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**While
Shepherds
Watch'd**

WHILE shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind;
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.

"To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,
And this shall be the sign:

"The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands
And in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace,
Good will henceforth from heaven
to men
Begin and never cease."
—Nahum Tate.

Holiday Season Plants.
Among the red berried plants the most beautiful of all are the holly trees and aucubas from Holland; shapely ardisias, brilliant fruited Christmas peppers, the old time favorite Jerusalem cherry trees, otabelle orange, ponderosa lemon trees, with their larger fruits of dark and light yellow, and those pretty little trailing plants, the partridge berries, grown in glass berry bowls, raised in America.

**Wrapping the
Gifts**

Are you among the fortunate number who have completed their Christmas purchases and have them all neatly and daintily wrapped and labeled and placed in a large box or a drawer to await the proper moment when they are to be started on their way by mail, messenger or, perchance, personal delivery? If you are not, what are you doing with the little gift which you purchase or complete each day and add to the growing pile? Are you carefully wrapping each one after inclosing a pretty Christmas greeting card with soft white or gaily decorated Christmas paper? One cannot help but feel that those little remembrances which are received, all thoughtfully and artistically wrapped with a bit of holly or poinsettia paper and bound with red, green, white or holly ribbon and choicely labeled and sealed with the numerous attractive little stickers which come for this purpose, mean more in their detail of taste and care than all the handsome and wonderful gifts which time and money can produce without these final touches. Then make the offering as simple and inexpensive as you choose, but if you would convey to your friend an atmosphere of thought and remembrance take a little time each day to complete the arrangement for each friend before laying it aside with the other gifts. Not only will the preparation of the gifts take on additional interest to you, but it will make the last days of bustle and excitement less arduous, and then, too, you will not be piling into the postoffice or the express office all your various bundles at one time, but will be prepared to start many of them on their way in advance of the last rush and thus avoid the often inevitable delay which means belated greetings and, worse than all, packages which give the appearance of hasty arrangement and lack of thought.

**Four Ancient
Christmas
Carols**

THE ancient Christmas carol "Holy Night" is German in its origin and is considered by many persons to be the most beautiful of all Christmas carols. It has sometimes been ascribed to Martin Luther, but the consensus of expert opinion is that it is much older than his time and is one of the oldest of German folk songs.

The carol "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," is English in its origin and dates back to about the beginning of the seventeenth century, although the author of the words and the composer of the music are unknown. The fine old melody sung to this poem possesses all the best qualifications of a sterling hymn tune and will probably last as long as the verses with which it is always associated.

Originally the old carol was sung in polyphonic harmony with the melody placed in the tenor, as was the invariable custom of the seventeenth century. Modern transcriptions of it, however, have placed the melody in the upper voice part instead of the third voice part, as formerly. This carol, too, is one of the most popular and most beautiful in the entire range of Christmas music.

The carol "Draw Nigh, Immanuel," is one of the oldest pieces of coherent music in existence, and both the words and music far antedate any of the others. The music is an old French melody, dated from the thirteenth century, although, of course, it has been harmonized to conform with more modern standards.

There is a most curious but beautiful musical effect at the close of this carol. The words of "Draw Nigh, Immanuel," are about 100 years older than the music, being taken from the Mozarabic breviary of the twelfth century, and it is generally believed that they were taken from the liturgy of the early Christians at Toledo, Spain, where the Mozarabic breviary was formulated.

Another carol, "The First Noel," has a traditional French melody and probably originated in Breton, although the exact origin of this fine old song is somewhat in doubt.

**CHRISTMAS PLAYS IN THE
HOME THEATER.**

The dramatic instinct is strong in most children and should be encouraged, says Mrs. Blanche Cole Rosedale in the New York Evening Sun. To the young child its exercise serves to while away many rainy hours; to the older child it can be made a source of inspiration to noble deeds and a means of gratifying the longing for romance and the desire for adventure.

Where there are two or more young children Santa Claus plays of all sorts will occupy the pre-Christmas days.

The most popular and simplest one is that in which one child represents the beneficent saint and the rest of the family go to bed after hanging the stockings. The saint fills the stockings and makes what other preparations his imagination can compass, then usually becomes a child again and goes to bed himself, not wishing to be left out of the Christmas morning fun so soon to follow.

All Christmas stories may be dramatized. The story of Gretchen, who set her shoe by the chimney and found a poor sparrow in the toe, will be acted out with as many embellishments as the story teller has been able to add.

There is a story of two children who awoke to find Santa Claus in their room. They accompany him to toyland and back with many adventures on the way. This lends itself well to play also. Relieving the distress of a poor family on Christmas morning is a pretty play. The generous Samaritans go laden with toys to the unhappy ones, and play ends in a joyous dance.

While the dramatizing spirit is on the children will not stop with Christmas tales, but will play Cinderella, Goldilocks, Squire Nutkin and any other simple story which is familiar to them.

**GRANDMA'S
CHRISTMAS**



WHEN GRANDMA WAS A GIRL

MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO ALL

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