The Legend of Santa Claus, This popular name of the Saint who presides over the Christmas and the toy gifts of that welcome season is derived from Saint Nicholas. The legend of his first appearance is an Italian one. Accord-ing to this, a shoemaker named Giraldi, who lived in Ferrari, was so miserably peor that his labor from day to day barely kept his family from starvation, and he was unable to give even a small dowry to his pretty daughters. It was not thought proper to marry without a dowry, and thus the young girls, though each had an ad-mirer, were compelled to remain single.— Their father, however, went every mora-ing to the strine to pray to his patron saint, St. Nicholas, that he would work a miracle to relieve him from his distress.

One of his nearest neighbors, a rich merchant, who chanced one day to hear his simple petition, ridicaled the idea of expecting the saint to take care of his expecting the saint to take care of his daughters, and recommended him to choose a patron saint who would be able to do something for him. "Mine," he said, "is the Jew Buonsjute; he lends money at two per cent. a month; and if you know how to manage, you may make four with it. He is not so deaf as St. Nicholas."

The poor man was shocked at this impious speech, and assured the merchant that his religious faith could not be shaken. He went every day to church, notwithstand-ing the other's mockery.

It was now Christmas Day; when the

merchant and the Jew settled up their yearly accounts; Buonsjute found he owed his friend three hundred ducats, and wish-ing to give him an agreeable surprise, he ordered one of the ducks he had oarefully fattened, to be killed and roasted, and then with his own bands introduced the three hundred gold pieces into the Inside, and sewed them up. He then sent the dack to the merchant as a Christmas present.

The merchant's wife, who shared the

common prejudices against Jews, declared she would not touch the duck, and the rich man resolved to sell it. When Giral-di passed on his way from church; his neighbor, as usual, bantered him on his devotion, showed him the Christmas gift his patron Saint had sent him, and taunted him with the stolidity of Saint Nicholas, who could not even send him a piece of bread. Finally, he offered to sell the duck for a dollar, and to await the payment, as be knew Giraldi to be strictly honest. The shoemaker carried the duck home, and when he carved it for his Christmas dinner and the three hundred ducats fell out, his first exclamation was-"Praise to Saint

When he recovered from his surprise, he would have taken the money back, but his which have taken the money back, but his wife persuaded him that, as he had bought the duck, it was rightfully his own. He therefore divided the sum between the two suitors for his two cluset daughters.

The merchant, after some days, discovered his loss of the three hundred ducate, and went to the shoemaker to demand the

money, which was refused. The cause came before the magistrate, who was a pious man, and heard with indignation how cruelly the poor man had been ridiculed about his religion. His sentence was that Giraldi should keep the money, and that the merchant and the Jew should, beside, pay a fine, for their usurious dealings, of one hundred and fifty ducats, to be given as a for the shoemaker's youngest

The meaning of this legend is, that s the meaning of this legend is, that a beneficient Providence watches over and takes care of the poor, who are honest, religious, and truthful. The tradition runs that since that time St. Nicholas pays a visit, every Christmas night, to all whom he thinks worthings. he thinks worthy of his favors. He is known altogether by the name-Santa

Pencil Sketches A newspaper correspondent with Sher-

man, in his great march, drew the following suggestive picture; As the army reach ed the Ogeechee river, the line of march became more picturesque and grand. The pines rise, naked of branches, eighty and ninety feet, and then are crowned with a tuft of pure green. The trees are wide apart, so that frequently two trains of wagons and troops, in double column, are marching abreast. In the distance may be seen a troop of horsemen, some general and his staff, turning about here and there, their gay uniforms and red and white flags contrasting harmoniously with the bright, yellow grass underneath and the deep evergreen. War has its romance and its pleasures, and nothing could be more delightful, nor can there beautiful subjects for the artist's met my eye for days past, and which can never be seen outside of the army. The most pathetic scenes occur upon our line of march daily and hourly. Thous ands of negro women join the column, some carrying household truck; others, and many of them there are, who bear the heavy burden of children in their arms, while older boys and girls plod by their sides. All these women and chils dren are ordered back, heartrending though it may be to refuse them liberty. They won't go. One begs that she may go to see her husband and children at Savannah. Long years ago she was forced from them and sold. Another had heard that her boy was in Macon, and she is "done gone with grief goin' on four years." But the majority accept the advent of the yankees as the fulfilment of the millenial prophecies, the "day of jubilee," the hope and prayer of though it may be to refuse them liberty. "day of jubilee," the hope and prayer of a lifetime, has come. They cannot be made to understand that they must remain behind, and they are satisfied only when General Sherman tells them-a he does every day—that we shall come for them some time, and that they must be patient until the proper hour of deliverance comes. The other day a woman win a child in her arms was working he way along amongst the teams and crowds of cattle and horsemen. An officer called to her kindly: "Where are you going, aunty?" She looked up into his face with a hopeful, beseeching look, and realist. "Use grains where wen's and replied: "I'se gwine whar you'se gwine massa."

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