

The MAGIC of the MISTLETOE

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DRUIDS CATHARTIC MISTLETOE

Did you ever, as you officiated as high priest or priestess in the osculatory rites of yuletide, did you ever wonder what tradition, myth, or superstition had conferred upon you such delectable privilege?

Did you ever stop in your ascent, ceremonial, to consider that you were perpetuating one of the most hallowed and exalted of religious ordinances handed down through the ages in rendering such tender homage to this "orphan plant of wondrous birth"?

And would it not surprise you to learn that our very word "merry," and that our most impassioned of the graces of Terpsichore—the waltz—are traditionally embodied in the canny tendril of the pearly-berried mistletoe?

The mistletoe is a freak plant, a parasite or excrement. In its embryonic period it is said to defy the laws of gravitation by pushing its feeble in the opposite direction to the generality of plants. Not only its berries but its leaves grow in clusters of three united on one stalk, hence its sacred place in religious rites as a symbol of the Holy Trinity.

It was believed by the Druids and other ancient sects in northern and western Europe that any tree to which the mistletoe attaches itself is selected by God himself for special favor, and that all that grows on it is sent direct from heaven.

Contrary to the common belief, it is found more rarely on the oak tree than on the apple, ash, elm, poplar, willow and hawthorn, and it is due to this scarcity that it was vested with exceptional reverence when discovered clinging to a male oak (guthrie or good oak), which in their language signifies the curer of all ills.

After they have well and duly prepared their festive cheer under the tree, they bring hither a milk-white cow and a bullock, and unloose the white vesture climbed into the tree and prune off the scrub herb with a gold hook, bill or sickle, the branches falling beneath into a white saggum sheet. They must never touch the ground. The common people, too, stand at a distance, formed in a circle, while the priests approach with trembling awe the bloody victims, which were carried around the omen fire.

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and Norse traditions all emphasize the exorcising, as well as the amatory propensities of the waxen spray. The Scandinavians have it consecrated to Freya, or Freyja—"from whom flows every blessing, the winning smile, the melting kiss." She is the Queen of the Norse pantheon, the goddess of love, of peace, joy, laughter, fruitfulness, bringing increase "to field and stall," and also the tutelary deity presiding over nuptials and child birth.

A popular myth relates how Baldr, the wisest and noblest of the gods, is a victim of the inveterate hatred of Loki, the Satan of the Eddas. The demon is bent on the destruction of the pre-eminent good god, so he and his emissaries begin their persecution by throwing missiles of all descriptions at Baldr, all of which prove harmless, since the deity is under the protection of his mother, Freyja. In desperation Loki, disguised as an old woman, is admitted to the celestial abode of Freyja, who innocently betrays the fact that all things had taken an oath to protect Baldr excepting the mistletoe, which, being a parasite, was too feeble to harm.

In secret joy the demon hastens back to Baldr, on the way fashioning the arrow of mistletoe, which soon pierces the heart of the divinity. After a sojourn in Hell—or Hades—the peaceful abode of the dead, the Saviour is restored to life, and on his resurrection he consecrates the mistletoe to Freyja—all of which enshrouds divine truths in image and symbol.

Astrologically Venus governs the mistletoe, as well as the lips, and all the tender demonstrations of Love, so let us ever propitiate the benignant goddess and—

"Hang up Love's mistletoe over the altar of earth."

And let us kiss under it all the year round."

DISTRIBUTING CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Last year we bought a large, flat clothes basket, draped it with white crepe cloth, and trimmed it with holly, and then filled it with our Christmas packages for the family.

We went into the room one at a time and deposited our gifts, and when the pile was completed, spread a large sheet of holly crepe paper on top.

We sat around the flaring round table with the basket in the center; and the youngest member of the family took the gifts from the basket. Only one package was presented at a time and the recipient opened it and all sang and admired it before passing on to the next.

We had original verses and apt quotations written on many of the bundles which the distributor read aloud and all enjoyed the fun—House-keeper.

One Kind of Emptiness.

Two hunters had "beaten" the trail along the marshes of Long Island for three days with an unusually small bag resulting. The food supply had run out much ahead of scheduled time; so far worse, the "liquid ammunition" had been exhausted in the early stages of the hunt.

After following the coast vainly for three hours, looking for some sign of habitation, they spied an empty house on the beach.

Go in and look it over, Bill," said one.

He did so, returning in a moment empty-handed.

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DURBAR AT DELHI MOST GORGEOUS

Splendor of Ceremony Never Before Equalled in India.

