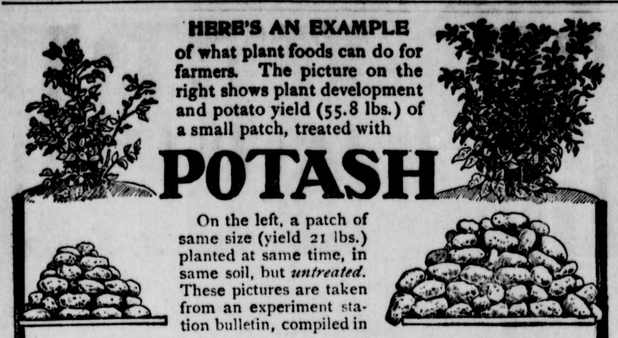


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## CHRISTMAS EVE IN PARIS.

**Picturesque Scenes at the Madeleine, Historic French Church.**

They drove to the Madeleine through streets already full of life and movement of hurrying crowds, darting figures now plunged in the black shadows and now slipping out into the full glare of the clustered lights. The big perspective of the Place de la Concorde, thickly sown with lamps, was shot through with glistening reflections from the tops of carriages, the arcade of the Rue de Rivoli was brilliant as a stage setting, the hotels in the broad Rue Royale were ablaze with light, and far at the end of the street, where the lofty portico of the Madeleine showed clear against the starry sky, a hundred sparks twinkled from the cabs flitting along the boulevard.

The steady roll of wheels merged with the varying notes of horns in motors and the sound of talk and laughter from the sidewalks, and all blended in a great humming symphony, struck through with the rattling, syncopated clack-clack of hoofs upon the asphalt, like the staccati of sharp drums.

The crowd at the Madeleine was almost impassable, but somehow they gained the steps, the vestibule, and were swept in the solid pack of men and women through the door at the right. The great floor was filled with a throng as varied as Paris itself. Piety and the idlest curiosity, youth and age, came together. As the procession came in sight its song was joined by the organ in the sanctuary, and the music rose louder and fuller in a single godlike voice ranging down from the dazzling altar.

Suddenly, like artillery, the great organ overhead crashed out in a volume of sound that flooded the whole vast interior like a wave, sweeping over the heads of the kneeling crowd and mounting to the shadowy arches of the roof. The very concussion took the listeners' breath away, and in the recoil men and women burst into tears, and billows of emotional excitement rolled back and forth through the church.—Winfield Scott Moody in Scribner's.

## YULETIDE IN SHETLAND.

**Curious Customs In the Island Where the Ponies Come From.**

The festival of Yule, as is well known, dates back to prehistoric times, when men worshiped nature rather than nature's God.

The inhabitants of the Shetland isles are descended from Norsemen, who were zealots in religious belief, and "Yule" to them meant a season of great importance. The "Gammel Norsk Hjul" signifies, literally, "wheel," and the festival so called was held in honor of the sun at the winter solstice wheeling round toward the equator. The return of the sun formed an important period of the year as being the beginning of renewed life in nature, which only could be revived by the light and warmth of the ascending orb.

The course of the sun was observed in all things as far as possible. Everything was turned from left to right—the boat was so turned on the water, the corn stacks so built in courses, the mill so turned in grinding and the wheel in spinning—in fact, everything went with the sun, even the round of the drinking horn.

Many superstitions included in nature worship had full scope at the "Hjul" time—or more modern "Yule"—when a vast multitude of "trows," or fairy folk, who at that season were not only active, but maliciously disposed, had to be propitiated.

To give the fairy folk no opportunity of playing tricks, the fishing creel and lines were removed from the wall, the spinning wheel taken out of gear and its integral parts laid aside, and everything suspended from ceiling or walls lifted down, as if left in their usual places the ubiquitous elves were supposed to set all going against the sun's motion, which of course would mean serious trouble. The time of Yule was, and still is, rigidly observed as "helly"—i. e., a time of rest from all manner of labor.—Madame.

**Christmas In Guam.**

Christmas was celebrated in Guam last year in as true American style as the possibilities of the situation would permit. Great interest was taken by the Americans in celebrations for the native children. A number of entertainments were provided. A feature was a floating Christmas tree, magnificently decorated, which was paraded through the streets of Agana drawn by six plumed mules with costumed outriders and preceded by a native band and from which Santa Claus distributed abundance of good cheer.

**A New Malady.**

It was Christmas day, and the candy lion had been waiting—oh, so patiently—for Mary to finish her dinner. Much against her baby wishes had she been obliged to swallow the last of her bread. When her mother insisted on her finishing her milk the small face looked up in desperation as she lisped, "Mozzer, if I eat any more food I will be humpback in my stomach, like grandpa!"—Lippincott's.

**Only Two Realities.**

Billy—So yer didn't get nuthin' but a jackknife and a sled fer Christmas?

Tommy—Yes, dat's all I got worth speakin' of. Dere wuz a suit of clothes, and a overcoat, and a hat or two, and some underclothes, and a book of poems, and some stockin's and gloves, and some collars and cuffs, and a few other things like dat, not worth speakin' of.—Men and Women.

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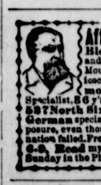
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