

STOCKINGLESS HOUSE CONFRONTS "ST. NICK"

Allerton, Built for Bachelors, on Land Owned by Heirs of Christmas Poet.

ESTABLISHMENT IS FULL

Home for Men, Opened in October, Already Has 140 Tenants and Four Are on Waiting List.

No stockings will be hung to-night in the five-story building, used entirely for residential purposes, which has just been built at the southwest corner of 22d street and Eighth avenue.

St. Nicholas will receive one of the biggest carousels of his long and beneficent career as he draws up his eight tiny reindeer to distribute good cheer there.

The house stands on part of the original farm of Clement Clarke Moore, the author of the famous nursery rhyme which, as all children know, begins: "Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house."

Naturally St. Nicholas will expect to find under this modern roof many little children, snugly covered in bed, dreaming of the joys that will be theirs on opening their eyes early to-morrow morning.

As he sees from room to room—and there are just 140 of the cosiest and most inviting bedrooms probably ever designed—dear old St. Nicholas is likely to sigh as his mind dwells upon the absence of little tots on the land still owned by heirs of Clement C. Moore.

The 140 men who are permanent residents of the building, however, are eagerly looking forward to Christmas, and they are planning to celebrate the Yuletide season this year with a concert and other amusements on the premises.

The facts about the stockingless house on part of the Moore homestead might not have become widely known until Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donder and Blitzen, the eight tiny reindeer of old St. Nicholas, had visited the section.

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ANNE MORGAN "SPUGGING IT" Admits Affiliation While Helping Decoration of St. George's.

St. George's Episcopal Church, the historic edifice on Stuyvesant Square, was decorated for the holidays last night by several hundred parishioners.

Uncle Sam, who usually drops in to put a few leaves in place, was not there last night, but his daughter, Miss Anne Morgan, was Miss Morgan talked "Spug" and hung decorations at the same time.

UNCLE SAM A SANTA CLAUS Buffalo Girl Who Asks for Maps Will Be Made Happy.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Margaret Cummer, a little girl living at No. 44 Potomac avenue, Buffalo, who has faith in the Santa Claus spirit of Uncle Sam, will probably be rewarded for it through the instrumentalities of the United States government.

KILLED WATCHING SANTA Girl of Eight Run Down by Wagon in Williamsburg.

Beatrice Kessy, eight years old, of No. 54 Decatur street, Williamsburg, was killed beneath the wheels of a wagon while playing on Broadway, near her home last night.

RED CROSS SEALS GO FAST Sales from Booths Run 50 Per Cent Higher.

George Rust Bedinger, manager of the Red Cross seals campaign, says: "Just before Christmas it has been the custom of the committee on the sale of tuberculosis to place seals on prevention at postoffices and prominent department stores throughout the city."

CRIMMINS TO WAIT ON AGED. John D. Crimmins, in accordance with his long established custom, will provide the Christmas dinner for the inmates of the Home for the Aged, managed by the Little Sisters of the Poor, at No. 212 East 9th street.

PLAYS SANTA; PUMMELLED Sailor Drops Down Chimney and Is Mistaken for Burglar.

Buffalo, Dec. 23.—Tom Coyle is a good sailor, but he had no luck in his imitation of Santa Claus.

It was a big old-fashioned chimney and the agile Coyle dropped down with ease, but at the bottom it had been papered over, as it was out of use.

FOOD AND TOYS FOR NEEDY Distribution by "New York American" Begins To-day.

The doors of the 69th Regiment Armory, Lexington avenue and 26th street, will be thrown open at noon to-day for the distribution of almost ten thousand baskets of food and forty cartloads of toys to needy families.

Among the volunteers who will assist in the distribution are Mr. and Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, Mrs. Philip Van Valkenburgh, Lee and J. J. Shubert and George M. Cohan.

The food and toys will be distributed only to those who present tickets of admission. For several months representatives of "The New York American" relief fund have made investigations and distributed tickets to those in need.

Food and toys will also be distributed by "The New York American" to-day, beginning at noon, in the 2d Regiment Armory, in Brooklyn.

FINDS POISON, NOT DOLL Child Dead from Strychnine Taken from Bureau Drawer.

In search for a doll presented to her by her father for Christmas, three-year-old Frances Griffin, living at No. 46 West 56th street, found in a bureau drawer a small box of strychnine.

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TURKEYS TAKE A TUMBLE Price for Christmas Birds Has Fallen 2 Cents Since Saturday.

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HOW THE CHILDREN OF THE RICH AND POOR ENJOYED XMAS TREES—BUT IN DIFFERENT WAYS

SANTA WELCOMES HIS GUESTS AT THE RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL.



BABEL OF TONGUES SING 'STAR SPANGLED BANNER'

Immigrants on Ellis Island Gather Around Christmas Tree in Patriotic Service.

NEWCOMERS GET PRESENTS

Ritz-Carlton Also Had a Tree, but Only Languid Interest Is Shown by Children of the Rich.

Christmas trees differing widely in their surroundings were stripped of their gifts in New York yesterday.

One gorgeous affair for the rich was at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, in Madison avenue, while the other—or, rather, two others—were at Ellis Island.



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GLAD CHRISTMAS FOR AMERICANS IN LONDON

West End Hotels Make Special Holiday Preparations for Children and Elders.

ONE HOTEL A FAIRYLAND

Dick Whittington to Meet Youthful Guests with Special Vouchers, Which Dwarfs Will Honor.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]

London, Dec. 23.—Preparations for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day festivities at the principal hotels have never been more elaborate than this year.

At the Carlton the main plans include a transformation of the reception room and the palm court into a sort of fairyland for children.

Then they will pass on to Cinderella's cottage, where Cinderella and her fairy godmother will take their tickets and hand them on to two quaint little dwarfs, who will dart up a big chimney and return with presents for each.

At the Savoy Hotel there will be a gala dinner on Christmas Day, followed by a ball, and on Christmas Eve a children's fête.

The Piccadilly will seat twelve hundred at a special Christmas dinner, which will be marked by some novel features, and on New Year's Eve, on the stroke of 12, the entire hall will be thrown into sudden darkness.

Similar functions will take place at the Curzon, the Sloane Gate and at Horrox's, in the Strand, where there will be a large American party.

\$15,000 FOR CURRAN PROBE Aldermen to Help Pay Police Graft Investigators.

The finance committee of the Board of Aldermen yesterday decided to recommend to the board to-day the appropriation of \$15,000 for the expenses of the Curran investigating committee.

The recommendation will be passed by the aldermen at their meeting to-day. The board at the same time will elect Kings County assessors for a period of two years, following the suggestions of the heads of the Republican and Democratic organizations.

Got Dizzy Doing War Dance—Little Hope for Him. Aaron Epstein, Jr., eleven years old, of No. 1133 West Avenue, The Bronx, is in a serious condition in Leaborn Hospital as the result of severe burns from the high to the feet, received by falling into a bonfire while at play with companions late yesterday.

BAIL FOR F. W. ANTHONY Former Insurance Man Is Released Under \$10,000. Justice Kapper, of the Supreme Court, in Brooklyn, signed an order yesterday admitting Frank W. Anthony, once head of the Metropolitan Fire Insurance Company, now under indictment in Philadelphia for embezzlement, to bail in \$10,000.

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