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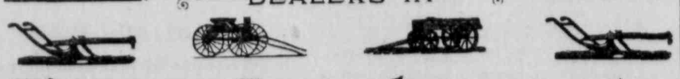

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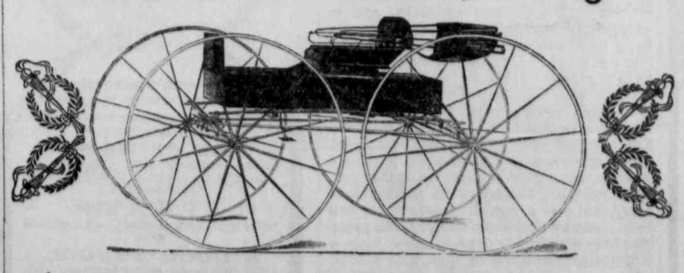

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THE CHRIST CHILD'S CRADLE

Part of It Preserved as a Holy Relic In Rome.

La sainte creche—the holy cradle—or the portion of it which is preserved, is in fact only a part of the grating that was placed across the stable trough in Bethlehem to hold the fodder for the animals that fed there. It became the cradle of the infant Saviour when he was laid within the rough trough by his mother and came in time to be regarded as one of the most sacred things on earth. This broken piece of the grating was taken from Bethlehem at the time of the Mussulman invasion in the year 642 and was carried to Rome, where Pope Theodosius took charge of it as one of the most precious of relics.

Whether or not the grating now shown is the true relic, it is certainly extremely old and is interesting for that reason and because of associations that have gathered about it since it became one of the mementos cherished in the Imperial City. It is one of the greatest treasures of the ancient Church of Santa Maria Maggiore.

It consists of five worn bars. These are of wood, worm eaten and gray, that looks as though it might be oak powdered with flour. The bars average about a yard in length, and the entire grating is suspended in a crystal case by silver ribbons.

This case is supported on carved gold and silver feet, and its full length is a meter, its height half a meter. It is surmounted by a beautiful enameled statue of the infant Jesus.

During the year this magnificent reliquary is inclosed in a golden case and disposed on one of the altars of the church. At Christmas time it is exposed to view, and the festival of the nativity terminates with an imposing procession in which the relic is carried, the solemn occasion being presided over by a cardinal.—New York Tribune.

Christmas Cards.

The first Christmas card ever published was issued in 1846 by a Londoner named Joseph Crandall. Crandall was indebted for his idea to Sir Henry Cole and employed the famous artist J. C. Horsley to make the design. It was lithographed by Jobbins of Warwick court and colored by hand. About 1,000 cards were sold. Such was the small beginning of what has grown to be a gigantic industry. Every Christmas after 1846 cards of some sort were put upon the market, but it was not until 1862 that they came into general favor. Then Goodall & Son of London began to publish cards inscribed simply with the words "A Merry Christmas" and "A Happy New Year" and in illuminated form, and the following year robins, holly branches, embossed figures and landscapes were added. With the succeeding years the popularity of the holiday cards increased, and the cards grew more elaborate until they have attained their present gorgeousness.

The Teacher's Present.

The old schoolmaster was deeply affected. His scholars, noticing the dilapidated appearance of his chair, had presented him with a new one for Christmas. "My dear boys," said the kindly old man, with tears in his eyes, "I can never hope to tell you how you have made me feel by this token of your love for me. All I can do is to thank you for the sacrifices you have made of your little purses for the sake of my comfort. If you have found me severe at times I trust you realize that it has always been for your own good." As the old schoolmaster prepared to sit down in his new chair he unconsciously ran his hand over the seat in search of bent pins.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Christmas In Canada.

Far away in Canada the Christmas is very like our own. The turkey, well stuffed with savory herbs, occupies the place of honor on the dining table, only there are hot pumpkin pies, prepared and served with a great deal of cream to keep it company. It is the Christ Child himself who is supposed to come down the wide chimneys to bring toys to good little children who are really asleep, not shamming. The gifts are generally wrapped up with huge packets of maple candy, and "doughnut dolls" are as usual as gingerbread figures used to be in old English fairs.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Four Facts About Christmas.

Spanish children have no Father Christmas. They think it is the three wise men of the east who bring them their gifts.

It is said to be unlucky to leave Christmas decorations up after Twelfth Night.

There is an island called Christmas island in the Pacific ocean, so called because Captain Cook discovered it on Christmas day, 1777.

Plum pudding was originally plum porridge and eaten for breakfast, not for dinner.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Taking Time by the Forelock.

Magazine Editor—It is time to arrange for our Christmas stories.

Assistant—I have seen to that.

"Are the authors at work?"

"Yes; they clubbed together, hired a room in an icehouse, and I send the office boy round twice a day to jingle sleighbells under the window."

Gay Yuletide.

All hail the genial time of year
When every heart is kind,
When far and near there is good cheer,
And care is left behind.

Old feuds forgot, old hates aside,
Now hearty clasps of hand,
While far and wide at Christmastide
Love reigns throughout the land.

Forgive, forget, a truce to pride;
Healed are all friendship's rifts.
At gay Yuletide on every side
We're "worked" for Christmas gifts.
—New York Journal.

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5-4 Sheeting (Unbleached.....10½c
And last but not least, 600 yards of Fine White 36-inch Muslin, 10 and 12½ qualities for.....8c

A Happy Xmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

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