The NEWS comes today with "good tidings to all."

Christmas in Africa.

The cannibal king looked at his visitor, another cannibal king, and winked his left eye knowingly.

Six little cannibals, sitting in a half circle at a respectable distance from their sovereign, winked smaller eyes at each other.

"The visiting king, whose name was Chopemuppo, poked his nose into the large pot swinging over the fire to satisfy himself that there was nothing left, and seeing it was empty, sighed a cannibalis-sigh and fondly patted his stomach.

Said Chewemo, the host, to Chopemuppo, the visitor:

"How now, brother! Was not that a choice roast?"

"By the carmine on my lips," replied Chopemuppo, "by the rings in my ears, by the little hairs bristling on my head, I swear to you I have never tasted better, never! never!"

The six little cannibals smacked their chops and squealed in corroborative unity, "Never!"

"It was better than any missionary, was it not, brother?" asked Chewemo, with an increasing air of voracious pride.

"You speak rightly, brother," replied Chopemuppo; "it was better than the antiquated ballet girl from 'Black Crook' you served once—better, even, than the foolish bicyclist, whose clothes made the masticating tough and digestion slow; in truth, no better dish ever gladdened my appetite. Come now, brother, what kind of a Christmas dish was that?"

The six little cannibals' eyes opened wide, their mouths opened also.

Cewemo's face expanded into an immense grin as he replied slowly and with great relish:

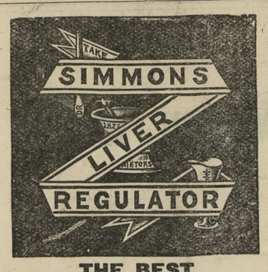
"The dish, brother, was a novelty that the desert will soon be overrun with, but which at present is fit only for epicureans like ourselves. Our feast, today brother, consisted of a new woman!"

The First Christmas Gift.

"If you had the wealth of the world, you could not equal that first Christmas gift," writes Ruth Ashmore in an article on "Girls and Their Christmas-Giving," in the December *Ladies Home Journal*. "And you can only imitate it by making your gift a pure one, and giving it with love. You want to share, this Christmas tide, your faith, your hope and your charity with those you love. You want to make your very 'good morning' tell of that good morning that came so many hundred years ago when the little Christ first awakened on this earth. You want to think of the gifts that were brought to him and what they typified. You want to have your heart full of joy and love and hope—so full that it will brim over and the rest of the world share it with you. You want to tell, in your speech and in your eyes, and from your heart, of the gladness of the time. You want to make this gladness go out to some one who is in grief. These are the days when you must needs give of your good things, and among all your possessions there is nothing so good as a belief in God and a hope for the future. That was what the little Child came to tell about. Surely the Christmastide is the feast of all others that appeal to women, and as the story is told again and again by the bells as they ring, by the carols as they are sung, by the preacher from the pulpit, we know that 'Unto us a Child is born, and peace and good will reign all over the land. Let peace and [illegible] in your heart, and from you they will go and spread all over the land. It is to the women, thank God, that the happiness of the Christmastide specially comes. And women are generous, else one of them [illegible] given her Son to die [illegible] She gave to all the [illegible] gift that meant

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

JAMES BIRCH,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 15th day of June, 1897, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscribers.

Given under my hand this 8th day of December, 1896.

LAURA E. BIRCH,
December 12, 1896—4t. Administratrix.

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JOHN C. DAVIS,
December 12, 1896—4t. Administrator.

Order Nisi.

Franklin H. Harper,
versus
John Hurlock,

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 8th day of December, 1896, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by FRANKLIN H. HARPER, Vendee, in a bill of sale from John Hurlock, dated the 11th day of January, 1892, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 28th day of December next:—Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 13th day of January next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $737.040.

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No 1,134, Chancery.

Order Nisi.

The Chester Loan Association of Kent Co.,
versus
Joseph W. Thompson and Susan V. Thompson, his wife.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 10th day of December, 1896, that the sale of the Real Estate of Joseph W. Thompson and Susan V. Thompson, his wife, made and reported by MARION DEK. SMITH, attorney, under the power in a mortgage from the said Joseph W. Thompson and Susan V. Thompson to the Chester Loan Association of Kent County, dated the 2d day of January, 1892, and recorded among the Land Records of Kent County, in Liber S. B., No. 15, Folio 2.9, &c., be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 15th day of February next:—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks before the 15th day of January, next.

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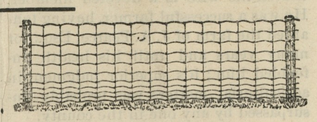
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