



# MISTLETOE TALES

## LEGENDS ABOUT THE FLORAL EMBLEM

**M**ISTLETOE, associated with both comedy and tragedy, owes its elevation to the glory of a prominent Christmas decoration to the relics of Druidical superstition and again, even further back, to traditions of Norse mythology, in which it played an important part.

Long before kissing was invented or ballads were made and sung the mistletoe was a sort of fetch and is as capricious as most heathen deities, inasmuch as it has a marked preference in the choice of a tree to grow upon, the oak, the larch and the pear being the least favored, while it loves the poplar, hawthorn, lime, maple, mountain ash and, first and foremost of all, the apple tree. It roots firmly, grows slowly, gradually stifles the tree it embraces and then dies itself! In ancient lore it had rare medicinal virtues, but these have found oblivion with the lapse of time.

Norse fables tell us that Baldr, the bright and the beautiful, the god of light, was regarded with jealousy by some of the other deities, and Friga, to protect him, made everything in heaven and earth swear to do him no harm. But disregarding the mistletoe as being so slight and weak she omitted her precaution in its case. Loki, the malevolent fire god, seizing this chance, bewitched a twig of mistletoe till it swelled to the size of a spear and, slyly giving it to blind Hodur, told him to throw it among the gods when they were at play.

It struck Baldr and killed him, but Friga miraculously restored him to life and thereafter guarded the mistletoe, which the gods at her pleading decided should be unable to do any mischief again unless it touched the earth. For this reason it always hung on high, and the vigilant goddess was propitiated by a sign of amity and good will.

Many of the most important rites of the Druids were performed in connection with it, and today men and maidens hold that it constitutes a sanction for salutes that might otherwise be too daring. Yet the old mysterious glamour of its power to harm still clings to it and imparts a touch of superstitious witchery to the tragic fate of the gay young bride who, mad with merriment, hid in the oak chest that proved her tomb.

### CHRISTMAS GREEN.

**C**HRISTMAS green in hearts we keep,  
Heedless of the scowling weather,  
Heedless of the gusts that sweep  
O'er the woodlands and the heather.  
Masses in the night we sing  
By the side of floral manger,  
While the wickets widely swing  
For the pilgrim and the stranger.

Cedars with the roses twine  
Round the chancel's inner railing,  
While the winds and waves combine  
Coronachs and dirges wailing;  
While the crown of drifted snow  
Clusters o'er the marble's whiteness,  
Then, meseems, the arctic foe  
Glimmers with a summer brightness.



Faces of the loved and lost  
Through the courts where we assemble;  
Rubrics of years are crossed  
As in Yule's sweet walk we ramble.  
Oh, the dear, the ever mourned!  
Ye, in more than olden beauty,  
Are like angel guards returned,  
Shares in this holy duty.

Children with their banners, see,  
In the chapel alcove gather;  
Happy they with him to be  
Children of a common Father.  
Hear the organ's prelude ring  
With the welcome to the morning,  
While the festal censers swing  
And the altar lights are burning.

Lovely Yule, though shadows steal  
Unawares o'er all thy brightness,  
Though you naked boughs reveal  
Marble mounds of snowy whiteness,  
Yet the wreath of Christmas day  
Green and fragrant ever liveth,  
For the Hand that took away  
Is the Hand that once more giveth.

—William B. Chisholm.

### The Christmas Tree.

Of all the Christmas greens the tree is the aristocratic monarch. Used not so much as an actual decoration itself as a background for decoration, it figures as the central ornament in the Christmas festivities. Its trimming is a matter of mystery, its burden of lights, tinsel and finery the rarest spectacle that juvenile eyes ever look upon, and its brief but triumphant career an epoch in home life to be long remembered.—Philadelphia Times.

### HOW TO CARVE A TURKEY.

The Art Made Plain For the President of the Feast.

**C**USTOM has made it usual hereabouts to eat turkey for our Christmas dinner, and accordingly the festive bird will grace many a table. But it is not everybody who knows how to carve a turkey, and the hints given here may help many a bewildered man to so demean himself that the ordeal may not disgrace him in the eyes of the wife of his bosom, as well as of those guests who may be present at his board.

Have the turkey resting upon its back. Put the two tined fork in about an inch in front of the peak of the breastbone, where it will sink into a hollow formed by the peculiar conformation of the breastbone. The bird is then held firmly while the carving is being done.

The first thing to do is to take off the legs at the second joint. Cut down alongside the leg and bear outward a little, with the knife set well in.

The knife is inserted above the leg, and after making an incision it is pressed outward. The second joint then parts easily from the body. After both legs are removed in this manner the wings should be cut off, the knife being used on practically the same principle as that employed in removing the legs.

The next point for the skillful carver is to separate the "drumstick," or first joint, from the rest of the leg. This is done by fixing the fork in the second joint of the turkey. Then an incision is made at the joint, and the end of the leg is then pressed down with the knife.

The breast of white meat is now attacked. The fork is again placed over the breastbone in the original position, and slices are removed from the breast. The slicing should commence near the peak of the breastbone, the cuts being taken thinly, the knife held horizontally and the cuts extending downward toward the wings. After the meat has been taken from both sides of the turkey's breast in this fashion the knife is inserted transversely behind the little projection on the breast between the peak and the neck. This is formed by the "wishbone," or "merry thought." The knife slips easily between this and the breastbone, so that the "wishbone" is easily removed, carrying with it a liberal portion of white meat. The removal of the "wishbone" makes a convenient opening into the interior of the turkey, through which a spoon may be inserted for the removal of the tasty dressing.

Nothing now remains but the carcass of the turkey, and the only task is to disjoint it. This is done by first removing the breastbone. By means of the fork the peak of the bone is raised and swung over toward the neck, disjointing it near the base of the latter. The neck, if desired, can be removed, leaving only one more portion of the bird to be dealt with. This is the backbone.

The backbone is broken about three inches above the tail, and there you are. The dismemberment of your turkey is now complete.

### MAIL FOR SANTA CLAUS.

Some Strange Letters at Christmas Time.

