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**PRETTY LEGEND OF CHRIST**

Old-Folk Tale Relates That Stars Danced and Birds Sang on Day of His Birth.

When the child of Nazareth was born the sun, according to the Bosnian legend, "leaped in the heavens and the stars around it danced. A peace came over mountain and forest. Even the rotten stump stood straight and healthy on the green hillside. The grass was bedewed with open blossoms, incense sweet as myrrh pervaded upland and forest, birds sang on the mountain top and all gave thanks to the great God."

It is naught but an old-folk tale, but it has truth hidden at its heart, for a strange, subtle force, a spirit of genial good will, a new-born kindness, seem to animate child and man alike when the world pays its tribute to the "heaven-sent youngling," as the poet, Drummond, calls the infant Christ.

When the three wise men rode from the east into the west on their saddle-bows were three caskets filled with gold and frankincense and myrrh, to be laid at the feet of the manger-craddled babe of Bethlehem. Beginning with this old, old journey the spirit of giving crept into the world's heart. As the magi came bearing gifts, so do we also; gifts that relieve want, gifts that are sweet and fragrant with friendship, gifts that breathe love, gifts that mean service, gifts inspired still by the star that shone over the City of David 2,000 years ago.

Then hang the green coronet of the Christmas tree with glittering baubles and Jewels of flames; heap offerings on its emerald branches; bring Yule logs to the firing; deck the house with holly and mistletoe, "And all the bells on earth shall ring On Christmas day in the morning." —Kate Douglas Wiggin.

**TO TRIM A CHRISTMAS TREE**

Pretty Trimmings and Decorations Can Be Made in Almost Any Home at Slight Expense.

As to trimming the Christmas tree, first of all, don't trim your tree with cotton batting and lighted candles, as there is always danger in this combination, and "safety first" should be the slogan in all Christmas festivities.

You can purchase a whole lot of pretty decorations for your tree at the shops, and these come very cheaply, too. But almost any home can furnish the decorations for a really lovely tree without very much expense, and there is no reason why every family where there are children should not have their Christmas tree.

Strings of popcorn and red cranberries looped from the branches make an effective decoration. And strings of yellow field corn gleam beautifully in the Christmas light. Crescents, stars and hearts cut from heavy cardboard and covered with silver and gilt, or even colored paper, and cornucopias of bright colors filled with candy and popcorn are very pretty. Form cotton batting into balls the size of an orange and cover with orange-colored crepe paper, twist tightly and tie to the tree with a bit of narrow ribbon. These are pretty on the tree and look like oranges.

It is best to place all the larger packages under the tree, tying only the smaller gifts which are tied up in bright-colored paper to the branches. In this way the tree will not look frayed and denuded when the gifts are distributed, and it may be kept a long time for the children to enjoy.

**USE OF EVERGREENS.**

The use of evergreens at Christmas time is older than the Christmas tree, the Christians seeming to have copied it from their pagan ancestors. In a very old book we find this reference to the use of evergreens at Christmas time: "Against the feast of Christmas every man's house, as also their parish churches, were decked with holme, ivy, bayes, and whatsoever the season of the year afforded to be green. The conduits and standards of the streets were likewise garnished; among which I read that in the year 1414, by tempest of thunder and lightning, toward the morning of Candlemas day, at the Leadenhall, in Cornhill, a standard of tree, being set up in the midst of the pavement, fast in the ground, nailed full of holme and ivy, for disport of Christmas to the people, was torn up and cast down by the malignant spirit (as was thought), and the stones of the pavement all about were cast in the streets and into divers houses, so that the people were sore agast at the great tempest."

**HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS.**

Oh! lovely, voices of the sky  
Which hymned the Savior's birth,  
Are ye not singing still on high,  
Ye that sang "Peace on earth?"  
To us yet speak the strains  
Wherewith in time gone by  
Ye blessed the Syrian swains,  
Oh! voices of the sky!

Oh! clear and shining light whose beams  
That hour he, an's glory shed,  
Around the pains and o'er the streams,  
And on the shepherd's head,  
Be near, through life and death,  
As in that holiest night  
Of hope and joy and faith—  
Oh! clear and shining light!  
—Felicia Hemans.

**A Rather Vague Order.**

A Wisconsin boy wrote to Santa Claus as follows: "I would like a air rifle, a pair of Indianapolis a month organ a christmas tree and some candy and ate that is all a game of checkers for." It's a little vague, but we hope Santa will be able to fill the order.

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**As Jimmy Saw It.**  
James was too pugnacious to his mother's way of thinking. She often scolded him for getting into fights with other boys, and told him it would be better to stand a little picking on than to be fighting half the time. One day he came home with garments soiled and torn and explained that he had been in a fight because he had refused to take a dare. After a heated argument with his mother about it he exclaimed, "Gee whiz, mother, I shouldn't think you'd want to bring up your boy to be a coward!"

**No Need for Flag to Sag.**

A device that prevents a flag displayed on a horizontal pole from becoming tangled is described in the Popular Science Magazine. It is a wire rod that extends along part of the lower edge of the flag, to which it is held in place by a clip at each end. For large flags a hook passes through one of the eyelets of the flag.

**Washing Enamel.**

All dirty marks on white enamel should be rubbed with a piece of flannel moistened with methylated spirit. Then wash the enamel with warm soapy water, dry and rub with a flannel sprinkled with whiting. Polishing with a dry duster completes the process. White enamel furniture treated in this way from time to time retains its brightness for a long period.

**Reasoning From Kittens.**

Little Edward's twin sisters were being christened. All went well until Edward saw the water in the font. Then he anxiously turned to his mother and exclaimed: "Ma, which one are you going to keep?"—Blighy (London).

**Only What They Might Expect.**

When people who are tolerably fortunate in their outward lot do not find in life sufficient enjoyment to make it valuable to them, the cause generally is caring for nobody but themselves.—J. S. Mill.