THE PALACE OF ICE.

St. Paul's Winter Beauty Will Soon Begin to Rear Its Head

On the Sands of the Hoary Old Father of Waters.

Eleven Thousand Tons of Ice to Be Used in Its Construction.

A Winter Carnival That Is to Surpass All Preceding Ones.

The location of the St. Paul ice palace on the sands of the west bank of the Mississippi, above Wabasha street bridge, will bring to it a popularity greater than the preceding palaces have had, for it will be easier of approach than if in Central park, will not be hidden by buildings, and can be seen for miles from the banks and bluffs of the valley and the terraced hills behind them.

This level stretches along the river some 1,200 feet and is 450 feet in width at the site of the palace, which is some 300 feet above Wabasha bridge and 50 feet from the bank of the first plateau.

The inclosing walls of the palace are thirty-eight feet high, including the battered foundation wall eighteen feet high, and the machicolations on the summit. Over the portals and elsewhere parts of the wall are carried higher. Turrets or towers strengthen nearly every angle of the structure. The main front is toward the southwest, and the portal thereof is approached by a bridge thirty feet broad, carried fourteen feet above the sands on three arches of twenty-one feet span, under which storming parties or processions may pass. This bridge is guarded with a gateway with flanking towers thirty-four feet high and a curtain wall thirty feet high from the bridge floor, which is level with the first plateau and fourteen feet above the floors of the palace. Passing through the main portal from the bridge, grand stairways sweep down to the right and left to the floor of the reception hall, 56x90 feet in size. From this an archway leads out under the stairs and portal to the first archway of the bridge. From this hall the eye looks to the northwest down a "vista" 130 feet long, with arcades of ice on either side and an arched ceiling of pine boughs frosted with natural jewels. At the northeast of the reception hall the main tower rises forty feet square to a height of 112 feet, and at one angle of the tower a stair turret twenty feet in diameter rises 132 feet. Within the tower is the room of Borealis Rex, with the throne on a dais reaching back into a domed semi-circular niche or apse.

The northerly quarter of the palace is taken up by the grand hall, 116 feet wide and 150 feet long; the arcade of one end opens to the vista; the opposite end (toward Wabasha bridge) has a representation of a polar scene, partly of ice and snow, but chiefly pictorial, upon a canvass fifty-six feet long and sixteen high. Behind this electric lamps will cause auroral effects of light and color to be thrown upon the canvas. At one side of this hall is an octagonal tower twenty-eight feet in diameter and sixty-four feet high, the lower portion being arcaded and fitted as a band stand, the upper part as a balcony, from which a full view of the room and contents may be enjoyed.

Passing across the vista a smaller hall is found, 50x88 feet, with a western portal.

Returning to the reception hall, the maze may be entered. This is octagonal, 100 feet in diameter, and occupied by walls and devious passages between them. To him who finds the secret of the maze a broad stair appears leading up to a balcony 10 feet wide and 90 feet long, and affording open view of the proceedings in the three halls.

The palace is 75,000 square feet in area, 348 feet long, 216 feet wide, exclusive of bridge and gate towers, which are 90 feet, or a total of 306 feet from the gate towers on the plateau to the portal on the river front.

The construction will require 11,000 tons of ice, a bulk equal to that of a wall 1 foot thick, 8 feet high and 9 miles long.

The programme for the Carnival is not yet prepared, but the directors are busy at work, and from the indications it will contain features of surpassing attractiveness.

NATURE'S CHRISTMAS.

She Fixed First the Time for Man's Hour of Mirth.

In most nations of ancient or modern times, the period of what is popularly called the winter solstice appears to have been recognized as a season of rejoicing. The deepening gloom and increasing sterility which have followed the downward progress of the sun's place in heaven would generally dispose the minds of men to congratulation at the arrival of that period when, as experience had taught them, he had reached his lowest point of influence with reference to them; and the prospects of renewed light, and warmth, and vegetation offered by what was considered as his returning march, would naturally be hailed by the signs of thanksgiving and the voice of mirth. The Roman Saturnalia, which fell at this period, were accordingly a season of high festivity, honored by many privileges and many

WAITING TO BE FILLED.

exemptions from ill. The spirit of universal mirth and unbounded license was abroad, and had a free charter. Friends feasted together, and the quarrels of foes were suspended. No war was declared, and no capital executions were permitted to take place during this season of general good will; and the very slave beneath its genial influence regained for a moment the moral attitude of a man, and had a right to use the tongue which God had given him, for its original purpose of expressing his thoughts. Not only in the spirit of the time but in many of the forms which it took, may a resemblance be traced to the Christmas rejoicings of later days. The hymns in honor of Saturn were the representatives of the modern carol; and presents passed from friend to friend, as Christmas gifts do in our day. (It may be observed here that the interchange of gifts and the offering of donations to the poor appear to have been, at all periods of rejoicing or delivery, from the earliest times, one of the modes by which the heart manifested its thankfulness).

