Cryste, our Lorde, ys borne, ys borne,
 Peace, good will to all on eyrthe,
 Wype from every eye ye tear.
 By that wondrous royale byrthe
 Menkynde are freed from every fear.
 Shoute and syng and hall ye morne,
 Cryste, our Lorde, ys borne, ys borne.

Fine at Christmas Time.
 It's fierce to be so overgrown,
 The boys make fun of me
 And holler "Baby elephant"
 And "Patty's piggy." Gee!
 Nobody knows how sensitive
 A big fat boy can be!
 When Christmas comes, though, I'd not mind
 If I were fatter yet
 Because my stockings is SO large
 (I hang it up, you bet)
 It holds just twice as many things
 As other fellows get.
 —Mazie V. Caruthers.

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ASSESSOR'S NOTICE 1916.
 The Auditor's office will be open from the 1st of January to the 20th of February, 1916 to make returns of all personal property for taxation.
 For the convenience of taxpayers the Auditor or his deputy will attend the following named places to receive returns for said year to wit:
 Craigs Store, Seuffletown township, Monday Jan. 17th, 9:30 a. m. to 3 p. m.
 S. W. Dean, Jacks township, Monday, Jan. 17, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
 Renno, Jacks township, Monday, Jan. 17, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Clinton, Hunter township, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.
 Clinton mill, Hunter township, Wednesday, Jan. 19, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.
 Lydia Mill, Hunter township, Thursday, Jan. 20, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.
 Goldville, Hunter township, Friday, Jan. 21, 9:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.
 Mountville, Hunter township, Monday, Jan. 17, 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.
 Cross Hill, Cross Hill township, Monday, Jan. 17, 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.
 Waterloo, Waterloo township, Monday, Jan. 17, 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.
 Mt. Gallagher, Waterloo township, Monday, Jan. 17, 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.
 Jno. W. Becks, Sullivan township, Monday, Jan. 17, 1:30 p. m. to 4 p. m.
 J. T. Pitts, Sullivan township, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.
 Princeton, Sullivan township, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1:30 p. m. to 4 p. m.
 Tumbling Shoals, Sullivan township, Wednesday, Jan. 19, 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.
 H. B. Mahon's Store, Dials township, Monday, Jan. 17, 10 a. m. to 1 p. m.
 D. D. Harris, Dials township, Monday, Jan. 17, 2 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.
 V. A. White, Dials township, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.
 Gray Court, Dials township, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.
 Stewart's Store, Youngs township, Monday, Jan. 17, 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.
 Cook's Store, Youngs township, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.
 Youngs Store, Youngs township, Wednesday, Jan. 19, 10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.

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 Pleasant Mound, Youngs township, Thursday, Jan. 20, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.
 Lanford, Youngs township, Monday, Jan. 17, 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.
 Ora, Seuffletown township, Monday, Jan. 17, 9:30 a. m. to 4 p. m.
 Watts Mill, Laurens township, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 9:30 a. m. to 2 p. m.
 Please make note that the appointments will be filled just as advertised and to please come out and make returns. One man usually makes the whole round and some may not understand the notice this time, as I have divided up the territory in the several townships.
 All male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years on the 1st of January except those who are incapable of earning a support from being maimed or from other causes, are deemed polls, Confederate veterans excepted.
 Also all male citizens between the ages of 18 and 50 on the 1st day of January, 1917, are liable to a road tax of \$1.50 and are required to make their return of same to the Auditor during the time above specified and shall pay to the County Treasurer at the same time other taxes are paid in lieu of working the road.
 All taxpayers are required to give township and number of school district; also state whether property is situated in town or country. Each lot, tract or parcel of land must be entered separately.
 After the 20th of February 50 per cent penalty will be attached for failure to make returns.
 J. W. THOMPSON,
 County Auditor.