

Holiday Cheer



May glamour abound with you during the Yule season.

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Carol Singing Still A Popular Christmas Custom

Caroling is the custom in many countries throughout the world. And, there are about as many different customs connected with it as there are countries.

Bagpipers, music accompanists, the carolers in (not Scotland) Italy?

In England the carolers receive gifts for their efforts "gifts" of refreshments are often the case in America.

"Star-singers" is the name for groups of carolers in many nations. The term is taken from the pole they carry, which has a lighted star on top.

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Poinsettia Favored At Christmas Time

One plant particularly favored at Christmas is in the United States and Canada is the poinsettia. The holiday colors of this holiday shrub with its star-shaped red clusters make it an appropriate symbol of the season.

If it had not been for the interest of an American diplomat Dr. Joel Poinsett of Charleston, S.C. the poinsettia might never have attained popularity. Serving as the first U.S. minister to Mexico in 1823, Dr. Poinsett discovered this tropical plant.

Impressed with its beauty, he brought it back to the United States and introduced it into cultivation. Later, the plant was named the "poinsettia" in his honor.

Santa's Helpers

Santa is sometimes pictured as traveling by rocket or jet plane. However, his favorite mode of transportation is a still the reindeer-drawn sleigh. It remains a wonder that he is so jolly, when he has to cover the world in one night.

The explanation may be found in the number of helpers that he has, and also the fact that Christmas Eve is not the only day for delivering gifts. St. Nicholas, a real bishop, was the first "Santa." Many legends grew up around his name, and many centuries after his death on December 6, about 342 A.D., he was honored as a friend to the young. December became "Children's Day," and St. Nicholas, traveling by horse, brought gifts to reward children for good behavior.

In Scandinavian and some other countries, Santa gets an assist from St. Lucy, who is responsible for the distribution of gifts on her day, December 13.

Many Spanish children expect the Three Kings to bring them gifts on Epiphany, January 6. They set out shoes filled with straw and grain for the horses the Kings ride.

Yule Tree First Lighted Here By Enemy Soldiers

Just as soldiers long for their homeland all over the world today, so did the American soldiers as they were called who aided the British "loyalists" in the Christmas Revolutionary War.

It was Christmas Eve and a group of British soldiers huddled around their spitting pipe at their camp on the icy banks of the Delaware River.

They sadly missed the Gemuetlichkeit, the good cheer, shared by family and friends during the holy season.

Soon some of them hauled fir trees and decorated them with whatever they could find in the snow--make-shifts for ornaments that reminded them of happier times.

They lighted candles on the trees and, just like at home, gathered around the tree to sing familiar Christmas hymns.

A few days later these soldiers would be taken prisoner and a harsh world would dispel the pretty visions like smoke from their fires. But by this spontaneous act, to a strange land, enemy soldiers left an imprint on the new country which has become part of our own heritage.

Especially from Germany come the traditions we cherish so today. So important is this custom of decorating trees, a leading greeting card manufacturer has produced an unusual exhibit of Christmas trees on Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Virtually every example of decorated and ornamented tree in the collection, each decorated by a well-known person--including Shakespearean actors, princes of the Church, famous authors and others who give their tree testimony a special individual distinction.

So, whether you trim your tree with stars and bells and conventional decorations, hang cookies and gnomes on it, or make it topical with moonmen and space-magic, the tree you trim can speak especially for you and your love of this beautiful season, expressed in a tree that has become in a very real sense your creation.

CHRISTMAS POETRY QUOTATIONS

CHRISTMAS BELLS
LONGFELLOW
I heard the bells on Christmas Day,
"O'er the world," familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet,
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

IS THERE SANTA CLAUS?
FRANCIS T. CHURCH
No Santa Claus? That's a good, but, then, and here
forever,
A thousand years from now,
I say, ten time ten thousand
years hence,
He'll continue to make glad
the heart
of childhood.

TRANSLATED FROM
JOSEPH MOORE, 1818
Holy night, peaceful night,
Wonderous star, shed thy
light!
With the angels, let us sing
Alleluia to our King,
From the lowest to here.

CHRISTMAS
ELI WHITMAN
(before 1850)
I have had such singing
and
make good cheer
and
For Christmas comes but
once a year.

CRUSHER
At Christmas, play and
make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but
once a year.

GIFT GIVING

Giving gifts during the Christmas season is a custom of us even become reckless and spend more than we should for a particular gift merely because it bears the "brag" from for a special individual.

In ancient times and places, gift giving was sometimes commensurate. Roman emperors dined, gold and silver from their subjects. So, it is said, did the kings and queens of medieval England.

Long before the birth of Christ, Romans exchanged gifts. The custom of giving branches, in conjunction with the Saturnalia, a pagan festival which occurred about the same time as the present date of Christmas.

The Druids of England and Scotland, hanged and gifts on trees during the festival. Gift giving today does not take the form of espionage; it reflects the spirit of kind-hearted generosity.

It is a rule for that even those who are not that "Christ" may a beautiful, too commercial, have their own special gift list.

GLAD ANGEL . . . A charming, easy-to-make Christmas angel, made from a triangle of brightly colored cardboard covered with gold, white and silver on the wings and secured on the back with a decorative tag. Two smaller triangles, attached at the ends, become the sleeves. The head is a styrofoam gift attached with a poppetite stick. Angels may be glued on for additional decoration.

INDIAN CRANBERRIES
The American Indians made a paste from cranberries called "Pocahontas." This was used as a poultice for cuts and wounds. They used the juice of the berry for red dye. Eventually the cranberry was so highly valued that it became an important part of the Christmas menu.

Season's Greetings



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