**"H**ERE is an address I never noticed until this year," said a postoffice clerk, sorting out some half dozen letters with "Mr. Santa Claus, Joyland," on the envelopes. Variations were, "Mr. Santa Claus, Joyland Co., N. Y., 911 Happiness Ave.," and "Mr. Santa Claus, Toy and Candy Palace, Christmasville, Joyland."

Another child, perhaps of Hibernian ancestry, had addressed his petition to the saint's residence in "Fairland, Ireland." One young writer, with a somewhat hazy knowledge of geographical names, had sent his letter to "Mr. Saint Nickerlis, to the North Pole, Mexico." Another, with a belief in the power and influence of nurse, had addressed his missive to "70 Bedford Ave., Kaar Meary," which, being deciphered, is found to mean "Care of Mary."

"I am sorry I cannot allow you to open any of the letters. It's as much a criminal offense to tamper with them as with any other letters," said the clerk to a reporter of The Commercial Advertiser. There were, however, two postal cards and one open letter, which were fair specimens. The latter was a modest request for the relief of the more pressing wants of the writer. It read:

Dear Santa Claus—You say that good boys get the best presents. I have tried very hard to be a good boy. Will you please bring me a fire patrol, train of cars, a nice book, a game, box of tools and a little sailboat, candy, oranges and nuts. Goodby, dear old Santa Claus. We will expect you Christmas eve. DUBLIN.

A few letters were evidently written under the direction of seniors of the family and dropped in the mailbox to please the children. Most of the letters were without stamps.

What becomes of the letters after they reach the dead letter office? Most of them are eventually destroyed, as the children sign only their first names and there is no way of returning them.

### Christmas Feasting.

During the middle ages the whole Christmas season was given up to revels and jollity, in which eating and drinking had a prominent part. The Saxon instinct of our English ancestors led them to make of every holiday an occasion for feasting. Plenty to eat and to drink was their idea of a festival, no matter how sacred might be its associations. On Christmas they not only lined their stomachs with good capon, as did Shakespeare's justice, but stuffed themselves with all sorts of rich, nourishing food and strongly compounded puddings and pies.

### MERRY XMAS WAYS.

HOW THE ANCIENTS CELEBRATED THE COMING OF YULETIDE.

The Mistletoe and the Yule Log Were In Evidence—Festivities Began a Week Before Christmas Day—But There Was No Santa Claus.

**I**T is said that the American customs of celebrating the greatest of all festival days, Christmas, are descended from or are survivals of the old world customs which existed in England a couple of centuries ago. Yet when these latter are examined into it requires a wide stretch of an unusually elastic imagination to link the ways of the present day with those of the seventeenth or even the eighteenth century.

It seems probable that the folks of half a dozen generations ago crowded more merriment into the Christmas season than we of this age do, and they went about it with the same prearranged systematic care that a commercial prince now devotes to some great



GATHERING THE HOLLY AND MISTLETOE.

financial coup, but the fun was of a boisterous kind, quite inconsistent with the crowded way of living these days, says the Washington Post. If one of the old merrymakers could come to life on Christmas day and celebrate the festival in the way fashion and custom demanded in his time, he would probably find himself in the lockup charged with rudely disturbing the peace.

Noise, bluster, feasting, drinking and horseplay were the chief features of the old time English Christmas. Gift-making existed as it had for many previous centuries, but that was merely an incidental feature and not nearly so important as the work of the pompous butler, upon whom devolved the responsibility of carrying into the dining hall the great boar's head.

The oldtime Christmas began a week before the arrival of the day, just as the shoppers of today rush out with fat purses to lure the holiday bargain. But purchasing gifts did not bother the heads or weary the bodies of the old world folks.

The gathering of the holly and mistletoe for the decoration of house and church was their initial task, and it was performed by the village en masse, headed by brave pipers and fiddlers, who filled the forests with the joyful melodies of Christmastide. It was the pagans who first used holly and mistletoe for observances, and the practice was adopted by the early Christian churches. The Greeks and Romans also used them in their religious ceremonies, as did the Druids and the Celtic and Gothic nations. So the young maid of today who stands alluringly under a sprig of mistletoe may find satisfaction in knowing that she is following the precedent of centuries.

In Druidical times the simple peasants flocked in crowds to join the processions, in which the Druidical priests were the foremost actors. The train was headed by the bards singing canticles and hymns. A herald preceded three Druids, furnished with implements for the purpose of cutting the mystic plant—upright hatchets of brass, fixed to staves. Then followed the prince or chief of the Druids, accompanied by all his flock and followers. The chief mounted the oak, with a golden sickle detaching the mistletoe and presenting it to the priests, who received and bore the branches away with deep reverence. On the first day of the year the branches, after resting on the Druidical altars in the interval, were distributed among the people as a sacred and holy plant, the Druids crying, "The mistletoe for the new year!"

Many were the superstitions attaching to this plant. Among the latter day charms associated with it, when suspended in a bunch in the servants' hall, was the traditional and favorite observance of kissing the maids under its branches, the superstition prevailing that the maiden who missed being heartily kissed under her mistletoe at Christmas would forfeit her chance of early matrimony and certainly not be married in the ensuing twelve months.

A mediæval observance which always followed the gathering of holly and mistletoe was the cutting and hauling home of the Yule log. The favorite Yule log was a cross grained block of elm or the rugged root of a tree of fantastic and grotesque form.

