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A MERRY CHRISTMAS



THE CHRIST-CHILD.

THIS world has
 whirled on in
 its way
 For nineteen hun-
 dred years,
 Since Bethlehem's
 babe, who came
 in Love,
 Wept over us His
 tears.
 Still swings above
 the golden star
 That on that night stood still
 Above the humble village inn,
 By the Judaean rill.

And wise men seek the path today
 The crowned Magi found—
 The mother heart of womanhood
 Makes that, Earth's holy ground.

The singing angels hover now
 Above the manger, there,
 Where God's light shone upon His
 brow,
 The Prince of Peace so fair!

The wondrous story, never old,
 Thrills on the wakened heart,
 Who led us to His Heavenly Fold,
 Who walked from men apart.

Awake, today, in spirit strain,
 The song that never dies!
 Find out that glittering star again,
 The scales dropped from our eyes!

For God's dear love is potent now
 As when His reign began;
 The chanting of the seraph band
 Shames restless heart of man.

Here, in our midst, the Heavenly Dove
 Seeks an eternal rest;
 Descending from His throne above
 To hide within each breast.

Wake! Better Natures, sleeping long!
 Cast off the thralls of sin!
 List to the choiring angels' song
 And let the White Dove in!

Mute by the graves of vanished hates,
 Greet all in love today!
 Lift up your brows with hearts elate,
 And meet Him on our way!
 —Richard Henry Savage.

"Wassail bob," a bunch of holly or
 other evergreens on a pole, decked with
 ribbons and hung with oranges and
 apples, and sometimes bearing a pair
 of dolls, was carried about in York-
 shire at Christmas nearly a century
 ago. And until 1830 the "besant" was
 escorted by a procession with music at
 Shaftesbury—it being a tree-shaped
 framework covered with ribbons, flow-
 ers and peacock feathers, on which
 were hung jewels, coins and other ar-
 ticles of value, loaned by the local gen-
 try. Hutchins' history of Dorset states
 in 1803 that the decorations of this
 "besant," or "byzant," or "bezant," as
 it was variously called, were sometimes
 worth as much as £1500.

These and kindred customs prevail-
 ing in the England of a century ago
 are generally regarded by archaeolo-
 gists as survivals of tree worship,
 which seems to have existed every-
 where.

Germany probably received the tree
 from Scandinavia, where the ancient
 legend tells of "Yggdrasil," the ash,
 which binds together heaven, earth
 and hell; its branches spreading over
 the whole world, and reaching above
 the sky; its roots running in three di-

rections, one to the Asa gods in heav-
 en, one to the Frost giants, and the
 third to the under-world.

In the far East, Japanese sacred
 books, written a dozen centuries ago,
 relate how the gods pulled up by the
 roots on the mountain Kager the Saka
 tree, on the branches of which they
 hung jewels, a mirror and blue and
 white peace offerings to the shining
 goddess of the heavens.

The Hindoo Parijata and Kalpavris-
 ksha yielded all the objects of the de-
 sires of gods and mortals, and so, too,
 did the Iranian Harvisptokhm, "the
 tree of all the seeds."

At cremation ceremonies in Bud-
 dhist Siam a framework representing
 a tree, to which are tied limes and nut-
 shells containing money and lottery
 tickets, occupies a prominent place, and
 after the rites these "fruits," which
 are called "karaphruk," are scrambled
 for by the crowd.

In Upper India the scavenger caste
 carry in processions, in honor of their
 god Zahir, a bamboo framework decked
 with bright colored cloths and pea-
 cock feathers, and hung with fans and
 bunches of cocoa nuts.

Lucian described trees covered with
 ornaments and sacred attributes which
 were brought each year to be burnt
 offerings to the goddess Atergatis at
 Hierapolis of Syria; and he told also
 of great trees, loaded with goats, sheep,
 garments and gold and silver objects
 which were burned before the Syro-
 Phoenician gods.

