How the World Keeps Christmas

Varying ways of celebrating the day from Lapland's solemnity to America's prosperity—But this year commerce-stricken of the Blessed Child's birth will be tinged heavily with sadness throughout Christendom. There will be more of prayer for solace in grief, and for a ray of hope in despair than there will be of merry-making and extravagant gift-giving

IN MANY millions of homes this year there will be no Christmas tree, no gifts, no fun that rings throughout the Christian world on Christmas eve day. To mothers, wives, sweethearts, who have lost sons, husbands, lovers, in the world madness, Christmas bells will sound as harsh, mournful change, crystalizing sadness now that the season of rejoicing is here are in the armies will receive in the music from the church towers mere sighs of hope and inspiration.

But speaking metaphorically, how the Twinkle bells ring and par value what they ring, who rings them and how they ring, the Christmas season of 1917 will seem queer to you if what you happen to be reporting in Spain, you think of Sweden dancing in the centrity; or in England casting your way through Christmas day, you consult the Russians clanging the spirits of the Goddess of the Sun, or in Italy listening to the children reciting their pieces, or in Germany or anywhere in New York and its immediate vicinity "special Christmas performances."

Christmas in England never has displayed the measure of pure revelry it held before the outbreak. Only the remnants of those hearty times when the land was gutted with spirituous richness are what are left for old fashioned folk to recall and endeavor to make the celebration distinct in its ponderosity. Wherever Christmas is found in the British Isles there is a plain pudding, that heaviest of edibles that seems to improve in mass with every pound tipped off on the scales. In Ireland they accompany a pudding or like stiff with long stalks of what they call shamrock, and in Scotland they roasted apples mixed with ale and milk. If food and drink are the greater parts of gaiety, there are no merrier Christmases in the land than those in England. But there is little Christmas lore and superstition. Now and then you will hear some old farmer's crony drone away about the bad ones that appear on the night of the Yuse's day, or peer out anxiously for the first visitor, whose sex determining good or ill luck during the coming year. The authors have put into Christ just what you would do if you were passing your Christmas day with the British!

At Christmas time we deck the hall
With boughs of holly and mistletoe
And have the prettiest romantic fright
And in the Yule-log's dancing light
We tell old tales of field and fight
Of Christmas Christmas long ago.

At Christmas time we pile the board
With food and fruit and vintage wine
And merry laughter and the glow
We tread a measure soft and slow
And kiss beneath the mistletoe
At Christmas time.

Germany has no long years of riot on Christmases to look back upon. There is no country in peace there would be more pleasure in the day than exactly there then in Germany. The Germans begin a week before Christmas day by living in everywhere of all sizes which they pile up in the public squares of the cities and towns until these look like forests of pines and hemlocks. Not one tree, but a whole German family must have and these too are not the ordinary trees that you who have grown. St. Nicholas is the jolly fellow at the bottom of this one most assertions. On the eve of St. Nicholas day, December 6, the Christ has festival begins. That is the day when the German children believe? For a few weeks before the good old saint's impersonator, the saint and his servant, are inquiring how the children have been behaving, and they receive a bundle of birch switches with his aid and leaves them in the house where he thinks they may be needed. The day before Christmas is known as Spanne thun Germany, remember, and on this day the children are said to hasten with strings of hand frosted Christmas cakes and ruling prizes. When it comes to trimming the Christmas trees themselves, then you may play and be piled into a walk, or get out of the way somewhere, for this is serious business to town mothers and Kris Kringle.

Sky Signs in London.

The failure of the crest to rise over the "roar of London" has caused the authorities to experiment with sky signs. Once before the government of the day sought to bring about the introduction of the system of sky signs, but when Napoleon threatened to bring his armies sixhorse prepared to make to cut the main London. The warm weather is proved it was to be given under the French

Nana Trees for Hindenburg.

Among other signs of Hindenburg's sevenieth birthday was the planting of trees in the Hindenburg forest in the Harz mountains. The newspapers mentioned in touching accents, say's a correspondent, that many patriots planted fruit trees for Hindenburg instead of oaken, hoping that in the years to come on Oberhof 2 little children will gather and receive rations of apples, pears, and

The Newest Theology.

