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A Prayer for the Flag

By The Rt. Rev. Arthur L. Williams, S. T. D., Bishop of Nebraska.



"Oh, Lord God Almighty, Who alone art the Giver of victory, freedom to all peoples. bless, we pray Thee this Flag, which is the outward and visible symbol of the liberties of our beloved country. We ask that this, sorrow, and high above the cruel bat- at 1417 Farnam street. our Nation's Flag, wherever it is carried, may never be associated with oppression or tyranny, or unfurled in a base or ignoble cause. fering and the bereaved, shines the gle harness, each being a thorough-May the principles of a free people and a free government, repre-sented by it, be victorious in the world-wide war now raging, and story of love of the Christ Child which therefore, as a team they attract admay the day come when Peace shall be forever established and will permeate the hatred, the lust, the miration and attention. They have an the Righteousness which exalteth a nation prevail upon the earth. pride, the wickedness of men; love of elegant gents' furnishing store, well These and all other things, for us and the whole world, we ask in the Father, who will yet bring Peace stocked with beautiful ties, shirts of the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

OPEN THE NAVY

This district wants six Colored men

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS, RICHLY BLESSED

We wish all our readers a very to enlist as mess attendants in the quility, comfort.

Why? Because one instinctively feels undemocratic and un-American spirit chine look like a toy when he gets that these are WORK days, not PLAY which restricts them to only one line started. days; that there is stern work before of service and ruthlessly pushes them this nation and all the nations of the aside. earth.

wills and affections of sinful men navy! which may retard the triumph of His reign, has introduced a power into NOW FOR COLORED human nature which will utlimately lift it to a plane of righteousness.

This is the message of Christmas: "EMANUEL, GOD WITH US!"

Our Women and Children Conducted by Lucille Skaggs Edwards

CHRISTMAS, 1917

When we think of all the agony in small town darkey, with his eccentrici-Europe; when we look about us at hus- ties and funny mannerisms, without bands, brothers, sons and sweethearts stooping to buffoonry. who are in cantonments or at sea or in Dudley has several funny scenes France, we begin to wonder how we with Marion in "The Second Edition of may find any Christmas cheer or how the World of Frolics," which is the the celebration of the birth of Christ name of the offering, and his several fits into all this sorrow, suffering and musical offerings, which he composed anxiety. Yet, when we reflect, it is at himself, are gems of melody. this season when our hope may be The Gayety's popular scale of prices fullest, our faith strongest. The Divine will prevail. Matinee every day. The Love, which gave to the world Christ- Sunday matinee and the Christmas mas, is permitting these things to be Day matinee starts at 3 o'clock. that out of it all the greatest good may come.

Love and beauty will be created and revived in the hearts of mankind. Love in its full strength shall drive from

tlefields, the desolated homes, the suf- Pease and Black worked well in sin-

SKITS OF SOLOMON

Santa Claus.

happy Christmas! We say "happy" navy. Up to the present they have Santa Claus, but said folks have Christmas goods and become a regular rather than "merry" advisedly, be- been able to secure only three. This simply slipped the trolley of joy from customer. cause merriment is so transient. It is is a suggestive and significant fact. It the wires of make-believe. There is associated with jollity and laughter; is not that Colored men do not want to a Santa Claus. He is a little sawedwith frivolity and playfulness. Happi- enlist in the navy. Several have offer- off, hammered down, whiff of aniness is less fleeting and more per- ed their services only to be refused mated imagination, with a face that manent than mirthfulness. It is not and told they were not wanted. Col- is mostly rouge and whiskers and a dependent upon sportiveness. It is ored men know that mess attendants body that is mostly fat. He loves red ather a state of contentedness and and coal heavers are just as necessary clothes better than a Sam from a satisfaction which arises from the con- and important as gunners and others. Georgia plantation. There was a time sciousness of well-being or enjoyment If they were allowed to enlist, just like when the little old gent sported a of good of any kind, as peace, tran- other Americans in the navy, they sleigh and reindeers, but that was in would be willing to accept assignments the old days. Santa isn't anything, if These are days in which it is diffi- as mess attendants, coal heavers, fire- not up-to-date. When the world was cult to be merry. Sportiveness and men or any other line of duty where small he could make it with the deers, frivolity seem strangely out of place. they could be of service. They, how- but nowadays he has an auto racer Gayety grates upon one's nerves, ever, resent, and rightfully resent, the that makes Dario Resta and his ma-

> Santa Claus is the patron saint of all the child world and parents are

is ambassadors. If it wasn't for this When the government opens the But there is ample room for happi- navy to general enlistment of Colored liplomatic corps, the central governness, the happiness which comes from Americans there will be no dearth of ment would cave in and the little rolythe assurance that into this world has men for mess attendants or any other poly king of the Christmas tide would come ONE Who, despite the unruly line of honorable service. Open the evaporate. The diplomatic corps is always on the job. It never seeks conquest nor indemnities, hence it never receives passports. It is a world where war is never known. No am-RED CROSS UNITS bassador is ever struck from the rolls unless he has lost his imagination and The Colored people, in common with poured water upon the flames of joy. other American citizens, have respond- Yet none need be stricken from the

world-wide reputation, is proof sufficient that he is a performer of more than ordinary ability, and this opinion is borne out once you have seen this funny Negro.

