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**GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MANKIND**

You ask me for a story—  
I'll tell you, if I can,  
About the Man Christ Jesus,  
Who came in a pleasant way,  
Once in a pleasant garden,  
God placed a happy pair,  
And His will was accomplished,  
And all around was fair.

Alas, they disobeyed Him,  
The one thing He desired,  
They longed for, look and ate it,  
And, of course, they died.  
Yet in His love and pity  
At once the Lord declared  
How man, the last and ruined,  
Might, after all, be spared.

For one of Eve's descendants,  
Who would like the rest,  
Should spoil the work of Satan,  
And must be saved and blest,  
He should be one of Adam's,  
But Son of God as well,  
And bring us all salvation,  
From sin, and death, and hell.

Hundreds of years were over,  
Adam and Eve had died,  
The following generations,  
And many more besides.  
At last some shepherds were watching,  
Beside their flocks one night,  
Who started in the darkness,  
—"By a strange and heavenly light."

One of the Holy Angels,  
Had come from heaven above,  
To tell this tale to man,  
Of God's Christmas gift to man.  
He came to bring glad tidings,  
"You need not, must not fear,  
For God's great, Christmas Gift to man,  
Lies in the village near."

And many other angels,  
Took up the story then,  
To God on high be glads,  
Good will and peace to men,  
Can it be true this story?  
They go at once to see.  
"The angels' words are true,"  
—"The angels' words are true."

Had come to save poor sinners:  
Yes, He had come at last.  
"Twas His delight to save us,  
To seek and save the lost."  
Altho' He knew before hand,  
He lived a life most holy;  
His every thought was love.

His every action showed it,  
To man and God above,  
His path in life was lowly,  
He was a working man,  
Who knows the poor man's trials,  
His last three hours were lovely,  
He could no more be hid.

My time and strength would fail me  
To tell the good He did,  
For He had none to give,  
But He had power of healing,  
And made the dead to live,  
He did kind things so kindly,  
It was His heart's delight.

To make poor people happy  
From morning till night,  
He always seemed at leisure  
For every one that called,  
However, tired or busy; they found  
Him just the same as usual,  
He heard each tale of sorrow  
With an attentive ear.

He took away each burden  
Of suffering and grief,  
He was the Man of Sorrows,  
And when He gave relief,  
He gave it like a brother,  
As none other but His can.  
He was God's Christmas Gift to man.



**THE OLD MAN**

The easy chair, all patched with care,  
To soothe the cold heartache,  
With wincing grace, by the old fireplace,  
The evergreens are strewn,  
And the old clock ticks in the cottage  
hall.

More lovely still, on the window-sill  
The dove-colored flowers rest,  
While 'midst the leaves on the mosaic  
green eaves,  
The merry bells jingle,  
And all day long the summer breeze,  
In whooping love, to the bent trees,  
Over the snow, all covered,  
The old man sits, and smiles,  
Lines of wrinkles on his forehead  
tell,  
And the powder-flask, and the hunters  
horn,  
Have hung beside it for many a morn.  
For years have fled with a noiseless tread,  
Like fairy streams, away,  
And, at their flight, all storm of his  
might,  
A father—old and gray;  
And the soft winds play with the snow-  
white hair,  
And the old man sleeps in his easy chair,  
Inside the door, on the canted floor,  
And a maiden fair, with flaxen hair,  
An old maid's side—  
In a room, once trodden by the angry storm,  
While the ivy clings to its trembling  
form.

## Menu Hints

### Holiday Specials

**A NEW CHRISTMAS DESSERT**

1 quart table cream  
1 pint milk  
Vanilla  
Cranberry jelly

Place small amount cranberry jelly  
in bottom dessert glasses. Prepare jelly,  
according to directions on package, and  
pour over jelly in dessert glasses. Before  
serving garnish with cranberry jelly.

**CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE**

1/2 cup butter  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup orange juice  
3 cups sifted flour  
4 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup seedless raisins  
1/2 cup candied orange peel  
1/2 cup candied lemon peel  
1/2 cup candied cherries  
1/2 cup chopped nuts  
Whites of 3 eggs

Cream butter, add sugar and cream  
again. Add orange juice alternately with  
2 cups flour sifted with baking powder  
and salt. Add remaining cup flour  
with finely-chopped fruits and nuts. Fold  
in stiffly-beaten egg whites. Bake in  
loaf pan in a moderate oven (325 degrees)  
for one hour.

**POTATO STUFFING FOR ROAST  
GOOSE**

2 cups hot mashed potatoes  
1 teaspoon grated onion  
1/2 cup chopped walrus meats  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup evaporated milk  
Salt and pepper to taste

Mix 2 cups of poultry seasoning  
with 2 cups of bread crumbs. Mix the  
ingredients in the order given  
and handle as any stuffing.

**HOME-MADE ICE CREAM SODAS**

Surprise your guests some evening by  
furnishing ice cream sodas, when the  
nearest soda fountain is far away or  
closed. Have home-made vanilla ice  
cream at hand, or perhaps you can pur-  
chase cream even when ice cream sodas  
are not obtainable. Have also in your re-  
frigerator a supply of plain-bottled cream  
soda.

Place a ball of ice cream in the bottom  
of a tall glass; fill glass with the cream  
soda; stir slightly and serve immediately.

**JERRY'S HOME TRAINING**

The school-teacher had sent for Mrs. Hinton to tell her that Jerry Hinton had such falseoods that his teacher and companions could not believe a word he said. Jerry's mother, says a writer in the Chicago News, listened in righteous anger.