A boy at a Yonnel examination in Scripture was asked where Cain went to when he left the land of Nod. "He went to bed. The teacher wanted to know how he made that out. He said "It's in the chapter, sir, that Cain, after he had killed Abel, went to the land of Nod."—Christian Herald.

Pie Looked Good.

While visitors were having dinner at a South Dana a neighbor's little boy was seen to enter the house, walk around the table, he seated himself on a couch on the side of the dining room. He remained quite still, the visitors passed him with a tray on which she had the dessert. Then it was handed politely and said, "Mr. Jones, I'll take a piece of that pie."

Origin of Alfalfa.

Alfalfa is a Spanish word used as the common name for seedings native. It is a foreign plant now naturalized and well known in many parts of the United States. The plant itself is of Asiatic origin, and from there was carried to Spain by the Moors. It was given to the Spaniards by the Arabs of the Moors, hence its name.

Pie Eaten Cold.

Verne Purcell had a double experience with pie recently. He was driving a running point to his where they he met Alton Marsh, dresser and inventor, have previously been confronted. It was difficult to forget; he met also the landlord young lady he had ever seen Janice Marsh.

It was Sunday morning Purcell was a mechanical engineer, something of an inventor himself, and he was interested in Marsh's talk that he became acquainted with the old man. The latter invited him to his home a quiet, humble cottage, but surrounded by a well-kept garden and a veritable orchard.

In the midst of it, suggesting a fairy queen of roses and perfume, and Marsh's pretty daughter Janice. Purcell found a background of apple trees and pears. Purcell for a moment stood entranced at the scene. Then he was conscious that his host had proceeded into the house, and was calling to him.

"This is my workshop," said Marsh, as they entered a little square room. "Sometimes I work here all night and all day."

"And this is the machine I told you about," he added, as Purcell's eyes had meanwhile, a large intricate mass of wheels, cogs, and springs, which rested upon a heavy platform. The model was about three feet square, and was mounted towards a bench on which was a miniature engine, and a tiny dynamo.

"If I can perfect the invention," continued Marsh, "I shall be able to make a dresser and automobile. I shall be rich. Janice is a rich woman. It is a machine that will do away with half a dozen tools that are now necessary. It is the greatest invention of the age, a feature of price payer."

Purcell looked thoughtfully suppressed admiration from the old man's face, and startling expression came into his eyes.

"How—how long have you been working on this invention here?" he asked.

"Eight years," replied Mr. Marsh, "and I have spent all my money on it. Janice has been my helper. She has been my inspiration. She has been my

"And This Is the Machine."

there the machine I have thought out and nearly worked out. A slow friend in financing me through the years. It is almost complete. I have only a few more things to do. Janice has been my inspiration. She has been my helper. She has been my encouragement. She has been the most sweet know. It would crush her to know that I am not able to complete this. It is just that I should die now."

"It is hard," cried Janice, with tears in her eyes, "that you should be cheated out of the fruits of your years of labor. Father. He was glad to be with you. He would not have left you. He shared the model with glowing eyes. Purcell's own eyes were moist and disappointed, though. The machine was that he had been working along the same line for the past two years. He had hoped to be the man to perfect the invention that he saw was going to revolutionize the dressing and automobile industries. Yet it was hard to see his own work, the result of years of his own contriving. Yet it was hard to see another do it now. It was the dream of success.

He looks the one element I have not mentioned Verne. Then he added in a more positive tone: "I will not let his heart or the fruits of his contriving be broken. I will not let the labor of years be in vain. I will not let the dream of success be shattered. Janice needs me. I will help you."

Purcell was the battle of his emotions as he was introduced to the man and his daughter. The table had been set under a spreading oak. All about were roses, and honeysuckles, and pears. It seemed a fitting spot for the birds, that charming garden spot, and Purcell's own heart was pounding with hope and joy.

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Would Save the Cake.

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