Formerly the members of the family and guests sat down in turn on the Yule log, the throne of the master of the revels, sang a Yule song and drank to a merry Christmas and happy new year. As part of their feast Yule dough or Yule cakes were consumed. These bore impressed figures in the shape of an image. Sometimes they were made in the form of an infant. Nor was the manger overlooked,

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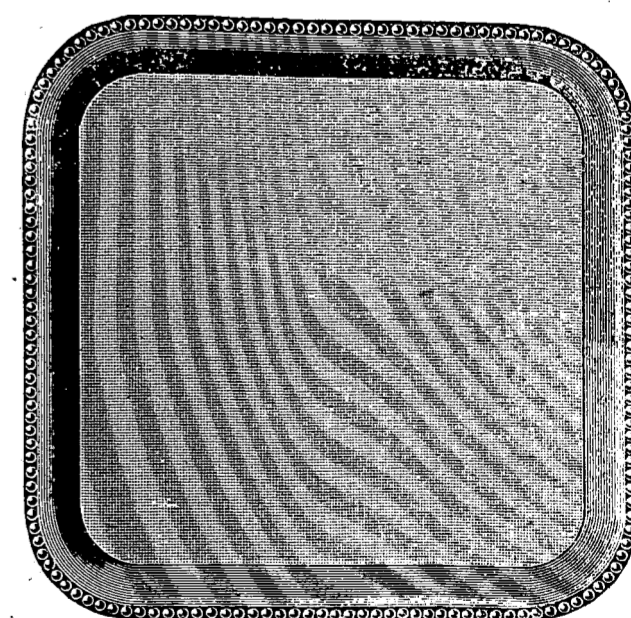
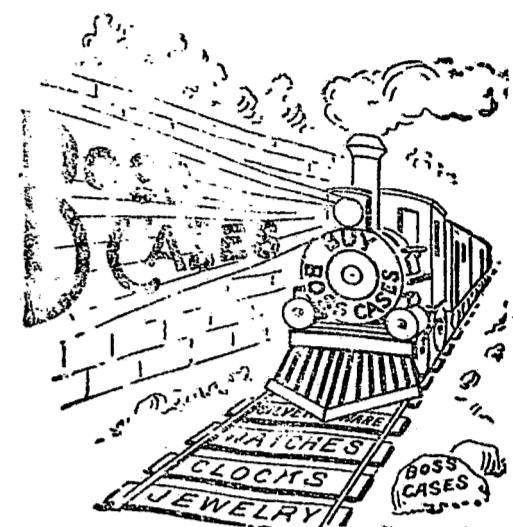
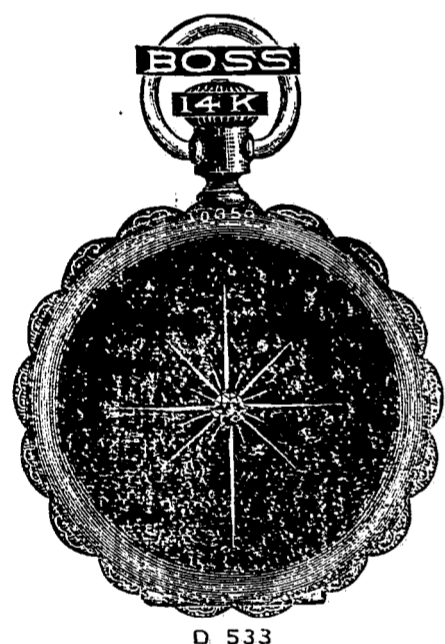
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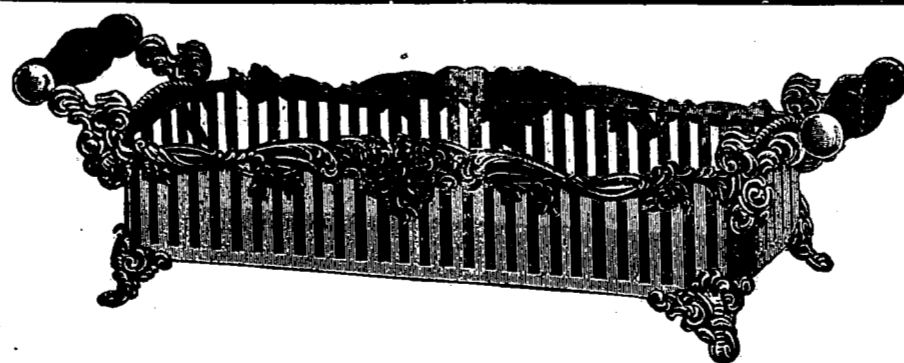
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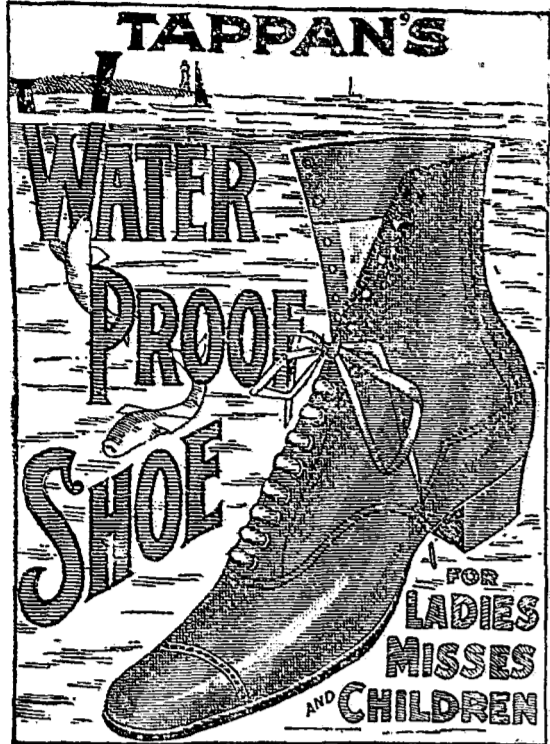
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## LORD KELVIN AS DAMOCLES.

The Great Scotch Scientist's Absolute Faith in Figures.

Lord Kelvin, so his friends say, used to make of himself a sort of Damocles, but it was a cannon ball instead of a sharp sword which was suspended over his head. Few living scientists have as high a reputation as Lord Kelvin, and few have to their credit more useful inventions or valuable discoveries. Though now in his seventy-eighth year the old professor, who for more than half a century occupied the chair of natural philosophy at Glasgow university, still maintains his reputation for being one of the most energetic men in Scotland. Those who know him are fond of telling of the boyish eagerness and almost incredible energy with which he attacks his work. When lecturing he used to become so absorbed and wrapped up in the experiments he was conducting that he could scarcely wait for the results. Disdaining the services of an assistant, he scurried about his lecture room like a youth of 16. Indeed the students liked to say that they never saw him cross his laboratory except at a run. The ruling passion of Lord Kelvin, who is a member of half the learned societies of Europe, and who has been decorated by the emperor of Germany, the president of France and the king of Belgium, is his absolute faith in figures, and it is this ruling passion which led to his experiment as a Damocles. When he has once solved a problem in mathematics he is willing to stake upon its correctness not only his reputation, but, if necessary, his life. Taking an immensely heavy cannon ball, he calculated with the utmost accuracy the size of the smallest wire which would bear the weight of the load of iron. He then procured a length of wire of just the requisite strength, and, to prove the truth of his figuring, had the cannon ball suspended over his lecturing platform at the very spot where it would be most likely to strike and crush him should the wire give way, and it remained there for weeks.—London Mail.

