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# Christmas Joys and New Year Hopes



We wish Our Friends  
the most Joyous of  
Christmas Seasons,  
and in the coming year  
the realization of added  
Prosperity, the best of  
Health and all that  
goes to make real  
Happiness

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## EACH COUNTRY HAS ITS CUSTOMS FOR CRISTMAS

**Santa Claus in Palm Beach Has to  
Wear Straw Hat. In Lapland  
the People Drive Reindeers**

In this year of 1925, Christmas is being celebrated in practically every country on earth. Each country seems to have special customs and usages in regard to the celebration, and it is interesting to note the varied ways of special observance of the "best day in all the world."

In this connection it may be helpful to recall an old rhyme that was popular in days long gone by:—  
The Frenchman loves his native wine;  
The German loves his beer;  
The Englishman loves his 'arf and 'arf,

Because it brings good cheer;  
The Scotsman loves his whisky straight,  
Because it gives him dizziness;  
The American has no choice at all,  
So he drinks the whole darn business.

Just as the "American" (and this may be taken to include those living in the largest half of the North American continent) took a little of all the various good drinks of all the nations of the earth, so to-day the people on this continent are ready to adopt any custom or usage that may obtain in other lands, and at the same time promises to add to the cheer and joyfulness of the Christmas festival.

Probably the special customs in Britain will make the most appeal to people on this continent. Just at present the reference to Ireland's special Christmas concoction, as noted below, may hold the careful attention of many; they will feel at least that it "listens good" to them.

Speaking of the various Christmas traditions and modes of celebration a writer in one of the popular British magazines says:—  
"While Britains eat great quantities of plum pudding and America devours flocks of turkeys and mountains of dressing, Sweden kneels in deepest humility and the Lapps bow meek heads in solemn homage.

"In Italy little children through the streets reciting verses; the Russians chant the myths of the goddess of the sun, while in the cities of Canada and United States from special theatrical attractions to Bacchanalian revels, and quiet gatherings of families in homes Christmas festivities are many and varied.

"Ireland has its special concoction with which the health is drunk during the season of good-will. It is known as "lamb's wool" and is made by bruising roasted apples and mixing them with ale or milk. This drink is most generally served with liberal slices of English plum pudding of which the Irish are especially fond.

"The groaning board and the brimming bowl are outstanding characteristics of the Christmas celebration throughout the British Isles. "Merrie England" is indeed applicable to the Old Land during the Yuletide season.

"Santa Claus, with his string of reindeers has nothing on the Laplanders, for solemn church ceremonies are attended on Christmas Day by Laplander families driving across vast frozen stretches in sleighs drawn by faithful reindeer teams. The monotonous repetition of how Jesus of Nazareth was born is the feature of these impressive services.

"Norwegian children for centuries past have been taught to feed wild birds with corn and oats sprinkled on the snow or attached to high poles, a custom that seems especially appropriate to Christmas. Gifts are hidden away and a merry time results when the children begin their search for the Christmas presents which they know may be found in the garter, in the clothes closet or some other most unlikely place.

"In Sweden, Christmas fish occupies the same place as the turkey in America. Four days are given over to the celebration of the birth of Christ in that country. Christmas Day itself is a day of quiet and prayer, but on the second day gay parties, happy home gatherings and festivities of all kinds commence and are continued until the end of the period.

"In Denmark the goose is the bird of honor at Christmas time. Christmas trees also feature the ceremony, but they remain standing, for they are in the orchards.

"Rejoice and be fruitful," the head of the house declares when at an appointed hour the members of the household visit the orchard. The selected tree is struck three times with a stick as the command is made.

"The period from Christmas to New Year is occupied by the festivities. No one does any work that can be avoided.

"A traditional fete in honor of the goddess of the sun used to be combined with the celebration of the birth of Christ among the Russian people.

"Greetings for the Lord's birth" took the place of our greeting of "Merry Christmas." The person addressed responds by saying "God be with you."

