

THE MISTLETOE BOUGH.

History and Meaning of One of the Oldest Customs in the World.

(John A. Hamilton, "The Wonderful River.")

Have you ever asked how it is that we hang up mistletoe in our house at Christmas? Because the Druids used to do so, you may tell me, but then we come to the question why they did.

I believe that the custom of hanging up a bough of mistletoe is one of the very oldest customs in the world, and has come down to us from the time when men worshipped trees.

a little, you may see that it was not very strange after all. Imagine a savage man (and savage means a man who lives in a forest,) who has little knowledge of anything outside the forest in which he lives.

That seems silly to you, quite the wrong way of putting things, but the savage thought that all was well when the trees were alive, and that their dying brought him misery.

You think I am a long time in coming to the mistletoe. Have patience for half a minute. Savages believe that every living thing has a soul.

Letter to Santa Claus.

Laurens, S. C., Dec. 13, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy nine years old. I want you to bring me some fire crackers, toys and fruits and nuts, candies of all kinds.

Your little friend, J. P. Phillips, Laurens, Route 6.

Honor Roll Bailey School.

- First Grade: Sarah Adair, Mary Benjamin, Mary Clare Milam, Mary Grace Madden, Walter Walker. Second Grade: Thomas Hamilton. Third Grade: Ida Jacks, Fannie Blakeley, Mattie Benjamin, Mattie Lou Walker, Fayette Gambrell, Pearl Gambrell.

UNION BOY WINS NAVAL CADETSHIP

William A. Rice Recommended for Appointment by Congressman Nicholls. 14 Stood Examination.

William A. Rice, of Union, is the successful candidate for the appointment to the cadetship at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, according to announcement last night from Prof. Frank Evans, superintendent of the city school and chairman of the board of examiners.

Prof. Evans last night mailed to Congressman Sam J. Nicholls, at Washington, the result of the examination, recommending Mr. Rice for the appointment and naming George C. Carrington, of Spartanburg, and John Perry, of 140 James street, Greenville, as first and second alternates, respectively.

Fourteen young men from the Fourth Congressional district appeared to stand the scholarship examination at the city high school Friday afternoon. Three dropped out after the work Friday, the remaining 11 reporting yesterday morning to resume the examination, which was concluded during the afternoon.

The candidates were examined upon history, geography, arithmetic, algebra, geometry and English. The board of examiners consisted of Prof. Frank Evans, Prof. Hugh T. Shockley and Dr. George B. Clinkscales.—Spartanburg Herald.

Cough Medicine for Children.

Mrs. Hugh Cook, Scottsville, N. Y., says: "About five years ago when we were living in Barbutt, N. Y., I doctor two of my children suffering from colds with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it just as represented in every way.

"Aunt Kate" on the Contest

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It was a popularity contest—the majority of votes for the old lady was voluntary—so many write "I didn't know till I had subscribed that you were in it but here's a dollar for you."—if that isn't popularity what is it?

I don't know of course, who wins, but the three leading contestants have work hard and whether it be the little Moorhead boy whose mother and granddaddy were on the job, or the little Miss Franks whose father was equally as faithful, or Mrs. B. R. Todd whose perseverance was admirable, the winner has my hearty congratulations.

Thanking all for the courteous treatment and the contest manager, who was ever helpful and courteous, and in the words of Tiny Tim, I close "God bless us every one!"

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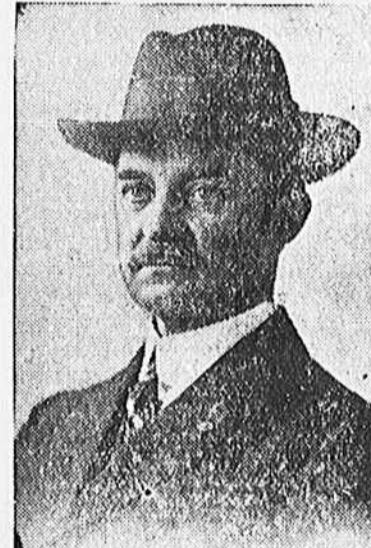
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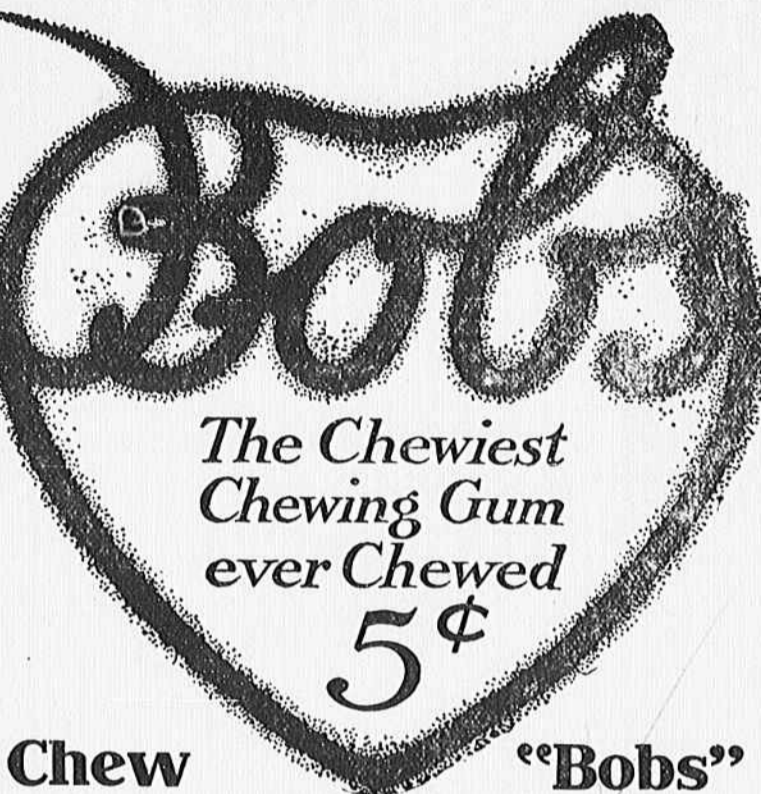


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