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The Sweet Belief in Santa Claus

One of the first tragedies in life, and one of the greatest, is when the child begins to doubt the existence of Santa Claus. A child's day dreams are the stars of its destiny. The child who has its dreams may in after years dream some of the great things that make the world better and happier.

Mischief

Everybody knows Mischief—perhaps the youngest but surely the most important member of the family. Mischief wakes up early in the morning, and immediately demands attention. She wants "daddie" and she wants "mommie" and you may depend upon it that both of these humble members of the household quickly respond.

A Young Man Who Stopped

Twenty-five years ago Massachusetts looked forward with extraordinary interest to the public career of Henry Cabot Lodge. His father was an intimate friend of Charles Sumner. It was believed the young man, who had "caught the droppings" from the lips of the great champion of equality, would be another Sumner if the people gave him the opportunity.

OBSERVATIONS

A MERRY CHRISTMAS to everybody. THE TIMES SANTA is in a state of exhaustion. PEOPLE generally would have more confidence in our banks if an effort was not made to shuffle figures. Apparent "holding back" is the worst possible feature in connection with money loss by a financial institution.

From Diana's Diary

Miss Dillpickles Goes to Hunt a Neglected Relative and Incidentally to Have a Corking Good Time. BY FRED SCHAEFER.



"DRIVER, TO THE DEPPO," COM MANDED CARRYE. "NO LAUNDRY LIFE FOR MEH." This is the day it happened. We found Aunt Blanche's. At the hotel we pined on violets to make a swell front before my rich Aunt Blanche. Then we hired a "coup" and told the driver to take us to the address.

THE LATE CHRISTMAS SHOPPER



Slams, Jabs, Boosts and 'MOST ANYTHING' Instead of asking for uniform divorce laws, why not put divorce court patrons in uniform? Bees in this country make \$20,000,000 worth of honey a year. Anyway, we poor cusses who have to walk, never have to crawl under ourselves to tinker with the motor.

THE NEXT STREET

Holly wreaths, smiling faces, the good-natured badinage of the red cheeked butchers in white frocks—and things good to eat everywhere. A bright-eyed little woman skipped nimbly from stall to stall, looking sharply at the best the market had displayed on the glistening marble slabs.

The Churches

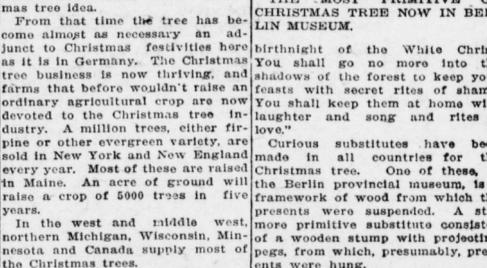
- First Christian church, Sixth ave. and 10th st. W. A. Moore, pastor. Prayer service, 7:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 10:30 a. m.; young people's meeting, 7:30 p. m.; evening service, 7:30 p. m.
- Mission Tabernacle, So. 10th and 1st st. W. Carlson, pastor. Services Christmas morning 5 o'clock. Sunday school festival 7 p. m.
- Tacoma Unitarian church, corner Third, K and Kivison avenue. Rev. Otto E. Duerr, minister. Services at 7:45 p. m.

OUR DAILY BIRTH-DAY PARTY.

Evangeline Booth, whose birthday falls appropriately enough on Christmas day, is the commander of the Salvation Army of America, which is bringing the Christmas spirit into the homes of the poor all over the land. The daughter of Gen. Booth, she began her rescue work in the slums of London over 24 years ago.

The Biography of the Christmas Tree

Until sixty years or so ago, there were very few Christmas trees in America outside of the homes of Holland-Americans. The Pennsylvania Dutch cherished the custom long before it was adopted in New England. The Dutch got the idea of the Christmas tree from Germany where the lily fir first became an emblem of Christianity, and spread the custom to England and America.



Curious substitutes have been made in all countries for the Christmas tree. One of these, in the Berlin provincial museum, is a framework of wood from which the presents were suspended. A still more primitive substitute consisted of a wooden stump with projecting pegs, from which, presumably, presents were hung.

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