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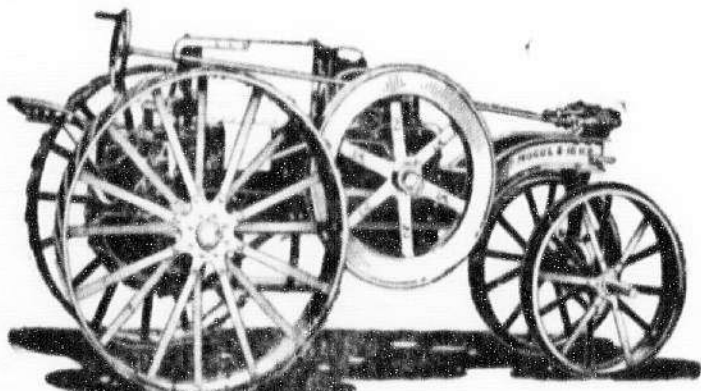
It is time for every man to remember that God is still overhead and our brother man beside us.

Such times as these are necessary to test our faith and maybe our courage. In the meantime we should grow every pound of food we can.

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In normal times the people of the United States use more than eighty pounds of sugar apiece. In Great Britain the average is sixty-seven pounds; in France, twenty-six pounds; in Italy, twelve pounds. Most American families would suffer little—in fact, many would be far better off—if they should reduce the sugar they use by one half.

## Christmas Gifts From The Woods

**T**HE paper birch is an especial treasure, but we never cut the bark from a living tree, even when deep in the woods, unless we know that the wood is doomed to be cut at once. Too many ignorant or thoughtless people do not hesitate to strip the beautiful papery bark from the living tree, not realizing probably that the bark is needed to protect the running of the sap and that the outer bark, so smooth and silvery, will never renew itself. So, even if death does not immediately follow, the beauty of the tree is gone, said Orin Parker Phelps in the Housekeeper.

Once I found a dead tree from which I was able to slip several feet of bark in rings. This only needed to be separated into convenient sizes, fitted with tight bottoms, sewed in place by raffia or sweet grass, and lifting lids attached, to make boxes ready to fill with Christmas sweets.

In making laurel wreathing or garlanding we have found that by taking small twigs and winding one on to another, using light picture wire as binding, the wreathing makes very rapidly and easily.

When the white pine cones fall we gather bushels of them. And such treasures as the cones are! In the open fire they make a glorious blaze—fit background for wonderful fire castles—and as for kindlings they are absolutely unsurpassed.

Remembering that the two little cousins living on the Pacific coast once sent a barrel of the Western cones to a much loved poet, greatly to his delight, we tried sending a sack of cones, gayly decked with laurel, to a city friend who loves an open fire. In the very bottom was a small "chunk" with a paper bearing these words: "N. R.—This is a Yule Log." Another time an arduous of the cone bearing branches of the red pine were sent to a friend.

But our special Christmas gifts, the ones we send to the nearest and dearest, are our little Christmas trees. We take a day and go up to the mountain swamp where grew the cranberries, and there we choose wee, little shapely trees, getting them, so far as we can, from the deep shade of other trees, for these are doomed to an early death anyway. We fit each little spruce securely to a board, covering it with moss and trailing vines. Then we deck the tree. Of course the gifts must be tiny and varied to suit those to whom they go.

## This Lad Had a Real Christmas Tree

**T**HE question of how to meet the needs of the education we wanted our boy to have was with us from his birth, and it was my love of all kinds of trees which solved our problem," said the mother of a growing boy.

"He came near the Christmas season, and I wanted to do something to mark the wonderful event. My mind turned to trees. What could be more appropriate than to plant a tree and let this child of nature grow up with mine?"

"Then came the thought, 'Why not choose a fruit tree, something that will yield a tangible profit to be laid aside as the beginning of a fund for the boy's education?' And so the plan took shape, and as we live in a warm climate, a fruit tree was planted each year on Christmas day for the little one.

"Soon the lad was taking an active part in the ceremony, and by the time the first fruit appeared he was old enough to take a real delight in the proceeds of its sale, which went into his bank. A few years more found him in entire charge of a small orchard. His ever growing bank account has always been his own, subject to the inspection and advice of his father, who keeps before him the purpose for which it was started."