French Giants Materialize.

Every now and then another giant keeps turning up at Ro en, anxious to convince the executors of the Comte de Pierrecourt that he is the biggest man in France, and therefore entitled to a half-portion of the count's \$24,000 legacy. The Pierrecourt heirs have already begun suit to have the "giant couple" clause in the count's will set aside, averring that the testator was not of sound mind when he stipulated that method of improving the breed of Frenchmen. In the meantime the documents in the case are filed at the mayor's office and are accumulating amazingly. They comprise written applications enough to create the impression that there are not more than a handful of citizens in the whole country less than seven feet high.

Protecting Grasslands From Fire.

One of the methods of protecting broad grass lands from fire is to burn a swath called "fire guard" around the area to be protected. A Montana stockman suggests that this offers a good opportunity for inventors to devise a machine which, passing over the ground like a horse rake, shall burn the grass clean from a space about eight or ten feet in width. Already an apparatus of this kind has been invented, using gasoline to set the grass on fire, and a train of steel brushes to extinguish it before it has spread beyond the proper limits, but the stockman thinks that a cheaper machine can be made. "Fire guards" fifty miles or more in length are desirable.

A Bulky Bible.

Count Otani's representative, who visited China during the campaign, received the Lima scripture, preserved in the Yong-ho-kung at Peking. "Received" is a euphemistic way of stating the fact. It is the expression used by Japanese papers in describing the manner of the scripture's transfer. But the accounts originally transmitted were not of a character to suggest ordinary giving and taking. They spoke of the Japanese Buddhists as very anxious to remove the celebrated scripture, and General Yamaguchi as refusing to sanction the operation. Rumor then represented the volumes as sufficiently numerous and bulky to load twenty pack horses; so, by whatever process the scripture was secured, its transmission to Japan was no small undertaking.—Japan Daily Mail.

Bandages and Red Tape.

During the South African war Rudyard Kipling discovered, at Cape Town, a hospital without bandages, and in desperate need of them. This too, was in a city where bandages were for sale in many shops. He told an acquaintance that he was going to meet that want, and the gentleman at once offered to pay for the bandages that Mr. Kipling would buy and take to the hospital. A cart was quickly loaded, and then the author was informed that, under army rules, the hospital authorities could not receive supplies from a private individual. "Well," said he, "I will dump the packages on the pavement before the door, and then tell them to come out and clear up the litter. Perhaps they can get them into the building in that way without tearing any red tape. He drove off with the bandages, and the supplies were somehow smuggled into the hospital.

MORGAN'S ONE "INTERVIEW."

The Story of It, as Told by the Multi-millionaire Himself.

The interviewer disturbs J. Pierpont Morgan. He makes his boast that he never has been interviewed, and declares that in the last seven years but one interviewer ever has been able to approach him. The story of this one exception he yesterday told to Bishops Potter and Doane. On a recent trip to Europe a representative of the London Times would not take no for his answer. "Tell the Times man my time is worth £10 a minute," at last said Morgan. "The Times man says he'll take two minutes at that," came back the reply. "He handed me £20," said Mr. Morgan, "talked just two minutes by both our watches, did all the talking himself, and rose to go on the instant. 'Why do you want to see me?' I asked in curiosity. 'Oh, I wagered £100 that I would interview you personally, that's all,' was his reply. I congratulated him on his enterprise and dismissed him within the third minute of his call." "Did you keep his £20?" dryly asked Bishop Potter, as Mr. Morgan ended. "Yes, and I haven't earned money in a long time that gave me the satisfaction that £20 did."—San Francisco Examiner.

Rains on Mesa Verde.

The Colorado Cliff Dwelling Association is endeavoring to preserve the ruins which lie on the Mesa Verde, in the southwestern corner of Colorado. Here are more than three hundred cliff dwellings, including the noted "Cliff Palace." All of them are in the Ute Indian reservation and a ten years' lease has been made with the Indians, since neither the general government, nor that of the state can control Indian lands. The association is now in charge of the ruins and proposes to open a toll road to them, using the tolls as part payment of the rent.

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Ladies' fine black silks pearl and ivory handles	2.00
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Ladies' finer grades, very choice handles from	\$2.50 to 5
Gentlemen's Umbrellas splendid assortment, very desirable Christmas presents from	\$1 to 5

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Very choice assortment of Golf Gloves	.50
All colors and fancy Lamb Knit Mittens in Saxony, Silkotone and Coral yarns	.25, .35 and .50
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Suede Gloves very popular in grey and tan	1.00
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Gent's fine neckwear one of the most desirable of Christmas gifts we show in great variety at	.25 and .50
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### Holiday Handkerchiefs

The opportunity was never as good as now to secure extra choice handkerchiefs for so little money

Ladies' plain white hemstitched handkerchiefs	.05, .10, .15, .25 and .35
Ladies' Swiss and Linen hemstitched and scalloped embroidered beautiful designs	.05, .10, .15, .25, .35, up to .75, each
A pretty fancy handkerchief box "free of charge" with every .50 purchase of handkerchiefs.	
Men's initial embroidered Japonet and Linen handkerchiefs	.10, to .25

### Holiday Waists

In order to close out every waist by Christmas we have marked them a sensationally low price.

