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not feel lonely during the night, expecting that it would again have plenty of company on the morrow.

In the morning before the sun was up servants came into the room and took out the evergreen tree, then tore down the evergreen from the wall. The holly sprig looked on, terrified. One of the servants said to another: "It's a pity master doesn't like to see these things about after Christmas. They would look pretty for weeks." With that the holly was pulled down and thrown into the general heap, all of which was taken down into the cellar.

Then the holly sprig wished itself back on the mountain side, where it could see the sun sparkling on the snow and icicles by day and the stars and the moon by night, but as the juice of life dried out of it it gradually lost sensation.

One spring morning a servant came down into the cellar and looked about for some kindling. Seeing the holly sprig, she took it upstairs, put it on the hearth in the room where the tree had been, laid wood on it and touched a match to its dry leaves. As it burst into a flame it thought of its home on the mountain side, where the buds were sprouting, the soft south wind was stealing up the valley and the sweet summer time was at hand. Its last remembrance was what the robin had heard the clergyman say:

"One of the greatest blessings is contentment."

CHRISTMAS TREES.

Where They Come From and How They Are Sold.

Where do all the Christmas trees come from? You would think there were not enough to supply the huge demand, but in almost all parts of the country there are big pine, fir and cedar tree forests that remained undisturbed for centuries until Mark Carr gave Americans the idea of cutting them for Christmas.

It used to be that Maine furnished 90 per cent of them, and for two months before the holiday the woodmen were busy chopping and the farmers were busy carting them to the stations, where they were loaded into cars and sent west and south to be sold to the dealers. Today Maine has rivals, and all the northern border states deal regularly in Christmas trees. Christmas tree selling is a paying business nowadays, and it is entered into with all the formality and shrewd business methods that you might use in disposing of acres of land.

The woods that furnish spruce and fir are sold on contract, and the jobber visits them in October to "size them up." He offers so much apiece for each tree as the trees run—usually about $3 a hundred—and makes the money payable on receipt of the package of trees at the nearest railroad station. On their arrival in the city the jobber sells them to the wholesaler, getting about $7 a hundred for the trees, after which the wholesaler sells them to the retailer at a good profit, and the retailer does his best to get big prices from the housewife and the head of the family.

The boughs of fir bring the highest price because of their symmetry and grace. After them come the stiffer pine and cedar, but when they are covered with gorgeous tinsel and brilliant baubles and strung with popcorn, candy, toys and presents you really do not see much of the form of the tree.

One of the most remarkable facts about the Christmas greens lies in connection with the people who handle them. Christmas tree merchants do a rushing business and work steadily from October to the 1st of January, after which they take a vacation and are the laziest of all idlers from January to the next October. Their season is only three months long, but they have to "step lively" during that time or it will pass them by unremunerated. —Washington Star.

Christmas In Bethlehem.

Christmas in the Holy Land is an interesting experience. Indeed it is one never to be forgotten, and every Christmas thousands of persons from all over the world make a journey to Palestine in order to witness the various ceremonies held there during the festive season. Every one almost puts up at Jerusalem and on Christmas morning makes his way to Bethlehem, which lies almost due south, about six miles away as the crow flies, over a range of hills. No highway the world over presents such a motley crowd as may be seen streaming along this thoroughfare early on Christmas morning.

Where the Heavens Open.

In Poland it is believed that on Christmas night the heavens are opened and the scene of Jacob's ladder is re-enacted, but only the saints are permitted to see it. In Holland the people enter thoroughly into the spirit of the Nativity. In nearly every Dutch town at 2 o'clock Christmas morning the young men assemble at the market place, singing the "Gloria" and other hymns. One of them carries a large star on a pole. This is supposed to represent the star that guided the steps of the three kings to the stable at Bethlehem.

A Holiday Jingle.

Cedars standin' in de cold,
Trim dat Christmas tree.
Maple drops a bunch o' gold,
Trim dat Christmas tree.
Stars a-shinin' in de night
Make de snowflakes glisten bright,
Gwine to hab it lookin' right,
Trim dat Christmas tree.

Rabbit's track runs roun' about,
Trim dat Christmas tree.
'Simmons fallin'—hyuh me shout,
Trim dat Christmas tree.
Is my eyes a-gettin' dim?
What's dat hangin' f'um de limb?
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HEROISM IN ANIMALS.

It Is Not More Uncommon Than Is Brute Maternal Affection.

A writer on natural history complains that men are prone to regard masculine courage in defense of others as a virtue purely human. In reality self sacrifice for the female sex or for the young is part of the scheme of nature, and every male thing is strong and splendid in appearance because he is the descendant of those who have proudly held and guarded "the privilege of death." Another writer tells a story which illustrates this point. Two entomologists, hunting at night, clambered over a gate with their swinging lanterns and found themselves in a field filled with sheep. The result of their coming was panic and a furious stampede. The sheep charged helter skelter away from the lanterns and huddled together at the far end of the field. But there was a ram among them, and as the flock scurried away this creature stood firm, covering the retreat. Then, steadily and majestically, the huge ram advanced with lowered head toward the mysterious lights and pressed them back to the gate. This is only one graphic story of many that might be told of masculine courage throughout nature. Man has some virtues which animals, so far as we can judge, know nothing about; but heroism—the pride of affording protection to the weak and daring death for the security of the flock—is not a human attribute alone, any more than is maternal affection.

A WOMAN'S NAME.

Origin of the Custom of Changing It When She Marries.

The custom which makes it proper for the wife to assume the name of her husband at marriage is involved in much obscurity. A recent authority advances the opinion that it originated from a Roman custom and became common after the Roman occupation of England. Thus Julia and Octavia, married to Pompey and Cicero, were called by the Romans Julia of Pompey and Octavia of Cicero, and in later times the married women of most European countries signed their names in the same way, but omitted the "of." In spite of this theory it is a fact that as late as the sixteenth and the beginning of the seventeenth century a Catherine Parr signed her name without any change, though she had been twice married. We also hear of Lady Jane Grey, not Dudley, and Arabella Stuart, not Seymour, etc. Some think that the custom originated with the Scriptural idea that the husband and wife are one. This was the rule of law as far back as 1268, and it was decided in the case of Bon versus Smith in the reign of Elizabeth that a woman by marriage loses her former name and legally receives the name of her husband.—New York Herald.

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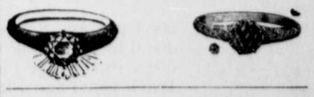

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