

# CHRISTMAS

## AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAYS!

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An Immense Array of CHRISTMAS PRESENTS in Every Department.

T. G. WEBBER, Supt.

## In Woman's Sphere.

By One of the Sex.

### Christmas Story Telling for the Children.

After the tin horns have sounded its last

dreary note, after the last chocolate

cream-candied elephant has disappeared

down childish throats, after doll and

wagon have become a well known friend,

the shades of the yuletide Christmas

may come on and mamma is called upon

to tell the children just one story

before the tired eyes close in rest

ful dream sleep. Dreamless, did I say?

That depends upon the plump

pudding and infant powers of digestion.

However, it may go so, and we will turn

with willing arms to hold the baby while

the other children crowd around our

knees, and tell them the story of the

Christmas. Perhaps you are one of those

mothers who have no prejudice against

repeating fables and fairy tales to

your children; if so, tonight, the

sweet Christmas Eve, you will tell your

little ones about jolly Kris Kringle and

his funny sleigh; and it may be you will

tell them all the story of the dear, holy

Babe, who was born in a manger. But,

just here, I want to ask you, Mother,

what mothers if you think it wise and

best to teach your children that Jesus

was born on the 25th of December?

Does any man say this is a small matter,

but is there some small matters which are

making deep impressions upon the

plastic minds of your children. Why

not, at least to the six and eight year

olds, say that this holiday was one which

was kept by the old Romans, and that

when King Constantine embraced the

faith, to further his own ambitious

interests, this particular feast day was set

apart as the Christmas holiday or Divine

holiday. It is not, I have said, every

one knows that, and yet we go on, per-

petrating the errors of the outside

world. Cannot the mothers of this peo-

ple, at least, teach their children the

truth, and tell them that while this is not

the birthday of Christ, yet it is a time for

good cheer, and a time when we can

think of Christ and His teachings, and

while you are telling them about the star

that appeared in the east. Then while

you are out, speak of the heavenly choir

which filled the universe with melody.

Do not forget to tell them how the birth

of the Saviour was heralded, on this con-

stant, and what the condition of the

people was at that time. You must im-

press upon them that the babe was in

horns just like other children, and that

only those who had revelation from God

to know who and what He was, were

aware of the fact of His divine origin.

Tell them of the visit of the wise men,

and explain what the gifts were, and

why the wise men brought such gifts.

Then speak of the wicked king Herod,

and tell them why he was so anxious to

have the new Jewish King killed. If you

can read any authentic life of Christ,

you will be able to glean very much as

to the circumstances and conditions

under which the Saviour was born. If

not, study well the Testament and Book

of Mormon, and be sure you bring all

your words down to a perfect under-

standing by the little ears around you,

and you will not go unrewarded for

your time and effort. One little

lesson that can well be impressed on

under children's minds, in connection

with the infancy of Jesus, is that while

it would have been as easy matter for

Heavenly Father to so arrange con-

ditions in Jerusalem that it would be

unnecessary for the child Jesus, to be

conducted to Egypt, yet it is not in that

way that God ever does His work. He

uses men and conditions, and while never

interfering with the agency of any man,

He rules and overrules, and accom-

plishes His purposes, sometimes in one

way and sometimes in another, but al-

ways through natural means.

In any story of Christ, the one lesson

firmly to be taught and constantly to be

borne in mind by the narrator, is the

of infinite love and infinite patience.

You may not think, oh, mother of a

half dozen noisy boys, that your words are

having the deep effect upon the active,

stockings simply because you are weary

and the thing is so old and well known;

you can't realize how generous enthu-

siasms on your part will help out the

occasion and your own youth will re-

turn to you in joyous memory as you

enter into your children's gleeful chatter.

If you can get a tree, it is a charming

addition to the Christmas memories,

and will repay you for all your trouble

and expense.

Christmas cooking.

Maybe you have not prepared your

plum pudding. Perhaps you are a

young and inexperienced housekeeper

who dares to put together a lot of ex-

pensive materials, which possibly may

turn out a dismal failure. I remember

years ago, I took a recipe from a book,

a very expensive recipe indeed it was,

and after properly compounding my

materials, I tremblingly tied up the

pudding in a stout bag and put it on to

boil the regulation twelve hours. With

the fidelity of young housekeepers, I

invited all my husband's family to come

and partake of Christmas hospitality.

There was no lack of good things to

eat, and in the early course of the din-

ner I went out to take out the pudding

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large tablespoonfuls of butter with a

large tablespoonful of flour. When

creamy add to the boiling water, one

cup of sugar, and when cool mix

and lemon may be added, some flavor

with wine or brandy, and some use

vinegar. The little mother-in-law al-

ways used a half-teaspoonful of rich

cream instead of brandy or wine.

Mrs. FRANCES M. RICHARDS.

How to Dress Stockings Well.

The secret of successful darning

lies in "running" the thread of the

darning cotton so far on each side of the

hole that it does not immediately fray

and pull out the goods. Take a long

thread of darning cotton to begin with,

and run it at least half an inch along the

goods on each side of the hole. Four

times this until the hole is snugly

covered. Now cross the threads in the

regular darning style taking care that the

same direction is observed. A stock-

ing placed in this way will wear, as far

as the darning is concerned, just as long

as though no hole had ever existed.

Such holes almost always occur in the

heel, so that in treating of the method of

mending them it is safe to take the heel

for a model.

From the leg of an old stocking, such

as is sure to be found in your basket, cut

a kite-shaped piece of goods about five

inches long and four inches across.

Turn the stocking wrong side out and

lay the kite upon the heel so that the

long point and runs up the back of the

leg and the lower rounded part is at the

base of the heel. "Run" down the

center of the kite with a stout linen

thread, taking rather large, loose

stitches. Now "run" in the same way

across the kite-shaped piece, letting the

thread be very slack. The next step is

to sew the patch tightly to the heel,

which is done by stitching it around the

outside. If dolly does there will be

neither wrinkle nor crease to tell the

weaker that so important an operation

has taken place upon the heel of a stock-

ing.

Patches that are made of material

other than that of the old stockings are

ruled came upon her face and she ad-

vanced with her package.

"I beg your pardon," she said sweetly,

holding the package up for his inspec-

tion, "but do you think that there are

enough stamps on this to carry it?"

And such is the chivalrous attitude of

man towards perplexed woman that the

postman said promptly, without mak-

ing even an attempt to weigh the pack-

age in his hand, "Go on, ma'am."

"I'm sure there's enough, ma'am."

Her doubts banished by this statement

and the lady dropped her bundle and

went over her way rejoicing.

The Hardcase Helped the Queen.

Says Polly Pry in the N. Y. Recorder:

I hear that Queen Victoria, when a lit-

tle girl, was fond of climbing trees and

walls whenever she could find an op-

portunity which wasn't often.

On one occasion she had escaped from

her attendants, and, climbing a par-

ticularly high tree, sat there and en-

joyed herself while she watched her

chaperons running around, wildly seek-

ing for her. As soon as they were out of sight

she started to descend, but became

frightened at the height, and drew back.

A young gardener, named Davis hap-

pened to pass at this time, and she at-

tracted his attention. He ran for a lad-

der and soon had her on terra firma.

She gave him a guinea as a token of her

gratitude, and he had it framed, and

still shows it to visitors as he tells the

tale.

Victoria has done some lofty climbing

since then, and the splendid eminence

that she now occupies must possess a

great attraction for her, for she seems to

feel no anxiety about getting down.

Wonder if the Prince of Wales wouldn't

gladly run for a ladder to help her de-

scend, if she should climb up to do it?

Wouldn't