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## CLOAKS Greatly Reduced in Price

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Ladies' 27 inch Box Coats, silk lined, stitched yoke, colors mode and black Holiday Sale Price	6.87
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Compared with the same month a year ago, the Detroit *Evening News* and the Detroit *Tribune* combined show an average daily increase in circulation of 26,230 copies, while the average gain of the Sunday *News-Tribune* has been 3,696 copies. During October the average daily circulation was 99,565 copies, which is more than all the other daily Detroit papers combined. The circulation of the Sunday *News-Tribune* has reached an average total of 44,166 copies. In the matter of advertising there has been a parallel increase, the space for October, 1901, exceeding that of the previous year by 2,279 inches, while the Sunday paper showed an increase of 2,985 inches.

Like the November number, the Christmas issue of *Leslie's Popular Monthly* is beautifully decorated with color plate illustrations, and the general appearance of the magazine is notable among the monthlies. The opening article written by the famous showman, Frank C. Bystock, is illustrated by a score of sketches and finished portraits of living animals drawn from life by Charles C Bull. But the article which will arouse the greatest attention is written by Israel Zangwill, upon the long cherished design of the Jews to redeem and repeople the Holy Land. It is a scheme such as has never before been tried in history, for here colonists are seeking to found a mother country. Another paper of importance is contributed by Gen. Ballington Booth, and entitled *The Personal Appeal of the Volunteers*. As for stories, the number is of them. One a delightful story by the author of *Your Uncle Lew*, another by the rising novelist, William McLeod Raine, a third by Onoto Watanna, a fourth by Sewell Ford, and still another by Cy Warman and others yet. The ingenious *Diary of a Japanese Girl* is continued in this number, while Maurice Hewlett's novel continues its delightful course. In *Marginalia* Gelett Burgess appears at the head of a band of humorists.

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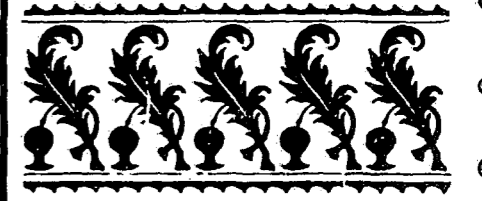
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School Notes.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Lemmon of Detroit exhibited a new planetarium before the pupils of the high school last Friday. This piece of apparatus shows the relative position and movements of the sun, moon and planets, and also the causes of the tides, the change of seasons and the glacial periods on the earth.

At the teacher's meeting Monday night, some changes in the course of study for the grades, were considered.

The seniors have all written the first draft of their semester orations.

EIGHTH GRADE.

"The Last Days of Pompei" is very interesting.

Our compositions are in the office ready for Prof. Mercer's inspection.

The pupils enjoy watching the papers and reporting the doings in Congress. Guy Raven tells us he read about Senator Burrows' bill proposing that the people vote directly for Senators.

Each pupil is writing an original Christmas story. The best will be reproduced in our entertainment, Dec. 20.

Mr. Bower will furnish the civic class with copies of the Record that we may study the President's message.

Ask the eight graders if they have worn the bow. It is a plan to correct errors in speech.

SEVENTH GRADE.

The history test Friday was truly a great success. Most of the pupils are intensely interested in the subject and do not tire of searching for new ideas in other reference books.

Kern Diggins has returned after an absence of a few days on account of sickness.

Archie Ravin took away the honors of the class in arithmetic Friday. He is very apt in this subject.

SIXTH GRADE.

The pupils made some good reproductions this week of Frank R. Stockton's story "What would you have done?"

A number of maps of North America have been drawn, Cary Black and Kenneth Legar drew the best.

The walls of our school room have been greatly brightened by the addition of beautiful pictures of birds in life size and colors. They not only serve as ornaments but will be studied in connection with drawing and science work.

Lorren Barnes is in school after a weeks illness.

FIFTH GRADE.

The pupils are very much interested now in Dicken's "Christmas Stories".

"The Legend of the Christmas Tree" is a new song we are learning.

Fay Douglass brought his book about the animals of India, which made the lesson on that country much more interesting.

Division A has very creditably finished their half year's work on Physiology and began Monday on the review.

Ruby Reamer and Edna Bates each brought a pretty picture for our walls.

FOURTH GRADE.

George Marble is our new organist. John Twell has re-entered school.

A rifle used by one of the Green Mountain Boys was on exhibition in our room, Monday. It was of especial interest just then because of the connection with the history of that part of the United States which we had been studying.

THIRD GRADE.

Jesse Eisenhart, Floyd Antisdale after an absence of several days are in school again.

A program for Christmas exercise is being prepared.

General topics for the week are, "The spiritual significance of Santa Claus; Home gifts and sharing.

"Christmas Stockings" is a new song for this week.

Christmas in Germany and Holland will be read this week.

SECOND GRADE.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Bower an asparagus fern has been added to our plant collection.

The pictures of native birds given us by Superintendent Mercer make a very attractive panel and are a source of delight to the children.

Miss Shaw gives us a new song today, "The Snow Flakes".

A reproduction by the pupils of the first chapter of Robinson Crusoe shows the deep interest they are taking in the story.

FIRST GRADE.

Meda Sherwood entered school last week.

We are delighted with the bird pictures which were placed in our room Saturday.

Our new song for the week is "St. Nicholas' Visit."  
Oral reproductions of Santa Claus stories furnishes language work for the week.

Our new story this week is "Dick's Christmas Tree in the Barn."

Read the Record.

"Don't be a Knocker."

If there is any chance to boom business, boom it. Don't pull a long face and look as though you had a sour stomach. Hold up your head, smile and look for better things. Hide your little hammer, and try to speak well of others, no matter how small you may really know yourself to be. When a stranger drops in jolly him. Tell him this is the greatest town on earth—and it is. Don't discourage him by speaking ill of your neighbors. Lead him to believe he has at last struck a place where white people live. Don't knock.

Help yourself along by becoming popular, and push your friends with you. It's dead easy. Be a good fellow and soon you'll have a procession of followers. No man ever helped himself by knocking other people down in character and business. No man ever got rich by trying to make others believe he was the only man in town who knew anything. You can't climb the ladder of success by treading on other's corns. Keep off the corns and don't knock.

