



# Merry Christmas

Rosy cheeks sparkling eyes, happy voices... children in anticipation of everything that Christmas brings: the family tree, stacks of presents, bells ringing out sweet carols, stockings filled with goodies, Santa Claus... and the solemnity of each tiny creche. Watching the delight, the awe, the wonder in a child's face is knowing the Spirit of Christmas. To all, our sincere greetings of the season plus our gratitude and thanks.

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### For Christmas Enjoyment

## President Sought 'Good Old Days'

At Christmas time, nostalgia for "the good old days" is prevalent as turkey and trimmings, decorations and gifts. Everybody had more fun — or so the feeling goes — during those good old-fashioned Christmas when life was simpler and, according to tradition, the snow drifts were always piled high, the food for feasting was always home-grown and home-cooked, the lights and decorations always hung from the eaves and the trees half-shaded the house on a personal fesy to some hillside or lot. Christmas nostalgia has even been known to affect heads of state — to be specific, a President of the United States. It was everyone's duty, the President felt, to make Christmas merry. He and his family, he declared, were going to have an "old-fashioned" Christmas tree.

It happened in 1891. A search through recent newspapers, or even through recent history, would provide no details, however, about this resolve. For the President was born December 22 in 1801, announced to reporters his plan for a "good old-fashioned Christmas."

Even the ready-prepared foods have their traditions. For instance, some families still observe the custom of eating or candles for Christmas. They make Christmas calls.

Not all "Sore Bought" Preparing foods for feasting work in the old and new. But not all Christmas cookies, candies and fruit cakes today are "store bought." Many a family cherishes the tradition of having the children "help" Mother as the holiday goodies are concocted.

Almost every nostalgic dream of Christmas long ago seems to have its counterpart in the present. And all the while new traditions are being ing up, as each family, each community creates and treasures its customs.

In another 70 years, perhaps, some public figure may say, "It's time to get back to the good old ways of celebrating Christmas." So have an old-fashioned Christmas, now!

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## Manger Once Pagan Site

Gathered in the Church of the Nativity, thousands of Christians from around the world will worship in Bethlehem this Christmas. A high light of the celebration is the lighting of the manger. The manger is a silver star was set in the stone floor of the cave, and since 1878 each regime to rule Jerusalem — now a year of Jewish rule — has placed a manger in the manger.

Opposition to Christianity in the first years of the new religion, actually led to the preservation of the manger — an improvised stable in a cave hewn out of rock near the center of the hill town of Bethlehem.



Here's wishing you the long-lasting happiness of an old-fashioned Yuletide.  
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### SEASONS Greetings

It happens every year at about this time. Somehow, hearts are lighter; friendships are warmer; a new spirit of good cheer is abroad in the land. You see it in every face, hear it in every voice, sense it everywhere in a hundred different ways. We would like to pack all of this Holiday spirit into our Christmas greetings to you!

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