If you live where the climate prevents tree planting on Christmas day could you not give your son the price of a fruit tree and let it be planted when the proper season arrives?—Philadelphia Ledger

## Christmas Mystery Plays.

On their return from the Holy Land the pilgrims and crusaders brought new subjects for theatrical representation, founded on the objects of their devotion and incidents in their wars, and the early mysteries and other plays of Christmas, among them that of St. George and the dragon, which has survived to modern times, probably owe their origin to this period.

## How Animals Figure In Christmas Customs

**T**HE Christmas customs in Norway and Sweden are the most interesting of any country. It is time of great rejoicing. To show that there are friendly feelings between every one in the household the shoes are placed in a row in the hall when retiring on Christmas eve, and, like the German custom, candles are left burning in the village windows all night to light the way for "Kristine," who brings the gifts. The Christmas tree is largely decorated with candles and pretty cakes arranged in bright colored baskets, all usually home made.

The richer households send good things to the poor, and everywhere among both rich and poor are the animals and birds remembered, says Our Dumb Animals. The boys and girls save up their pennies during the year for this purpose. Sheaves of grain are fastened to the window ledges in town, and in the country the sheaves are fastened to long poles and renewed every day for a week, and many are the birds that spy this feast. On the barn floors of the peasants bowls of hot porridge are set for poor "Robin Goodfellow" to comfort him because he has no "soul." The cows and the horses share in the general happiness by having a double share of food given them.

It is a big skip from the northland to the southland or tropical countries where Christmas is celebrated without the evergreen tree to decorate and hang gifts on. In Brazil the holiday may be spent outdoors in the sunny flower scented air.

They have quaint superstitions in these summer lands relative to Yuletide. On the coffee plantations the old folk say that on Christmas night the animals have the gift of speech and that if only a child has sufficient courage to go out alone after dark it will hear on the stroke of 12 the cock crow in a loud, clear voice from his highest perch.

"Christo nasceu"—Christ is born. The bull in a deep, sonorous bass inquires from a distant field, "Onde"—where? The sheep then answer in chorus, "Em Belem de Juda"—In Bethlehem of Judea.

In turn all the domestic animals give to the world the glad tidings of the Nativity. Many a child wishes it had the courage necessary to enable him to spend midnight outdoors and hear this wonderful conversation of the brute creation.

## Christmas Pie Has Long Family History

**H**APPY the Christmas reveler who has a digestion to tackle the Christmas pie. The modern fastidious in diet is trying to rule out the plum pudding and the mince from the Christmas feast.

Shame on him! Better a night of groaning to the few than a ban on a time honored custom for the many. Lay in a stock of soda mint, poppin and salt water. Be sporty and take chances on the plummy goody.

First it was old Santa under a ban—a dreary world it would be without Santa Claus—now it is the toothsome Christmas pie bulging with raisins, flaky of crust and redolent of burning brandy.

Truly the modern progressive who lives by rule is akin to the old Puritan to whom the Christmas pie was an abomination savored of heresy. Indeed the Roundhead had more excuse for his abstinence; it was a test of orthodoxy. He felt his morals would be injured by eating a pie whose savory contents were typical of offerings of the Magi and whose form was often that of a manger.

The Christmas pie is of ancient and honorable lineage, and its name of "mince pie" came centuries later, being given in derision by the Puritans. Are we such weaklings that what our ancestors have thrived on for centuries will slay us in one eating? Surely the stomach specialist, that product of modernity, must have slipped up.

Our grandparents did not eat one measly little slice of the Christmas pie in fear and trembling. Boldly they swallowed huge hunks, not on Christmas day only, but during the entire season of Christmas, unto Twelfth Night. Was it not writ, "As many different houses as thou shalt eat mince pie during Christmastide so many happy months shalt thou have during the year?"

And they began the mixing of that Christmas pie early and with great ceremony. It was a gala occasion when the plum pudding was to be stirred and each member of the household down to the infant in arms must have a turn at the spoon.—Philadelphia Press.

## In the Days of '61-'65.

"Christmas mornings in the Civil war days," says the veterans, "were generally spent in reading letters. After dinner the men indulged in sports, particularly prize fights, and then in the evening they gathered together and sang the wartime songs and told stories of the Christmases before the fighting began. It wasn't all chorus singing, either, for we had some good soloists in the line, and our company actors showed their abilities by reciting or rehearsing the plays they had seen while on furloughs."

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## TRESPASS NOTICES.

All hunting with dog or gun, or driving through or off of any cattle, on the "Rosale" plantation without special permission, is positively prohibited. All such acts will be regarded as trespassing and prosecuted as such.

