

Let's talk about
HORSES



By Jennifer Barr
It was three years ago that Anna Belle appeared in my Christmas stocking, not an easy feat for a wee donkey even if she was only a baby. We've had lots of different animals. I'm a bit of a kook about bringing home odd strays. However, I've always found that they rarely came up to expectations and always meant too much work for me. The goat was adorable but a pain-in-the-neck. The flying squirrel was not house-trained. The ducks made running barefoot in the park hazardous for the same reasons.
And then there was Anna Belle—adorable, whimsical Anna Belle—who has never ceased to delight us. Anna Belle has grown up

now and is well along with her training. She has also married a nice lad, Don Quixote, and is hopefully in foal.
So from all of us at Tinker-sale
From Mac, Jennifer, Patrick and Erica.
A very merry Christmas.

Remember gifts can be thanks

At Christmas it is customary to gift people who have been of service throughout the year—the mailman, garbage man, milkman, newspaperboy, building superintendent, cleaning lady and delivery boy.

Cigarettes, cigars, tobaccos for the smokers could eliminate the "what to get" for some of these persons.

Cordials, liqueurs, cakes and candies are also season's specialties for thoughtful gifting.

Outdoors type
Gloves and mufflers are appreciated gifts by the out-of-doors working man. And, thermos jugs and insulated food keepers can make the routes early in the morning and a little more comfortable.

Housekeepers appreciate gifts of toiletries, clothing and accessories like gloves and scarves.

Famous verse dates back to 567 A.D.

"In the Twelve Days of Christmas
My true love sent to me . . ."

The verses are among the most popular of the Season. They date back to 567 A.D., when the Church proclaimed the period of 12 days, from the Nativity to Epiphany, a period of celebration.

It is in fact the big holiday of the year in most countries where Christianity exists.

Festivities
In medieval England festivities ranged the calendar, day and night. There were jousts, with knights in armor, pennants flying, and lances flashing in the sun, and dimpled ladies watching from the stands.

There was banqueting, caroling and also "mumming" which originally was a pantomime dance performed by groups who were both costumed and masked. Minstrels and jugglers plied their arts, made music and mirth.

In the middle ages, when few people could read, and entertainment as we know it did not exist, a minstrel was of necessity a many-talented fellow. One of these, in listing his accomplishments, after noting the many instruments he can play, says: "I can sing a song well and make tales and fables. I can tell a story against any man, I can make love verses to please young ladies, and can play the gallant to them if necessary. Then I can throw knives into the air and catch them without cutting my fingers. I can do dodges with a string most extraordinary and amusing. I can balance chairs and make tables dance. I can throw a somersault and walk on my head."

English minstrel
This English minstrel, of course, has his counterpart in Europe, where the 12 days were celebrated too, with feasting, pageantry, and song. In England some of the "pretty devices" preceding the banquets in the big halls on Twelfth Day are unbelievable-sounding confessions which included castles with guns which, at the proper moment, were fired against each other in semblance of a rousing battle.



THE LAST TRUSTEES of the police village of Campbellville are shown at the farewell dinner held last week. From left with their wives they are Ross and Joyce Carbert, R. B. and Molly Elliott, Jim Baynton, Liz Inglis, Marg. Baynton, Murray Inglis, Omer and Helen Varsickle.



Merry Christmas

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