Christmas Carol. one of the principal features which is celebrated at Christhe civilized world. They are series of recent origin, for they devout Christians long ago the people very primitive. As scend century they were mag in vogue ever since.

hristmas carols were deeply ey showed pions feeling and ut in a few years developed in. analian songs which the clergy pade to be used. The reaction d caused the carols to be more a but all during the Dark Age ided y frivolous in character. ander Anglo-Saxon kings, they rry songs, but occasionly grew in indecent. The early Paritans use of Christmas carola alto. ever allowed anything but the ung. Since that time they have e same in style as at present s and others light and gay.

egular collection of Christmas to have been made, was one pub. year 1521. There have been ince then, and at present deal. music find them prefitable. of singing carols on Christmas one, and though not much roughout this country, is a time ice in England, where the prinof each locality are serenaded Christmas carols seem more enday school festivals than at the present time. Occasion. rowd gathers to sing some joyhristmas eve, but the practice

he carcle are of English origin, g other than the work of Eng. me extremely pretty ones are American hymn writers, but ledly inferior.

The Pumpkin Pie. knife—the best of its kind the pumpkin's golden rind:

cube shaped blocks of buff. mmer till soft enough.

sieve—the best to be buightof the sifted pumpkin a quart. ple-crown" hen will mourn to-

pumkin ries you can bake t you must nine eggs take. d whites in a separate dish

nest in the scented hay.

oamy and light as you wish. one sup and a half you take. ts of milk your pies to make:

mon, nutmeg, and mace, each aspoonful ere you are done.

sugar, eggs, pumpkin, and

at together till "smooth as

urious, homely phrase, ther used in those old-time of raisins, more or less,

ill add flavor, you must con-

ast be baked in a shell-like hardens, with sugar you dust. this rule, when done you'll uine, old-time pumpkin pie!

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f the city ?" ais studies?' is pursuing his studies, but an hear I don's think he has catching up to them.

Very Lucky.

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n Improved Service. me, Emily," said the coun. , mildly but firmly, "that it anter for all concerned if you so these three young men at the same time. They re at each other all the even:

the young lady answered, My Winter male arrangements ch next week."

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ery Lane - " My husband me till four this morning abe-" And my beate didn't and then I had to undres

ORBISTMAS GAMES

Tras Christmas told the merriest tale ! A Christmas gambol oft would cheer A poor man's heart through half the year." FRENCH BLIND MAN'S BUFF.

Children form a circle. One is in the cenne, blindfolded and furnished with a stick. The children dance round in the circle, to music if possible, until the blir dfolded person mocks the stick on the flaor. Then they stop instantly. The blindfolded person lifts the stick to some one in the circle and asks the such to The one addressed answers in a tree. disguised voice. As soon as the blindfolded guesses any one by means of the voice, he changes places with that person.

Onick witted youth will be interested in an anthemetical game called "brzz." All those taking part are seated in a circle or around the room. One person beings by saying "one," the next "two," and then the couning continues around the circle, when number seven is reached, or any multiple of seven 'as "seven" in it (as 17, 27, etc.), it must not be given, but in its place the person says "brzz" and the following number is counted by the usually beginning at one each time a person obedient and submissive of children. fails, until only one counter remains, and he is the winner.

MY LADY'S WARDROBE.

The children sit in a ring, and are named according to the articles of a lady's wardrobe. The child in the centre of the circle of potatoes. players names some article. as, "My lady wants her brush, brush." She who has received that name must answer before the third utterance, or pay a forfeit. The speaker naturally pronounces the word as fast as possible.

SHADOW BUFF.

Shadow buff differs very materially from | ed her shabby clothes. blindman's buff, but it is equally amusing. A large piece of white linen should be fastened neatly up at one end of the room so that it hangs quite smooth. Buff (not blinded) seats himself on a low stool, with his face to the linen, and a table, on which is a lighted candle, should be placed about four or five feet behind him, and the rest of the lights in the room extinguished. Buff's play. so as to make their shadows very unlike think she felt so herself, and was not their usual looks. Buff must then try to guess to whom the shadows belong, and if he guesses correctly, the player whose shadallowed only one guess for each person.

MAKING COMPARISONS.

