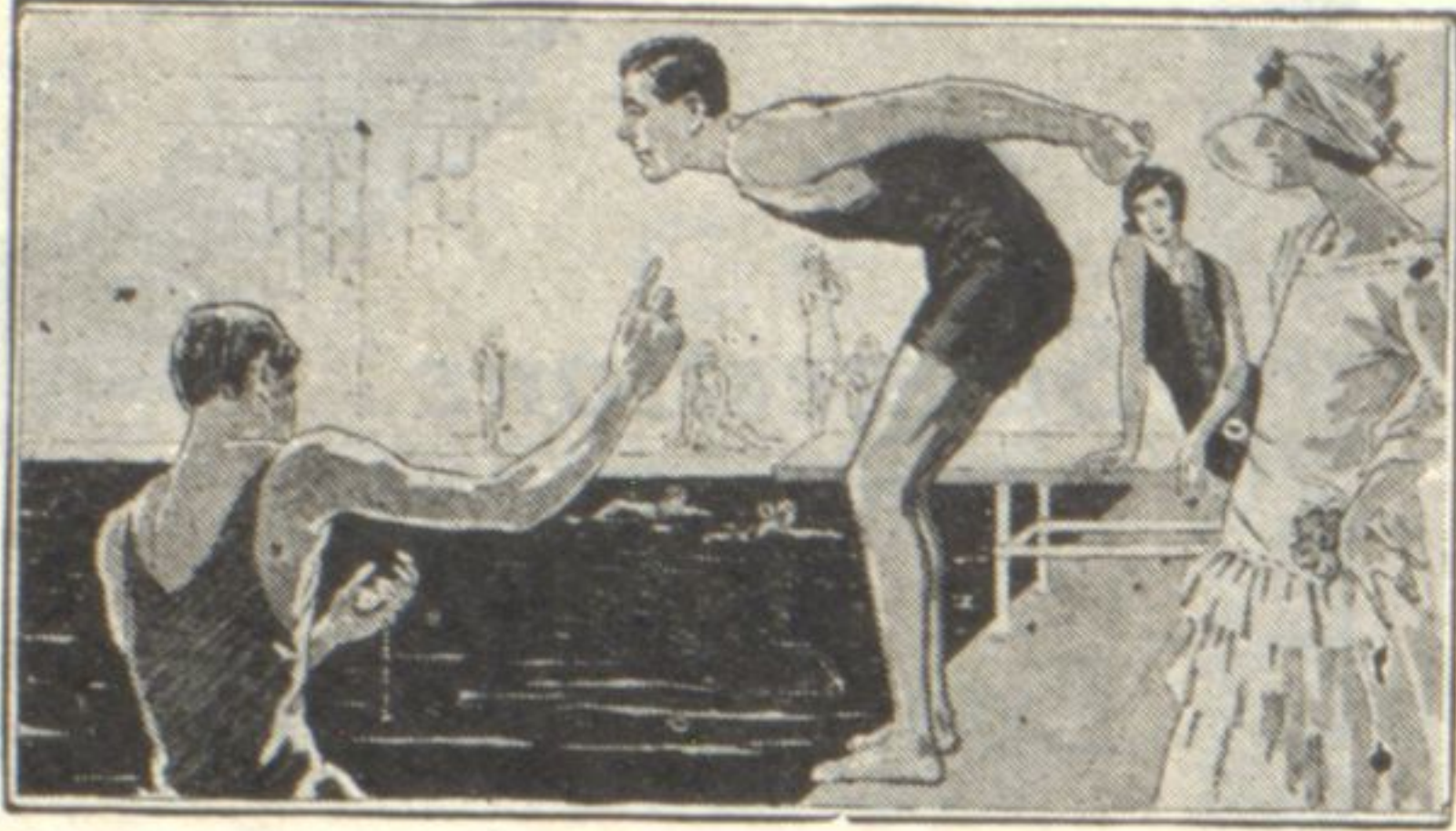


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Art and Life of Spain is Next Watson Lecture

The sixth and last of the series of lectures given by Dudley Crafts Watson of the Chicago Art Institute under auspices of the North Shore Art league, will be Monday evening, November 17, at Matz hall in Community House, Winnetka. Mr. Watson's subject will be "The Art and Life of Spain." The lectures have been very well attended and it is expected that many of those who have heard him will take advantage of this last opportunity. Tickets may be procured at the door.

Fairfield Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Porter, 1085 Sheridan road, who is studying painting at the Art Student's league in New York, will be home next week to spend Christmas and the holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Hadley, 913 Oak street will leave for Oberlin, Ohio next week to be the guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Humphrey, formerly of Winnetka.

OLD CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS ENJOYING REVIVAL HERE

Old England Gives Us Yule-log and Mistletoe; Germans Hand Down Tree Tradition

By Anna L. Whitmack

There have been many revivals of old Christmas customs in the last few years. One may have a French Christmas in an apartment or a Norwegian or Russian one in the country, or an English one any place.

In old England the holiday began on Christmas Eve. At this time the holly and mistletoe that had been gathered during the week were brought into the house and hung. These two are relics of the Druids and it was considered very bad luck to have brought them in before, just as it was thought best to burn them at the Twelfth Night celebration, for otherwise the Bad Fairies would stay in the house throughout the rest of the year. Kisses under the mistletoe also belonged to this evening.

The Yule log was next brought in. This log should be the largest possible of oak and brought in by the oldest members of the family with the youngest upon it. Every member of the family saluted it, for it was thought to bring happiness and prosperity. The Yule log was full of good promises, and its flames burned out the old wrongs and heartburnings. Part of the log was preserved until the next Christmas to light the new log.

Play Christmas Games

Christmas games were played on Christmas Eve as well as Christmas day. Snapdragon was an old one, and blind-man's-bluff and dancing were also on the program. The mummers, masqueraders in fanciful and laughable costumes, often performed a simple play as well as amusing the others.

The Lord of Misrule was chosen to lead and direct the Christmas festivities. He was given a fool's bauble as a badge of his office, and upon assuming his duties he made a speech absolving "them of all their wisdom, and that they were to be just wise enough to make fools of themselves."

The Christmas waifs once sang for two weeks before Christmas and stopped on Christmas Eve, but later the custom was to sing early on Christmas morning before the houses where they were rewarded with pennies and sweetmeats.

Christmas day itself preserved its religious significance, as well as its pagan rites of rejoicing. The feast itself was monumental. The roasted boar's head was brought in surrounded by bay and accompanied with music. After it came the roasted and stuffed peacock, reserved in its feathers. It was brought in by the most beautiful lady. Geese, capons, pheasants, and furrmety were served, followed by mince pies and plum pudding.

Tree Is German Vogue

The Christmas tree is an ancient German custom. The tree was placed upon a table, hung with ornaments and lighted with tapers, with packages around it on the table. It was introduced into England during the reign of Victoria and from there spread around the world.

Our Santa Claus comes from San Nicholaas, the Dutch form of St. Nicholas whose day is December 6.

WINS NUMERALS

Frank Armstrong, son of the Horace Armstrongs, 365 Sheridan road, is returning Thursday from Yale, where he is a freshman. He received his numerals last month for his work on the Freshman football team.

What to Give?

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