"Well!" declared Mrs. Hinton. "And when I'm always doing all I can to make that boy honest and have him learn his lessons, I just told him if he didn't pass for fifth grade in June I'd send him to the reform school. I told him that nearly every day, and got him so good and frightened that he brought his book home every evening, and you know he passed."

"Yes," said the principal, "he passed but I'm sorry you threatened him with the reform school because you know you would have had the power to send him there just because he failed to make his grade, of course, I didn't mean it." Mrs. Hinton assured her. "I wouldn't let my boy go away from me, not even if the President said so; but he didn't know that, so it scared him all right."

The principal sighed, and began a new line of attack.

"Does your father ever take any hand in your son's training?" he inquired. "I think when a boy gets to be Jerry's age his father ought to keep pretty close watch on his habits."

"His father wouldn't have him tell lies for anything," Mrs. Hinton replied. "We tell Jerry always to be honest; never say anything that isn't so."

"Well," said the principal, "an angry mother can't do much good. I'm sorry but I wanted to be sure that the home influence with the boy was what it should be, and I can't always find that out more quickly by talking with a boy's mother than in any other way. Of course, if he lives with people who are always straightforward themselves and insist on honesty in him, he is sure to outgrow the bad habit. I believe a great deal in the force of example in training children. If a boy's mother and father share cream even when ice cream sodas are not obtainable, have also in your refrigerator a supply of plain-bottled cream soda.

"Place a ball of ice cream in the bottom of a tall glass; fill glass with the cream soda; stir slightly and serve immediately."

## DEFINITIONS

A pedestrian is a man whose wife has gone out in the car—Everybody's Week-ly.

A parking space is where you leave the car to have those little dents made in the fenders.—Brooklyn Times.

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Joshua Dywester.

**THE HEART OF THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

The heart of the Christmas festival is the hearthstone. By some beautiful and inevitable logic men have made the time of Christmas the time of the hearthstone. It is the holiest season of the year when every loving heart turns homeward. Old mothers and fathers wait for their scattered brood together again for a fleeting renewal of tender intimacies in the old nest. The busy men and women who are so busy to make payments on old debts of love at Christmas time.

The glee of little children when there is Christmas in the air is so spontaneous and contagious that few can resist the impulse to contribute to the hearthstone. There is something about the Christmas mood that suggests a magical influence from the skies. It is as if Heaven's music had floated down into which the lovers of Christ. The spirit of the Babe of Bethlehem can awaken hearts, with a reign of love and happiness. It is as if the angels' voices came down from the skies on angels' songs can inspire so much gladness, what glorious days will come when the Prince of Peace shall reign indeed!

## BORN IN NABISAGAWIYA NINETY-EIGHT YEARS AGO

Last Thursday, when I was visiting the Quibel Farm Office, I noticed that the oldest resident of the Royal City was Hiram Wallace, who the day before celebrated his ninety-eight birthday. This announcement took me back many years, when the Wallace family were all living on the homestead at 23, in the seventh concession of Nabisagaweya. Being only four or five miles from the Acton, he was naturally well acquainted with the family.

Mr. Benjamin Wallace, Sr., was the head of the home, and surrounded by his stalwart sons, Benjamin, Jr., Robert, and Hugh, with Mrs. Wallace and several daughters, they made a stir in the community in those early days. The father was a fine type of sturdy, upright manhood, and his sons followed closely in their father's footsteps. I think Hiram was the first-born son, and he has outlived all his brothers by quite a few years. Benjamin died on the homestead, and left his sons, Thomas, Benjamin, and Henry to succeed him. Robert and Hugh were, I believe, the only ones remaining among us here as his adopted children. A daughter represented Robert's family, in the person of Mrs. Murray, and Miss Hannah, still residing in the Acton. While living here, Robert was an active worker and official member of the Methodist Church, while Hugh was just as active in the Presbyterian Church, and was honored with a place on the Board of Managers.

It is rumored in Acton, England, says the Acton Gazette and Express, that Sir Harry Brittain, M. P., L. L. D., the member for Acton, Burghley, is slated either for the House of Lords, or for appointment as British Ambassador to the United States.

The paper says there are many who think that Sir Harry richly deserves to be made either a Lord or an ambassador, whichever he prefers, though they would regret his departure. Both points of view are equally flattering to our member. Mr. Brittain gave publicly the sum of £1000 last week from a public platform. It would be interesting to know whether he had any special reason for so doing. He is a man closely in touch with the House of Commons, but, bearing all the circumstances in mind, the comparative nearness of a general election, Sir Harry's recent exertions to his supporters, and so forth, I think that on this occasion Mr. Brittain must have been drawing his bow at a venture.

At his first election in 1918 Sir Harry was elected for Acton, by a majority of 7,430.

Sir Harry Brittain's interests in this town of Acton, Canada, have been amply manifested, especially by his presentation of a "shiner" bearing the name of the coat of arms of Acton, England. His friends would be delighted to see him elected to the House of Lords, but would prefer his appointment to the ambassadorship of the United States, the latter position being if anything more closely in touch with us here.

## WRONG NUMBER

The notoriety had an accident with his light car on the Brighton Road. He hopped painfully to telephone box and called up the nearby garage.

"Hello," he said, "I've tripped up. Can you send anything for me?"

"I'm afraid not," came the sweet feminine reply. "You've got the wrong number. What you want is the 300."

acquainted with the old settlers themselves, and their descendants, and the localities in which the events described transpired.

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