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His scene with the famous donkey is one of the funniest bits ever seen on any stage and stamps Dudley as a

sidered with Williams, who has a

creator and not an imitator. His character is a faithful presentation of the

PEASE-BLACK COMPANY INVITE INSPECTION OF CHRISTMAS STOCK

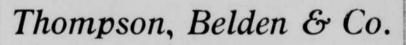
the world hatred, envy, prejudice, and A few months ago two well known bring equal rights, equal opportunity, gents' furnishing firms, the Pease just reward for toil, protection and company and Black the Hatter, united under the new firm name of the Pease-Through all the gloom, 'midst all the Black company. Their store is located

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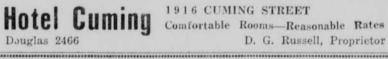
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uplift mankind, linking all His chil- color, the American Red Cross. Our dren of every race and clime together people are not only willing to give of by a bond of love in universal brother- their money, but they are willing to hood.

of grace and truth."

This is the FACT to which Christ- will be. mas bears witness. This explains the the service of others the happier will branch. cur Christmas be.

But are we tempted to doubt the tests, to banish hatred, ill-will and fraternize the world? If so, do not for such service will be given. yield to the temptation. Remember that despite the fact that strife and tumult prevail, and brother wars with brother; despite world-anguish and travail, and cruelty, greed and selfishness, God's plans and purposes have neither changed nor failed. The Christmas evangel, "God with us," is true and His Presence and Power and Patient, Pitying Love and Suffering will yet turn the hearts and wills of His disobedient children to Him in loving, cheerful, helpful service, and the world -yes, this war-torn, distracted, sorrow-chastened world-will give back the song of the Christmas angels.

Therefore sursum corda. Lift up your hearts.

Above the din of cannon's roar and warfare's strident cry may we catch the echo of that sweet song which filled the star-lit Judean sky and attune our lives to that heavenly music that each in his place and station may help bring to pass that universal reign of peace and goodwill of which the angels sang when Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea.

A Happy Christmas, richly blessed, we wish you one and all!

One from all eternity, to enter into call for membership in that splendid fighter and a wing broken ball player, human life through the gateway of organization, which does so much for he can always come back. And he is human birth to redeem, restore and humanity irrespective of race, creed or always welcomed back.

give their services. The time is here FUNNY S. H. DUDLEY COMING This is the Christmas message. It and now for Colored Red Cross units. was for this purpose that God BE- We want them, need them and should Is With Dave ("Snuffy") Marion and CAME man, that "the WORD was have them. We are under the impresmade Flesh and dwelt among us and sion that the initial step has been we beheld His glory, the glory as of taken to organize such units to help the only begotten of the Father, full nurse our soldiers. If it has not been Many theatrical patrons consider S. done, it should be done, and we believe

We demand for our people opporjoy of Christmastide. And the more tunity to serve our country in every fully we grasp this truth and enter branch of service for which they have into His spirit of giving ourselves for ability to be trained and that is every

Having joined the American Red Cross, which makes no distinction in efficacy of the Incarnation, the great the distribution of its gracious work fact and mystery which Christmas at- to those in need, there are many of our people willing to render service. To bitterness, to uplift humanity and all such we hope speedy opportunity

WORTH THINKING ABOUT

Here is an interesting thought we ran across the other day in an instructive article in the Independent by Edward Earl Purinton:

"One of the quickest ways to rise in the world is to get close to the man at the top."

Think it over and see how much truth there is in this statement.

Are you trying to get close to the man at the top, or are you satisfied to be with the man at the bottom 2

Your success is largely a matter of association and companionship. Do you prefer to associate with those from whom you can learn little or nothing of good, or with those from whom you may learn something worth while? "Get close to the man at the top." Is this what you are trying to do Christmas week. in your given calling or occupation?

evening, January 1, 1918. The Louisi- Dudley won a world of admirers when ana Warblers at St. John's A. M. E. he starred in "The Smart Set." church, Eighteenth and Webster sts.

God gave His Son, the only begotten ed most generously to the Christmas ist eternally. Unlike a finished prize

Santa Claus rules and will rule uncommuten are gone.

"The World of Frolics" at the Popular Gayety Next Week.

I. Dudley, chief comic with Dave larion's own show, which comes to he popular Gayety theater week



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The telephone cords must be kept dry.