GREAT DISPLAY OF JEWELS

George and Mary, Seated on Imperial Thrones of Hindustan, Witness a Wonderful Pageant.

Delhi, India, Dec. 12.—Amid scenes of splendor never before equalled even in India, the country of marvelous pageants, nor in any other land in modern times, George and Mary,



The Great Durbar Procession.

king and queen of Great Britain, were recognized today as emperor and empress of India. Up to their thrones marched the proudest chiefs of Hindustan and there did homage. The ceremony was without precedent, never before has a British emperor of India come to Delhi, the ancient seat of the kings of India, to assume his title. The Durbar, for which elaborate preparations had been under way for months, took place in a great camp to the north of the city, some five miles square. The temporary population of this camp is about a quarter of a million, and it is furnished with all the conveniences of modern life, including 31 post offices, ten telegraph offices and even electric light, railways, motor cars and taxis. There the people gathered

beautiful lotus flower of diamonds. She was garbed in the white and gold embroidered robe worn at the coronation.

Close beside the imperial thrones when the twenty-four state trumpeters, wearing their silver trumpets heralded the durbar were, of course Lord Hardinge, viceroy of India, and Lady Hardinge.

Most spectacular was the grand review of troops, about 90,000 in number. Most of these were native troops, and they were garbed in the most gorgeous uniforms in the world. The rajahs and other native princes present brought their own elephants, the size of the animal depending on the rank of its owner, and the huge brutes with their magnificent howdahs and other trappings added



Native Princes on Black Chargers.

for the durbar have been amusing themselves for several days with polo, hockey and military tournaments and other festivities.

Display of Jewels is Wonderful. The durbar proper took place in an immense semi-circular amphitheater on the historic ridge where a few Englishmen once made a heroic stand against the revolting natives. In the center of the semi-circle was a throne of gold and silver surmounted by a copper dome. Taking his seat on this, George received the homage of the rulers of the "dim millions" of his subjects about 150 miles of his subjects of Hindustan. These

much to the oriental splendor of the scene.

Presents for Indian Subjects. The king and queen brought from England a vast number of presents for their Indian subjects, including a thousand plum puddings made at the Buckingham palace kitchens, and a great number of rich cakes, York hams and Stilton cheeses. Then there are rolls of English linen, piles of Buckinghamshire, honiton and leather goods, illustrated books, fancy leather goods, silverware of all kinds, British silks and velvets, pictures and photographs and a great variety of other articles.

Big Salary Explained. "And how is your excellent son, the divinity student?" He graduated from the theological academy about a year ago, I believe? "Yes, just a year ago. And he's doing so well! They pay him a wonderfully large salary and next year he's to get more." "Indeed! That's very unusual. Perhaps it is his excellent delivery that nets him the large emolument." "Yes, that's it. He's one of the pitchers in the big league."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Food for the World. It is said that the nut trees of the world could furnish nourishment for the entire population of the globe. Brazil nuts grow in such profusion that great quantities are wasted every year.

How It Was in Rome. In the golden age of 300 peaceful years under Imperial Rome crime all but ceased, Gibbon says, because no man could escape the jurisdiction of Rome, for Rome then was the whole world.

duky potatoes were resplendent in the magnificent jewels for which they have long been famous. Indeed such a display of precious stones never before was seen in modern times. The rajahs, after making their obeisances, grouped themselves about the throne, where also stood the governors of the Asiatic colonies of the crown, other distinguished government officials and invited guests.

Queen Wears the Kohinoor. The king was crowned king-emperor at Westminster, so he took his throne already wearing a crown that had been made especially for this occasion, garbed in the royal robes of state, wearing the state jewels and carrying the scepter. By his side sat Queen Mary, on her brow the crown that was made for her coronation and in the front of which blazed the great Kohinoor, the Indian diamond supposed to bring good fortune if worn by a woman. Her jewels were even more magnificent than those she wore at the coronation at Westminster, among her new ornaments being a

scrambled. I grew worse and had for weeks, the only relief coming from hypodermics. I was treated by three physicians without help and the last one said an operation was necessary. I thereupon began using Doan's Kidney Pills and passed a gravel stone as large as a pea. The next day I passed two more and from then on improved rapidly until cured."

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The outfit for this is something more than \$5,000 annually. She has spent many thousands in equipping her mansion with all the latest wrinkles in burglar alarm and safety devices, but she considers the money that buys her peace of mind is an investment well made.

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