You're not the only. There are others, and they have brains and they know something as well as you. There's no end of fun minding your own business. It makes other people like you. Nobody gets stuck on a kicker. Don't be one, or two.—*Coldwater Courier*.

A merchant who had two stores in small villages tried an experiment. He put a bargain counter in each store containing the same articles at exactly the same prices. In the newspaper of one village he did not advertise and sold goods amounting to \$984. In the store the same month in the village where he did advertise he sold goods amounting to \$1,728. In commenting on the result of his experiment that merchant says: "People who read the advertisement would pass by one of my stores and drive miles to the other for what they could have gotten at the same price in my store at their door."

This Week The Last.

A number of our subscribers have taken advantage of the *Inter Ocean* subscription offer and guessing contest, and those who have not taken advantage of this great opportunity will have to be quick about it as this week is the last chance. See their advertisement on another page.

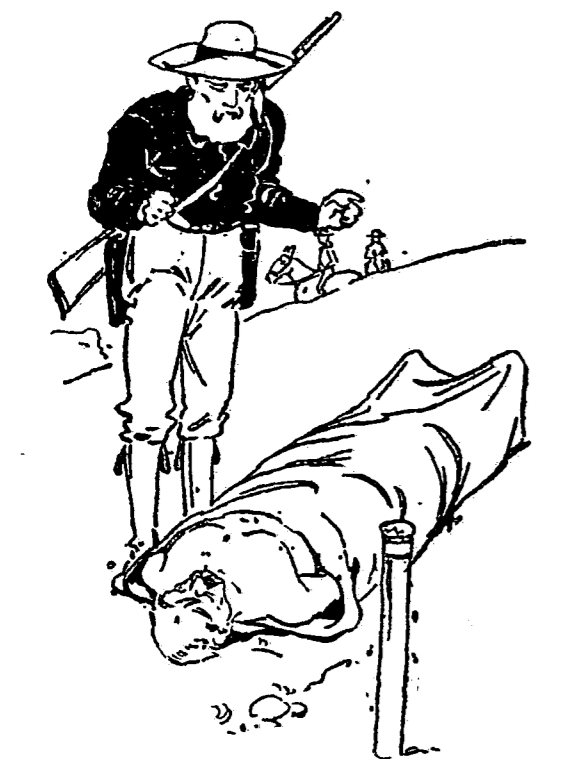
Subscribe to the Record.



**ANNABEL LEE.**  
(From Old Favorite Series.)  
It was many and many a year ago,  
In a kingdom by the sea,  
That a maiden there lived whom you may  
know,  
By the name of Annabel Lee;  
And this maiden she lived with no other  
thought  
Than to love and be loved by me.  
I was a child and she was a child,  
In this kingdom by the sea,  
But we loved with a love that was more  
than love—  
I and my Annabel Lee;  
With a love that the winged seraphs of  
heaven coveted her and me.  
And this was the reason that, long ago,  
In this kingdom by the sea,  
A wind blew out of a cloud, chilling  
My beautiful Annabel Lee;  
So that her high-born kinsman came  
And bore her away from me,  
To shut her up in a sepulcher  
In this kingdom by the sea.  
The angels, not half so happy in heaven,  
Went envying her and me—  
Yes! that was the reason (as all men  
know)  
In this kingdom by the sea)  
That the wind came out of the cloud by  
night,  
Killing and chilling my Annabel Lee.  
But our love it was stronger by far than  
Of those who were older than we—  
Of many far wiser than we—  
And neither the angels in heaven above,  
Nor the demons down under the sea,  
Can ever dissever my soul from the soul  
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;  
For the moon never beams, without  
Bringing me dreams  
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;  
And the stars never rise, but I feel their  
bright eyes  
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee,  
And so all the night-tide I lie down by  
the side  
Of my darling, my darling, my life and  
my bride,  
In the sepulcher there by the sea,  
In her tomb by the sounding sea.  
—Edgar A. Poe.