XMAS IN ELIZABETH'S TIME.

The Code of Instructions for the Guidance of a Nobleman's Household.

Some idea of how the ceremony was observed in the time of Elizabeth may be gained by the following code of instructions for the guidance of a nobleman's household:

"On Christmas day, service in the church ended, the gentlemen presently repair into the hall to breakfast, with brawn, mustard and malmsey.

"At dinner, the butler appointed for the Christmas is to see the tables covered and furnished, and the ordinary butlers of the house are decently to set bread, napkins and trenchers, in good form, at every table—with spoons and knives. At the first course is served a fair and large boar's head, upon a silver platter, with minstrelsy.

"Two servants are to attend at supper, and to bear two fair torches of wax, next before the musicians and trumpeters, and stand above the fire with the music till the first course be served in through the hall. Which performed, they, with the music, are to return into the buttery. The like course is to be observed in all things during the time of Christmas.

PHAROAH'S X-MAS SPORTS.

"At night, before supper, are revels and dancing, and so also after supper, during the twelve days of Christmas. The master of the revels is, after dinner and supper, to sing a carol or song; and command other gentlemen then there present to sing with him and the company and see it is very decently performed."

At this time the nobility had entirely discarded their joints of salted beef and platters of wood and pewter, together with the swarm of jesters, tumblers and harpers that formerly had been indispensable to the banquet room; a stately ceremonial and solemn silence were considered to be the indications of true politeness.

The table was daily set out with a great variety of dishes, consisting of beef, mutton, veal, lamb, pork, kid, coney, capon, pig, or so many of those as the season afforded, together with liquors, with store of red fallow deer and varieties of fish and fowl.

When the company had finished eating the remaining provisions were sent to the waiters and servants, and when these had sufficiently dined the fragments were distributed among the poor, who waited without the gate. Thus, the fine old English gentleman,

While he feasted all the rich, he ne'er forgot the poor.

Cranberry Sauce.

This is the season folks buy things they do not need, with money they do need.—Lowell Citizen.

Men may want but little here below; but that is more than can be honestly said of the women at Christmas time.—Goodall's Sun.

This is about the time of year when nearly everybody seems to think it is more blessed to receive than to give.—Judge.

The most gifted people are not those who have the most money, though money helps at Christmas time.—New Orleans Picayune.

The only consolation that a great many of us can now get out of the holiday season is the reflection that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."—Boston Post.

THE WASSAIL BOWL.

Was-haile!
Sire Christmas brings the wreathed cup,
With apples, ale, and spice filled up.
Was-haile!
Each ancient grief and grudge we drown;
The Lamb's wool smooths the roughest frown;
Drink-haile!
Peal, merry bells, peal out apace,
We pledge Immanuel's day of grace.
Was-haile! Noel!
He brings us joy Immanuel!

Was-haile!
Bring in, upon his silver tray
With minstrelsie,
The Boar's head, armed with garlands gay
And rosemarie;
The lemon in its tusked mo',
He laughs amain, "Noel," I trow.
Was-haile!
Be gay, ye lordings more and less,
The Boar's head leads the Christmas mess.
Was-haile! Noel!
Give thanks unto Immanuel!

Was-haile!
Bring next the meats with mickle pride:
The plover and the partridge pied,
Woodcock and heron fine,
Good drink thereto, the Gascon wine;
Was-haile!
And then, while pipe and tabor ply,
The best of all, the shredded pie.
Drink-haile!
Without the door let sorrow lie!
And if she die,
We'll shroud her in the Christmas pie.
Was-haile! Noel!
He brings good cheer, Immanuel!

—A. C. Ketchum.

SANTA IN THE SOUTH.

The Old Plantation and the Merry Makers on It.

BANG, SNAP, FIZZ, BANG.

A Memory of the Times Before the War—Slavery Revelries.

"Bang, snap, fizz, bang!"

