

Christmas Very Warm Down Under

In sweltering Sydney, Australia, the temperature hovers around 80 degrees but Santa Claus manfully endures the heat and extra humidity in air-conditioned stores.

Although the climate resists the traditional "coarse" Christmas dinner, the fabled elf is not deterred. He is reported to be the oldest and youngest men in the world, and they get it.

Christmas trees are everywhere, shops gray frosting on snow windows, and the tradition of following the old course is a tradition in itself. Australia was colonized by convicts. They were people who didn't want to be there. Half a world away from their homes," explains a government official, "but more and more Australians are

Candles At Christmas

Many traditional candle customs brighten today's Christmas celebrations. From Ireland comes the custom of maintaining that the country should have its own traditions. "Christmas here is a summer holiday, like your Fourth of July," says Mrs. Forch "we should count our blessings, one winter is enough."

Who, perhaps, in the same mood as Hawaiians at the Yule season, Australians may one day come around celebrating Christmas in a more practical fashion, with light, cooling meals none-the-less festive, and in light, cooling pajamas, skin to the season only in poppy color.

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CANDLES LIGHT UP MAN'S CELEBRATIONS THROUGH HISTORY

It is difficult to imagine Christmas without candles.

Long before Christ, man came to guard the flames he discovered he could make by friction of sticks or flint. Crude torches let him hold the light a little longer and he might pursue his labor and his quest for knowledge.

The Romans were probably the first to make candles, which they burned before the altars of their gods, to light their loom rooms, and to light their parents and carrels.

It is interesting to note that while pagans used the candle for merry-making, the Christians used it to light the catechisms.

It was natural for Christians to adapt the candle to their way of life, for Christ had referred to Himself as the Light of the world. Men had assured them that each Christian was a light.

The Middle Ages found the candle at its zenith. Made of tallow, by the dipping process, the candle was widely used for light, on up till the 19th century.

The Medieval church made free that candles were made of beakwax... an idea founded in the belief that bees came to earth directly from heaven. Throughout the Middle Ages it was common for swarms of bees to be

how to genuinely celebrate Christmas

This Christmas, mend a quarrel... Seek out a forgotten friend... Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust... Write a letter... Share some treasure... Give a soft answer... Encourage youth... Manifest your loyalty in word and deed... Keep a promise... Find the time... Forgive a grudge... Listen... Apologize if you were wrong... Try to understand... Reflect joy as sincerely... Examine your demands on others... Think first of someone else... Appreciate others... Be kind, be gentle... Laugh a little... Laugh a little more... Deserve confidence... Take up arms against malice... Beery companions... Express your gratitude... Go to church... Welcome a stranger... Cladden the heart of a child... Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth... Speak your love... Speak it again... Speak it still once again...

Christmas is celebration, and there is no celebration that compares with the realization of its true meaning... with the sudden stirring of the heart that has extended itself toward the core of life. Then, only then, is it possible to grasp the significance of that first Christmas... to savor in the inward ear the sweet music of the angel choir; to envision the star-struck sky, and glimpse, behind the eyelids, the ray of light that fell athwart a darkened path and changed the world.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Hope Your Holiday Is a Driving Success

Green's Service Station

O Holy Night

COME, LET US ADORE HIM!

Abraham's

Merry Christmas

Yuletide greetings to one & all! May your holidays be gay!

Christmas Choo

We know we're on the right track by wishing you health, wealth, and happiness! Season's greetings from

Duncan Electric Shop

AH! The Mistletoe

In Europe it is quite common for men to kiss each other on the cheek as a sign of salute, or as part of a special ceremony.

Back in the days of the Roman Empire it was the custom, also, some times it was linked with the almost mystic, which had always been regarded with great respect by the ancients.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

A feast of good wishes to all our loyal patrons and their families.

Marshall's Restaurant

GOOD CHEER TO ALL

May love's kindly glow brighten your home at Christmas

Small's Greenhouses

Christmas Creche

NOEL

Standard Oil Co. W.B. PARKER, AGENT

Fair's Barber Shop

Merry Christmas

May you receive the best of everything on the happiest of holidays

NOEL

May the spirit of this season bless you and all of your family!

Albert Bonth, Jailer

Luther Hollar

GREETINGS

Hopkins Drug

Tree Of Nineties Was Simple

Ever wonder just what oldsters were talking about when they spoke of a "real old-fashioned Christmas tree?"

Back to the 1890's, however, Christmas trees were both charming and simple.

At the very top of the tree was a globe, with the stars of the branches were made of such things as waxen, paper, and tin ornaments.

Strongly together, chains of gold and silver paper, candle in holders (we don't recommend paper, since they are so easily burned), and waxen, paper, and tin ornaments.

Hard candles like scourbells and scourbells were the typical "waxen candles" of the typical tree, the scourbells other hung in little bunches or used to stuff the gaps such as wags and drums at the base of the tree.

WHY THE TINSEL

It is a children's story about how the tinsel helped from the tree.

Various Trees Are Popular

Professional businessmen varies across the country, with such trees as the scourbells, the Eastern favorite because the tree is so easy to care for.

Three pine trees are growing fast in favor. A Norway spruce makes a excellent outdoor tree, and a hemlock, which is a Christmas green, do not make a bad tree.

The needles are long and soft. Spruce needles are usually four-sided, and are usually soft. The Scotch pine needles are soft. Douglas fir needles are flat and pointed.

DO WE NEED OLD ST. NICK?

It is true, as some today claim that Santa the Saint has been transformed by modern custom into Santa the Sugar Daddy! Do we really need good old Saint Nick? Some of our educators, with a winking assent from "modern" parents, would put an end to the Santa Claus myth. Confusing to young minds, they say.

Perhaps the Santa Claus idea has advanced and over-commercialized. Yet it does have a long and honorable history. In fact, childhood memories of the Santa Claus remain with most of us throughout a lifetime.

A Santa on how different a person it is. Why? Well, if you're Santa something of a mystery, and it is symbol

Through the vast power of this newspaper the story of the Christmas Seal was told, and retold. The crusade gathered momentum. From every walk of life, people came to buy the Seal.

The rest of the story is familiar. We all know how much a part of Christmas the Seal is. But may we not say, when we use them this Christmas, as you can, that

her how hard it advocates struggled to put it on the map? maybe we will remember what a great fight it is continuing to wage.

For the dread disease is not only, cradly still with us, though to a much less degree.

To risk our efforts would be tragic. Remember the Seal is to buy and use, your Christmas Seal, as if it were many as you can afford.

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