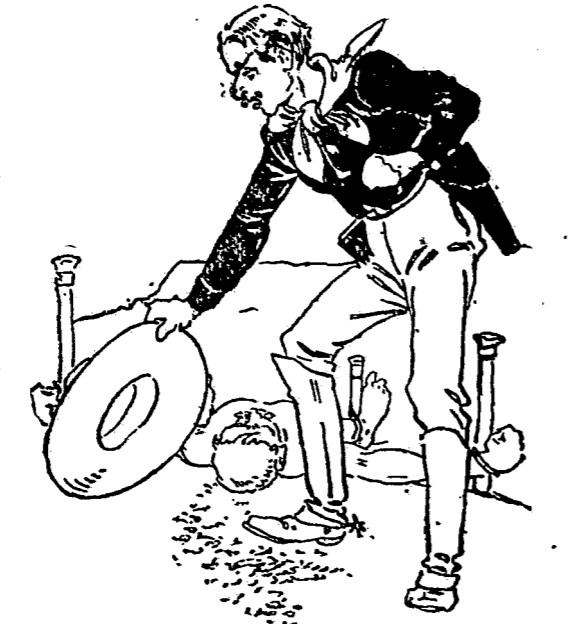
**An Utah Pastoral.**

BY H. G. DA COSTA.  
(Copyright, 1901, by Daily Story Pub. Co.)  
The heat rolled in waves over the  
sand, making the small body of horse-  
men galloping out of the scanty wood  
on the east seem giants of another  
world breasting the billows of a new  
atmosphere. Into the desert they rode  
and a quarter of a mile out halted and  
dismounted, the leader glancing sharply  
at the hazy outline of the sleeping  
mountains that lay behind the wood.  
A second pony, carrying a long, muf-  
fled figure, brought up the rear, and  
round this they gathered, talking  
sharply, the leader making emphatic  
gestures as he now and then disagreed  
with the rest.  
The ponies moved uneasily in the  
heat, and the bundle groaned. One of  
the men cut the ropes by which it was  
bound to the pony, and it rolled off.  
The men talked for a short while long-  
er, then they scattered, one of them  
kneeling by the bundle, kicking it and  
cursing softly as he loosed the neck  
of the bag. A gaunt naked man was  
revealed, his eyes closed, and only the  
heaving of his chest showing that he  
was alive. On his forehead was brand-  
ed an ugly, raw-looking "A," scarce  
healed; his face drawn and twisted and  
his hair white. The terrible sun beat  
down on him, but he did not move.  
His captor hauled him out of the bag  
by his hair and dragged him to where  
the rest were gathered. Four stakes  
projected above the sand, and his arms  
and legs were stretched apart until  
the sinews cracked in an effort to  
reach the stakes, to which they were  
bound with deer thongs.  
The leader drew a bag from his  
pocket and carefully made a train  
from the man's feet to a little mound  
some forty feet away, kicking it over  
when he reached it; then, taking  
a last look at the prostrate figure,  
mounted his horse and, followed by  
the rest, rode to the wood, taking a  
southeast course. The man lay very  
still, his eyes closed, breathing softly;  
the sun beating down on him and  
making his proportions seem gigantic  
as he lay outstretched. A condor hung  
longingly in the air, and, growing  
bolder, came down, wheeling in great  
circles; then made a sudden feint. The  
man's chest heaved, but he did not  
open his eyes, and the scavenger flew  
to the ground a short distance away,  
waiting. An angry red line moved  
from the broken mound, coming near-  
er, as it followed the trail that led to



"A gaunt naked man was revealed,"  
the man. Nearer it came, then reached  
him and broke, spreading.  
The condor came nearer. The red  
line spread over the man. His body  
contracted and the muscles of his legs  
became stiff. His face grew ashen  
and his hair rose. Again and again  
he quivered, the veins standing out  
like knots on his arms, which heaved  
and tugged terribly at their bonds. His  
body bent like a bow as he strove to  
move. It was a terrible struggle  
more ghastly by the deathly stillness  
that accompanied it. Suddenly a shot  
like the awful quiet, and the condor,  
rising reluctantly, sailed away. The  
man lay still, the muscles of his face  
working and the "A" standing out in

relief on his forehead. From the  
hazy woods a dark figure ran, growing  
into a man on horseback. The hoof-  
beats patted the desert in a frenzied  
measure, and the horseman rose in his  
stirrups, peering anxiously at the  
prostrate figure. He reached it, and  
giving a cry of terror as he leaped off  
took his sombrero and frantically  
brushed away a multitude of red in-  
sects that covered the prostrate figure,  
tramping on them and screaming  
odds.  
The bound man opened his eyes,  
looked at him and groaned. The bonds  
were cut and his rescuer, picking him  
up like a baby, leaped on the patient  
horse and sped back to the wood, the  
animal gallantly carrying its double  
burden. Five days later two armed



"Trampling on them and screaming,"  
horsemen came out of it and rode—  
southeast.

**STORIES OF THE AMEER.**

**Robber Left to Starve in Cage at Top  
of Pole.**  
A few years since the Lataband pass  
in Afghanistan was infested with Af-  
ghan highway robbers. As the pass is  
comparatively near Cabul, this was  
particularly exasperating to the late  
ameer. Ordinary punishments—that is  
to say, hanging after a few prelimi-  
naries—were unavailing; and he re-  
solved to make an example of the next  
man caught. An iron cage was fixed  
to a mast on the top of a precipitous  
cliff. Into this the robber was thrust  
and left to die of hunger and thirst.  
Now the wayfarer sees high above his  
head the skeleton in the cage—the  
grim warning to him to keep the paths  
of rectitude. Nor is this the limit of  
Abdur Rahman's cruelty. The crime  
of robbery is very severely punished  
in Afghanistan. The hand of the crim-  
inal is amputated in a rough and ready  
way. It is done in this manner: The  
local butcher is called in. He knots a  
rope tightly just above the wrist of the  
criminal and with a short sharp knife  
severs the hand at the joint, plunging  
the raw stump into boiling oil. No  
flap of skin has been made to cover the  
end of the bone, and the skin has been  
scalded for two inches or more by the  
oil, so that it is months before the  
stump heals by cicatrization. Once a  
humane priest suggested to the ameer  
that operations of the kind should be  
performed properly by a doctor. Abdur  
Rahman negatived the suggestion with  
a sharp reprimand. In many respects  
the ameer was the typical eastern po-  
tentate of romance—among others in  
his fondness for stories. In his memo-  
irs he has given the following account  
of his literary tastes: "I do not  
go to sleep directly I lie down in bed,  
but the person who is specially ap-  
pointed as my reader sits down beside  
my bed and reads to me from some  
book, as, for instance, histories, geog-  
raphies and biographies of great re-  
formers. I listen to this reading un-  
til I go to sleep, when a story-teller  
takes his place, repeating his narra-  
tives until I awake in the morning.  
This is very soothing, as the constant  
murmur of the story-teller's voice lulls  
my tired nerves and brain.—Chicago  
News.

**TROLLEY CARS ON VESUVIUS.**

Now Possible to Ascend Famous Volcano  
by Means of Electric Railway.  
The modernization of Europe is  
strikingly illustrated by the announce-  
ment that a trolley road is now build-  
ing up the slope of the volcano of Ve-  
suvius for the accommodation of tour-  
ists who find mountain climbing dis-  
tastefully arduous. The trolley line  
starts at the foot of the mountain and  
connects with a cable road, which car-  
ries the passenger all the way to the  
edge of the crater, beginning at an  
elevation of 2,290 feet. Already there  
is a trolley line from Gizeh to the  
Sphinx, one for part of the way up  
Mont Blanc, and a number of them,  
with transfers and all the modern ac-  
cessories, through the streets of Rome.  
The most incongruous combination of  
ancient and modern will be found in  
the electric passenger railroad to be  
built through the Catacombs. Well,  
why not? The modern tourist appre-  
ciates such conveniences very much,  
and finds them a substantial economy  
over the traditional donkey and his  
picturesquely blasphemous driver. No  
one who has ascended our own Mount  
Washington in recent years has had  
cause to regret that his or her bones  
do not repose somewhere among the  
boulders, marked by a cairn, like those  
of the unfortunate young woman who  
was among the last to attempt the al-  
most impossible ascent on foot. What-  
ever conserves tissue makes for good,  
and the advantage of mountain rail-  
roads is that by means of them thou-  
sands reach mountain tops who would  
otherwise be content to contemplate  
them from the valleys. So much of  
the "romance" or travel as is lost  
thereby can very well be spared.—New  
York Times.

