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CHRISTMAS to all the civilized world is the day for which all other days were made. The trade of the world so far as it relates to personal wants, the commerce of the world so far as it concerns the luxuries and indeed many of the necessities of civilized man, circle about Christmas, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. For a year the makers of toys and bric-a-brac, the manufacturers of the thousand and one articles which our complex life demands, look forward to Christmas, labor to be ready for Christmas and in every way show their appreciation of the fact that the season of general rejoicing is their time of harvest.

We have accustomed ourselves to look upon this festival season as in a peculiar sense the heritage of the Christian nations, and we sometimes indulge in self congratulations at the thought that we alone possess the most inspiring of festivals, the feast of childhood, the season of universal merrymaking. So far as its present form and name are concerned we are doubtless in the right, but at the same time it is well to remember that while holiday seasons change name and form their value is rarely altered, for in celebrating Christmas we are simply perpetuating a custom so ancient that its origin is lost in those ages of myth when written record was not and tradition was the only guide.

Among all nations north of the equator there has from time immemorial existed a midwinter festival to hail the return of the sun from the south, and, according to the degree of civilization, this time of the year has always been celebrated with popular rejoicings. There is little doubt that the earliest form of religion is found in sun worship. Recognizing the fact that the king of day is the author of life and heat and comfort, he was reverenced accordingly and under various names and often with diverse attributes was honored as the source of all existence.

Christmas Menu.

Blue Points.
Cream of Chestnuts. Bread Sticks.
Roast Goose with Baked Apples.
Escaloped Onions.
Glazed Sweet Potatoes.
Spiced Figs. Celery.
Fruit Salad. Cheese Wafers.
Plum Pudding, Hard Sauce.
Caramel Mousse. Cake.
Nuts. Fruit.
Black Coffee. Roquefort Cheese.

Luck In Mince Pie.

In some parts of rural England every mince pie partaken of under a different roof during the Christmas season insures a happy month during the coming year. Every housekeeper has a stock of pies on hand to offer her friends, and no excuse for not eating is permissible except, "Thanks; I have eaten my 12."

The Christmas Rabbit.

The colored boy who finds a hare in his traps on Christmas day expects confidently to be lucky during the coming year. The left hind foot of such a rabbit is second in value as a charm only to that of one killed in a graveyard in the dark of the moon.

Escaloped Onions.

Pour boiling salted water over them, cook five minutes and change water, doing this twice. Boil until tender. If large quarters, cover with white sauce with buttered bread crumbs on top and bake until the crumbs are brown.

ON THE WINGS OF FAITH.

A little maid, in white arrayed,
Knelt by the dainty trundle bed;
With lisping lip she softly prayed,
And this is what she said:

"Dear God, 'tis Christmas eve, you know,
And, oh, please do one thing for me!
I want to close my eyes and go,
In dreams, to papa o'er the sea!

"I hung his stocking by the side
Of mine and mamma's on the tree,
And mamma hugged me tight and cried
And cried, 'cause papa couldn't see.

"And when she went to sleep I thought,
Dear God, I'd kneel and pray to you
To send my papa what I bought,
And all my bestest kisses too."

A soldier watching in Luzon
Paced slow, a weary sentinel.
He saw the flush of coming dawn
And cried the watchword, "All is well!"

So, sudden, in the solemn hush
That brooded o'er his lonely place
He heard the wings of angels rush
And felt sweet kisses on his face!

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A TWELFTH NIGHT SUPPER.

Revival of an Old Custom—Choosing a King and Queen of Festivities.

The old custom of celebrating Twelfth night (Jan. 5) is again being revived and makes a pleasing novelty in the way of entertainments for the New Year, says the New York Post.

As this is the festival of the bean king beans should be largely used in the decorations. In the dining room festoons of them might hang from the chandelier to the table. To use the little white beans they should first be soaked in water overnight, strung while wet, using a fine needle, then put away for a day, when they will again become dry and hard. The supper may be simple or elaborate, as the hostess wishes, but the table should be lighted with candles and the Twelfth cake given the most conspicuous place. To avoid confusion have the cake iced in two colors, white and pink or white and chocolate, the men taking the slices of one color, the ladies of the other. When baking the cake, place a bean in one side and a pea in the other. Stick a straw in beside each one, tying a colored thread around one straw so that no mistakes will be made. The man who finds the bean in his piece of cake will be the king, while the queen will be the lady who holds the pea.

