



The ORIGIN of The CHRISTMAS TREE

LONG, long years ago when the days were getting shorter and shorter, the nights longer and longer, the people feared that the sun would cease to shine. They met under a great oak tree sacred to the god, Thor, god of war and thunder.

A young man traveling through Germany and seeing affairs under the trees, where the people offered sacrifices to their god, decided to spend his life teaching these folk.

He spent many years preaching and teaching, but few gave up their religion. One cold winter's night toward the end of the year, he went into the forest where the people gathered to celebrate, and were about to offer sacrifices under the Thunder Oak, believed to be guarded by the mighty Thor.

At the foot of the Thunder Oak, a bright fire burned; in the center knelt a young boy about to be sacrificed to Thor. In the midst of the crowd of heathens, Wainfred began to cut down the oak. As he cut farther and farther into the heart of the tree, the crowd watched for the stroke from Thor that would kill him.

But he chopped away, the chips flew all around. A cackling sound was heard in the top branches, the tree groaned and with a terrible crash fell to the floor, split in four pieces.

But just behind the tree a young green fir tree stood, just as if it had sprung from the very place where the oak had been before. Straight and graceful was the fir with its branches turned upward. "Look!" said the young man, "this little tree is the child of the forest. It shall be your tree; it is the word of peace! For your houses are built of it."

"It is the sign of endless life for its leaves are green. See! It points heavenward!"

"Gather about it, not in the wild woods, but in your homes, where it requires not sacrifices. Take it to the home of the chieftain. You shall no longer go to the shadows of the forest to keep your festivals. You shall keep them at home with laughter and song. So they took the little fir tree to the home of Gundhar, the chief, where they set the tree in the center of the hall. Wainfred stood at one end of the hall and told the story of Bethlehem while the people listened in silence.

STORES TAKE ON YULETIDE APPEARANCE

Variety of Merchandise on Display To Suit Most Exact-ing

SOME ARTISTIC EFFECTS

FEATURE DECORATIONS

Santa Claus seems to be making his headquarters in the capital city as a splendid array of Christmas gifts the various stores are displaying. Every available space is being utilized by the management of these stores in an endeavor to tempt the eager Christmas shoppers. Special booths have been erected. They have been decorated and ornamented with the yuletide colors of red and green to give the desired effect. Electric light bulbs are hidden among the red and green and when lighted makes a dazzling sight. When one makes a tour of the shops the magnificent display is most bewildering but sight of the beautiful

and countless articles soon banishes all anxiety of "what to buy" for anything the heart could wish has been provided by the merchants.

Splendid Display. A magnificent collection of embroidered silk lingerie and boudoir articles is being displayed by the A. W. Lucas and Company. At this same booth a complete line of art linens is kept. At another booth cut glass, ivory pieces and china occupy one side while waists and a fine line of fancy aprons occupy the other. The handkerchief booth is a thing of beauty and besides a large collection of handkerchiefs fancy linens, Christmas cards and other accessories can be seen. The shoe department is showing a extensive line of Comfy slippers and other fancy footwear. In the furniture department can be found a collection of lamps, pictures, library tables, library table throws, go-carts, doll bureaus and rugs. In the basement is a more extensive line of dolls, carts, wagons, games and furniture cannot be found anywhere.

A Gifted. The Webb Brothers store could well be called "gifted" so extensive a line of Christmas gifts is being displayed by this firm. Booths and tables from the furniture department to the basement, line the aisles. A more complete line of fine silk lingerie and boudoir articles for "mildly" could not be found anywhere. An unusual line of fancy ivory pieces, handbags, scarfs, art linens and waists are shown and are displayed on a large booth decorated with the usual Yuletide colors. One of the most inviting places is the furniture department. Here can be seen the very latest in up-to-the-minute furniture. Handsome chairs of the Charles II and William Mary styles have been added to tempt the buyer. Piano, hall, boudoir and library lamps are among the collection which cannot fail to please. Clocks, trays, screens and pictures besides the handsome line of rugs is among the gifts listed. But there is one more place which possible more than any other is the best patronize and that is toyland in the basement. Here dolls, drums, stads, mechanical toys, woolly sheep and curly haired dogs await a purchaser. A new line of the Meccano sets are among the mechanical toys.

Popular Place. Johnson Brothers store is one of the popular places of the city to do the Christmas shopping. They have added to their regular stock many of the latest novelties displayed for the 1916 Christmas season. Besides a fine line of ready-to-wear suits, coats, muffs,

scarfs, the latest word in waists, and lingerie, they have added a line of toys, ivory goods, toilet articles and jewelry. Gloves and pocketbooks and a line of silk hosiery in all the late shades will make acceptable gifts.

The Hoskin store might be termed the store of music and flowers with its extensive line of Victrolas and records and the beautiful display of blooms. They are also showing cameras, stationery, toilet articles and Christmas accessories. The other stationery stores are also carrying a complete line of fine note and corresponding paper and Christmas cards, stickers, tags and candy.

Jewelry Stores. The capital city jewelry stores may well be proud of their fine selections of Christmas jewelry. The very latest word in jewelry is displayed and presents a most attractive showing. Gifts for any member of the family may be found among their selections which are the most complete ever carried by local firms.

The drug stores have added many beautiful and useful gifts for the holiday trade and are ready to serve their patrons with ivory pieces, leather goods, cameras, candy, and an extensive supply of Christmas cards and other accessories. And last but not least the clothing and men's furnishing houses are where patrons can shop for the male members of the family. And nothing has been left out of the large line of gifts. The one great problem of what to buy for father or brother has been solved by these progressive firms which have spent considerable time in bringing together the best selection ever shown to their customers.

What To Get Her for Christmas

By Biddy Bye. Some ideas for a \$5 list: Corduroy boudoir gown, black satin or silver dancing slippers, electric iron, towels or tea napkins, piece of Sheffield plate, leather box, amber glass bowl, openwork ring, shirtwaist box, handbag, scent bottles, rug for bedroom, marabou collar, sewing chair.

These for a \$3 list: Auto hose with leather soles to pull over the shoes, white washable gloves with chamois cuffs or gauntlets, party bag, bridge box, large veil, set of knitting and crochet needles, brushed wool skating cap and scarf, tea ball, fine stationery, electric curler, set of shade pulls, telephone directory, bonnet mirror, silk stockings.

RIBBON ROSE FOR CHRISTMAS



SCENTED SATIN BLOSSOM. By Biddy Bye. The ribbon flower which was photo-

graphed measures four inches across. The petals surround a bag of violet sachet powder. Ribbon flowers with bag centers are also used for lavender leaves and powder puffs. Flat flowers of the same design, but having stamens in the center make fascinating adornments for petticoats, matinees and dressing sacsques.



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