

COMMUNITY TREES

Public Celebration Is Gaining in Small Cities and Towns.

Plan Affords More General Enjoyment and Observance of the Yuletide Season.

THE Christmas tree has long been regarded the symbol of Christmas. Many families, especially where there are children, would feel that Christmas was incomplete without a tree decorated with tinsel and candles. However, writes A. H. Pulver in the American Agriculturist, a new idea in regard to such trees seems to be creeping in, and that is the community Christmas tree, which is set up outdoors or in a public building where

all people, both rich and poor can admire and enjoy it, and it seems that this tree more truly reflects the unselfish spirit of Christmas.

The movement had its beginning in New York city, but regardless of its origin it is spreading rapidly, especially to the small cities and towns, where it serves to bring all people together and to develop a community spirit. In one city the tree has become a fixed annual event, and each year a large Norway spruce sometimes 50 feet high is brought to the public square where it is set up and decorated with colored electric bulbs, flags and other ornaments. For a few days preceding Christmas the bulbs are lighted, causing light to shine from a hundred or more places, and on the day before Christmas a Santa Claus with a pack of toys and candy, drives from home to home distributing joy to the children. On Christmas eve the children and parents gather

around the tree and sing Christmas carols, winding up with our national anthem. Other towns vary the program somewhat, some of them having the tree in a public building where a Christmas party is held and Santa Claus gives out toys and candy to the children.

It is possible for those who own woodlands or have woodlots containing the right variety of trees to increase their income by thinning out a number of trees each year for the Christmas market. The removal of such trees is generally beneficial to the woodlot, as it allows those trees remaining a better chance for development. In replanting forests this fact might be kept in mind and young trees thinned out as they grow up. It is customary to plant about 1,200 trees per acre, but when they mature there is only room for about 200 or 300, which means that nearly two-thirds will be removed.



IT WAS the Martins' pleasure every year at Christmas time to go to some orphan's home and bring back two or three little children to spend the holidays with them.

This year their choice had been two girls and a boy. Jean and Robert, brother and sister, and Souzette, a little, bright-eyed, winsome girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin (Daddy and Mother, they had asked the children to call them) and the three kiddies were busy trimming the tree.

"My, what beautiful ornaments," exclaimed Souzette.

"What bully lights, you mean," corrected Robert, who was all eyes for electrical things.

"Well, I like the tree best," put in Jean. "It's wonderful. Did you have a tree when you were little, mother?" queried the child rather shyly.

"Yes, I had one every year, and I still have my tree, you see."

"Pears like they've always had them doesn't it?" said Robert.

"They have had them for long, long years. Haven't you ever heard about the first Christmas tree?"

"No," burst forth Robert. "They don't have time to tell us anything at



"What Beautiful Ornaments."

the home, but got up and go to bed."

"Well, a long time ago, there was a huge forest where the fairies and elves all lived. They had a fairy queen who was always planning surprises for them. One day she called a few of her favorites around her and gave them some orders. 'Now be sure and don't tell anyone,' she said, and off they went laughing and whispering to each other.

"Days passed, weeks passed, and then months, but still these little fairies were busy as bees, working at some big secret, from morning till night."

"I'll bet you couldn't keep a secret that long, Jean. You'd go an' tell Souzette. You always do," put in Robert.

"Finally the fairy queen sent out her heralds and called all her subjects about her. When they were assembled she said: 'Tomorrow, come to this place at the same time. Put on your finest clothes and come happy as a lark, for I have a great surprise for you.'

"Then the fairy queen sent out her heralds again, and this time had all the forest folk sent to her. When every bird and animal in the forest

How She Would Get Even.
Hub (after the spat)—I suppose you are going home to your mother's.
Wife—No, I'm not. I'm going to the most expensive hotel I can find and have them send you the bill.—Boston Transcript.

How Chinese Regard Girl Babies.
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And there I waited, quite alone
Until the Christmas radiance shone.

At midnight twenty angels came,
Each white and shining like a flame.
At midnight twenty angels sang,
The stars swung out like bells, and rang.

They lifted me across the hill,
They bore me in their arms until
A greater glory greeted them,
It was the town of Bethlehem.

And gently, then, they set me down,
All worshipping that holy town,
And gently, then, they bade me raise
My head to worship and to praise.

And gently, then, the Christ smiled down,
Ah, there was gl'ry in that town!
It was as if the world were free
And glistening in purity.

There, in that vault of crystal blue,
It was as if the world were new,
And myriad angels, file on file,
Gloried in the Christ-child's smile.

It was so beautiful to see,
Such glory for a child like me,
So beautiful, it does not seem
It could have been a Christmas dream!
—John Farrar, in 'The World Magazine.'

When Removing Seeds.
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