MRS. C. R. BARROW.

From and after this date all hunting of any kind on Ambrosia and Independence plantation is positively prohibited under penalty of trespassing. Any one found on these places without permission will be considered trespassing and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

MRS. S. H. BARROW.

From and after this date all hunting of any kind on the Greenwood plantation is positively prohibited under penalty of trespassing. Any one found on this place without permission will be considered trespassing and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

MRS. J. A. VENTRESS.

We regret we have to forbid all trespassing of every kind, including passing through Woodlawn Farm.

J. S. McGEHEE.

Trespassing of all kinds is hereby prohibited, under penalty of the law, on my lands in the ninth ward, recently purchased from Dr. W. H. Taylor.

ALBERT L. SOULE.

Hunting of any kind, cattle driving or fishing on Mt. Vernon plantation is positively prohibited under penalty of the law of trespass. No exceptions.

C. W. BALL.

MRS. E. HAMILTON.

Crossing the rear of property below True Democrat office in St. Francisville is hereby prohibited under penalty of trespass. Persons found crossing these premises or damaging the fences will be prosecuted.

MRS. M. E. ROBINSON.

All trespassing is prohibited on Hill and Slaughter, Lake-Breeze, Grayfield, and other place plantations, such as hunting, peacocking, etc., and will be prosecuted to full extent of the law.

RACCOON COMPANY,

C. GOODMAN, Agent.

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My place is hereby posted against all forms of trespassing, hunting, fishing, agents or all descriptions, and all cattle driving.

D. F. MERWIN.

The public is hereby warned that the land and Forest plantations are posted against hunting, fishing, wood-cutting and all other forms of trespass, agents or every description included.

M. R. JACKSON.

All cattle driving and other trespassing of any kind are forbidden on Forest plantation, under penalty of the law.

J. W. McQUEEN.

The public is hereby warned against buying wood, posts and timber of any description from tenants on the Oakley, Ogden and Downs plantations. All hunting, cattle-driving and fence-cutting are positively prohibited, and these places are closed against agents of all kinds.

LUCY L. MATTHEWS.

No hunting or trespassing of any kind allowed on Parker Stock Farm, under penalty of the law.

PARKER STOCK FARM.

All parties are hereby notified not to trespass on any property of the Feliciana Bank and Trust Company, in Liquidation, under penalty of the law.

J. B. STEELE, Special Agent.

Hunting, fishing, loitering or trespassing in any form on Laurel Hill Farm is hereby prohibited under penalty of the law.

H. M. STEWART, Manager.

The public is hereby warned against cutting and hauling wood from the Alfred Doyle and Sid Black places, under penalty of the law.

CHAS. WEYDERT, Agent.

From and after this date all hunting of any kind on Beech Grove and Cedar plantations, Estate of E. T. Merrick, is positively prohibited under penalty of trespassing. Any one found on these places without permission will be considered trespassing, and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

EDWARD T. MERRICK, Attorney.

Hunting and trespassing of all kinds are hereby prohibited, under penalty of the law, on Magnolia Plantation. No exceptions.

The public is warned against buying fire wood, posts or crops from tenants of Magnolia without permission.

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Trespassing on my land is hereby prohibited under penalty of the law. (11-18-17)

H. A. SPILLMAN.

From and after this date all hunting of any kind on Rosedown, Hazlewood and Inheritance plantations is positively prohibited under penalty of trespassing.

JAS. P. BOWMAN (12-216)

On and after this date all hunting, fishing or other trespassing is forbidden on Locust Grove plantation, formerly property of Mrs. S. M. Smith.

L. P. RISTROPH.

Hunting and all other forms of trespassing on the Flower place are prohibited under penalty of the law.

W. J. FORT.

All hunting is prohibited on the Acklen Plantations, Monrovia, Pandola and Lockwood, under penalty of the law.

E. R. DAVIS.

The public is hereby warned against hunting, wood-cutting, and all other forms of trespass, also passing through field, of the property belonging to Mrs. S. T. Allain, Mrs. C. Lewis and Mrs. J. A. Mhoon.

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WAKEFIELD-PLANTATION.

## CATTLE BRANDS.

My brand is a spade. The public is warned against buying cattle with this brand, without my consent.

J. C. MAGEARL.

I will appreciate any information leading to the recovery of cattle branded N 5 that may have strayed from the pastures near Plettenberg.

F. S. PERCY, Agent.

Plettenberg, La.

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