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WHAT YOU GOING TO BRING US, SANTA?



Christmas Cheer

FORGET your devils and keep your pink lamps lighted, says Frances Hodgson Burnett.

All Christmas associations are warmed by it. The great fireplace, through which the patron saint gains entrance, is ever the embodiment of cheer.

But yet there are always some corners where gloom rests; some shadows amid the sunlight. There are some clouds which none of us can remove, but these are the feecy clouds which just obscure the light of love from some lives.

REAL CHRISTMAS BABY.

Found in the Shadow of New York's Big Municipal Tree. The varicolored lights from the big city Christmas tree were splashing the paths in Madison Square Garden.

On a bench in the shadow of the big tree Adams found a small bundle covered with coarse paper and tied with hemp cord.

The big policeman at first was so surprised that he stood and grinned at the little stranger. The youngster stopped crying long enough to take one quip at the policeman and then renewed his throaty protest.

The Military Hospitals Commission has arranged for the accommodation of 1,600 more invalided soldiers at various centres throughout Canada, besides the 2,615 already here.

CARE OF CHRISTMAS PLANTS

WHAT is to become of all the Christmas plants that are delivered from the florist at Christmas time? Perhaps it would be as well for those who like to see things growing and dislike the thought of anything dying not to seek the answer, for I have no doubt that many which have been for the time greatly admired will in rapid succession follow the same course to a common fate—the trash can.

To some, of course, such a fate is more or less inevitable under the best of care. For instance, a poinsettia could not be expected to last all winter, and it might not be enjoyed if it did, being distinctly a plant of the Christmas season.

In watering remember that flowering plants require, as a rule, plenty of water, particularly azaleas, cyclamen and bulbs. The lovely little ardisias, with their red berries, can be given less water; also geraniums. Heather has strong roots, and the mistake is often made of watering it too much, for its small roots are in a very fine mesh, and they hold the water and are liable to rot if given more than they will absorb right away.

Sunlight may be given to the dracaenas, crotons (both foliage plants), geraniums, also narcissus and other bulbs until they bloom; partial sunlight to the begonias and ardisias, but the ferns will do well without direct light. Adiantum should never be put in a drafty place.

A Short Christmas. "Christmas day is only three hours long in the Finnish town of Torosa," said a traveler. "I spent last Christmas there. At sunrise I got up to see my presents and to read my Christmas mail, and night had fallen before I got through breakfast."

Merry Christmas to All! Merry Christmas to friends! Merry Christmas to foes!

The management of the Quaker Oats Company, Peterboro, will pay on Wednesday the wages for the entire month of December, based on the wages earned from Dec. 1st to 11th.

The Latest Market Reports

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Receipts of livestock at the Union Stock Yards to-day were: 4,657 cattle; 455 calves; 1,453 hogs; 1,223 sheep. Trading in cattle was slow, with prices inclined to weakness.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—The offerings amounted to 1,500 cattle, 509 sheep, 1,900 hogs, and 600 calves. Exceptionally brisk was the trade in hogs and good cattle.

East Buffalo, Dec. 18.—Cattle receipts, 4,100; fairly active; sheep, 88 to \$11.25; butchers, \$6.50 to \$9.25; hogs, \$5.25 to \$8.75; cows, \$4 to \$7.50; bulls, \$5.25 to \$7.75; stockers and feeders, \$5.25 to \$7.50; fresh cows and springers, active and steady, \$6 to \$11.50.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 28,000. Market weak. Native beef cattle, \$7 to \$11.65; western steers, \$7 to \$10.10; stockers and feeders, \$5 to \$8.10; cows and heifers, \$3.85 to \$10; calves, \$8.50 to \$12.

GRAIN QUOTATIONS.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Wheat markets toned up a little today on further reports of renewed buying for export, which caused the shorts to run to cover. Government reports indicated an increased acreage for fall wheat.

Ontario wheat—No. 1 northern, \$1.90; track, hay ports; No. 2, \$1.87; No. 3, \$1.82; No. 4, \$1.70; old crop, 4c above new crop. Manitoba wheat—No. 2 C.W., 65c.

TRANSPORTATION OF WOUNDED IMPROVED

Superintendent Appointed to See to Comfort of Canadians Traversing Continent.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—It was announced by the Military Hospital Commission a few days ago that a hospital train was being constructed to carry returned soldiers from Atlantic ports of arrival to the hospitals and sanitariums inland.

Another step had now been taken in the interest of all soldiers returning in the "bed-cases" or convalescent. The commission has appointed a transportation officer to superintend the arrival of the men and to make all arrangements for their speedy and comfortable carriage on the railway to their various destinations.

Captain J. B. Lambkin, to whom this duty has been entrusted, has had 25 years experience. He should therefore be able to prevent those delays and other discomforts which are vexatious even to ordinary travellers.

Others who spoke at the luncheon were Ruch C. Butler, vice-president of the Union League Club; Frank G. Logan, chairman of the executive committee of the Universal Military Training League; and Dr. R. A. White, pastor of the People's Liberal church of Englewood.

Three Good Rules

For you to observe during the Christmas season: (1) Be of good cheer; (2) Smile, and (3) Make sure that you get one of our special Christmas cakes.

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It is simply a call for food—for enough bread and soup to stop the pangs of hunger that hundreds of them feel every day.

The cost of a moderate size turkey—of two or three boxes of chocolates—of one of the many presents we have formed the habit of giving to those who do not need them, will feed a Belgian family a whole month!

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