Each person writes his or her name on a slip of paper and on another slip the name of an object in the room. These slips are put into two hats, and drawn out by chance, and each person must tell why the one five cents. named on the slip drawn and the object designated on the other slip are alike or unlike. Should one draw his own name, he may draw a second time.

A CHRISTMAS PIE.

To concoct a Christmas pie which shall eclipse Jack Horner's, take a tub, clean and dry, on the bottom of which lay a thick paper. If you have many friends, especially if many children are to be helped from the pie, you will do well to choose your largest tub. The ple should be begun about a week before Christmas. Set the tub in some convenient place where baby fingers will not intrude; cover it to keep out the dust, and then let all the Christmas packages, as tast as they are ready, be deposited therein by the various givers. They should be wrapped and plainly marked, and of course it will be a point of honor for each one as he deposits his treasures not to look curiously at the shape or labels of other packages. All bundles that come in the mail must go in unopened. It will be a matter of interest to note how much delight that pie gives to all the family during the process of its manufacture. The pride of the maker will be in every heart, and this pie will be one of the few dainties which many cooks cannot spoil. "Plums for the pie, gaily announces pape, as he comes in from the post effice. "I put in a whole armful of plums to-day," says mamma, temptingly laughing at the eager faces of the children. Jack drops in with proud satisfaction his cariously wrapped bundles, careful to put one in particular so that its label may not meet mamma's eye. Tinkling parcels for the tiny baby are not left out, for this pie agrees with the youngest children. Even the "girl" shyly steals in and leaves her modest plums, for she is not without an invitation to this feast. For a week that hemely tub is the centre of interest and pleasure to the whole family. On Christthe last plum is put in, and the cook in chief—usually mamma—adds the finishing touches by filling the tub as full as it will holder clean, dry sawdust, so that every package is well covered. An artistic crust of brown paper, adorned with every ornamentation that an orthodox pie crust should have, is placed over the top, and behold a dainty dish, fit to set beere any king. As a cook sometimes has a bit of pastry left over, and uses it up adding extra touches of beauty to her pie, so you need not be troubled if your pie will not hold To the Eliter :everything. There may be a few trifies too large to go into the tub,— a sewing chair for that these tidbits only whet the appetite for the unknown delicacies of the mysterious pie, On Christmas morning breakfast will seem a prosaic and tedious formality in view of that pie. Nevertheless there should be some insistence on the parent's part that the breakfast be duly eaten. To further that of ject as well as to honor the day, mamma Will have an unusually appetizing breakfast. Neither should the customary devotions be

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neglected. On no morning have we so much

cause for grateful acknowledgment of God

won the morn that celebrates his richest

gift to us. Now we shall come with happy hearts to our pie. "When the pie was opened,'-imagine that for yourselves. As to the method of helping the pie, pape will out the crust. After that it is a matter of choice as to whether he will do the helping, or whether each one in turn shall put in his thumb and pull out a plum. Probably the children will vote for the latter method. In either case, each package is to be opened and enjoyed by all before another is pulled out. In the possibility of thus making the individual enjoyment general lies one of the points of superiority of the Christmas pie over the

ways of making Christmas merry. It may be new to some; it will doubtless be old to

A Child s wift.

"The most trifling gift is often the one to be valued most, and I have one that a king's ransom could not purchase," writes a gentleman who was once a teacher in a country geven is reacher in a country school district. "I had among my pupils some years ago a singularly beautiful and winsome little girl named Mary. Her the killing costumes. parents were dead, and she had the misfornext player. On the failure of any one to tune to live with a distant relative will sy "buzz" at the proper time, or should made the child most unhappy by his cruel he say it when not called for, he is dropped treatment. His wife was even more cruel fron the circle and thus the game proceeds, to the helpless child, who was the mo. t

"They allowed her to come to school three months during the winter weather. She was always thinly clad, and I fear that her little tin lunch-pail seldom contained anything better than iry bread and cold

that I was. "But I had a large school of tive cathartic according to size of dose. bad boys and mischievous girls who sorely tried my patience, and who took up all my raising a mustache?" Dolly-" Well, it needs "Mary was shy and sensitive, making

few friends, and saying nothing when certain thoughtless and heartless girls ridicul-"She had a way of twisting her thin

white fingers together, and gla 'ng around in a frightened, timid manner w a she was thus taunted. "I always went to the rescue as soon as could, and am not at all sorry now because