After supper a mock court is held, when the king and queen receive the homage of the company. At one end of the room have a platform on which are two chairs. Here the king and queen must be crowned with appropriate ceremony, placing upon their heads crowns of cardboard covered with gilt paper and having beads and spangles sewed on. Very effective additions are long capes of muslin trimmed with broad borders of ermine (canton flannel marked with black paint). The king should also hold a scepter, which can be a short, round stick or cane covered with gilt paper.

When the coronation is over and the king and queen are seated upon their throne, the court should be presented. Previous to this each guest should be given a card showing who he is to impersonate. Each card, cut and painted to represent a bean, bears the name of a historical or fictitious character or, what is more interesting, that of some celebrity of the present day. The herald, with a great flourish of his trumpet, will call out the name, with a brief introduction. Social impersonations will greatly add to the merriment.

The cards designating the places at the supper table might be painted with a cake, a row of candles or a string of peas and beans.

BELGIAN NEW YEAR'S.

How the Children Raise Money For Celebrating.

One amusing custom is found in Belgium. There on St. Sylvester's day, the eve of New Year's day, the children strive to secure a "sugar uncle" or "sugar aunt," as the relative who falls a victim to their wiles is technically termed, says the New York Herald. On that day all the children of the household enter into a solemn conspiracy for the mutual good at the expense of the unwary adult whom they may entangle in the meshes of their intrigues.

They employ every artifice to get one of the older members of the household under lock and key. Early on that day the keys of all the doors in the house have mysteriously disappeared. They have been secreted by the children, who retain them, ready for instant use whenever the occasion shall occur. Then strictest watch is maintained to the end that some unsuspecting one may be alone in a room. An uncle enters a room to search for the paper which he has mislaid. Presto! There comes a pattering rush of feet in the hallway, the door is slammed, the key rattles in the lock. The alarmed uncle springs to the door.

Woe betide him now if he be in a hurry and if he be ungenerous, for he must yield to the terms of these youthful brigands before he can escape. He must solemnly covenant with them that he will pay to them whatsoever ransom they may demand ere the prison door will swing open. When the prisoner has promised all that is asked, the triumphant company restore him to liberty.

New Year's Dinner.

Oyster Soup.
Boiled Codfish, Egg Sauce.
Escaloped Oysters.
Tomatoes and Cucumber Pickles.
Roast Turkey, Chestnut Stuffing.
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Make an Advance.

If as the old year ends and the new begins there is one person who feels that no advance has been made, either something is wrong with that person or the shadows have not yet risen high enough above his path to permit even an indistinct glimpse of the goal toward which he is surely moving.—A. H. Bradford, D. D.

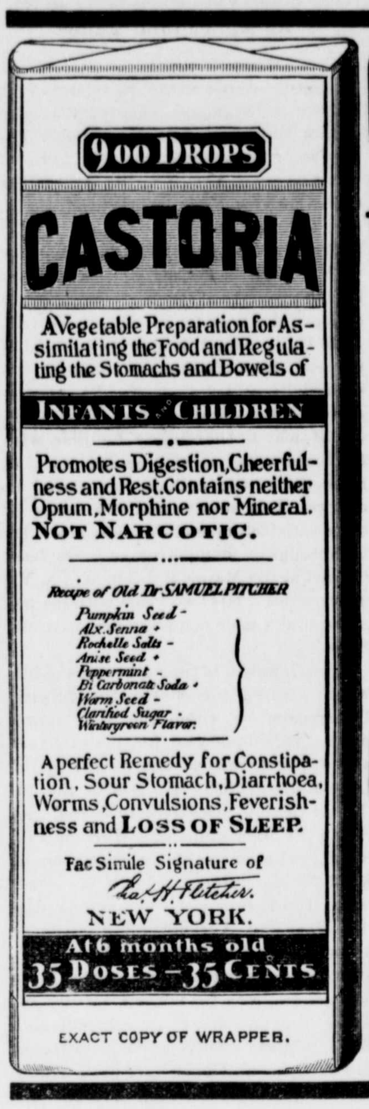
The Greater Gifts.

Give us, New Year, the Light
Along the lonely way;
Some Star to make the night
Hold kinship with the day!
Over the storms of life
Arch thou the rainbow ray!

Give us, New Year, the grace
To bless a world in need,
To stand before God's face,
Pure with the dream and deed;
To soothe the souls that mourn,
To bind the wounds that bleed!

So shall thy coming be
Blest of each cot and clod;
The seed shall floweringly
Brighten the desert sod
And the world roll nearer heaven
Under the smile of God!

—Atlanta Constitution.



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