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It's Christmastide. Let's clean the slate of every old year- grudge or hate....Let's pin a sprightly twig of holly upon dull care and melancholy...Let's reach out friendly hands and grip each other in warm comradeship.

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The Legend of the Christmas Tree

In homes everywhere at Christmastime the joy and hopes of all the world are still centered in the eternally symbolic tree. The Christmas tree has a place of honor in most homes that is rooted in history. Thousands of years before Christ, the evergreen was revered as a symbol of long life and immortality. German tribesmen brought fir trees into their homes to please the god-like "spirits" that were thought to inhabit the trees. Later, pagans transferred these feelings to the new Christianity. It's unlikely that the Christmas tree will ever vanish from the Christmas scene.

AT CLOSING time in a shopping center, a policeman discovered two unescorted youngsters tearfully searching for their mommy. The officer asked them where they lived, but they didn't know.

Just then a familiar red-coated, white-whiskered figure rounded the corner. Tears vanished as the tots ran up to him and grasped a red sleeve. "Here's Santa!" they shouted. "He knows where we live!"

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