I boxed certain ears very smartly on Mary's "The week before Christmas she fell ill fellows next pass in succession between the I went to seether every evening after school candle and him, distorting their features in and her gratitude for these visits shone as grotesque a manner as possible—hopping, forth in her eyes. I feared from the first limping and performing various odd antics, that she would never be well again, and I

"I took her a few little gifts on Christmas usually nothing." morning, and after I had given them to her, ow he recognizes takes his place. Buff is she slipped one thin white hand up under the pillow, and said,—

"'I've got a little of something for you. It aint anything hardly. I'm most ashamed to offer it; but it will do for you to remember me by, and its all I've got to give." "Her little all consisted of a small carnelian ring that could not have cost more than

" I'd like to have you keep it,' she said in a whisper. "And I have kept it among the things Leon," say physicians. treasure most. "In another hour she was raving in

oried. "I wish they'd not point at my old clothes so! I hate so to put them on! I wish, I do wish, I could have new-ones-

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But when the earth is lonely And the bitter north winds blow, With a smile of cheer for the dear old year The Christmas blossoms blow.

Sweet as a dream of Summer, White as the drifting snow; When our hearts are filled with grieving, The beautiful Christ flowers blow. Not all the south wind's wooing Opens their secret heart; Slender they grow and stately, Guarding their life apart.

But when the earth is dreary And the heavy clouds hang low, With their tender cheer for the wayworn year, The Christmas blossoms blow.

Sweetest of all consolers! Fairest of flowers that grow ! When hopes and flowers have faded The beautiful Christ flowers blow. Bright in the cottage window. Sweet in the darkened room, Fair in the shortened sunlight Cheering the dusky gleom.

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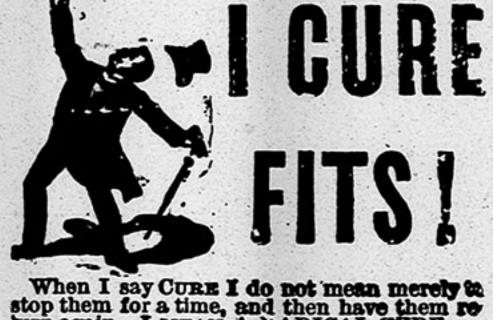


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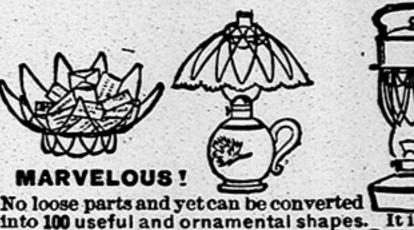


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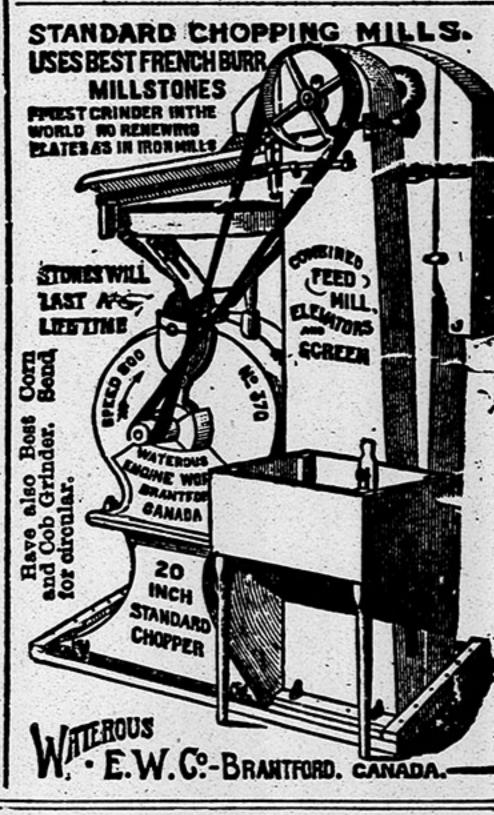
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