

A Song of Christmas

By JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

CHANT me a rime of Christmas, Sing me a jovial song, And, though it is filled with laughter, Let it be pure and strong.

Why Christmas Should Be Spent at Home

IT is the fashion nowadays, alas, to cry down Christmas, and it is fast becoming a "can't be bothered with it" sort of day. It is looked upon as a nuisance because Christmas brings with it a necessary increase of expenditure in the form of tips and presents.

at home, decorate your house, remember the postman, the butcher, the servants and even your wife's or husband's relatives. However poor you are you can be rich in mind, thoughts and cheery words.

Christmas in Bethlehem, Christmas in the Holy Land is an interesting experience. Indeed, it is one never to be forgotten, and every Christian thousands of persons from all over the world make a journey to Palestine in order to witness the various ceremonies held there during the festive season.

In Boston, Teacher—Waldo, name one of the best known characters of fiction.

Christmas Cards, The Christmas card has grown a burden, and the voice of the shopper is heard in our land. Not only is it a trouble to pick out appropriate cards, but they are not in the best taste even when found.

Must Be Married, "I didn't know she was married." "She isn't." "She must be." "Why?" "I just heard her say she didn't expect much this Christmas."

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Dutch Patrol

By EDMUND CLARENCE STEDMAN

WHEN Christmas eve is ended, Just at the noon of night, Rare things are seen by mortal eye.

His face beneath the close black cap His martial look and grim On either side his locks fall wide To the broad collar's rim.



THEM INTO RANKS THEY FALL.

"'Tis well!" he says and sternly smiles. "They hold our memory dear. Nor rust nor moss hath crept across. 'Twill last this many a year."

Here are Van der Donck and Van Courtlandt, A triplet more of Vans, And Hendrick Kip of the haughty lip And Govert Loockermans, Jan Jansen Dam and Jansen, Of whom our annals tell.

Nine lusty forms in linsey coats Puffed sleeves and ample hose! Each burgher smokes a Flemish pipe To warm his ancient nose.

Then into ranks they fall And step out three by three, And he of the wooden leg and staff In front walks solemnly.

Street after street and mile on mile, From river bound to bound, From old St. Mark's to Whitehall Point, They foot the limits round.

Ere the first streak of dawn St. Mark's again they near, And by a vault the nine men halt Their governor's voice to hear.

"Not even a windmill left Nor a garden plot we know, And but a palling marks the spot Where erst my pear tree grew.

Thus speaks old Petrus doubtfully And shakes his valiant head, When on the roofs a sound of hoofs, A rattling, pattering tread.

"Beshrew me for a craven!" Cries Petrus. "All goes well! Our patron saint still makes his round At sound of the Christmas bell.

"The youngens and the mekses Shall have their hosen filled; The butcher and the baker And every housewife's maid.

Once more the pipes are waved, Stout Petrus gives the sign, The misty smoke enfolds them round, Him and his burghers nine.

Most children are familiar with the dolls that say "mamma" or open and close their eyes, but how many children know there are dolls that walk, wink, roll their eyes, say "mamma," "papa" and other words and act so lifelike that they seem almost uncanny.

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