Conventional, or "made-up" trees
 are pictured on Babylonian cylinders,
 and one of the bilingual hymns trans-
 lated by Prof. Sayce describes how the
 "Place of the Tree" (of which these
 pictured trees were undoubtedly sym-

bols) is the central spot of the earth,
 while its fruits—obviously the stars—
 are of brilliant crystal and reach into
 the liquid vast.
 The pine of Cybele and Attis is still
 to be seen on the ancient bas reliefs,
 hung with bells, a reed flute, a wheel
 and other objects, and there are sacred
 birds among the branches and a ram



FROM A BASRELIEF.

and a bull standing beneath, ready for
 sacrifice.
 Pictures and other votive objects
 were attached to the laurel of Apollo.
 Summing up all the evidence, it cer-
 tainly seems that the Christmas tree
 hung with gifts has descended to us
 from the times when decorated trees
 laden with offerings were worshiped
 as representatives of the abstract
 "Universe tree," whose trunk was the
 cosmic axis, whose roots were in the
 under-world, and whose branches, lifted
 aloft into the skies, bore up the
 heavenly hosts.

The custom of decorating the church-
 es with greenery at Christmas had its
 origin in a pagan ceremony. The
 great feast of Saturn was held in De-
 cember, when the worshippers hung the
 temple with such green things as they
 could find; and the Christians adopted
 the same method to celebrate the birth
 of the Savior, giving it an emblematic
 turn by referring to the "righteous
 branch," and justifying it from Isaiah
 55: 13—"The glory of Lebanon shall
 come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine
 tree and the box together to beautify
 the place of my sanctuary."

The holly, or holly tree, is called
 Christ's thorn in Germany and Scan-
 dinavia, from its use in church decora-
 tions and its putting forth its berries
 at Christmas time.

THE YULE LOG.

Christmas day in the primitive
 church was always observed as the
 Sabbath day, and, like that preceded
 by an Eve, or Vigil. Hence our pres-
 ent Christmas Eve. On the night of
 this Eve, people were wont to light
 up candles of an uncommon size, called
 Christmas candles, and lay a log of
 wood upon the fire, called a Yule log,
 or Christmas block, to illuminate the
 house, and, as it were, to turn night
 into day. This custom is still kept up
 in the north of England. The size of
 these logs of wood, which were in
 fact great trees, may be imagined from
 the fact that in the time of the civil
 wars of the last century, Capt. Hosier
 burnt the house of Mr. Barker of
 Haghmond Abbey, near Shrewsbury,
 by setting fire to the Yule log. At
 the bringing in of the Yule log at
 Christmas Eve in the ancient castle of
 England, the great hall of the castle
 was profusely decorated with ivy and
 holly berries. As soon as the log was
 lighted the Christmas festivities began.
 The servants were then given a
 general holiday and did not go to bed
 at all, but rambled about until the
 church bells called them to prayer at
 12 o'clock. The word Yule signifies
 Christmas, which was called in the
 Latin or Western church the Feast of
 Lights, because they used many lights
 or candles at its celebration in honor
 of Christ, the Light of all Lights.

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 Just as her mother was about to com-
 mend this very excellent idea, the old
 gentleman gave a scornful snort and
 broke into the conversation.
 "We'll have a cake-walk as a prelim-
 inary test," was all he said. But it
 was enough. They refused to speak
 to him for two days, at the expiration
 of which time they were in need of
 money.—Chicago Post.

Taking Sides.
 "A woman always seems to take
 sides against her own sex," remarked
 the man who affects great wisdom.
 "Yes," answered Mr. Meekton. "It's
 invariably the case. I was reading an
 article of a man who beat his wife,
 aloud to Henrietta, this morning. She
 said it was the woman's own fault;
 that she ought to have known how to
 train her husband better."—Washing-
 ton Star.

Patents.
**List of Patents Issued Last Week to
 Northwestern Inventors.**
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 steam-feed device for log carriages;
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 apolis, Minn., music rack; Thomas R.
 Gleason, Duluth, Minn., ball cock;
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 ognize the symptoms.—Indianapolis
 Journal.

Getting at It.
 Attorney—Now, madam, will you be
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 The Witness (dimplantly)—Oh, I was
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