When first I opened my eyes in the gray December dawn, I almost believed it to be the Fourth of July, for surely it could be naught but firecrackers that were thus noisily saluting my ears.

But as the cobwebs of sleep passed from my brain, I quickly recalled that this was my first Christmas in the "Sunny South," and that I had been told that in some places it was a custom of the light-hearted Africans to welcome the happy day with the gay and festive Chinese cracker, says a writer in the Agriculturist.

With considerable curiosity then, I sprang from my couch and hurried to the window to gaze down upon the court yard below, where dozens of black and shining little "pickaninnies" were squabbling and tumbling over each other in a perfect frenzy of delight, and occasionally being brought to order by a well-aimed cuff from some fat, good-natured "mammie," who, however, seemed to enjoy the small fireworks as much as the youngest chocolate-hued shaver there.

Suddenly the master appeared bowing and smiling upon the broad veranda, when in an instant there arose such a chorus of "Cris'mus gif', massa, Cris'mus gif!" as speedily brought a

MERRY CHRIS-MUS, MASSA.

shower of small coins scattering among the crowd.

Then what a frantic scrambling ensued, while for two hours later the mistress of the household had her hands full, giving out extra rations of butter, sugar, tea and tobacco, to say nothing of gay bandannas, aprons, ribbons and large gilt pins and ear-rings for the young and pretty girls.

The whole day then was one of feasting and jollification, the men, boys and dogs indulging in the rarest of sports to the true African, an exciting "possum hunt," while in the evening the negro quarter was a scene of boisterous revelry, as old and young "tripped the light fantastic toe" to the squeaky strains of Uncle Jake's antique fiddle.

Santa Claus Will Come Down.

Texas Siftings.

Little Johnny—Ma, does Santa Claus keep chimney for sale?

Ma—Perhaps he does. Do you want to buy one?

"Not yet, ma."

"Why not yet?"

"'Cause his price is too high. I'll wait till Tismus and then"——

"Then what, dear?"

"Then Santa Claus will come down in his chimney, won't he?"

It Wasn't Necessary.

Omaha World.

First Sweet Girl—Did you have a mistletoe bough in your house?

Second Sweet Girl—No, I had one ready, but forgot to put it up.

"Of all things! Forgot it?"

"Yes, you see George and I, somehow or other, became engaged the day before."

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$14.

$16.50—All-Wool, Fine Beaver, Mahogany Half Cape and bell sleeve, trimmed with black silk cord braiding around cape and sleeve; a handsome garment, good seller at $20; reduced to
$16.50.

$18.75—All-Wool, Fine Beaver Newmarket, light brown, angel's sleeves with black silk cord braiding, a beauty, has been an excellent seller at $23; reduced for this sale to
$18.75.

CLOAKS —AND— NEWMARKETS!

$22—English Melton Newmarket, silk-lined angel's sleeve, heavy silk cord ornament. It must be seen to be appreciated; has been a good seller at $28; reduced for this sale,
$22.

Astrachan Cloaks!

$15—Astrachan 38-inch, lined with heavy quilted satin lining, silk cord ornament, good value at $20; this sale
$15.

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$10.50—Astrachan Modjeska, satin-lined, ball trimming all around; has been considered a great bargain at $15; reduced to
$10.50.

$15—Astrachan Modjeska, fine quality of Astrachan; has been a good seller at $20; this sale only
$15.

Plush Newmarkets!

$36 will buy the best $42 Plush Garment shown this season, full 60 inches long; great bargain; this sale only
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$44.75—Plush Newmarket, 60 inches long, very heavy quilted satin-lined, best $53 garment shown, only
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$27—Plush Cloaks, 42 inches long, best $32 garment shown this season; reduced for this sale to
$27.

$31.75—Plush Cloaks, 41 inches long, heavy light brown lining, a real beauty for $38; reduced to
$31.75.

$43.50—This is the beauty of them all, nothing in this city to match it, the best $50 Plush Cloak shown; has been considered so by every lady that appreciates a good thing when she sees it; this sale they go at
$43.

INFANTS' CLOAKS!

$4—Made of heavy fine twill flannel, in tan, navy blue and dark cardinal colors; handsomely trimed with silk or satin; very cheap at
$4.

$6.50—Infants' and Children's Plush Cloaks, in gold, brown, navy blue and cardinal; best $8.50 garment shown; for this sale only
$6.50.

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