"The German Christmas festival actually begins on Dec. 6, the eve of St. Nicholas Day. Retribution for the rebellion against parental restraint goes hand-in-hand with reward, for the impersonator of the

"good-St. Nick" leaves a bundle of switches with Yuletide gifts.  
"Each family must have at least two Christmas trees and where poverty prevents a good-hearted neighbor comes to the rescue.

"Italy marks the Christmas period with children's fetes, and Christmas Day is particularly marked with the throngs of children in the street who as they pass along in groups gaily sing and recite bits of verse.

"In Spain the Christmas holiday period is a period of unrestricted hilarity and festivity."  
Santa Claus has to visit the southern hemisphere in a Palm Beach suit and a straw hat. For in the South Christmas often comes.

"Children below the equator are versed in the Christmas traditions of the north. Their books picture old St. Nicholas in all the glory of his red woollen suit, with his reindeers and the jingling sleigh bells, a figure in a field of winter grandeur.

"But they never see him like that. For many of them even sleighs and snow live only in pictures.  
"Yet it makes no difference to children whether the Christmas tree is fir or palm. It is the spirit of Christmas to which they pay homage.

"Noel makes the whole world kin."  
**Mr. AND Mrs. MAC LANG HAVE  
MOVED TO HAILEYBURY**

The following from The Haileyburian will be of general interest. Before the recent Dominion Election Mr. Mac Lang resigned his seat as member of the Legislature of Ontario for the riding of Cochrane so that he could run as Liberal candidate for South Temiskaming in the Dominion House. He announced his intention of taking up residence in Haileybury. He bought a lot and the erection of a residence was commenced at once. Mr. and Mrs. Lang for some years previously had been residing in Sturgeon Falls. The following is the paragraph from last week's Haileyburian:—

"Mr. and Mrs. Mac Lang and family have moved to Haileybury this week and are taking up residence in their new home on Georgina Avenue. The house was built during the early fall, after Mr. Lang decided to move here from the north, and is a fine residence. The many friends of the family who have known Mr. and Mrs. Lang since their former residence here will all join in welcoming them on their becoming permanent citizens of Haileybury."

Traveling Man—"Do you have hot and cold water in this room?"  
Bell-Hop—"Yes, hot in the summer; cold in the winter."

## EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS PICTURE AT GOLDFIELDS

Famous Spectacular Motion Picture  
Drama, "The Ten Commandments," Showing This Week

The Goldfields Theatre is giving its patrons a Christmas treat in the motion picture masterpiece, "The Ten Commandments," being shown at the theatre Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week. This is a DeMille picture that has had strikingly long record runs in all the big cities. It is generally admitted to be the best recent picture filmed. It not only has a worth-while motive, but it is thrilling and spectacular. It is classed among the great pictures like "Hearts of the World," "The Four Horsemen," and "The Birth of a Nation."

The first part of the picture deals in spectacular way with early biblical times. Pharaoh's hosts are shown, the misery of Israel under bondage is depicted, and the triumph of the Law is indicated. The second part of the picture deals with this present jazz-mad age. There are indeed two stories in the picture, each one well worth the seeing. A strong cast give an able presentation of a clever drama.

Just in passing the advertisement of the Goldfields Theatre, elsewhere in this issue, in regard to this picture, is well worth perusal. It is a striking sermon in brief, but forceful words.

## RESOLUTION NIGHT AT A. S. D. CLUB DECEMBER 30

On account of so many members being away on holidays, and others being occupied with the extra business of the season, there is no meeting of the club to be held this week.

On Wednesday of next week, however, there will be the usual meeting. It will be "Resolution Night," and a lot of interest and amusement is expected. Any member who has any original resolution for the New Year should hand it in to any of the committee in charge of the evening—Mrs. E. L. Urquhart, Messrs. J. Jacobs, C. G. Pirie and E. L. Urquhart.

# Dinner Dance

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