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A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Next Monday is the 25th, and Christmas, the best of all the holidays, is at hand. Since the beginning of the Christian era the birth of Christ has been celebrated as the most important event of the year. Towards it the thoughts of a new year of life, the giving of gifts, the kindly greetings, the merry laughter, the joyous music, the good cheer, the gathering of friends and loved ones, the feasting and the rejoicing, all point and tend. Christmas has come to be the most joyous time of the year, and the most sacred. It is the time when we think most of our fellow men, when we are most mindful of the needy and the lonely, when we are most ready to forgive and forget, when we are most like the Christ whose birth we commemorate. It is the time when we are most like children, when we are most like men and women at their best. It is the time when we are most like what we should be all the year, if we would be what we should be to make the most of life and to do the most good to our fellow men. It is the time when we are most like what we shall be when we have passed from this life and have become citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Let the bells ring it, let the people sing it, let the world echo it! Let the sick and the sorrowful, the poor and the lonely, the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the good and the bad, the high and the low, the learned and the ignorant, the white and the black, the Christian and the heathen, the Jew and the Gentile, the Catholic and the Protestant, the Republican and the Democrat, the Northern man and the Southern man, the Yankee and the Rebel, the Cracker and the Gallinipper, the Florida man and the Georgia man, the Alabama man and the Tennessee man, the Kentucky man and the Ohio man, the Indiana man and the Illinois man, the Iowa man and the Kansas man, the Nebraska man and the Dakota man, the Colorado man and the California man, the Oregon man and the Washington man, the Alaska man and the Hawaii man, the Porto Rico man and the Philippine man, the Cuban man and the Canadian man, the Mexican man and the Chinaman, the Japanese man and the Russian man, the Turkish man and the Hottentot man, the Dutch man and the Boer man, the Boer man and the Boer woman, the Boer woman and the Boer baby, the Boer baby and the Boer dog, the Boer dog and the Boer cat, the Boer cat and the Boer rat, the Boer rat and the Boer mouse, the Boer mouse and the Boer bug, the Boer bug and the Boer flea, the Boer flea and the Boer bee, the Boer bee and the Boer honey, the Boer honey and the Boer bread, the Boer bread and the Boer butter, the Boer butter and the Boer cheese, the Boer cheese and the Boer milk, the Boer milk and the Boer cow, the Boer cow and the Boer calf, the Boer calf and the Boer bull, the Boer bull and the Boer bear, the Boer bear and the Boer lion, the Boer lion and the Boer tiger, the Boer tiger and the Boer elephant, the Boer elephant and the Boer rhinoceros, the Boer rhinoceros and the Boer hippopotamus, the Boer hippopotamus and the Boer kangaroo, the Boer kangaroo and the Boer jackass, the Boer jackass and the Boer—Well, we don't know what the Boer jackass and the Boer—Well, we don't know what the Boer jackass and the Boer—Well, we don't know what