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You never papered a room so cheaply, quality and price  
being considered, as you can now if you buy the paper at  
**RUNNER'S**  
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**Christmas Clothing**  
Now is the time to leave your measure with me for that new  
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**J. HERSHENOW**  
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**Opportunity  
Is  
Knocking  
at Your  
Door.**  
**Why Not  
Respond?**  
**Four  
Chances  
in The  
Chicago  
Inter  
Ocean's  
\$30,000.00  
Gift  
Distribution**  
**Given You  
Free in  
Every  
Particular!!**  
**Read the  
Details.**

**A PLAIN PROPOSITION.**  
This paper has arranged with **The Weekly Inter Ocean** whereby both  
papers may be secured for one year at the specially low rate of \$1.35. Separately,  
The Weekly Inter Ocean's annual subscription price is invariably \$1.00.  
If you are already a paid-up subscriber to either or both papers, your order may be credited to you in  
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**THE WEEKLY INTER OCEAN**  
Is acknowledged to be the best weekly newspaper published. It gives you the news by telegraph and cable from  
every point in the universe where anything of news value transpires, in addition to which its regular serial and  
short stories and many special departments of interest to all progressive homes have so endeared it to the hearts  
of its subscribers as to make it as much a household necessity as a clock or the family Bible.

**\$30,000 IN PRESENTS TO BE GIVEN AWAY  
ABSOLUTELY FREE.**  
The Weekly Inter Ocean offers you an opportunity of estimating:  
"How many pounds of paper will be used in printing The Chicago Sunday Inter Ocean of December 15, 1901?"  
To each of its subscribers it extends the privilege, absolutely without cost, of estimating what the total  
pounds will be.  
It does not ask you to guess "for fun." It gives you something decidedly more substantial than that as a  
reward to good estimators. It has arranged an array of \$30,000 worth of beautiful and useful presents which will  
be distributed free among the nearest successful guessers. Everything is exactly and precisely as described and  
worth to the penny the value claimed.

**THE GIFTS INCLUDE**  
5 Pianos from \$400 to \$1,175 in value.  
10 Organs from \$65 to \$150 in value.  
5 Apollo Self Piano Players, from \$250 to \$300 in value.  
10 Sewing Machines from \$40 to \$110 in value.  
10 Genuine Gold Watches from \$15 to \$150 in value.  
36 Rare Paintings from \$15 to \$1,000 in value.  
10 Graphophone outfits from \$12 to \$75 in value.  
10 Cameras from \$11 to \$58 in value.  
5 Magee Cooking Ranges from \$45 to \$59 in value.  
4 Dockash Heaters (nickel-plate trimmed) from — to  
\$39 in value.  
15 Fur Articles (including Seal Skin Coat) from \$5.50  
to \$175 in value.  
112 Musical Instruments (Guitars, Violins, Banjos, Man-  
dolins, Accordions and Harmonicas) from \$25 to \$50  
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14 Orders for Stylish Millinery from \$10 to \$25 in value.  
Besides hundreds of other beautiful gifts which include Knives, Razors, Shears, Sewing Sets, Hair Clippers, Bicycles,  
Piano Chairs, Orders for Photographs, Made to Measure Overcoats and Suits, Beautiful Water Color Paintings, Min-  
iatures on Ivory, etc., etc., etc.—each and every article in the entire list being enumerated and described in the big  
illustrated list of Gifts which we will give you on request, or will be mailed you direct if you will send a postal card to  
The Weekly Inter Ocean for same.  
The illustrated list of presents gives you every detail of the contest and answers every question which you  
may wish to ask. Be sure to get one.

**The Conditions—Briefly Outlined.**  
You estimate as to how many pounds of paper will be used in printing The Chicago Sunday Inter Ocean of Dec.  
15, 1901.  
The paper of that date will be 52 pages in size and each paper will weigh 14 ounces, within a fraction of an  
ounce. The circulation today is 100,000. Guess what it will be Dec. 15. We hope it will be 150,000.  
The guesses must be made on the coupons attached to the subscription blank printed below.  
The contest closes at midnight Dec. 14.  
The judges will be three of Chicago's most respected and honored business men.  
No employe of The Inter Ocean will be allowed to participate.  
And no matter where you live or how far away you may be from Chicago, the awards will be honestly and  
carefully made and your chances of success are always even in every respect.

**Never Before a Chance Like This.**  
Never before in the history of the newspaper world was such a generous opportunity afforded the public to  
secure one or more gifts of actually big value, absolutely free of cost. Do not pass this chance by. Think of what it  
means, and think also of those truest of true words from the pen of John James Ingalls, under the caption of—

**OPPORTUNITY.**  
"Master of human destinies am I!  
Fame, Love, and Fortune on my doorsteps wait.  
Cities and fields I walk; I penetrate  
Deserts and seas remote, and, passing by  
Hovel and mart and palace—soon or late  
I knock unbidden once at every gate!  
If sleeping, wake; if feasting, rise before!"  
I turn away. It is the hour of fate,  
And they who follow me reach every state  
Mortals desire, and conquer every foe  
Save death; but those who doubt or hesitate,  
Condemned to failure, penury and woe,  
Seek me in vain and uselessly implore.  
I answer not, and I return no more!"  
—John James Ingalls.  
How true these words! How well you know they are true! Then act. "It is the hour of fate," and fortu-  
nate indeed is he who hears and heeds the knock of "Opportunity."

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No. .... (We will fill in the number.)  
**BUCHANAN RECORD.**  
Inclosed please find \$1.35, special subscrip-  
tion to  
**BUCHANAN RECORD,  
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AND THE  
**WEEKLY INTER OCEAN.**  
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State .....

**CUT THIS BLANK OUT AND MAIL TO THE RECORD, BUCHANAN, MICH.**





